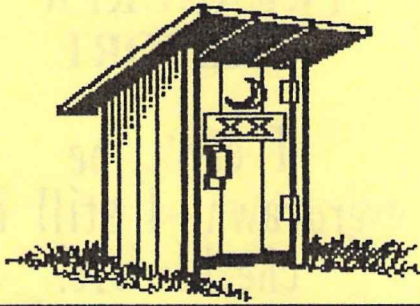


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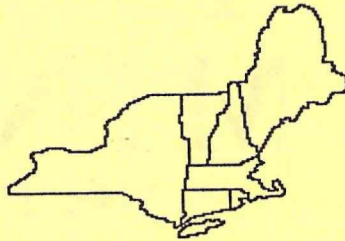
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NEW POLICIES

With the change in editorial leadership has come a change in policy and intent. Veronica Jean Brown, editor of Twenty Minutes, has been deposed for her scathing attacks on all that is held sacred in the TS/TG/TV/CD culture, some are sorry to see her go, but others say good riddance to that controversial wench. *Twenty Minutes, the Tabloid*, is now a serio-comic forum for the TS/TG/TV/CD/R&D community. We will ridicule, poke fun at, and otherwise put down anyone who criticizes us. We're not prejudiced, we'll criticize everybody. Our motto, "If it moves, ridicule it, if it doesn't, paint it."

There are many differences among our varied multitudes and it is our intent to showcase those differences. We will not produce a stale, homogenous, bland newsletter which is representative of our present day culture. We will accept all contributions in any form whether on conventional hardcopy paper or the latest state of the art floppy or lazer disks. The contents of this tabloid are not necessarily the views of the Twenty Club but instead, the warped minds which produced this rag!

calendar



MEETINGS

Saturday, Apr 8

Saturday, Apr 22

Regular meetings of the XX Club are held the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford, CT, at 2 PM sharp. (Located at the corner of Church and Main Streets in the downtown area across from G. Fox.) If you believe you are gender dysphoric, you are welcome to visit and find out more about our group and talk about yourself and your feelings. The dress code is simple - casual tops, jeans, pants or denim skirt, sneakers or comfortable shoes. Leave the evening gowns at home as the XX Club is not a social organization, though we do socialize after the meetings with munchies. We attempt to provide peer support and practical information about making the gender transition, as well as information for the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. There is no fee (not yet) to attend our meetings, but a yearly subscription to this newsletter will assist in our outreach and educational work. All other monetary donations accepted cheerfully.

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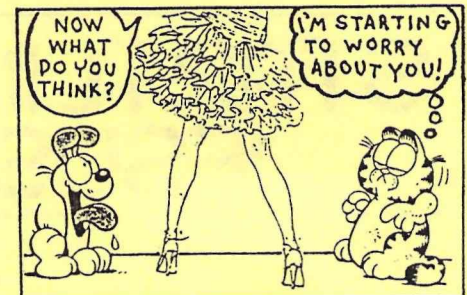
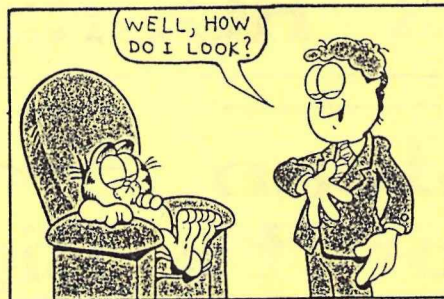
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Newsletter subscriptions	104.00
Brochure sales	23.00
IFGE sales	35.00
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Donations	.00
Savings interest	5.07
Total Income	\$253.57

EXPENSES:

Refreshments	17.72
Newsletter kickbacks	121.76
Postage	47.40
Supplies	84.12
IFGE purchase	50.00
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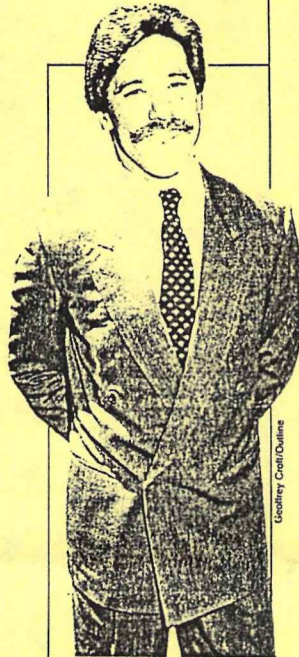
BAD PRESS MUST END

by Wendi Z.

When I was a child back in the fifties, my parents took me to an amusement park across the river from where we lived. I was too young to go on most of the adult rides so my favorite spot was the midway area, with it's barker enticing the curious inside to see the freak show, but I wasn't allowed inside. When I got a little older, they let me go in. I paid the seventy-five cents and slipped past the heavy curtain. On one dais was a large box. A scantily clad woman got inside and a man placed an open framework over the top and inserted dozens of gleaming swords into the box. For an extra quarter, spectators were allowed on top of the dais to peek inside. I'm sure my face turned red with embarrassment when I saw how it wasn't really much of a trick after all. I had been fooled by sleight of hand and paid the fool's price to satisfy my curiosity. In the back was another exhibit that required a quarter fee. This one featured the snake skin man. Again I dipped into my meager reserve of coins. Behind the curtain was a man wearing swimming trunks. He didn't have snake skin after all, but some kind of rare skin disorder. After reciting his story, the man held out an old basket and asked for donations for medical treatment. I turned and left.

Freak shows are mostly gone these days from amusement parks and circuses, but they have reappeared in a different form on television shows, in magazines and newspapers. Tabloid Articles appear regularly in various publications, usually with negative connotation. Perhaps the most exploitive of them all is Television.

INSIDER



Geoffrey O'Neill

Topic for Phil, Oprah, Sally, Regis, Geraldo and Downey Jr.

Resortwear for impotent satanic liposuction cultists who lost 100 pounds and found midlife careers as psychic vigilantes while molesting lousy, stupid, neo-Nazi transsexual evangelists.

Guy in women's clothing has inmates in an uproar



TRANSEXUAL James Diviney

IMPRISONED TRANSEXUAL James Diviney doesn't have what it takes to get into a jail for women only, away from the sex-starved inmates who want to rape him.

The 27-year-old blond, a knockout in a dress and high-heeled shoes, insists he had a sex-change operation in France nine years ago, but medical examiners say he is still more man than woman, even if he did have surgery.

Officials at the prison in Hull, England, are keeping Diviney, who calls himself Jeanette, far away from the other inmates. He stands accused of shoplifting.

Said one official: "If they ever got their hands on him, he'd be in pretty rough shape by the time we could get to him."

"He's driving them crazy with his dresses and makeup, the whole nine yards of trying to be a real woman."

Added the official: "We let him dress up to keep him happy, but he's scared to death he's going to be raped. The other prisoners are always whistling at him and panting like dogs when he walks by their cells under our protection."

Diviney's sister, Jane Rowaichi, says her brother knew he was female when he was eight and dresses and acts like a woman because he feels natural that way.

— GEORGE GLIDDEN

Church shuns Mike the nun

Bishop Oliver Garner of the Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese has rejected the vows of would-be nun Mary Elizabeth Clark — a former Navy radar technician and transsexual whose given name is Mike!

Transsexualism and gender dysphoria should be a private affair between the afflicted person and his or her doctor, family and friends. The constant parade of transsexuals, transvestites and transgenderists across national and local television programs only serves to keep these topics in the public mind. Maybe the TVs and TGs do indeed have a mission to educate the public in order to gain public acceptance, but most transsexuals seek to blend into society and don't have to. Even among these three groups are individuals who reflect different and sometimes confusing attitudes. They do not project a unified front to the general public. A transgenderist on a recent Sally Jesse Raphael show remarked, "Why should I spend \$20,000 to mutilate my body when I'm happy living as I am..." Transsexuals do not see the sex reassignment surgery as mutilation. With comments like this, it's no wonder many people are confused and harbor prejudice against transsexuals.

"WE MUST CEASE BEING THE 1980'S SIDE SHOW FREAKS ON TELEVISION!"

As seen by the graphic evidence on this page, and in spite of the many positive transsexual programs, the public is continuously exposed to bad transsexual press. Sometimes, as in the case of Sr. Mary Elizabeth, there is no control of what is given to newspapers. By appearing on television programs, transsexuals merely add fuel to the fire of bad press coverage. No matter how well intentioned most of these individuals may be, the educational worth will get distorted, and become bastardized into jokes of ridicule and perversion. Transsexuals remain curiosities to the medical profession and little more than late 1980's side show freaks for television producers and newspaper editors. It's time we stopped this exploitation. No one has to appear on any television program.

Veronica Brown— ON THE RUN...

Well, it finally happened. Veronica Brown succumbed to the pressure from without. In an attempt to bring a little humor to this otherwise drab and serious world of presumed, supposed and actual cross-gender culture, Veronica published a little book, a parody actually, entitled *The Last Temptation of the Transvestite Verses*. In the book, the story line describes the fictitious life of an American Muslim chemist who invented a decorative lamp that utilized the principles of viscous fluids. The chemist, Chuck King, later became a transvestite and a devout follower of Islam. Some have said that Veronica's book was loosely based on the life of Charles (Virginia) Prince. Wouldn't you know it, a left wing Muslim extremist group calling themselves TVTOONS, vowed immediate and explicit revenge on Veronica Brown.



Veronica Brown in happier days.

She reportedly received several death threats scrawled in lipstick on brown wrapping paper, carefully sealed in used Lane Bryant shipping envelopes. A reporter for the New York Post was reported to have received information that TVTOONS offered the sum of \$17.88, to anyone who would bring them the sneakers of Veronica Brown.

In sheer panic, and after suffering terribly the slings and arrows of negative publicity and fearing for her life, Veronica Brown was reported to have fled to New York City, where she has taken up a new identity. This is not surprising to those who knew Veronica, as she had legally changed her name a total of three times in her life. With someone as unstable as that, it's no wonder she flew the coop.



Veronica Brown today, lonely and scared,
working as a bicycle messenger.

It was also reported that Veronica attempted to abscond with some of the Twenty Club funds. Fearing for the worst and seeing what was coming, the alert and adept club treasurer had the bank change the security code on the club's ATM card. Veronica was not able to carry out her nefarious deed. It is a shame, that such a noble and dedicated person was driven to such low levels. All of this only serves to prove the old axiom, *self preservation is stronger than post gender dysphoria syndrome*. If you're going to be a leader in this culture, you had better be prepared to take the flack. Don't do the crime, if you can't do the time. Stay out of the kitchen if you can't take the heat. Don't take that first Premarin tablet if you can't accept the consequences. And keep your eye on the sparrow, except in New York City. In that lovely town, you can tell the tourists from the residents. The tourists walk around with heads tilted back, marveling at the soaring tall buildings. The natives walk with their eyes on the ground, scrutinizing the pavement for those ever present deposits of doggy-do.

**It is only possible
to live happily ever after
on a day to day basis**

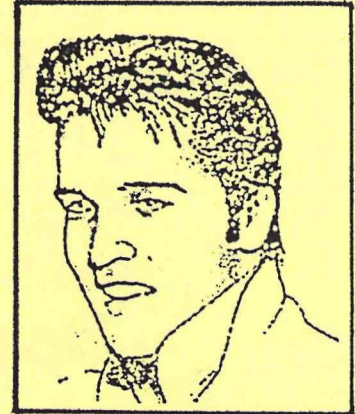
ELVIS SIGHTED IN DRAG?

At the last meeting of the Twenty Club (March 25th), several members reported seeing a person whom they described as Elvis Presley in drag!

Said Martha York during a lull in the conversation, "Oh, I know he wasn't a look-a-like. It was really Elvis. I've got all of his records and I play them every chance I get. The poor dear obviously has a latent case of gender dysphoria and he came here for help. I feel so proud."

Pre-op transsexual Billi Martina, another alleged Elvis fan eagerly backed up Martha's story. "Yep. It was the king all right, or should I say the queen! He - I mean she was standin' over by the parking garage entrance on the opposite side of Church Street, you know right under the big channel 61 sign there, kinda hunkerin' down in the doorway, the way most pre-ops do when they're a'tryin not to be noticed. I waved at poor old Elvis, I mean, well, what the heck would you call 'em now? I waved at the person and yelled, *C'mon over here. Lookin' fer the transsexual support group meeting? It's upstairs in this here buildin'*. Don't unnerstan' though, Elvis gets this sheer look of terror on his face and takes off into the parkin' garage. Pro'bly afraid of meetin' other transsexual folk, I reckon. Well, Elvis'll be back. I just know it."

Several other Twenty Club members decided to form a watch dog group to welcome Elvis the next time he appears in Hartford, Connecticut.



4,000-year-old TV found in Egyptian pyramid

An archeological research team from the University of Belgrade in Yugoslavia, headed by Dr. Michael Yoo, found a 4,000 year old TV in an Egyptian pyramid. In a recent interview on Yugoslavian national television, Dr. Yoo revealed that the male mummy still dressed in the tatters of female apparel, and thought to have been dead for centuries, was still alive. The ancient Egyptian embalmers had apparently goofed up and took improper measures to preserve the body they thought was dead.

In an initial examination of the heavily wrapped mummy, Dr. Yoo noticed that neither the brain nor any of the internal organs had been removed to be placed in earthen jars as was the custom. He theorizes that an experimental potion was given to the still breathing man to slow his metabolic rate.

Egyptian physical therapists have been working around the clock in hopes that the barely alive mummy can be brought to consciousness. Dr. E.R. Van Nostrand, of Helsinki, has flown to Egypt hoping the mummy will aid him in his research on the causes of transvestism.

Dr. Yoo refused to reveal the exact location of the tomb and was not available for further comment.

CONTROVERSY...

The final frontier...

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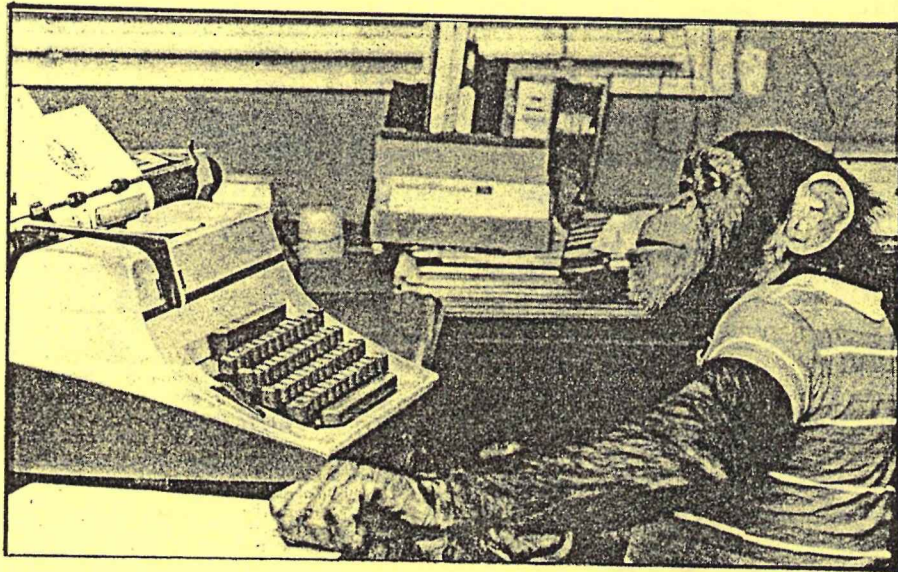
Its ongoing mission,
to seek out new issues
and gender life forms.

To boldly go where no
tabloid has gone before !



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HORMONES BRING DISASTER!



Former transsexual Robert A. Morely had a sex change operation in 1981. He used to be Roberta Jenkins and worked as a secretary at the firm of Bemis and Bemis, an import firm in New York City. Robert chose to stay on the job and made a smooth transition, but things went awry in 1986 as the above photo indicates. Apparently, some as yet unexplained phenomenon occurred in Mr. Morely's new male body after a series of female to male sex change surgeries. He became more hirsute even after his doctor, Melvin Dekalb of the Bronx, drastically reduced Mr. Morely's male hormone injections. Mr. Morely refused to make a comment on his condition but his co-workers told us he has acquired an unusual desire for bananas and spends his lunch breaks at the Central Park Zoo in midtown Manhattan.

STARTLING NEW EVIDENCE— Jesus was a WOMAN!

In a recent book titled *The Sacred Virgin and the Holy Whore* (Sphere Books, London), British biochemist author Anthony Harris has upset the status quo of many traditional institutions. Harris claims that Jesus suffered from Turner's Syndrome, or a type of gonadal degeneration caused by a partial or total absence of one of the female X chromosomes.

Turner's Syndrome causes a number of male-like features to exist in females that include a lack of menstrual blood flow, a wide chest and undeveloped breasts. Mr. Harris claims that Mary, aware that no female redeemer would ever be taken seriously, entered her child as a male in the census.

These claims by Harris are from Inquisition records that make note of Cathar relics in France. These relics included two pieces of female skull bone fragments. The Cathari claimed to have Christ's flesh and blood. The purported female skull was stolen and has vanished from sight. Harris claims that it most likely lies somewhere buried in the Vatican.

(EDITOR'S NOTE - Let's hope the Fundamentalists don't get hold of this one for a while. The original article appeared in *Ogni* magazine in December 1988.)

HOW YOU CAN TELL IT'S GOING TO BE A ROTTEN DAY

You wake up face down on the pavement.

You put your bra on backwards and it fits better.

You call *Suicide Prevention* and they put you on hold.

You see a "Twenty Minutes" news team waiting in your office.

Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.

Your son tells you he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her own business.

You want to put on the clothes you wore home from the party and there aren't any.

You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.

Your twin sister forgot your birthday.

You wake up and discover your waterbed broke and then realize that you don't have a waterbed.

Your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of *Hell's Angels* on the freeway.

Your wife wakes up feeling amorous and you have a headache.

Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat.

The bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.

You walk to work and find your dress is stuck in the back of your pantyhose.

You call your answering service and they tell you it's none of your business.

Your income tax refund check bounces.

You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

Your wife says, "Good morning, Bill" and your name is George.

Author Unknown...

But Troubled.

**SOME PEOPLE HAVE
ONE OF THOSE DAYS.
I HAVE ONE
OF THOSE LIVES.**

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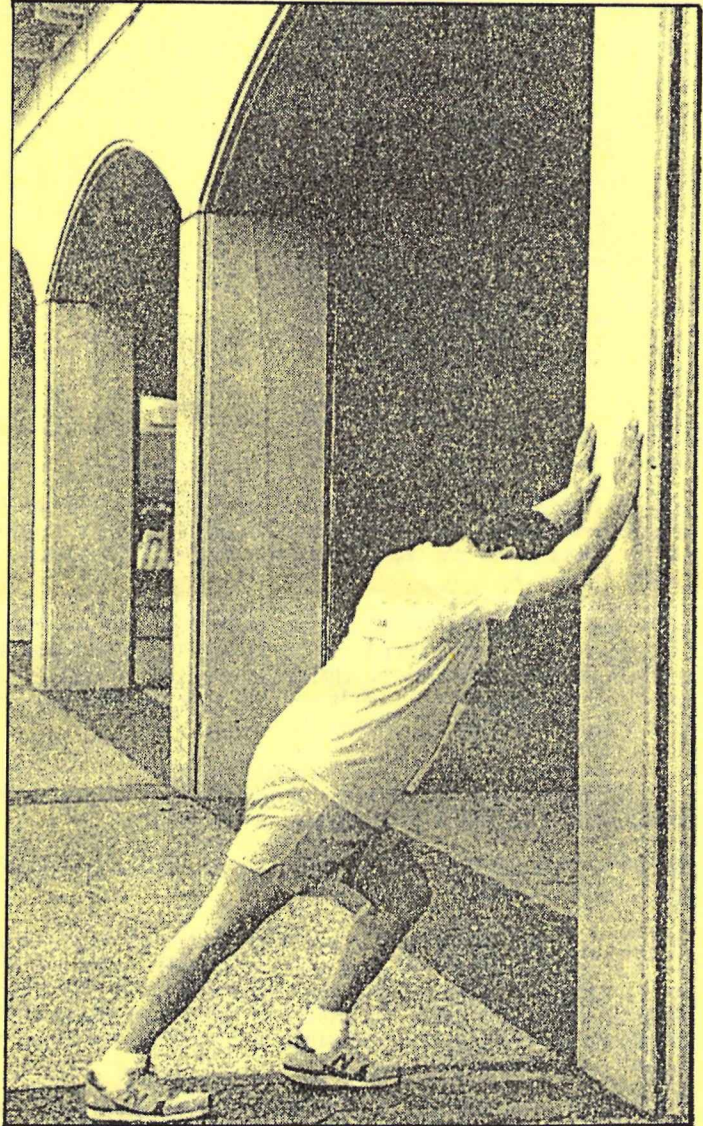
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I'M WEIRD. BUT
 AROUND HERE IT'S
 BARELY NOTICEABLE



In an attempt to get into the Guinness Book of World Records, former Female to Male transsexual, Steve Cousins of Springfield, MA is shown here flexing his newly acquired muscles in an attempt to push the Springfield Newspaper Building off its foundation. Many female to male transsexual men acquire tremendous muscular strength from the initial massive doses of the male hormone testosterone they receive in preparation for their ensuing gender role reversal.

Similar to the recent interest of dwarf tossing so popular last year, some female to male transsexual men have attempted to find novel ways to show off their newly acquired male strength. One word of caution is in order. When shaking hands with a known F-M TS, don't try to outgrip them.

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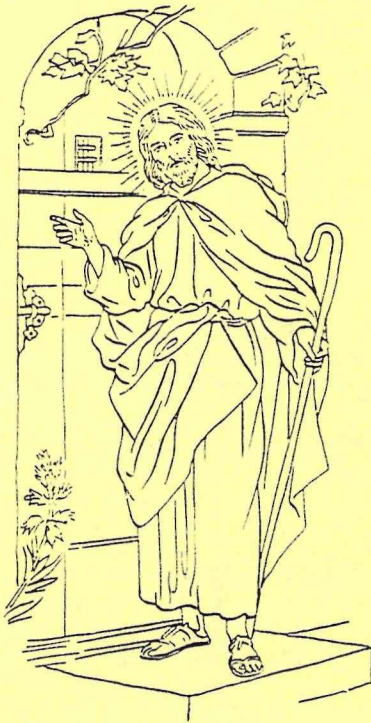
THEY WON'T STAY MALE!

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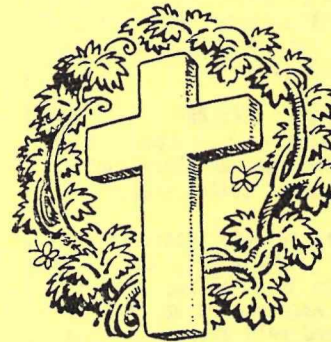
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RELIGION

SEX REASSIGNMENT AND THE CHURCH: UNJUSTIFIED MUTILATION? - PART 1

by Sister Mary Elizabeth, SSE



(EDITOR'S NOTE: Since the publication of "Sy Rogers and the 700 Club: A Response," Sr. Mary has received over two-dozen letters from readers seeking answers to their conflict between religion and gender. In future issues, she will attempt to find answers to the many questions offered in her mail. Comments or questions are invited and should be sent to Twenty Minutes.)

There was a time, not so long ago, when most answers could be found within the pages of the Bible. The twentieth century, however, has given birth to forces which have a dramatic affect on all those truths that we regarded yesterday as self-evident certainties. Change is everywhere, and as Bishop John Shelby Spong has pointed out, "[b]efore our normal life expectancy is concluded, the rate and rapidity of change will make our day look as if it had been captured by a slow-motion camera." (Spong, 1983).

Christian response to the new insights and realities of our world has often been condemnation. Galileo and Copernicus were excommunicated, vaccinations and left-handed people were condemned for being Satanic, and anything challenging the authority of the Church is condemned as heresy.

The world of Jesus' day has changed, and the world continues to change. Within this *whirlwind* of change, we must live and worship and witness. (Ibid).

In bits and pieces that are often the subject of lively debate, twentieth century science has been teaching us about the fine points of how we--men and women--differ. We are learning more about our physiology, our psychology, and how social interplay between the two influences both. For each question answered, however, a dozen more remain to be answered. Questions about the ethics of sex reassignment produce even more lively debate; coming down in the end to the conservative view that sex reassignment is inherently wrong or to the liberal view that it is the right thing to do in properly selected cases.

Moral implications of sex reassignment surgery were evaluated by Catholic theologians at the Pope John Center in St. Louis in 1983. They conceded that "*if it were possible for a person to objectively be of one gender while at the same time of the opposite anatomical and physiological sex, then in such a situation hormonal and surgical alterations could be seen as corrective rather than being an unjustifiable type of mutilation in the theological sense.*" Their conclusion, however, was that "*...no clear and definitive moral decision in favor of transsexual surgery can be made because of lack of convincing proof that such disharmony does objectively exist and that transsexual surgery could be justified as corrective and therapeutic.*" (McCarthy and Bayer, 1983).

On the other hand, their position was found to be curiously ambivalent by Jesuit priest R. H. Springer. Springer pointed out that the Catholic theologians acknowledged that "*[b]oth the transsexual and the therapist may well be convinced that the surgery would be genuinely therapeutic and ethically acceptable,*" and that "*Some pastoral counselors ... may well make some judgement (i.e., that surgery is morally justified).*" While continuing to hold their position that sex reassignment surgery was "*unjustifiable mutilation,*" however, they went on to recommend that "*one should never consider transsexual surgery until all other treatment possibilities have been explored.*" (Ibid). This recommendation is one that cannot be overstressed.

Moral theologians look to the Bible for their answers. As a source of moral values, it needs no apology. "*Of all the literature that has come to us from the world's ancient civilizations, none is more fascinating--or as provocative--as the Hebrew Bible. It is highly esteemed by three of the world's great religions--Islam, Judaism, and Christianity--and yet to many people it seems perplexing to read, and difficult to understand...*" (Drane, 1987). Is it possible to make sense of its contents in a way that says something to people living at the end of the twentieth century? As one might

expect, the Bible contains no direct references to gender identity confusion or prenatal sex determination. (Springer, 1987). So where can we look for answers?

The controversy surrounding sex reassignment surgery has raged for over thirty years. The cause(s) of transsexualism are disputed among professionals; most of the controversy focusing on whether the etiology is psychogenic or organic. Lacking objective evidence, moral theologians have thus concluded that sex reassignment surgery as a treatment modality is suspect and "unjustified mutilation." (Ibid).

The debate has led many Christians to become very vocal and insistent about the immorality of sex reassignment, rejecting sex reassignment surgery as "... intrinsically outside the limits of ethical medicine." (Ashley, B. M. and O'Rourke, K. D., 1978), or as a club to inflict guilt on the transsexual. As a result, many transsexuals live in agony, sincerely trying to reconcile their commitment to God in Christ to their "uninvited dilemma."

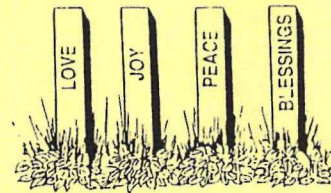
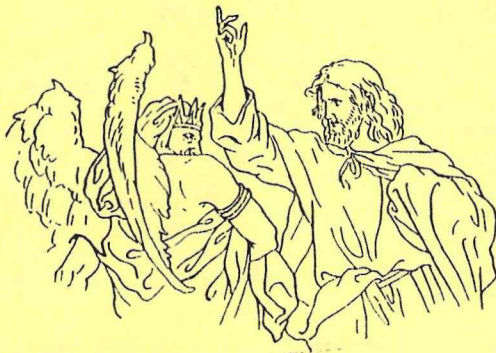
God has shown by His actions and nature that His love and concern extend to every area of human life. At the heart of the book of Deuteronomy is the instruction to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" [Deuteronomy 6:5]. Likewise, love for neighbors is also advocated--"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself" [Leviticus 19:18]. Jesus stresses the importance of these two commandments by repeating them in the Gospel of Matthew 22:34-40--i.e. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

In other words, our love of God must issue in love for men, William Barclay calls our attention to the order of the commandments, however; "[i]t is love of God first, and love of man second. It is only when we love God that man becomes lovable. The Biblical teaching about man is not that man is a collection of chemical elements, not that man is part of the brute creation, but that man is made in the image of God [Genesis 1:26-27]. It is for that reason that man is lovable. The true basis of all democracy is in fact that love of God. Take away the love of God and we can become angry at man the unteachable; we can become pessimistic about man the unimprovable; we can become callous to man the machine-minder. The love of man is firmly grounded in the love of God." (Barclay, 1975).

Barclay's commentary is carried a step further by the late Alan Paton--i.e. "Isaiah 1:10-18 and Matthew 25:34-40 make it clearer to us what God's cause is. It clearly has something to do with caring for others. If we do not care for or about others, then no amount of churchgoing, no number of observances, no amount of money given, no amount of believing, will give us any cause worth working for. In fact, one cannot believe in God in a religious sense unless one has this concern for others. To love means to bring to one's whole life under discipline, extreme in the case of Francis, 'wholesome' in the case of most others. This discipline, even if not extreme, means negatively, refraining from any unloving or mean or cruel act, and positively, the offering of oneself to be made an instrument of God's peace." (Paton, 1982). Clearly, our greatest offenses are to be unloving and uncaring.

The Bible, as we've seen, is very clear about our responsibilities and relationship to God and our neighbors, but does it say anything about sex reassignment.

Next - Genesis: In His Image?

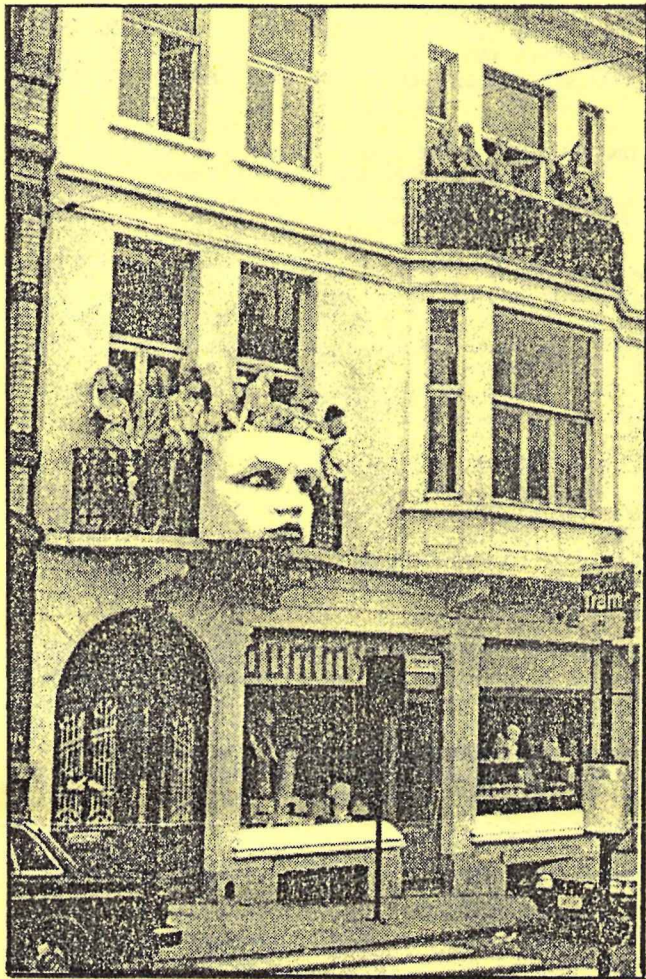


Reap what you sow....

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Showing Off !



In a photo taken only moments before police arrived to disperse the crowd of curious onlookers and untangle the traffic jam in the street, nine recent post-operative American and Canadian transsexual women are seen here sunning themselves on a balcony of the Hotel Ardenne on the Chaussee de Wavre in Brussels. Cabin fever and mild winter temperatures may have forced these new Belgian females to show off their new bodies and seek sun and fun in the fresh air. Several passersby reported hearing calls in broken French, "Hey you, read my lips. I'm a woman now!" A smaller group of more modest transsexual men can be seen on the upper balcony.

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FBI INVESTIGATES

TWENTY CLUB MEMBER

So, you think transsexuals lead dull and boring lives, do you? In a totally unrelated event, one Twenty Club member recently told of how she has been repeatedly harrassed by the FBI. It seems that Marlene Estevez (not her real name) has been made an innocent victim of the FBI's frustrated attempts to find the real person who held up a bank recently in central Connecticut.

Marlene related the story in between sobs a few weeks ago. On the very day she was visiting the psychiatrist and psychologist at the Gender Identity Clinic of New England for her pre-hormone evaluation, a man in drag wearing a dark wig chose that same day to hold up a bank some fifteen or twenty miles away. So what if Ms. Estevez did sort of resemble the perpetrator of the crime, even though at the time of the alleged crime, she was miles away being evaluated by Dr. H. Well, don't most pre-hormone TSs look like guys in drag?

Not only has Marlene been wrongly accused of a crime she didn't commit, but she has lost several days of work and has suffered untold amounts of frustration, pain and anxiety.

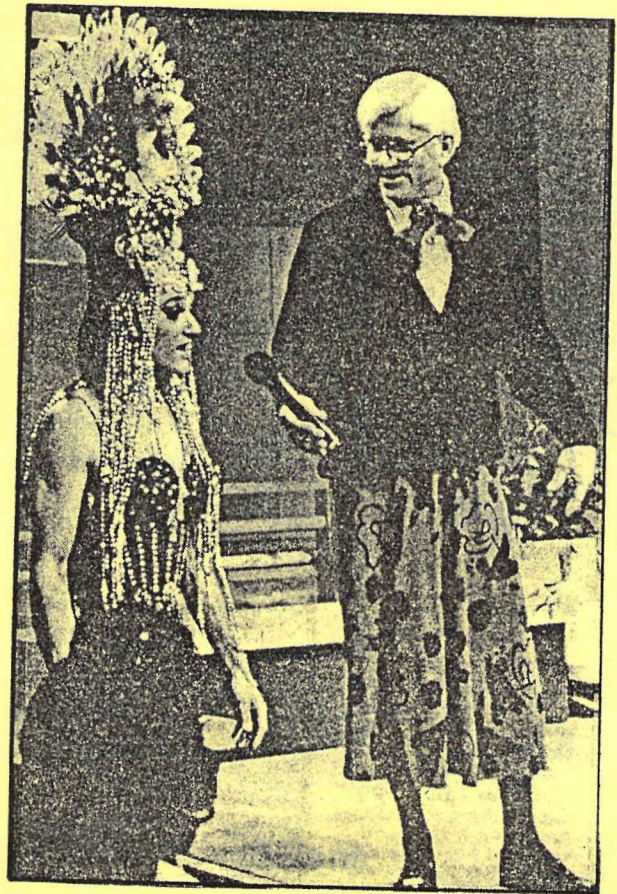
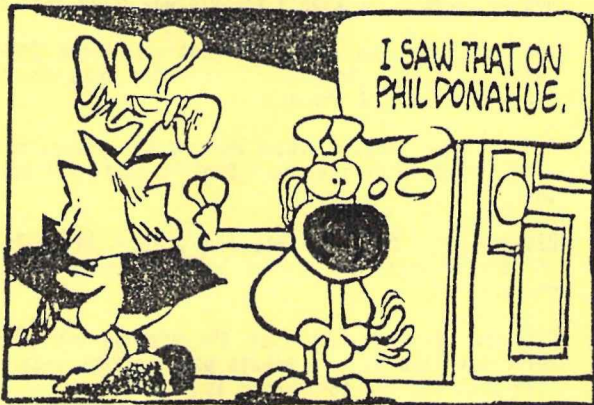
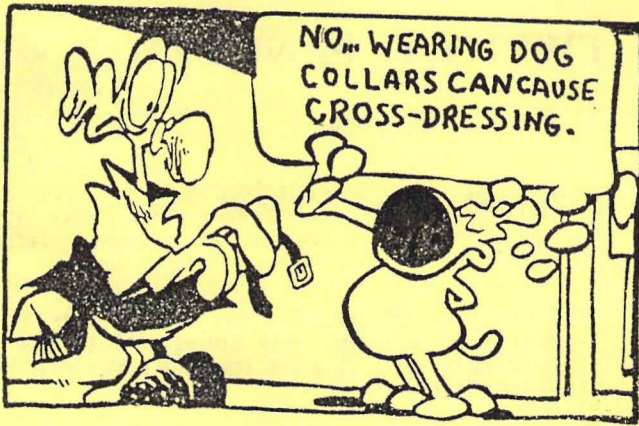
Our Twenty Minute staff did some investigating and we'd like to pass the results along to our readers, lest they (heaven forbid) be caught in a similar web of federal intrigue.

What are your rights during an FBI investigation? Many people would eagerly assist the FBI and give valuable information freely, say for example, information that would prevent an airliner from being hijacked, or a Twenty Club officer from being assassinated. This action however, of getting involved in a formal investigation could put that individual in a legal predicament so involved and convoluted, it would be a mistake trying to deal with it without the aid of legal counsel.

If you are questioned by a bona fide agent of the FBI, you do not have to give him or her any information other than your name and address. Inform him or her that you will be happy to cooperate after you have retained a lawyer. If it may appear easier to answer questions on the spot that do not sound threatening, then use your prerogative. Keep in mind that giving false statements to a Federal Investigator is a Federal crime, even if you do so unwittingly because you are nervous or forgetful. No matter what the reason for the FBI questioning you, it is advisable to have a lawyer present.

Should an agent attempt to enter your home and doesn't have a warrant, you are within your legal rights to refuse his or her entry. And even if a warrant is produced, you do not have to answer any questions unless you have a lawyer present. If you do not currently retain or know of any lawyers, and are suddenly caught up in such a scary predicament as what happened to Marlene Estevez, call the Movement Support Network Hotline in New York at (212) 477-5652. The MSN hotline is a project for the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Transsexuals in transition can be extremely vulnerable from a multitude of sources. We praise Marlene Estevez for her willingness to stand her ground and to believe in the constitution and her rights as a citizen of the United States of America. As soon as we receive her new address at the Federal Detention Center in Omaha, we'll pass it along. She may be lonely.



IFGE Director tied up for six hours!

In an unprecedented terrifying and grueling ordeal, Merissa Sherril Lynn, executive director of I.F.G.E. was allegedly tied up for six hours at the spacious and recently redecorated I.F.G.E. headquarters in downtown Waltham, Massachusetts, it was reported recently by a reliable source. It was believed that Merissa had received a long distance phone call from some V.I.P. on the West coast, when a freak accident occurred over the telephone lines. Some unknown kind of paralyzing voltage caused Merissa's hand to remain locked for nearly six hours holding the handset.

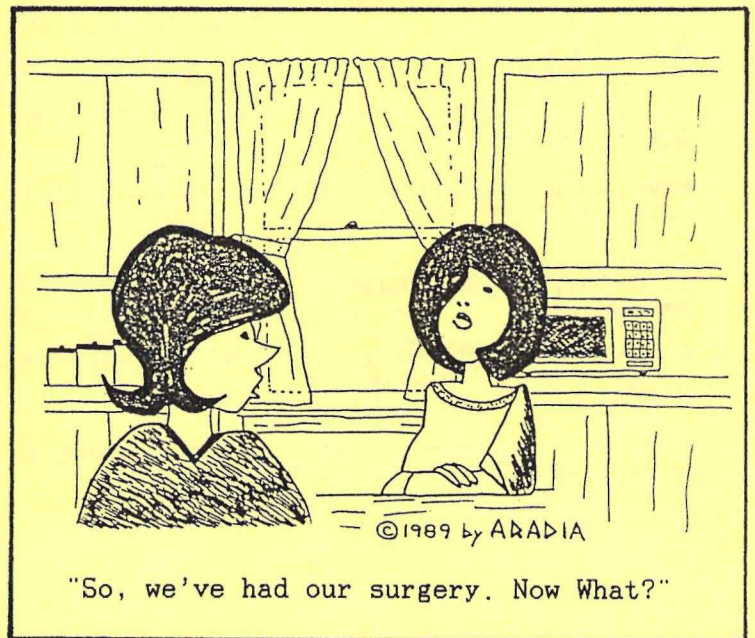
"It was terrible," remarked the executive director later. "Why, I wasn't even able to go to the ladies' room. I can thank my lucky stars that someone found a porcelain chamber pot."

It has not been determined which long distance telephone company was in use at the time of the freakish accident, or whether or not anything like this has happened in the past.

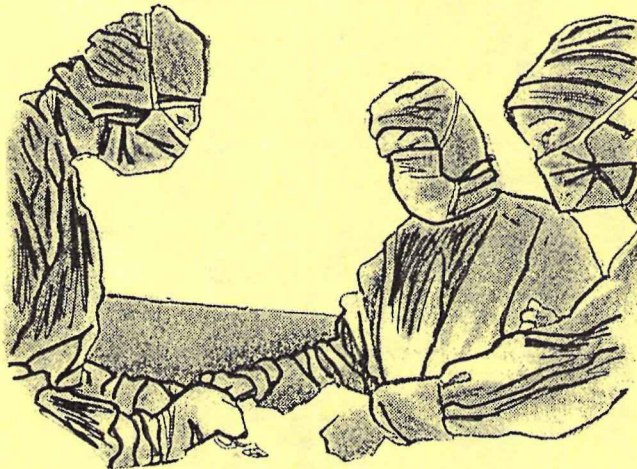
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DR. DOCTEUR



(EDITOR'S NOTE...Twenty Minutes is pleased to have as a regular helping professional contributor, the noted French proctologist, dentist and sex-change surgeon, Dr. Jan-Louise Alban Docteur. All questions may be addressed to Dr. Docteur in care of this newsletter.)

Dr. Docteur, my knuckles drag along the ground when I walk. What should I do?

Answer: Wear higher heels.

Dr. Docteur, my hairline is receding more every day. What can I do?

Answer: Fasten your wig on tighter with a heavy duty staple gun.

Dr. Docteur, I have small breasts. Should I get implants?

Answer: No, sleep with a bowling ball on your chest each night. This will cave in your chest and make your boobs stick out more.

Dr. Docteur, people are always laughing at me behind my back. Any suggestions?

Answer: Certainly. always walk backwards, then people will be laughing at your front.

Dr. Docteur, How can I raise my low male voice to sound more feminine?

Answer: Insert carpet tacks in your shoes. That should have you singing at a higher pitch.

Dr. Docteur, I've heard that getting a sex-change operation really hurts. What can I do about the pain?

Answer: Don't get the surgery.

TWENTY MINUTES

with

Andrea Rooney



Did you ever notice...when new pre-ops show up at the support group meetings, they always want to know how big their breasts will get after they start hormones? Don't you just hate that?

Did you ever notice...that whenever you say the word TV, nobody assumes you mean a television? Isn't that a pain?

Did you ever notice...when post-ops quote George Bush's "Read my lips", they don't mean the ones on their face? Isn't that just obnoxious?

Did you ever notice...how the pre-ops always want to talk about their inner feelings? Doesn't that just make you want to barf?

Did you ever notice...that the pre-ops dress like hookers and the post-ops dress like hobos? Doesn't that just grate on you?

Did you ever notice...that the pre-ops who will probably never have the surgery always want to know what sex will be like with the new equipment? Isn't that just a big waste of time?

Did you ever notice...that the ones who talk the most at the meetings never say anything really important? Isn't that just the pits?

Did you ever notice...how listening to me ramble on like this can drive you crazy? Don't you just love it?

Robin Williams shares stage with F.I.'s

Comedian Robin Williams in one of his best-known roles, played a visitor from outer space who shrieked "nanu-nanu," drank water with his finger and wore rainbow-colored suspenders. In a real-life appearance only slightly less outlandish, Williams strapped on a pair of rainbow-colored falsies and shared the stage at Harvard University with female impersonators. He received a brass pudding pot, symbolic of being chosen 1989 Man of the Year, from the Hasty Pudding Theatricals, the nation's oldest undergraduate dramatic organization. The curtain went up on Hasty Pudding's annual musical farce, a spoof on Prohibition called "Whiskey Business." As always, the show has an all-male cast, including many students dressed as women.



WILLIAMS

PREDICTIONS

HORRORSCOPE

by Anna Perenna

AQUARIUS *January 20 - February 18*

You have an inventive mind and are inclined to be progressive. You lie like a rug. On the other hand you lean towards being careless and impractical causing you to make the same mistakes over and over again. Most people think you are stupid! They are right! You are well suited to a life of crime.

PISCES *February 19 - March 20*

You have a vivid imagination and often imagine you are being followed by the 'CIA' or the 'FBI'. You have minor influence over your associates and people resent you for flaunting your power. You lack confidence and are usually a coward. You are a weirdo, but may possess great artistic talents. Why do you insist on pleading poverty when we all know you are worth one million dollars...Dead or Alive!

ARIES *March 21 - April 19*

You are the pioneer type and hold most people in contempt. You are quick tempered, impatient, and scornful of advice. You vastly overestimate your abilities. In fact, all things considered, you are a real creep! Demand a raise or else! Then start looking for another job.

TAURUS *April 20 - May 20*

You are practical and persistent. You have dogged determination and you work like hell. Most people think that you are stubborn and bull headed. They are right! You are not exactly Phi Beta Kappa material, you know. You have the reputation of being a real swinger...but then so do baboons and monkeys!

GEMINI *May 21 - June 20*

You are a quick and intelligent thinker. People like you because you are bisexual. However, you are inclined to expect too much for too little. This means you are cheap! Geminis are known for committing incest. You should drink a toast to your spouse and lover...and hope and pray that they never meet!

CANCER *June 21 - July 22*

You are sympathetic and understanding of other people's problems. They think you are a real sucker. You are always putting things off. That's why you will never make anything of yourself. Most welfare recipients are cancer people. You get tired just watching other people work.

LEO *July 23 - August 22*

You consider yourself a born leader. Others think that you are pushy. Most Leos are bullies. You are vain and dislike honest criticism. Your arrogance is disgusting. Leos are known as thieves. You will probably become a beach bum!

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

You are the logical type and hate disorder. This nitpicking is sickening to your friends. You are cold and unemotional and sometimes fall asleep while making love. Virgos make good bus drivers. With your body, you should be a centerfold model for a famous magazine...*The American Farmer*.

LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

You are artistic and have a difficult time dealing with reality. Libra men are more likely to be queer. Chances for employment and monetary gain are excellent. Most libra women make good prostitutes. All libras die of venereal disease! Someday you will be worth a million...yen!

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

You are shrewd in business and cannot be trusted. You will achieve the pinnacle of success because of your total lack of ethics. Scorpios seldom die a natural death. If your boss gives you any crap, tell the S.O.B. to go jump in the damn lake...You will be remembered as one courageous ex-employee.

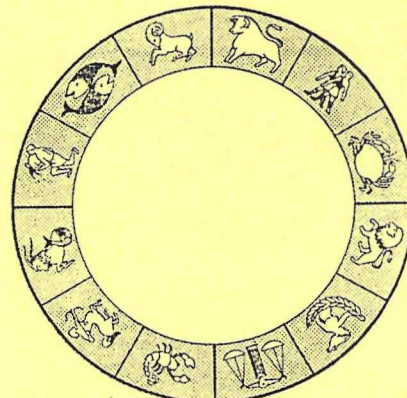
SAGITTARIUS *November 22 - December 21*

You are optimistic and enthusiastic. You have a reckless tendency to rely on luck since you lack talent. The majority of Sagittarians are drunks and dope heads. People laugh at you frequently. Considering the way you carry on, you're lucky to still be alive. Don't buy any long playing records.

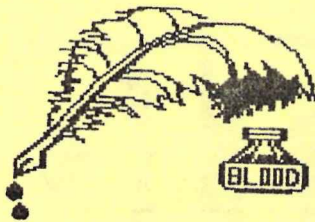
CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

You are quiet and dependable. At least that is the impression you wish to give while you are climbing to the top. Capricorns are bashful and difficult to seduce. They think of themselves as fantastic lovers...a minority opinion. Tomorrow you will meet a tall dark member of the opposite sex. It will be love at first sight...Provided you happen to like 800 pound gorillas!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Lynda, I'm a pre-op transsexual and I've got this boyfriend who knows all about me. He's really sweet at times and treats me just like a lady. He doesn't like to go out much but really enjoys coming over to my place. When we have sex, he wants to use the back door, if you know what I mean. Well, my boyfriend is married and recently admitted to being bisexual and to having a few flings with guys from one of the gay bars in the city. Does this mean we are in a gay relationship? Do I have to worry about AIDS?

Tish - Edison, NJ

Dear Tish - listen dearie, everybody has to worry about AIDS these days. You're a fool if he's not using protection. The two of you should get a blood test right away. If you test positive, well, then the handwriting is on the wall. And if you do, you should abstain from sex so you don't infect other people. If either of you do test positive, he should tell his wife. As to being in a gay relationship, the experts tell me no. If you've been on hormones for a while, then you feel, act and think like a woman. Sex is all in the mind anyway. If your partner wants you for what's between your legs, then don't kid yourself any longer - LYNDA.

Dear Lynda, I had my surgery in New York City back in 1979 and I've integrated myself quite nicely into society. No one at my present job knows of my male past. But they just hired this new woman, who to me, is either a pre-op or a very recent post-op transsexual. We haven't spoken yet, but I think she senses something about me. I've been getting these "knowing glances" from her. To me, she doesn't pass that well but no one else seems to notice. I don't want her to blow my cover. Do I act friendly towards her and try to find out, or should I avoid her like the plague?

JoAnn - Queens, NY

Dear JoAnn - The chances of running into another transsexual on the job are extremely rare. Let your co-workers find out about the new girl for you, and act 'shocked' if your suspicions are true. Dummy up bitch, dummy up - LYNDA.

Dear Lynda, I've been seeing a nice man lately. We met at a transvestite party a few years ago when I was pre-op. My problem is, I have find it difficult being "involved" with any guy who's a transvestite. Bob doesn't pass as a woman at all, but he can't see that. He's made me go out with him in public a few times and this only serves to draw attention to me when I'm not that sure about my own ability to pass. This makes me very uncomfortable. He says he wants to marry me and recently gave me an engagement ring. He's a nice guy, but terribly self centered about a lot of very masculine activities. My question is, do I go for the housewife scene, complete with a house, a station wagon, two dogs, a cat and a goldfish, or do I tell him no. Oh yes, he also needs a woman who would be accepting of his crossdressing hobby.

Tammy - Youngstown, OH

Dear Tammy - Station wagon, two dogs! Where's the picket fence? Somebody get me a bucket. Get your feet out of the fifties dearie. Do you love the guy? Can you put up with all of his foibles? Would you be happy in the housewifey role? Can you live with the idea that he wants you because you'll be understanding of his crossdressing? If you have the

slightest doubt about your future with this man and answer no to any of these questions, run, don't walk to the nearest exit - LYNDA.

Dear Lynda, After half-reading JoAnn Robert's letter regarding 'toilet training' in the February issue of *Twenty Minutes*, I am compelled to contribute my two cents to this seemingly endless debate. She suggests that ugly GGs also be barred from the womens' room! An excellent idea - and ugly men from their accomodations as well! This may seem as pointless as all this editorializing but consider the benefit to future generations of both communities: Eventually those unpleasant people are going to explode and therefore be unable to reproduce. In time both the TS and the normal populations will be better looking; making things generally more pleasant and certainly making passing a cinch. I am delighted that all this remorseless pontificating has finally produced a result with which we can better our lives. And I am delighted to have made my contribution.

Sincerely,
Charles A. Darwin

Dear Charles In Charge - What do you mean normal population? Are you insinuating that transsexual folk are not normal? Your crew should have let the frigate birds pluck your eyes out. You have however, raised quite another serious matter if your worthy plan is ever put into effect. WHO WILL CLEAN UP THE MESS LEFT BY THE OFFENDING EXPLODING UGLY PEOPLE? To echo the words of the television character Benson, "I'm not gonna clean it up" - LYNDA.

Dear Veronica, Once again *Twenty Minutes* amazes me with the level of energy and creativity put into it. You should consider a career in publishing or marketing and put away your brooms! The letter to Mr. Bergeron was well written and not shrill or defensive I will be surprised if it does not result in an invitation to participate in yet one more 'senshushional' episode between you and Dr. Wachsman. I guess I really doubt that such shows have much to do with public education. They seem to thrive on sensationalism for its own sake.

I hope we have come to the end of the TV versus TS correspondence for a while. To the rest of the world the differences must seem as important as the dispute between the 'Bigundans and the Littleundans' reported by Gulliver on his travels. The Bigundans broke their eggs at the big end and the Littleundans at the little end. *** It's typical of all minority groups to have these kinds of intense internal dislikes while trying to escape the approbrium of the larger society. Uncomfortable as some TV's make me feel, the fact remains that we are similar and disliked by the same people for similar reasons. It seems pointless to belabor the differences, sort of like preaching to the choir.

Another reason I don't think we should spend so much time berating TV's is that with old Uncle Harry B., I believe that there is indeed a continuity between the two with some people crossing over as they get older. That is fairly well documented in the literature as I recall. In an area as undefined as this is, I'm not sure one can say that such people were really 'closet' TS's all along, especially if by their own admission they fit a TV definition. In a word, why shoot ourselves in the foot to gain social approval of a dubious quality? To the ones wanting to pee in the women's john and to the ones hysterical about them doing so, they are both making idiotic waves about a very small puddle.

I prefer the more helpful articles you have presented in the past and would encourage you to return to the practice of having at least one feature article on some aspect of the transition which might be of help to those attempting to make this change of a lifetime. You seem to have a wealth of information to share that is new even to an old grad like myself, while the TV thing is, to borrow your own phrase, "a real drag".

*** Apologies to J. Swift if I did not spell the names of the characters in his book correctly.

Sincerely,
Sarah, CI

Dear Sarah - Transvestites are people too -LYNDA.

To the Editor, I can't believe that the bathroom debate continues to rage on! It seems to me that most of the silliness can be cut through with the realization of three very basic concepts:

- 1.) Women's public restrooms are intended as places for WOMEN to attend to bodily functions of elimination and personal grooming in private.
- 2.) Men, whether cross-dressed, confused, curious or what have you, have NO BUSINESS in these sanctuaries.
- 3.) TS's who have embarked on transition, whether they are pre-op or post-op, should have come to terms with the passing issue long before the need to use a public restroom arises.

Frankly, it really pisses me off that some ever-complaining members of the TV/CD community demand and expect acceptance as females (when dressed as such) including access to restroom accommodations. Let's get real folks! I have no quarrel with anyone's desire and right to dress anyway they choose and be called by any name they prefer at the time. If a CD/TV wishes to go out in public while cross-dressed, they should realize that there are inherent risks and limitations in doing so; anyone who complains about being read, snickered at or thrown out of or barred from a women's bathroom is out of touch with reality.

As a pre-op TS living, working & socializing as a female 24 hours a day, I take exception to CD/TV's staking their claim to all things feminine/female. Underneath their wigs, makeup and clothes, let us not forget that they are men and, as such, CD/TV's are way out of line bemoaning their exclusion from the ladies' room.

As far as I'm concerned, the only thing I have in common with CD/TV's is the fact that I currently possess male genitals. I can neither understand nor justify the CD/TV experience and I think it's rather inappropriate to devote so much space in *Twenty Minutes* to their issues, given the clearly stated policy that "we are not a transvestite group."

Be that as it may, please sign me up for a one year subscription, my check is enclosed. I do believe I'll come out of the woodwork and show up at a meeting soon to say hello and introduce myself as the stodgy separatist that I am.

Signed,
Another Anonymous TS Fading Into Society

Dear Faded - Listen dearie, when the TVs attempt to *drag* us down to their level with such absurd claims to femininity, it's time to get their attention and register our disapproval by whacking them across the face with something they'll remember. We should not and cannot be held responsible by the actions of this pretentious majority, since the straight world lumps us all together as one, no matter what the differences are. Veronica did propose that TVs make special arrangements with hotel/restaurant/bar managers to have specific restrooms set aside for them. But that kind of arrangement does nothing to re-enforce their need to be recognized as 'ladies' and as such, be accorded certain feminine right's - LYNDA.

Dear Veronica, Applause! Applause! The last issue of *Twenty Minutes* was excellent. This is from me and from the others who read my copy. Many praises for the editorial. The short

letter from Fran seemed so lonely in the February issue. I wish I could have held her hand or something.

Sincerely,
Paula, ME

Dear Paula - How about getting your friends to subscribe. We could use the dough - LYNDA.

Dear Lynda, I really enjoyed your January article of "99 Ways to Skin a TS". Are you ever right! Reminds me of being shun by my women's auxiliary of the Rod and Gun Club. For a period of 8-10 months I worked every Sunday afternoon at their bingo game for no pay. I sold chances 4 for a dollar and in the afternoon would make the club a profit of \$150 - \$200, which was used to purchase wheelchairs, crutches and braces for crippled children in the area. After the Christmas date, they had a dinner and dance to which all helpers were invited. Others were asked to form groups for newspaper publicity photos. They had even asked one woman who had only joined the group the week before. But this old witch of the North country was excluded. I was not good enough to get a little credit for all the work I had done. I really think they were sending me a message.

Some time ago, I wrote an article for *Twenty Minutes* about men, an interesting subject anyway. Today I received a letter from a real rip off. Many of the younger girls, the ones who are not 'street wise' and are easily impressed by such a sweet talking man, could be hurt badly.

In a previous letter, he wanted a photo of me, well now he wants money. This type of man can easily hurt a young new woman. It isn't so much the money part, but it's the self esteem, her ego and emotions.

I believe that an ounce of education in this newsletter to all our girls, young and older would prevent pounds of hurt.

After all, the sex reassignment surgery may reduce and alter the size and shape of one organ, but where we sit, they don't do any brain surgery to reduce the size of our minds. I was not re-born yesterday, or last week, but I have learned of some ripoffs made on transsexual people. Let's all try to learn from each other.

Ms. Abby M. Greene
(The Witch From the North)

Dear Witch from the North - And just how do you know Dr. Seghers didn't do the straw surgery on you, huh? Well, if you get shat on by the women, and get hustled by the men, that doesn't leave much left, does it? You might try feeding the squirrels up there. I'm sure they'll appreciate you - LYNDA.

Dear Twenty Club, I have the initial information on the Brussels Connection and as my progression is now running it's course and my SRS is scheduled for June in Memphis, my friend has told me Dr. Seghers and his ability as well as the tremendous cost savings. If possible, I would appreciate the full information package of material on this little trip. I don't know if my psychologist will work with Dr. Seghers as he works very closely with a urologist in Memphis which leads me to ask you in directing me towards a psychologist in the Southeast who would, if the situation should occur, works with or endorses Dr. Seghers. I have worked very hard in getting to this point and I do want the best I can receive as well as saving as much money as I can.

Thank you very much,
Terri - Corinth, MS

Dear Terri - No problem! Show your shrink our Brussels brochure. Nothing could possibly go wrong - LYNDA.

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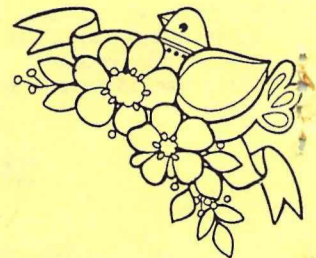
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