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Hi Girls.

It was a very nice day for the girls to travel here for a get together with their sisters, who come from near and far. I am glad that they have a place to come and relax and enjoy the life they would like to live at all times. Some of the girls are a little more fortunate than others as they are able to dress at home when they feel the need. For those who can't I know they look forward to the one Sat. a month when they can come here. I had so hoped and prayed that some of the wives would loosen up and try to understand the need for their husbands to cross dress. In all the years that we have had the girls coming here I can truthfully say that those who come here are just another group of people who enjoy the company of others who like themselves enjoy dressing.

Those who made the meeting were: Dee Dee and Vi from Hartford, Conn., D<sup>ennie</sup> and Michelle Ann from Somerville, Mass., Cheryl from Troy, N.Y., Renee from Stratford, Conn., Joannie from Hartford, Conn., Joan from Colonie, N.Y., Karen from Saratoga, N.Y., Elanda from Rome, N.Y., J from Peru, N.Y., Pric<sup>illa</sup> from Scotia, N.Y., Rosalie from Scotia, N.Y., Eileen and Pricella from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Yvonne and Vickie from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Winnie from Schenectady, N.Y., Brenda from Messina, N.Y., Phyllis from Colonie, N.Y., Wilma and I.

Crystal from Menands, N.Y. came but couldn't stay as she became ill and had to go back home. We all hope you feel better Crystal, as it has been a long time that the girls haven't seen you.

The meal : Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peas, wax bean casserole, cole slaw, olives, rolls and butter, cheese cake topped with strawberries, coffee, nothing left so I imagine they were all pretty hungry.

Thanks for all the help in the kitchen. Seems when clean up time came Wilma chased every body out of the kitchen so we clean up fast. Do hope no one was offended, but the sooner we can clean up the sooner we can get out in the back room with the others. When there are too many in the kitchen it makes it hard to move around.

Dee Dee and Joanie played some nice music for the girls and it was great it is always nice to have the girls play the music for the girls, it makes for a pleasant evening. So my thanks to DeeDee and Joanie for taking the time to bring their instruments with them when they have the chance to come and visit with us.

Kathy G. all the girls keep asking me about you and what happened to you that you haven't been here in almost a year. Why not drop me a line and let me know if something happened here that you don't come. We sure miss you as we always enjoyed your company.

Francis: How are you, you too haven't been here in some time, are you in hiding Sandy wrote to us this week and says she hasn't seen you in some time. Come on girls drop us a note.

Looks like Cheryl and Pricilla wanted to throw me off this month on who was going to change last, you know what they did! They both went home dressed as Cheryl's wife was away for the week end. I know it was a thrill for Cheryl to be able to dress at home and have some body pick her up to come to the meeting dressed. You see girls I still got a piece on you.

You know girls if you ever want a good hearty laugh talk to Eileen from Poughkeepsie about her trips to Russia with her students from school. She really gave us a good laugh before she left for home. I for one enjoyed her stories and D<sup>ennie</sup> laughed so hard she had a tummy ache.

There are several theories as to why some men feel a deep emotional need to dress as a woman. According to authorities, almost all men periodically need to escape the incessant demands of being male, and some men do this by acting out their feminine side. In this role, for a short time, they can be passive, accepting and non demanding rather than forceful, dominant and always striving for success.

Women who are married to or have relationships with cross dressers, if they can accept their man's transvestism, find the relationship deeply satisfying. They have a real man, and a man who understands women. As the saying goes, some of the most beautiful women in the world are men.

Next month I will give you more on Sex and the Law. Well it comes that time of the night that I have to say good-night to all stay healthy, happy until we meet again next month.

Love to all  
Helen

STANDARDS OF CARE: THE HORMONAL AND SURGICAL SEX REASSIGNMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIC PERSONS..AS PRESENTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA SYMPOSIUM:

Standard 1. Hormonal and/or surgical sex-reassignment on demand (i.e. justified simply because the patient has requested such procedures) is contraindicated. It is herein declared to be professionally improper to conduct, offer, administer or perform hormonal sex reassignment and/or surgical sex reassignment without careful evaluation of the patient's reasons for requesting such services and evaluation of the beliefs and attitudes upon which such reasons are based.

Standard 2. Hormonal and surgical (genital and non-genital) sex-reassignment must be preceded by a firm recommendation for such procedures made by a certified and licensed psychiatrist or psychologist who can justify making such a recommendation by appeal to training or professional experience in dealing with sexual disorders, especially the disorders of gender identity or role.

Standard 3. The psychiatrist or psychologist making the recommendation in favor of hormonal and non-genital (surgical) sex-reassignment shall have known the patient in a psychotherapeutic relationship for at least 3 months prior to making said recommendation. The psychiatrist or psychologist making the recommendation in favor of genital (surgical) sex-reassignment shall have known the patient in a psychotherapeutic relationship for at least 6 months prior to making said recommendation. That psychiatrist or psychologist should have access to the results of psychometric testing (including IQ testing of the patient) when such testing is clinically indicated.

Standard 4. The initiation of hormonal sex-reassignment shall be preceded by a period of at least 3 months during which time the patient lives full-time in the role of the genetically other sex.

Standard 5. Non-genital sex reassignment (facial, hip, limb, etc.) shall be preceded by a period of at least 6 months during which the patient lives full-time in the social role of the genetically other sex.

Standard 6. Genital sex-reassignment shall be preceded by a period of at least 12 months during which time the patient lives full-time in the social role of the genetically other sex.

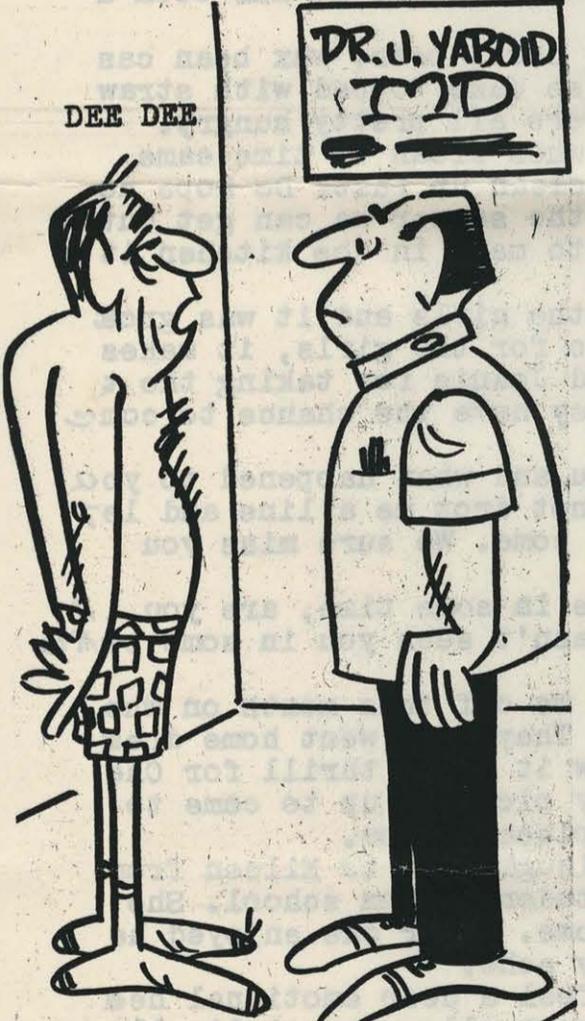
Standard 7. Hormonal and surgical sex-reassignment may be made available to intersexed patients & to patients having non-transsexual psychiatric/psychologic diagnoses if the patient and therapist have fulfilled the requirements of the herein listed standards; if the patient can be reasonably expected to be habilitated or rehabilitated, in part, by such hormonal and surgical sex-reassignment procedures; and if all other commonly accepted therapeutic approaches to such intersexed or non-transsexual psychiatrically/psychologically diagnosed patients have been either attempted, or considered for use prior to the decision not to use such alternative therapies. The diagnosis of schizophrenia, therefore, does not necessarily preclude surgical and hormonal sex-reassignment.

STANDARD 8. The psychiatrist or psychologist recommending that a patient applicant receive surgical (genital) sex-reassignment must obtain peer review, in the format of a psychiatrist or psychologist peer who will personally examine the patient applicant, on at least one occasion, and who will, in writing state that he or she concurs with the decision of the original psychiatrist or psychologist. Peer review (a second opinion) is not required for hormonal sex-reassignment nor for non-genital surgical sex-reassignment. At least one of the two behavioral scientists making the favorable recommendation for surgical sex-reassignment must be a psychiatrist.

STANDARD 9. The physician administering or performing surgical (genital) sex-reassignment is guilty of professional misconduct if he or she does not receive written recommendations in favor of such procedures from at least two behavioral scientists, at least one of whom has known the patient in a professional relationship for at least 6 months.

STANDARD 10. The physician prescribing hormonal medication to a person for the purpose of effecting hormonal sex-reassignment must warn the patient of possible negative complications which may arise if the physician should also make available to the patient (or refer the patient to a facility offering) monitoring of relevant blood chemistries and routine physical examinations including, but not limited to, the measurement of SGPT in persons receiving testosterone and the measurement of

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DEE DEE

DEE DEE was nearing 80 but refused to accept his loss of sexual desire and stamina. He consulted with his doctor. The doctor was amused & asked, "Why should you be concerned? Its expected at your age." "But," said DEE DEE, "WILMA a friend of mine who is 85 says he makes love to his wife every night." The doctor smiled. "Well, can't you say the same thing?"

PARTIES:

I believe if a party is to flow smoothly, that wives and lovers must come to accept this behavior as ~~an~~ part of the act, because it is an act. An actin? out of feminine traits. And this means not only an honest attempt to physically act out feminine traits, but also exhibit feminine sensitivity and emotional awareness. This acting out is not necessarily easy for TV's, since we are not all necessarily good actors. The whole purpose of such a meeting is to dress and act feminine for a while. Therefore, we have at least the responsibility to be more conscious of doing better at it and improving. Otherwise it's just a room full of men with nylons on. Clothes do not make a woman, they just accentuate her natural physical and emotional characteristics as best as possible or intended.

In conclusion, if TV's want others to accept them, then they have the responsibility to make special efforts to accomplish this acceptance. It can't be just "take me as I am." On the other hand, true females must be willing to visually accept an honest attempt on the part of the TV to act out the feminine part to the best of his ability and not view it suspiciously.

TVIC holds its parties on the 3rd Saturday of the month. The next 3 party dates are April 17th, May 15th and June 19th. All members planning to attend any any of these parties must give us at least 4 days in advance. *NOTICE*

NEW MEMBERS:

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of 3 new members this month.

ESTHER R...Stanwood...Washington... WILMA P...Albany...N.Y.....  
JANNE S... Monroe...N.Y.....

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOO

H.J. [redacted] ..... April 1                      C.R. [redacted] .....April 12  
DAVID [redacted] ..... April 4                      MARILYN [redacted] .....April 13  
COLLENE S [redacted] Y . April 6                      SUSAN [redacted] S .....April 21  
EVA [redacted] .....April 9                      VALARIE [redacted] .....April 25

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TOO

Mr. & Mrs S. FUNCIELLO.April 6..... & Mr. & Mrs. RATCHFORD...April 21.....

SPECIAL THANKS

TOO Gordon Eastwood, Prescella Evans, Sandy Eisenbraum, Lee Atsnal, Elanda Merz, Pricella Welch & Velvet Porter for the extra \$ sent in for postage,  
TOO Esther Randle, Teresa Heart, Rhonda Smith, Robert St Yves, Patricia Wells, Rosemarie Eply, Michelle Bolis, Renee Carrall for the best beautiful pictures.  
Too Winnie Brant for the cartoons.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Should a cross dresser tell his/her children about his crossdressing/? If so at what age should the children be.

CORRESPONDENCE WANTED:

MARILYN [redacted] will be working throughout the area from SYRACUSE,N.Y. to SILVER CREEK, N.Y. this summer and fall. She would like to exchange pictures and correspond with TVIC members in the western N.Y. area. PLEASE write and send a photo if possible.

JERRY [redacted]  
WILMA [redacted]  
EDWARD [redacted]  
RAYMOND [redacted]  
L.E. [redacted]  
MIKE [redacted]

(Any member who would like her name listed here let me know.

NEWS:

One of our members from arizona sent me a clipping from the local newspaper stating that a local school boy was forced to wear a dress in school as punishment for entering the girls restroom. The youth had a choice of wearing a red dress or taking five swats from a paddle. He wore the dress.

YOU & THE LAW: A cleveland,Mich. area attorney has pointed out with a few exceptions cross-dressing laws to be local in nature,& usually general & very vague. But even those that are specific may not be consitional.While they may be on the books, they may never have been legally challenged. (who among us can run the risk of publicly testing their legality?)



"Betcha my daddy dresses up better than your daddy!"

SGPT, billirubin, triglycerides and fasting glucose in persons receiving estrogen. STANDARD 11. Prior to genital surgical sex-reassignment a urological examination should be conducted for the purpose of identifying and perhaps treating abnormalities of the genito-urinary tract.

STANDARD 12. It is unethical for professionals to charge "whatever the traffic will bear" or excessive fees far beyond the normal fees charged for similar services by the professional. It is permissible to charge sex reassignment applicants for services in advance of the tendering of such services even if such an advance fee arrangement is not typical of the professional's practice. It is permissible to charge for patients, in advance, for expected services such as post-therapy follow-up care and/or counselling. It is unethical to charge patients for services which are essentially research and which services do not directly benefit the patient.

STANDARD 13 It is permissible for a professional to charge only the normal fee for services needed by a patient in pursuit of his or her civilrights. Fees should not be charged for services for which, for other patient groups, such fees are not normally charged.

STANDARD 14. Hormonal and surgical sex-reassignment may be conducted or administered only to persons obtaining their legal majority (as defined by state law) or to persons declared by the courts as legal adults (emancipated minors).

STANDARD 15. Hormonal and surgical sex-reassignment may be conducted or administered only after the patient applicant has received full and complete explanations, preferably in writing, in words understood by the patient applicant, of all risks inherent in the requested procedures.

STANDARD 16. The privacy of the medical record of the sex-reassignment patient shall be safeguarded according to procedures in use to safeguard the privacy of anyother patient group.

I invite your comments on the above standards in general or any one(s) in particular; please let me know how you feel about them. Published along with the standards were 32 principles that gave some background for establishment of the standards. I wish we had space enough to print them..Wilma...  
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QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

1. Why are you a transvestite (or transsexual)--in other words, give the factors which you feel have caused your tranvestism or transsexualism?
2. Why do you continue to be a TV or TS?
3. Which are you--TV or TS--and give your reasons?
4. If you had your choice, would you rather have been born without the problem of being a TV or TS?
5. If a cure of any kind were found for your TV/TS impulses, would you take it?? Is there a need for a cure?
6. Do you consider yourself straight, gay, or bisexual? Why?

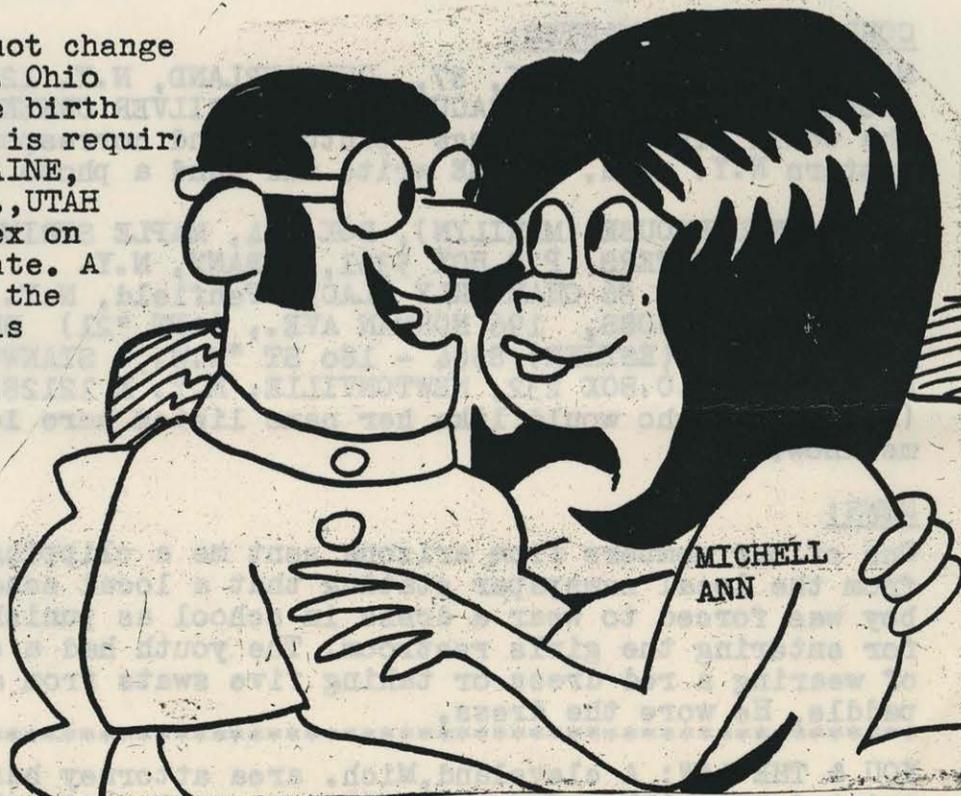
(thats a lot of questions, how about a lot of answers.  
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BIRTH CERTIFICATE POLICIES STATE BY STATE:

Alabama, Florida & Idaho do not change or amend birth certificates. Ohio changes only the name on the birth certificate & a court order is required. ALASKA, CONNECTICUT, KANSAS, MAINE, MASS., MINN., NEBRASKA, PENN., UTAH and WASH. amend the name & sex on the original birth certificate. A court order is required for the name change & an affidavit is required to change the name and sex.

MARYLAND, N.H., S.D., & TEXAS issue amended certificates. A court order is required to change the name & sex. ARIZONA, COL., HAWAII, IND., IOWA, MICH., N.Y., & N.C. Issue new birth certificates. A court order is required for the name change and an affidavit for the sex change.

(thata all the room i have now. rest in a future issue)



MICHELL ANN B. was on the psychiatrists couch, baring the tortures of her heart "Nonsense," the psychiatrist said reassuringly. "The whole world isnt against you. The people of the U.S United States perhaps-but not the whole world.

MY ULTIMATE TV EXPERIENCE (K. [REDACTED])

By Kathy [REDACTED]

It was on my mind for months. How to ask her if I could. I wrestled with it what seemed like forever. Finally, I sat down with her to learn her feelings.

Is your curiosity aroused yet?

The her is my wife Ann Marie, the kind of gal every TV dreams of marrying. The subject? MODELING SCHOOL!!! Believe it!

I couldn't think of a better way to learn feminine mannerisms, build self confidence, master makeup and improve oneself than to attend modeling school. I frequently admired their photos in area papers and thought of dozens of ways to approach the school.

It literally took forever one night for me to spring my desires on my wife. I finally blurted it out, "what would you say to me attending modeling school?" Needless to say, she had oodles of questions. Then came a resounding yes.. "go ahead!"

The next day I called a school that was relatively new, having been formed a little over a year ago by former Barbizon instructors. I spoke to the director using a female impersonator approach...that I performed occasionally en femme and wanted help in learning feminine mannerisms. Without a flinch, she set up an appointment the following day for me to come in as my male self to discuss exactly what I wanted with the schools owner.

I brought my photo album along and journeyed the four miles from my home. After taking a few deep breaths, I climbed the two flights of stairs to the third floor studio.

Donna Marie, the director, met me at the door and led me through the hallway to the owners office. Meanwhile, my eyes were gawking at the gorgeous gals in the various classrooms. Talk about being distracted!

After a brief introduction, I spent the better part of a half hour explaining transvestism as best I could, showing her the Tri-ess p.r. piece and other related articles. She was quite impressed with my photo album commenting, "some of these gals look better than our students." Super person, right?

She agreed to accept me as a student.

The director then took me through the classrooms, explaining what we'll learn in each. We agreed to begin class the following Saturday for eight consecutive weeks, 2½ to 3 hour sessions.

Classes are held to a maximum of four students to allow for personalized attention. Because of the uniqueness of my situation, the director checked with others scheduled to begin class if they'd have any objection to having a female impersonator in their class. Several did, but she did find three others who agreed to try having me in their class.

My orientation was a solo with the director. I can still remember her first statement. "A woman is as a woman does. Whenever you attend class, you're to be Kathy. At home, you're to practice and spend as much time being Kathy as possible."

I kept thinking...what did I get myself into? Should I bail out? Heck no! This was an experience and challenge to grow with.

At orientation, poor Donna Marie was more nervous than I. I wore my blue pant coat dress, 2½" heels, had my hair done at the beauty salon and was scared to death. A weekly log is kept on each student. First step was critiquing of what I was wearing. I faired well on this. Only my necklace was too heavy for my outfit. She took my measurements. Even with my full length girdle on, I had no waist. Donna was all fingers...really had a tough time in my presence. I tried to reassure her...I didn't expect miracles and the like.

First session comments: "Kathy was very heavy and very tall. Needed a great deal of work. Her makeup was terrible."

Some start huh?

Not to be detered, I made up my mind that I was gonna' give this my very best shot. Session I came! I spent a few minutes telling my classmates about myself. All were in awe. After all, one was twelve, the two others fourteen. Diane, an outgoing 14 year old, took a liking to me quick. She liked my hairstyle once she found out it was my own. The initial session dealt with makeup, correct skin care technique and makeup application with emphasis on increasing self awareness and self esteem. The session passed all too quickly.

We critiqued one another on makeup, clothes, etc. Very constructive! After class, the director wrote, "makeup--100% improvement!" One star for Kathy.

Sessions two through eight were much easier on Donna Marie. "Kathy was a very nice person...very good student. Quite eager! Once I got to know the problems (excess weight, slouching, the like), I then knew how to help," commented Donna Marie.

Outlining the curriculum, session two dealt with wardrobe and accessories, looking like a model, selecting and coordinating clothing, color, style and accessories plus fashion modeling one--an introduction to fashion shows, runway techniques and dance modeling.

Session three. Makeup II. Applying makeup for professional use. Basic contouring. Hair care and styling. Nail care and manicure. After this session Donna said, "I wasn't sure I had done my job, but I began to see the improvements and changes." By now, my classmates were all comfortable with Kathy and couldn't do enough to assist me.

Session four. Posture, diet and exercise. Controlling your weight, body sculpting techniques, posture perfection. Photographic modeling one. Basic techniques of photo posing taught by a professional photographer. (continued on page 6)

Session five. Fashion modeling two. Informal modeling and showmanship. Developing poise and self confidence.

Session six. Photographic modeling two. An actual posing session with a professional photographer.

Session seven. Makeup III. Review. Questions and answers. Wardrobe and accessories II..review. Photographic modeling II..critique of photos taken at last session. Review.

Session eight. Fashion modeling III. Review. Career guidance. Opportunities in modeling, big city and locally. Writing a resume. Learning the models vocabulary. Interview techniques. The importance of your portfolio. Dos and don'ts. Getting ready for graduation.

Just mastering the models stance, walk, etc. was a challenge in heels. We had dozens of good laughs to say the least. They'd tease the heck out of me, especially my voice. Being nervous, it'd drop from a high pitch to a bass in the middle of a sentence.

And at home it was practice, practice and more practice. Walking, picking up, reaching, etc.

I even learned to love jazzercise, my favorite class. The instructor had a sculptured body that was at least a 10. Just super! We'd really laugh during the bust exercises. Overall exhausting, but very beneficial.

During the weeks, my wife joined in my self improvement program, exercising with me, taking hints on what I learned...becoming closer to Kathy than ever before. What more could I ask for?

All too soon, the weeks passed. All the courses were completed.

Time for Kathy to make her debut!

At first I said absolutely not...no way. Then my classmates went to work on me. "Why not?" They countered my every excuse. Deep down I really wanted to participate in a show, but was scared to death that I'd be recognized or read.

After much soul searching, I decided to go ahead with it under certain conditions. I was scheduled for informal modeling during lunch time at an area club. One of the stores I shop that caters to larger sizes was involved. We thoroughly went over the details of what was coming down. The store manager cooperated 100%.

The day finally arrived! I spent a little over an hour on my makeup, making sure it was just right for my debut. I kept my appointment to have my hair done, complete with gold adornments.

I arrived an hour early so I'd have time to relax. No way! My heart was in my throat. My classmates rallied to support me.

The first dress I was to model was my favorite...a teal colored pleated party dress.

Noon arrived! The club was fairly busy. I was third to be announced. As I strolled amongst the aisles, my director described my holiday dress, "perfect for party going this Christmas."

I felt like the world was watching me. Unbelievably, no one read me! The only comment I heard from a middle age patron was, "she carries herself well for her size." As I returned to change, we giggled with delight to think we pulled it off.

My self confidence level soared! I went through four other changes during the hour and a half. All too soon it was over and Kathy had made her official modeling debut.

We all sat down to lunch. I had the diet platter of course. Gotta' keep losing the excess. Since September, I've lost 32 pounds. It'll be next fall before I'm down to my desired weight. With the exception of a few Christmas goodies, I haven't wavered off my reducing plan at all. Will power is strong...determination even greater.

There's icing on the cake too. At no additional cost, the school director offered to have me back for a refresher when I get my weight down further. A super incentive you can bet your life I'll take advantage of.

Quoting Donna Marie, "Kathy, you're on the road to being a very lovely woman. Good luck! If anyone can do it, I know you can."

Upon completing the course, to further test my level of passability, I made an appointment at a new beauty salon as Kathy to see if I could get by without being read. The shop is co-owned by the owner of the modeling school and a beautician named Betty.

My roots were showing bad. (I've been coloring my hair since my frosting in June) We chose a honey red. After the coloring, she asked me how I wanted it styled. I suggested we try something different.

Betty proceeded to set me as we chit-chatted about the snow storm we were experiencing, Christmas shopping and businesses in the area.

She complimented me on my long, manicured nails and proceeded to comb me out in a Lady Diana style. I was quite happy with the results.

I kept my makeup light, so as not to call attention to myself and had feathered my hair simply. It was also my first opportunity to wear my new plaid skirt, frilly white blouse, my best pierced earrings and 2½" heels. Just fitting into a womens size 38 was a minor miracle to me.

As I left the shop, I wanted to shout for joy, but managed to keep my exhilaration to myself in a most lady like manner. Supreme elation! After all these years, I was finally being accepted for what I appeared to be. Unreal! Most of us never think we'll see the day... and now mine had arrived! (continued on page 7)

From there, it was on to my electrologist. Alice bolstered my ego with a nice compliment on my hair and outfit. "You're doing all right for yourself," she quipped. "The weight loss is really showing. When you lose a little more, you'll be able to do anything you want as Kathy."

It's taken me 20 years to come this far. Except for work, I spend most of my time as Kathy now. It's only the last 18 months that I've really come out and wholeheartedly developed my femme self. Prior to that, it was sporadic at best.

I've maintained a diary for years. Someday I hope to publish my entire development and experiences into the world we love and sometimes hate.

Every year I solicit comments for my diary from those that know my femme side. (Copies of their comments have been furnished to the editor to prove the authenticity of my writing.) Though it may sound like fiction to some, I've had the great fortune to experience it all and then some.

From Mary Ann, proprietor of a high fashion beauty salon and boutique: "Since I have known you, I see great improvement. You have taken advantage of most of the services we offer. Manicuring, nail sculpturing, frosting, highlighting, makeup, perms, lashes, etc. I feel that the modeling course helped your self confidence. You seem more self assured. I feel you have what it takes to make it. So keep up the good work."

From the proprietor of a Merle Norman Boutique: "We had a consultation April 25 concerning his skin and what should be done to soften it before applying cosmetics. He explained to me his duo life and was considering living as Kathy full time. He seemed very sensible and intelligent and was aware of the many obstacles ahead. Now, some seven months later... and knowing Kathy, the confidence is evident, skin has improved and cosmetics are applied very well and seems well adjusted to living as Kathy."

And from a registered electrologist: "In March, Kathy came into my office and told me he would like to have his facial hair removed. He told me of his inner feelings and desire to dress as a woman. He asked if it would be alright to come into the office dressed as a woman from time to time. This he did and a few months ago started to dress only as a woman when he came to be worked on. Kathy told me of all the things she was doing as a woman...going to modeling school, learning how to apply makeup, buying clothes. She always looked immaculate in her female appearance. She enjoyed being female. I have found her to be a friendly, compassionate person. It is hard to say exactly how long it will take to remove her facial hair as everyone is different in the amount of hair that they have. Once we get past the stage of shaving, the hairs are a lot easier to remove permanently."

Last, but not least, what does my wife have to say about all this:

"In a way, Kathy is like the sister I never had. When she first told me seven years ago, it must have been very difficult, not knowing what to expect from me. I've always believed that if you're really and truly in love, nothing matters...no matter what. I love Kathy for what she is and does. She doesn't just dress and sit around. She often pitches in with the housework. She's not ashamed to run the sweeper, dust, wash clothes, straighten up or anything like that. It's a nice feeling to know that you have someone to help you, especially when you work. My biggest problem after working all day is to face making dinner and then having to do the dishes. Lucky for me, Kathy will do them while I do something else or just relax. By doing little things for one another, we've come to share something very special. Our open and close relationship has enabled me to understand her desires to express and develop her femininity. We've really come to appreciate and respect one another. I also try to help her as much as possible. I enjoy shopping for her and buying little things when she least expects them. I have also learned much from her. She's been helpful to me in things she's experienced. I now look forward to assisting others who feel they may benefit from our super relationship."

Christmas '81 was something special. Ann Marie gave me my first peignoir set...melon colored and revealing. In addition, she gave me my first ladies watch, several pair of gold pierced earrings (I love those that dangle) and a rust, fur collared coat to match my palid skirt and ruffled white blouse I wore during the holidays.

Enough already! If you want to know more, you'll have to write. I promise to answer all. If there's anything at all either my wife or I can do to help you develop your femme side, do not hesitate to ask.

What'll I do for an encore?

Darn, my typewriter just broke...

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Dear Wilma:

Thank you for allowing me to mention the TRANSSEXUAL VOICE IN THE TVIC JOURNAL.

The purpose of the TRANSSEXUAL VOICE is to serve as a communication service available to all transsexuals. It contains questions/answers, letters and articles written by transsexuals.

Anyone wishing a complimentary copy should send a S.A.S.E. or \$12 for one year subscription (bi-monthly).

TOO PHOEBE

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## Transsexual wife found dead

# Area man held in murder

NEW YORK — A former Berwick area resident was jailed here Saturday for allegedly murdering his transsexual wife.

An article in Sunday's edition of The Record — a Hackensack, N.J. newspaper — said 22-year-old Robert Ferrara was charged along with his girlfriend, Robyn Arnold of the Bronx, N.Y., in the murder of Diane Delia, a 24-year-old transsexual entertainer and model.

Ferrara, a Briar Creek Township native, married Delia, 24, several months ago before District Justice Nickolas Piazza of Berwick, according to a Columbia County Court official.

Ferrara and his girlfriend are being held at Riker's Island Prison in lieu of \$25,000 bail each.

Delia — formerly John Delia

before undergoing a sex-change operation last March — was found floating in the Hudson River Oct. 28; she had four gunshot wounds to the head.

New York City police made the arrest after Ferrara turned up a week ago at the Red Carpet Inn in Paramus, N.J., with infected wrists, The Record reported. Authorities said Ferrara had attempted to take his life, but changed his mind. He called police from the Paramus Motel and was taken to the Bergen Pines Community Hospital, where he admitted himself to the psychiatric ward for observation.

Ferrara and Robyn Arnold were arraigned Saturday in Manhattan, according to the article.

Police said Ferrara and Arnold apparently were having an affair.

Arnold — Della's former girlfriend — is a nurse in the Bronx and helped pay for Della's sex-change operation. Arnold reportedly became involved with Ferrara after Ferrara and Delia wed, authorities said.

According to police, the romantic involvement of the alleged murderers and the victim was further complicated by the fact that Delia had been involved with an unidentified woman.

The victim worked at several New York clubs and posed for advertisements in an Avon cosmetics catalog, according to The Record.

Ferrara, a graduate of Berwick High School, had been employed as a bartender. He and his deceased wife resided in Yonkers.



### Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Light-Fingered in Iowa," the teen-aged shoplifter, I had to write because I have the same problem for a different reason.

I steal ladies' lingerie from stores, not because I can't afford to buy it, but because I am a male. If I were to buy ladies' lingerie, the saleslady would know that I am a transvestite, and that would be embarrassing.

I get most of my things by mail order to satisfy my compulsive cross-dressing habit, but when I see a pair of lacy nylon panties, a pretty garter belt

or slip I really want to have, I find them much easier to steal than buy.

I have nightmares of being caught, which would be doubly worse for me because of what I steal. I've tried to

fight these compulsions with everything that's in me and would gladly go to see a shrink, but I'm too embarrassed for that, too.

From appearances I am male in every way. I am definitely not gay, nor do I want a sex-change operation. I just love wearing feminine clothing in the privacy of my home. (I've done this for more than 20 years.)

I'm sure there are other men who steal ladies' undies from stores, friends and clotheslines, so perhaps a good piece of advice from you would help us all. — LIGHT-FINGERED TRANSVESTITE

DEAR LIGHT: Stealing for any reason is a crime. But wearing whatever brings you pleasure in the privacy of your home is not.

So if you see something you want, buy it with confidence and without embarrassment. And don't worry about what the saleslady might think. She's there to make a sale, not a judgment.



### Prostitution Scheme Solicits Trouble For Pair

LANCASTER (AP) — Rodney Boyd and Douglas Harper say they decided to dress up in women's clothing and work as prostitutes when they couldn't find work.

But their alleged scheme got them into trouble this week when police arrested them and a third man on prostitution charges.

Boyd, 18, and Harper, 20, were arrested along with Phillip McGuirt, 21, after guests at the Carriage Inn motel complained that women were knocking on their doors and soliciting as prostitutes.

Police started watching the motel at night and Wednesday questioned three persons they thought were women. One of the suspects gave a residential Lancaster address familiar to Police Chief Frank Harris.

Harris said he knew two young men who lived at the address. When he questioned them Thursday at police headquarters, their stories and true identities were revealed.

"They were just knocking on doors at random," Harris said. The suspects dressed in blue jeans, women's blouses, wore makeup and solicited male guests, he said.

Boyd, who allegedly worked under the name Diane, and Harper, who allegedly worked as Donna, told Harris they solicited because they couldn't find jobs. They said they made \$20 at the motel Wednesday night.

DEAR ABBY: Nearly three years ago, I saw a letter in your column from a man who was tormented and frustrated because he had always felt that he should have been a woman. He said he was not a homosexual, but he felt like a woman with a man's body.



Van Buren

You advised him to contact the Janus Information Facility for legitimate, enlightening literature concerning this condition.

I am now living happily as a woman. I was scheduled for a sex-change operation at Johns Hopkins, but that type of operation is no longer performed there, because the surgeons who specialized in it left for other hospitals, so I am going to Cleveland.

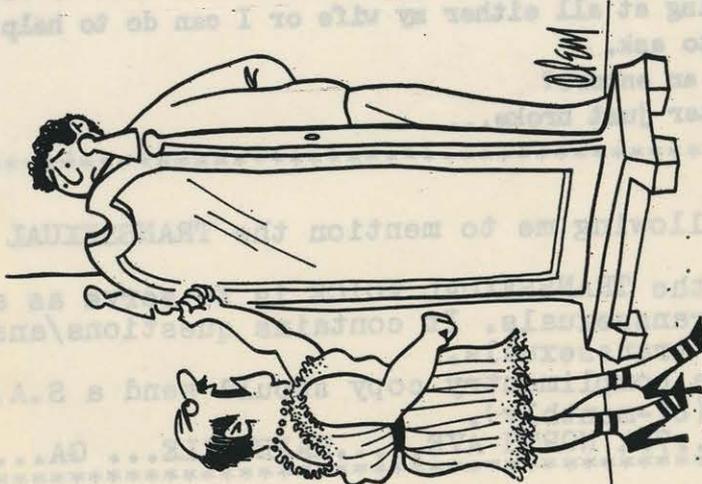
Abby, had it not been for your column, I wouldn't have known where to turn. I was so miserable I was on the verge of suicide!

Please advise others with this problem to get help through a legitimate source as I did. And make it plain that not everyone who THINKS he wants to be of the other sex is a candidate for a sex-change operation. Before surgery is permitted, the doctors make sure the person is a true transsexual for whom surgery is the only answer.

Thank you for saving my life. — GERRI

DEAR GERRI: I'm glad you wrote. Anyone interested in up-to-date literature concerning transsexualism may write to Dr. Paul Walker, 1952 Union St., San Francisco, Calif. 94123. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed long envelope for a reply.

WOMAN was created from the rib of man....  
She was not made from his head... to top him  
Nor from his feet... to be trampled on.  
She was made from his side... to be equal to him;  
From under his arm... to be protected by him;  
From near his heart... to be loved by him.



"Beat it, Son! You know it makes me nervous when someone watches me get dressed."

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"That was no lady you saw me with last night... that was my brother... he only walks that way..."  
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