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Hi Girls:

Had a nice group here last night even though some of our girls were at the Fantasia Fair. Hope those of you who went had a good time. I know that Veronica and Sandy are leaving Sun. A.M. to get a few days in and perhaps get to see Eileen and Pricilla there. We had a few new faces again last night. Sandy had brought along Rita and Michelle from Rochester. I didn't get to talk with them or any one as I was a little under the weather. I usually like to talk to the new girls when their here, but I'll make it up the next visit.

The girls here tonight were: Cheryl from Albany, N.Y., Gail and Joan from Granville, N.Y., Karen from Saratoga, N.Y., Elanda from Rome, N.Y., Muriel from Geneseo, N.Y., Alice from Colonie, N.Y., Sandy from Rochester, N.Y., Rita and Michelle from Rochester, N.Y., Veronica from Warsaw, N.Y., Sue from Nassau, N.Y. Chrys and Juliaann, from Gardner, N.Y., Brenda from Messina, N.Y., Wilma and I.

The meal for the girls was: Baked Ham, Baked Macaroni, Corn, Squash, Toss Salad, Applesauce, Cottage cheese, rolls butter. I made a lemon pound cake with lemon sauce and whipped cream and Cheese cake which Chrys brought.

My many thanks to Gail and Joan for doing up the dishes and cleaning up. and to the rest of the girls for helping out in the kitchen, and thanks to my Wilma for helping me finish with the meal.

Dennie and Michelle Ann who usually make all the meetings just didn't make it this month as Michelle Ann's mother fell and broke two bones in her one leg. Every one thought they had the wrong night as they didn't see Michelle Ann's little purple car out front. When we told them why Michelle wasn't here they all said to say hello and hope your mother will be alright.

Last month I said I would put in the poem that Cynthia and Sonya had put together for Wilma and I on our Anniversary. It was sung to us by the Conn. six. Cynthia and Sonya, Dee Dee and Vi, and Isabelle and Leslie. They used the tune (Clementine).

DOWN ON BROADWAY

Looking thru my receipe book I came across this receipe to pre-serve a Husband.

In choosing a husband women should first be careful of their selection. Do not choose too young or too green and take only such as have been raised in a good moral atmosphere.

When you have decided on selection, turn your thoughts to domestic use. Some wives insist on keeping husbands in a pickle, whil others are constantly getting them in hot water. This only makes them sour, hard and sometimes bitter. Even the poorest varities can be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, spicing them with smiles and flavoring them with kisses.

For a finished product, husbands should be wrapped in a mantle of kindness, kept warm with the fire of devotion and served with peaches and cream.

Husbands prepared this way will keep for years.

Did you know that in the Figi Islands, Hot little red spanish peppers are called(God-dammit).

Untill we meet again next month

I'll say good night to all
God Bless and keep you Happy
and Healthy. LOVE

HELEN.

By

Sonya Seidman and Cynthia Masey
(Tune: Clementine)

There's a warm house
Down on Broadway
Here in Albany New York
Where we love to go and visit
There we girls dress and cavort.

There is Helen
There is Wilma
They are hostesses sublime
Helen's food is pure ambrosia
Everyone has a great time.

They've been married
Thirty four years
Full of laughter love and tears
They have done so much to help us
To allay cross dressing fears.

We wear panties
We wear dresses
We love high and spiky heels
Off with trousers off with neckties
We're aglow with sex appeals.

Helen bustles
Wilma hustles
Making everyone at home
We all love them very dearly
Thats why we all sing this poem,

Here's to Thordsens
How we love you
May your years be full of fun
We all send congratulations
This from each and every one.

WILMA'S VIEWS

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU DO, IT'S THE WAY YOU DO IT:

The first problem facing the TV is to find someone capable of understanding, but the second problem is how to tell this person about one's desires. How this is done will actually do more to determine the persons attitude than the facts which are presented. What we have here is a selling job.

There used to be a character on the radio called ELMER BLURT who was a dope type salesman. He always started his doot-to-door pitch to the housewife with, "Duh..Ya wouldn't want to buy a ___ would ya? This is negative selling because it implies that even the salesman has little fath in the article that he is selling so little in fact, that he is doubtful of the wisdom of anyone who would buy it. Unfortunately, this attitude of expectant disapproval, antagonism, and guilt pervades many a TV so strongly that when he undertakes ot explain crossdressing to someone they themselves give the listener the tip-off as to how to react. The housewife is not likely to react to Elmer's blansishment with, "Yes, I'll buy one of those". Because Elmer has telegraphed to her in advance that the item is really not worth buying. When a TV tells about his feelings with guilt, fear, and shame he indicates to the other party that he himself is ashamed about his actions, so naturally the other party tends to react in the same vein, and he too is ashamed for the teller. He therefore does not accept the subsequent explanations offered by the TV and the game is lost as he ends up being antagonistic, non-understanding and critical.

But consider what it would be like if the TV told about the phrnomenon in a non guilty, unashamed way...simply ststing things as facts, giving explanations where called for, answering questions. Whereas the whole bit may be new to the listner and he may not agree with it for his own internal reasons, at least he is getting information with a positive implication rather than a negative one. At best the listner can then be accepting, at worst he can simply think it foolish or odd.

Since most TVs have a long history behind them of fear, isolation, guilt, shame, etc., it is not easy to get to this open, forthright attitude. Particularly is this true when the person being told is impobtant to the TV...such as wife, girlfriend or parent. Therefore I always reco mmend some prattice sessi- ons. Go get a date with some girl at a danc@ hall, from a lonely harts club, or wherever, but get one that you have no interest in and who is not moving in the same social circles as yourself. After going to a show or dance, take a ride and get the subject around some way to the matter of equality of clothing, or what is masculine and what is feminine, or some news item concerning imper- sonation or fashion...or anything that can lead into the subject of your desire. Then TELL her: but do it as tho it was the most commonplace thing in the world. Tell her as you might tell her why you are a Democrat or Baptist or Rotarian.

Observe yourself while you are telling her. Look for signs of shame or rati- onalization or excuse making resolutely stop it. Rember, you don't care what she thinks because you don't care if you never see her again. So, if you do a good job what happens? One of three things. (1) Either you get acceptance, in which case you can carry on as circumstances warrant and have an understanding friend, or (2) she thinks you are some kind of a nut and you don't see each other again...and that's the way you planned it anyway so nothing is lost, or (3) her reaction is somewhere in between, in which case you can see her again and talk on the subject more, and this very conversation another non-TV will be very good for you as it will unburden you of a lot of guilt and you can prac- tice on other angles to get her reaction.

When you have done this a couple of times you will have gotton over the fear of opening your mouth about TVism to someone who is new to the field, and you will have learned how to discuss the subject wthout a flood of guilt and shame. Now you are in a position to talk about it to someone who is important to you. Rember, "As a man thinketh, so is he"... and if you think you are doing wrong and that you are immoral or bad..YOU ARE! If you think you are clean and decent but simply enjoy things that perhaps others have missed then you wont feel guilty and you wont project guilt to someone else. They say a dog can tell thru some special sense when a man is afraid of him, and finding a fearful man can afford to make a big thing of it because he knows that he has the upper hand. The man has "projected his feelings to the dog. Be sure that the feeling ~~you~~ you "project" reflects the fine, decent, sensitive human being that you want it to be....

One of the firlls has proposed a sort of Transexuals Anonymous, saying that we who can dress wthin moderate limits correspond to the "social drinker", While those who are obsessed into going farther and farther are the equivalent of alcoholics. This sounds plausible; certainly more positive than my putting "HELP FIGHT TS" on the Christmas card seals was! I read about one cure for TV, but it wasn't too successful: The doctor said: "Now when you feel like dressing do something masculine; chew up a tooth pick!" So the TV tried it, and was get- ting along pretty well but after about three months, he cougth the DUTCH ELM DISEASE and died.

Dear Sir: I am the judge that sentenced you to ninety days on the charge of be- ing dressed as a woman on July 10. May I say that I'm sorry for such a sentence being handed out, If you had looked a little more presentable at the time, the County would have hired you as a lady policeman.

PARTY DATES :

TVIC holds its parties on the 3rd Saturday of each month. THE next 3 dates will be NOV. 21, DEC. 12, JAN 16. PLEASE note that the DEC. date has been changed due to Christmas. THE new date is DEC 12th. THIS will be our big annual Christmas party. Full details of the party will be in the NOV. paper. PLEASE make all your reservations for all parties at least 4 days in advance of all party dates.

NEW MEMBERS :

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of 6 new members this month. They are

BRENDA [REDACTED] ... MASINA.... N.Y.....	LIZA [REDACTED] GAITHIESBURG.... MD...
JILLIAN [REDACTED] ... GARDNER... N.Y.....	FRAN [REDACTED] THRELLIS..... N.Y..
CHERYL [REDACTED] ... ALBANY.... N.Y.....	SHARON [REDACTED] WHITE PLAINS.... N.Y..

WELCOME to TVIC and we all hope that you will be able to attend some of our parties and meet some wonderful people in person. For those who find that they are unable to attend our parties you have our membership directory to help you make contacts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOO :

ARLENE [REDACTED] NOV.. 2	FLO [REDACTED] NOV. 19....
MICHELINE [REDACTED] N.. NOV.. 6	MICHELL [REDACTED] ... NOV. 22....
PAULA [REDACTED] ... NOV.. 10	LESLIE [REDACTED] ... NOV. 24....
HOWARD [REDACTED] NOV.. 17	DENNIE [REDACTED] ... NOV. 27....
HELEN [REDACTED] NOV.. 17	ALICE [REDACTED] .. NOV. 30....

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TOO

MR. & MRS McCOMB, NEW YORK, N.Y. and MR. & MRS McNEILLY, GARDNER, N.Y.

SPECIAL THANKS TOO

FRAB BROOKS, MURIEL WHITE, RENEE CARROLL for the extra \$ sent in to help with the postage.

FRAN BROOKS, LIZA REGINA, MARILYN KELDERHOUSE, MARA LYNN CHAPLIN, RENEE CARROLL, VERONICA LADD & SANDY EISENBRAUM for the lovely pictures they sent in for the TVIC Club Album.

CHERYS & JILLIAN McNEILLY for the very nice tasty cheese cake they brought for the party. It was so good they did not even save me a piece for SUNDAY. Oh well I'm getting to heavy any way. (CHERY how about another game of chess?)

QUESTION OF THE MONTH :

What do you do to get your wig styled? Does your wifw do it - Do you leave it at a beauty shop, & if so what do you say when you leave it???????

Now lets get these anawers in. I have received over 50 letters this month on the above question. Lets see what you can tell your fe@low member thats looking for help.

CORRESPONDENCE WANTED :

These listed members would like to receive mail & exchange views and pictures.

HUDSON S [REDACTED] Y
[REDACTED]

JAMES R. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

LEE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ANNA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

W.T. [REDACTED]
R. [REDACTED]

FRAN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

If you would like your name listed here just let me know.

NEWS : After more than a decade of service to the paraculture, HELEN ROOT is closing down the RHO Chapter of FPE. I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to helen for her many years of service.

State police arrested a construction worker for petit larceny out Henrietta way after he attempted to steal womens clothing by trying them on at a dept. store. Then, dressed like a female, the muscula gentlemen attempted to walk out in a size eight blouse & a nurses uniform. (was that you Francis?) (Times Union 9/21/71) Reported from THE TROOPER MAGAZINE.

Dear Wilma: I have been a very active, happy, and contented girl for the past six days. My wife went to her mothers for a vacation and this has given me the chance to be the woman that I want to be. So, since last Friday I have been completely hiltat! Besides doing all the things that Hiltat would normally do I have, for the past two days, been a nursemaid and a baby sitter! Honey, it was such a thrill that every time that I think of it I get goose pimples all over! She was a darling three year old girl. The afternoon of the first day I dressed her, and as it was snowing, put her into her little snowsuit. Then we went downtown shopping. I didn't realize how one is so readily accepted as a woman by just having a lovely baby with you... Everyone in the store took it for granted that I was her mother. We looked at toys and baby clothes, of course. HILTA had to buy something, so I did something that I have always wanted to do. I tried on a girdle in the dressing room! I know that you know what a thrill that was. I was so very happy...HILTA B...CLEVELAND, OHIO.

(Thankyou, HILTA, for a fascinating account of your femmeadventure. But tell me more. Who was the baby, and how did you get acceptance from her mother?)

Dear Wilma: Is it possible for a man to have breast like a woman? I have them and I like it. They're not too big..ROBERTA C...ELMER...N.J.... (Yes, it is possible,Roberta. Medically it is called "GYNOMASTIA"..a glandular condition evidenced by abnormal development of the breasts in a male.)

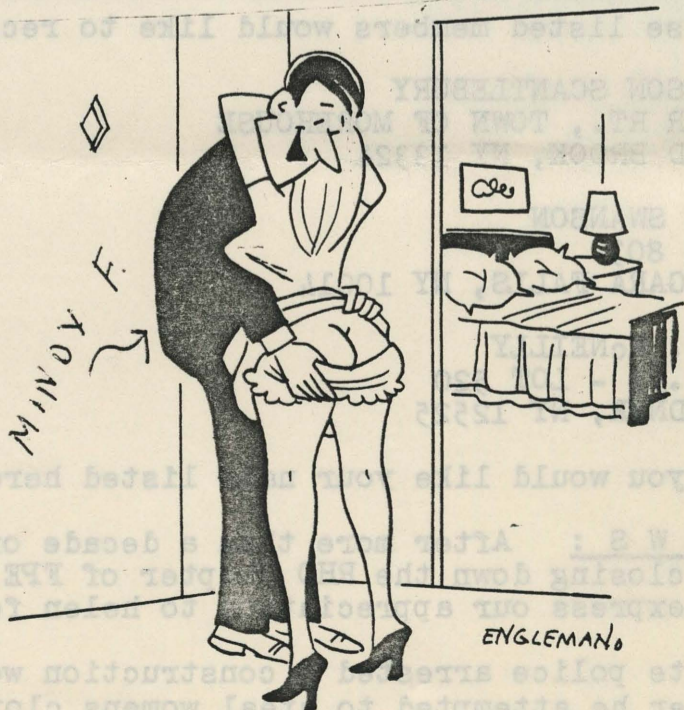
Dear Wilma: I have been going out a lot lately. I spend two to three nights a week now on shopping sprees. I have finally mastered the fear of speaking and it has helped tremendously. In the last six weeks I have finally bought items as ANN. And last week I had the courage to look at some dresses. When the girl asked me if I wanted to try them on I said, in a shaky voice,"Yes." So I did, and bought one of the dresses in LANE BRYANTS TALL GIRL SHOP. It was wonderful. This takes all the fear away from me now...and my safari's are more easily undertaken. My wife is still unable to accept this, although she tries hard. Maybe time will help the matter...ANN D...OMAHA...NEB... (Be grateful that your wife is trying to understand, ANN.That's more than many do. Also don't push your luck on these safari's)

Dear Wilma: I have a hint to offer to other members: I have trouble with lipstick. Once it's on it doesn't come off. So what is to be done? I've purchased lip lining pencils in two shades, pink and red. With the aid of white lipstick and the colored pencil I can obtain any color shade I desire. Also the darker pencil can be used as an outliner to make the lips more alluring. Since the base is white lipstick it comes off very very easily yet the lips still have a very luscious appearance. I hope this hint will help some of you. JACKALINE E.....BRONX.....N.Y.....

Dear Wilma: I have a helpful suggestion that may be of help to many. Some of you girls who dress every day might be interested in a handy method of parking your private parts. This was always an annoyance to me. One day my lady friend took one of her nylon SANI-PANTIES, hooked a MODESS napkin into it, and ordered me to wear them. MINDY F....PHILADELPHIA....PA.....

Dear Wilma ; Hints on choosing a wardrobe. Try buying co-ordinates or clothing that can be switched around to give variety. A good clue to the colours you can wear is to look at the colour of your eyes. If they are blue, you will look good in most colours. If they are green or brown, stick to the natural colours like greens,browns,peaches. Look at your skin colour. Are you so fair that you can see a flushness to your skin? Then stayaway from reds and oranges. If you have the black hair-~~olive complexion~~ white skin look try some bold colours like red or bright yellow. Dark or olive complexions really benefit from the peach-orangr-rust colours. Black skin can benefit from most colours but remember, don't be too "loud". Try to match different colours well--a brown skirt goes well with a peach or green sweater. Also ~~remember~~ remember, white, gray or black can be worn with any colour. Try not to buy much of the same colour. There is nothing worse than someone all dressed in blue or brown, day in and day out. While trying to apply all this and make sense, go out and choose a wardrobe. RACHELL G..SAYRACUSE..N.Y.....

MISERY is explaining the birds and bees to your young son and then overhearing him tell the little girl next door. "Guess what, you're going to have a bee."



"I've been dying to get into your pants and I see they're just my size!"

Dear Wilma:

Before I get to the purpose of this letter, I would like to say that I think you are doing a fantastic job with your TVIC Journal and the monthly meetings. The Journal and the meetings provide a much needed outlet for transvestites. You deserve and get my great big "HURRAY".

I read the Journal faithfully and notice that you, for the most part, have negative thoughts about transsexuals. For example; September Journal, vol. 10, issue 96, page 6, 2nd and 4th articles. You made it sound as though most TS's meet a horrible death because of surgery. Many people who are not TS's have horrible deaths and bad experiences too. Of all the TS's that I know, all feel they are better off because of surgery. One had medical problems but that was, as I was told, the surgeons fault. I know of one suicide, who, I believe, was a TV and not looking for the reassignment surgery. Most are happier in their new gender role, atleast happier than before. I realize that it is difficult for a TV to feel what a TS feels, and thank God, that is one less problem a TV has to face.

Your articles upset me when I first read them, as I am scheduled for surgery October 7th; but I would not be here today if I had to live the rest of my life as a male. Which is the lesser of the two evils, surgery or suicide???

You are correct about advocating being very careful to make the right choice. With out question, that choice should be made with help from professionals and never in a rush. Most TS's do not have any other choice but to have the surgery; those who cannot get it, for one reason or another, live with the hope of surgery in the future.

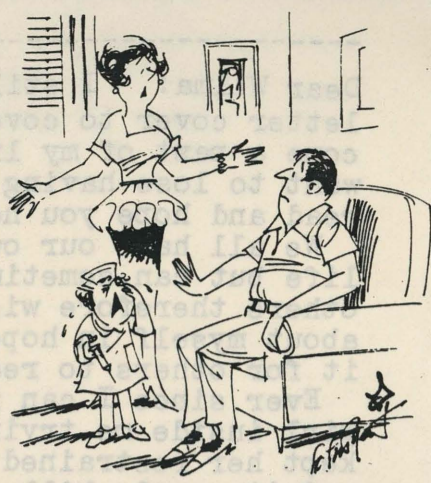
I do not think your negative articles will discourage any true TS, but just cause additional anguish, frustration, etc. in an almost unbearable situation.

wonder if your other TS's readers feel as I do.

Sincerely,
Phyllis L.

THE VIEWS OF A FEMALE TRANVESTITE, PRE-OP TRANSSEXUAL
MAKE "FEMALE TO MALE"

After having been out of the closet for a while, I've noticed that if there were anymore female TVs around, they were doing one helluva job keeping themselves concealed, so for a while I felt all alone. But I guess it depends mainly on the individual...My solitude produced fears...fears of that which was unknown to me. I find that different TVs dress for different reasons, I don't know anyother female TVs, but I dress because it's a part of my life of who I am. I suppose I'm a pre-operative transsexual...I dress like a man because I feel that I am a man. I believe crossdressing is important, and one should do his or her ~~thin~~ outmost to make the best of their assets (Be what pleases you, be what you are, however "unpopular" you may find that it is with the majority!) In society as it is today, we must sometimes make allowances for one more thoughtless and shallow fellow-beings...sometimes they are callous and thick-skulled despite themselves... I believe that to be a tranavestite is to be in a very special state. (the only thing that makes it a plight is the society it finds itself surrounded by!) It takes a special person to face up to a fact as plain as the nose on their face-the fact that even tho they are surely of one sex, they have intense desire to dress as the other sex, and to be a transsexual is also to be someone special. There is a person, who despite positive "physical" evædence of gender identification, they have the strength, mental capabilities and courage to admit that they acknowledge that somewhere along the line, something went terribly wrong, that he is really a she or vice-versa, it takes even more guts to do something about it! Transvestism and transsexualism aren't habits, they're nothing taught to us, nothing we picked up from far out fiction stories, they're in us, they are us, and we must deal with them in ~~the~~ one way or another...BY KHALIL..BLACKSTONE..VA.



"But he wants to be a nurse when he grows up, not a doctor."



"Three out of five Senators 'dress-up' as a hobby."



"IT'S A GOOD IDEA, BILL BUT DO YOU THINK THE LADIES WILL GO FOR IT TOO?"

(ONE MUST JOIN A CLUB TO FINED TRANVESTITES OR TRANSSEXUALS, THEY DONT KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR

Dear Wilma: I still read your news letter cover to cover and it has become a part of my life. I would not want to lose having this word to read and hope you never stop.

We all have our own ways to meet life but can sometimes learn from others therefore wish to tell you about myself in hope you will print it for others to read.

Ever since I can remember I felt a girl inside me trying to get out. I kept her restrained for 44 years and it nearly killed me.

About 6 years ago I decided to re-order my life to see if I could find some happiness in my life. Married and with a nearly grown family my decision required much soalsearching before reaching my decision.

I decided to try living with my girl part and see if I could become

more a whole person. I was too late to let her take over all the way but decided to give her all the freedom I could. I moved to New York and a new job. I told my family my plans and they chose to come with me instead of splitting.

My new goal in life is to become as fem. as possible without crossing the line. Yes this ment taking horemones which can cause problems. To me, a year trying to become more fem. in body was worth a lifetime as I was so I had no risk....I tried various ways to get the drugs I needed and at considerable cost. With the help of a girl friend I found a doctor who understood and the cost become much less. Later I found other doctors willing to listen and help when I was honest with them. No one should hide from the doctor and use elegal methods to get help. It is both foolish and costly....I have now converted my body closer to what my mind feels and now I can even forget I am a male when dressed when alone. In fact, I feel more dressed when in male atire thanfemalr.

The male and girl in me have nearly united as one and I am more at peace now then ever before. At home my family tolerate me as ~~men~~ male or female and I am usually mostly feminine when no company is present...I am not saying my life is a bed of roses and it may only work for me but does provide an example of a third way of life not muched discussed. I am, in my mind, a woman but can never be so I have chosen to walk the line between and see where it takes me. As yet, I have no regrets. LEE [redacted], P.O. BOX 803, NIAGRA FALLS, N.Y. 14302.

NEWS: THE WOMAN INBIDE, The first major film about the transsexual experience, since THE CHRISTINE JORGENSEN STORY, was released in several cities by Twentieth Century-Fox. The film stars Gloria Manon, who portrays HOLLIS Mac Kenzie a Vietnam veteran who returns home to face his own private war in a gender change from male to male. Also starring in THE WOMAN INBIDE is the late JOAN BLONDELL, who died shortly after filming was completed. Another film veteran, DANE CLARK, plays the doctor who helps HOLLIS/HOLLY undergo her transformation. JOSEPH [redacted] is the writer/director. Prouduceat is SIDNEY LEVINE.

(Reported by Tams & tissues of Canada)

JAIL STYLES QUERIED.

SYDNEY, Australia (UPI) - Transvestities in a Sydney jail recently complained about the poor quality of women's panties being issued to them and are now receiving "French-type underwear" instead, an opposition member charged in Parliament RICHARD HEALEY of the Liberal party said female impersonators were also being hired to show inmates how to put on make-up and dress in female clothes. He claimed the Labor government was pandering to transvestites in the prison system at the taxpayers expense. Corrective Services Minister ANTHONY Haigh said there were about 20 transvestites in New South Wales prisons and they were allowed to wear make-up, slakes and feminine underclothing, but no other womans apparel.

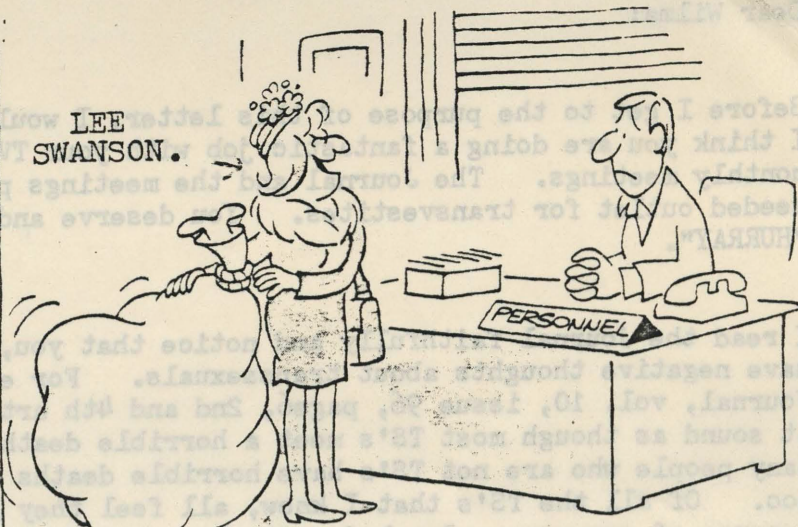
Any of you who have been dreaming of a nice, cheap, do-it-yourself sex change, you can take heart; Science has shown the way. Using little shrimp, they have shown that hydraulic pressure will produce females out of about 40% of the males, with the death rate of only about 1%. All you have to do is go skin-diving at about 15,000 ft.(this should be easy for you Cynthia M.) for a minimum of one hour. It helps to be young; shrimp over 2 months old showed very poor results. Lots of luck.

MORE MISERY JOKES SENT IN BY MEMBERS:

MISERY is going on your honeymoon and having the motel employes toss a "WELCOME BACK" party for bride.

MISERY is a girl asking if she can come up to your place and you still live with your mother.

MISERY is sneaking in your house at 4 in the morning & finding your wife sneaking out.



LEE SWANSON.

Lee Swanson: "I got tired of the executive life with tie and jacket so I decided to stay home. Now my wife here wants a job."

Easy Way to Hide Facial Flaws — With Jewelry

By **MARCIA ROSEN**

The jewelry you select can actually fool people into looking past your flaws, declares fashion expert Janet LoPresti.

"Wearing well-placed accessories that are in proportion to your body can call attention to your good points and away from the bad," explains LoPresti, who's with Sarah Coventry jewelry company.

She offered the following pointers for de-emphasizing flaws:

1. Long nose — Don't wear earrings because they'll call attention to your prominent nose. Instead, play up your neck and chin with chokers and accessories.

2. Round face — Use chains and long necklaces to make the face look longer and thinner. Stay away from chokers, but large, beaded necklaces are O.K. Use medium to small earrings.

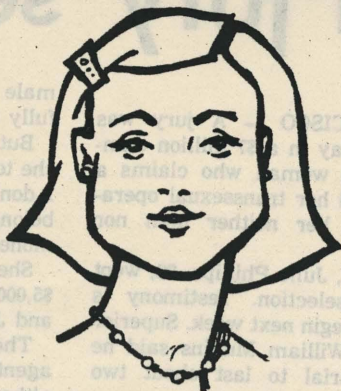
3. Square face — To soften the sharp angles, use petite chains and necklaces. Don't wear dangling earrings.

4. Triangular face — Emphasize the cheek area with big, bold earrings, chokers, necklaces and chains.

5. A heart- or diamond-shaped face — Wear jewelry that has depth — for example, chokers that have different-sized beads going from small to large. Ornate jewelry will work fine, too.

6. Oblong face — To shorten this type of face, wear big, bold earrings that will draw attention to the upper part. Chunky chokers and short necklaces are good, but don't wear dangling earrings.

7. Short neck — Wear long,



SQUARE FACE
Try a small necklace



TRIANGULAR FACE
Wear bold jewelry



OBLONG FACE
Wear bold earrings

stranded necklaces and small pearl ropes. These can make a short neck look thin.

8. Long neck — Use corded necklaces to add more bulk around the neck. That will make the neck seem shorter.

9. Heavy arms and hands — Wear petite rings and bracelets. Don't wear jewelry that's flashy and has a lot of stones. "One good trick is to wear a ring with a stone that points parallel to the finger. This will make the fingers look longer," she said.

10. Skinny arms and hands — Wear big, chunky plastic and wood bracelets.



HEART-SHAPED FACE
Use ornate jewelry

DEE DEE WATSON says that happiness is being served with a paternity suit on your 75th birthday....

ELAND MERZ says: Do you know what a JUVENILE DELINQUENT is?
A CHILD HOOD...

WILMA SAYS: That one of the worst things about retirement is that you have to drink coffee on your own time,...

(I need jokes for space fillers)



ROUND FACE
Wear long necklaces

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Edmonton

Dr. Jekyll and Ms. Hyde

Shelly Ball was arrested in February, 1977, for the stabbing murder of a middle-aged man. But the "woman" who was arrested in the Edmonton hotel where the murder occurred turned out to be Sheldon William Ball, 26, of Chilliwack, B.C. Ball was subsequently convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, but the court also ruled that his hormone therapy—part of a previously begun sex change—should continue in jail. Now the federal government is faced with financing the rest of a series of surgical operations designed to transform the still-male Ball to a woman. And that change, prison officials suspect, is going to present the Canadian penitentiary system with a unique problem: where to put Shelly Ball for the remainder of his or her term.

"I ask myself, 'What do you do with a case like this?'" says Dennis Weir, assistant director of organization and ad-

Ball: a unique problem for prison officials



ministration; of the Edmonton Institution. According to Weir, Ball's sex-change operations had gone far enough to allow him to live as a woman and work as a prostitute when the murder interrupted his plans to go to the U.S. for the continuation of his transsexual surgery schedule. After extensive psychological examination, the court that convicted Ball of murder agreed that his hormone treatments should be continued but final approval for the operations was to come from Ottawa, which foots the bills. Since prisons are

charged with providing the best of health care for their inmates, the approval probably will come, perhaps within a year. However, Weir is "concerned" about the reception that Ball will get from female prisoners after being transferred to Kingston, Ontario, where the only Canadian penitentiary for women serving long sentences is located.

Ball has been "getting along fine" with the male inmates at Edmonton Institution, where he was transferred a few months ago from the Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, penitentiary, "but he obviously can't remain in a male institution when he is no longer male," says Weir. Weir speculates that if Ball needs protection after the sex-change is completed she could be temporarily lodged in a provincial jail, where she would be isolated from other prisoners, or that Kingston will have to work out some system of providing her with either protective custody or an entirely new identity to prevent her prison life from being made miserable, or worse. But that is a decision that federal officials won't have to make for at least a year.

Meanwhile, Ball is the Edmonton Institution's most famous inmate, the first federal prisoner in Canada to undergo a sex change while in custody. And there is not much likelihood the problem will go away—Ball isn't eligible for parole until 1988.

Suzanne Zwarun



Julie Phillips says sex-change left her neuter. (AP)

Associated Press
 SAN FRANCISCO — A jury was picked yesterday in a \$7 million damage suit by a woman who claims a doctor botched her transsexual operation and left her neither man nor woman.

The plaintiff, Julie Phillips, 38, wept during jury selection. Testimony is scheduled to begin next week. Superior Court Judge William Mullins said he expects the trial to last about two weeks.

The defendants, who were not in court, are Dr. John Brown, said by his attorney to be practicing medicine in Mexico, and James Spence of San Jose, Calif. Brown's license to practice medicine in California has been revoked.

Miss Phillips' lawyers, Melvin Belli and Saile Soladay, said their client wants \$2 million general damages and \$5 million punitive damages for her alleged suffering.

The suit said Miss Phillips was led to believe the operation would alter her male genitals "so that she would have fully functioning female genitalia."

But "I don't know where I belong," she told a reporter. "I can't have sex. I don't belong in the gay life. I don't belong in the straight life... it isn't the money. I want peace of mind."

She claimed Brown charged her \$5,000 for operations in December 1973 and January 1974.

The suit says Brown used "his agent," Spence, as a medical assistant although Spence was no doctor, and employed Spence to drum up "business" from people who wanted sex-change operations.

In December 1977, Administrative Law Judge Paul Doyle revoked Brown's license on a recommendation from the state Board of Medical Qualification Assurance.

The suit accuses Brown of violating medical standards, employing his patients as medical assistants and, among other charges, performing sex-change operations "on demand" and without psychological evaluations.



TOUGH-LOOKING Chi Chi Batista, 18, was born a girl and christened Isabel. No photographs are available of any of the 38 when they were girls.

stand why nature had played such a cruel trick on us."

Adelaida Batista, a shy and nervous woman, admitted that she has a 14-year-old boy who was born an apparent female. She refused to give his name.

"God sent my boy to me in this way," she said, her eyes downcast. "It's His will and I have to accept it, but it is very hard to live with."

Happily, 36 of the 38 individuals studied by American and Dominican doctors grew into basically normal men. The CDC expert said the other two apparently "chose to live out their lives as women."

Some are married, and most do men's jobs. "They get normal voice changes and a normal male physique," noted the expert.

"I would say that these males cannot reproduce normally. They produce about 40 million sperms, where the normal male produces about 500 million."

— CHARLES PARMITER

The Village Where 38 Girls Turned Into Boys

In a remote area of the Dominican Republic, there are 38 men who actually started life as girls, doctors have discovered.

A bizarre medical quirk caused the men to begin life as apparently normal girls, only to change into boys when they reached puberty!

"These 38 births and the changes that have later taken place are the only cases of this particular condition ever found," said an expert at the federal government's Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta.

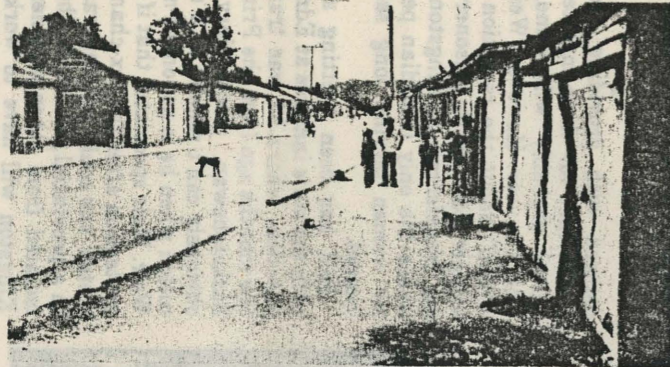
The villagers in the area around the rural town of Las Salinas have been under intense scrutiny since 1972 both by local and American physicians.

Two of the doctors, Ralph E. Peterson and Julianne Imperato-McGinley of Cornell University Medical College, New York, published their findings in the American Journal of Medicine, and Science, the journal of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science.

Their research found all 38 were born with a defective set of chromosomes, substances that carry the basic life chemicals which determine all our physical traits.

This genetic defect has been traced back to a common ancestor who lived more than 140 years ago.

Their defective chromosomes cause a deficiency of a key hormone which is respon-



RAMSHACKLE area where bizarre events occurred.

sible for the development of the male anatomy in the unborn fetus.

So the baby comes out apparently a perfectly normal female — but at puberty, the flow of the male sex hormone testosterone overcomes the defect and triggers the development that should have occurred in the womb.

Local physician Dr. Andres Cuevas said the 38 men were all born with normal female external sex organs and body shape. But when they were about 12, their female organs healed over and they grew adult-sized male organs.

"The mothers of the village thought they had given birth to little girls — so imagine their confusion and trauma when their children changed into boys," declared Dr. Sixto

Inchaustegui, one of three Dominican doctors who first investigated the strange phenomenon.

An ENQUIRER reporter visited the area to talk firsthand to the mothers about the anguish they and their children had suffered.

Milady Carrasco was the "most proud mother alive" when she gave birth to a baby "girl," Maria, 22 years ago.

"But as Maria grew older, I began to notice a big change in her appearance," she said. "I eventually had to accept the fact that she was taking on the appearance of a boy."

Finally, Milady changed Maria's name to Enriquillo, and dressed the child in boy's clothing. "I had to because the other kids in the village were making Maria's life

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A wolf may get older, but you'll always find him in there pinching!

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The modern girl is one who will hate herself in the morning, either way.

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