

# She doesn't hang out with transvestites

Dear Ann Landers — This will never reach you personally and if it does you will never print it.

I am sick of your obsession with transvestism and your apparent determination to prove that half the male population enjoys dressing up in ladies clothes.

For example: Your letter to "Pop-Eyes in Jacksonville," who, while working for an ambulance service, discovered two very macho men wearing ladies' underwear.

Isn't it possible that the pop-eyed jerk didn't know the difference be-

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tween women's panties and the ever-increasingly popular bikini briefs for men? To the country bumpkins who are accustomed to seeing baggy boxer shorts the skimpy, colorful

briefs might have looked like women's panties.

I seriously doubt that there is nearly as much male transvestism as you would like your readers to believe. I've yet to encounter a single one, and I've been around as much as you. So there, dammit!

**Mad in Rochester**

Dear Roch: My knowledge of transvestites is not information gleaned from my social life. What I know I have learned from the authorities.

I buy the bit about updated shorts

for men. But nylon stockings and garter belts? Surely you jest.

Dear Ann Landers: When are you going to emerge from the Dark Ages and catch up with what's happening? You keep saying, "See your clergyman," and, "Your clergyman can help you." Don't you know that there are hundreds, maybe thousands, of women who are now serving in the clergy? We have had Episcopal priests and female rabbis for quite some time.

So, please, dear Ann, dignify these individuals by acknowledging their existence. The term is "clergyper-sons."

**Looking Over Your Shoulder in Idaho**

Dear Looking — Your point is well taken, but purists who want to take the word "man" out of the English language are making it very difficult for writers who are trying for smooth

and uncomplicated, comprehensible sentences. For example: A news story several days ago told of a female evangelist who was injured when she fell into a manhole. Play around with that one for a while.

Dear Ann Landers — Today I found myself with a very red face. Please tell me, how I could have handled the situation in case I am up against the same set of circumstances again. I felt like two cents waiting for change.

I met a girlfriend on the street. I had not seen her in years. In her arms she was carrying a small child. The first thing out of my mouth was, "I didn't know you were married." She replied, "I am not."

Is there a less embarrassing way to put the question?

**Tomato Puss in Va.**

Dear Puss — Why put the question at all? A far more gracious (and

safer greeting) would be, "What a lovely child...how old is he?"

**CONFIDENTIAL to Brother, It's Cold Outside:** If you didn't know, it's time you learned. Success has a thousand fathers. Failure is an orphan.

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Dr. Johnson

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**RHINEBECK** — The Rhinebeck Fire Department will have a Washington's birthday dance on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the firehouse, 6 East Market St.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing to the Velvet Touch at 9 p.m.

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