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NEWSLETTER EDITORS
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and
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A very good turnout last night for the meeting. There were 25 girls, some we probably won't see again here, but maybe we will meet at the Bolise's in Boston.

One new couple here for the first time and all the gals took turns talking with them, it is good to know that the girls try hard to make the first timers feel welcome.

The girls here were; Michelle Ann & dennie B., Somerville, Mass. DEE DEE & Vie W., Hartford, Conn. - Leslie & Ezabell A., Wilton, Conn. - Cynthia & Sonya M., Norwalk, Conn. - Jane & Mary K., Mechaniceville, N.Y. -Yvone & Vichie P., Poughkeepsie, N.Y. - Prescilla G., Scitia, N.Y. - Winnie B., Schenectady, N.Y. ~~Francis~~ Francis G., Rochester, N.Y. - Joann S., Monroe, N.Y. - Elanda M., Rome, N.Y. - Sharon ~~Hays~~ ., Hightstown, N.J. - Jean H., Colonie, N.Y. - Alice C., Colonie, N.Y. - Susan M., Hoosick Falls, N.Y. & Renne C., Hartford, Conn.

The meal for the girls was - Baked Honey Ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, cauliflower, broccoli pie, corn, yellow beans, honey carrots, burssil sprouts, rolls, coffee and pie alamode.

Frances from Rochester, N.Y. came with her foot in a hospital shoe that they put on when you have a foot operation. Francis had to have a second operation as her blood pressure was to high to complete the first one. Would y you believe she also had a circumsion operation the week before as it wasn't done when he was a little boy.

Kathy G. we are looking towards your way to see if you are going to make the last meeting to be here in Albany, All the girls keep asking for you, so I can honestly say that you are sure missed. Frances told us she was going to visit you on her way home Sunday, so we told her to tell you to come to our Xmas Party as it is the last one before going to Boston.

I do hope all you girls that are coming to the Xmas Party find some nice gifts for the grab bag, so the girls will have fun taking them away from one another. We are hoping that all will have a good time.

By the way those of you who were still here when Wilma was looking for her southern comfort that she had put away so good that she couldn't find made her a little frustrated and I knew she wouldn't be able to sleep if she didn't find them. After every one was gone she went back down to the cellar to look for them again and to her relief she found them.

Alice I do hope you are feeling better, we felt sorry that you could not stay longer with us as I know you enjoy talking with the girls.

Our list is fast filling up for the Xmas party so any one planning on coming it would be best you call or write soon. Michelle Ann will be our Mrs Claus for the night in her Santa costume. Hope you feel better next month Michelle Ann as we know you were not quite yourself last night.

My thanks to all those who helped me in the kitchen, I hope when you get to some of the gatherings in Boston you will give the same kind of help to Dennie and Michelle Ann.

For those of you who have not been able to make one of the last gatherings it would be nice if you could make a few to Boston and perhaps we can meet and talk over old times. For all of you Mass. members who couldn't make it to Albany for a meeting, this move to Boston for the meetings should make it a lot easier for you to attend and become acquainted with your sister Transves-tites and see what you have in common. I am sure that the girls wouldlike to meet with some of you and talk over girl talk.

It is a good feeling to see the girls month after month and always acting so much like the ladies they want so much to be. The girls always look their best. Some of them have even let their own hair grow so that they are able to have it washed and set in the beauty parlor. It seems that the wigs they used to have to carry with them now stay home on the shelf. They have all come a long since they have been a member in our club. We of course we were happy to help them where ever we could. We have seen many come and we have seen some become a woman thru sex change, and they still acted and behaved well.

Well it's about that time when I have to say goodnight to all and may God bless you and keep you in good health so that we may meet for a long time and stay good friends. Untill next month I'll say

Bye for now

Love Helen

W I L M A ' S V I E W ST R A N S V E S T I S M A N D T H E L A W :

HOW TO KEEP AN ARREST FROM BECOMING A DISASTER: The legal status of the practice of transvestism has been given little attention by legislators and Law enforcement officials. Few TVs have even the foggiest notion of what the laws in their states or communities are with regard to cross-dressing - if, indeed, any such laws exist at all.

However, most TVs quite rightly assume that they run the risk, no matter how slight, of arrest on one charge or another if they dare to venture forth in public dressed in women's attire. But few TVs know what charges may be levied or how to cope intelligently with such a situation when and if it arises.

In far too many cases, TVs go into a state of panic when arrested. They throw themselves on the dubious mercy of the police and attempt to talk themselves out of their plight. Sometimes the arrested TV gives up all hope and admits guilt to any charge, no matter how absurd, which is placed against him. A few TVs have been known to attempt suicide in their cells in the hysterical belief that the world will now automatically reject them. None of these three courses of action is desirable one.

Few states or municipalities in the United States have laws which specifically cover the TV who is "dressed" in public but is otherwise minding his own business. Among those statutes which do exist - such as the masquerading laws the wording is so loose as to give a good lawyer a good chance of winning an acquittal IF he has the complete cooperation of his client.

How can a TV assure himself of the best possible chance of being acquitted in the event he is arrested?

First of all, he must realize that EVERYTHING he says and does from the time he is first challenged by a policeman until the time he appears in court is germane to the case - and it can have a profound effect upon the outcome of the trial, no matter how innocent his words or actions may seem to him.

Secondly, he should secure the services of a reliable attorney. Preferably, this should be done before he makes his debut in public in feminine attire as part of his preparation for it.

I believe there is an urgent need to publish a set of ground rules - in the form of "do's" and "don't's" - to guide those among our readers who MUST go out in public in feminine attire on what to do and what not to do in the event they are arrested.

The following pointers may well prevent an arrest from becoming a disaster which can destroy a TV's status in his society:

- D O ADMIT your male status, if you are questioned in a public place by an officer of the law.
- D O CHECK the identification of the officer, especially if he happens to be a plainclothesman.
- D O OFFER your male name and address ONLY, if you are asked to do so by a bona fide policeman.
- D O SHOW the officer your own legal masculine identification when it is requested from you.
- D O FOLLOW the officer peacefully to the police station if he decides to take you there.
- D O INSIST upon contacting an attorney or public defender as soon as you arrive at the station.
- D O REQUEST postponement of your court appearance if your attorney is not in the courtroom.
- D O N ' T ATTEMPT to flee or evade arrest if a police officer challenges you.
- D O N ' T TRY to bargain with the arresting officer or with any other officer.
- D O N ' T GIVE ANY statement whatever, whether it is a written one or an oral one.
- D O N ' T ANSWER ANY questions with regard to the subject of homosexuality.
- D O N ' T GIVE ANY information as to your job or the identity of your employer.
- D O N ' T ADMIT or DENY the charge which the arresting officer places against you.
- D O N ' T DISCUSS your case with another prisoner or anyone else before trial.

These ground rules are important enough to be well worth your time in committing them to memory, whether or not you ever plan to go out in public dressed, since for the most part they apply to anyone who is arrested on any charge. Essentially, they embody your constitutional rights to due process of law.

When an individual is arrested, it is his right to give only the minimum amount of information outlined in the foregoing rules. The police cannot, under the Constitution, demand information as to your employment, your family connections, your social status, your sexual life, or any of your activities not directly related to the offense for which you are being charged,

While you may think you can curry favor with the police by being overly cooperative with them or by making deals with them, the chances are good that by so doing you merely make the case against you stronger and sabotage the efforts of your attorney to get an acquittal for you.

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Especially in the case of TVs who are arrested, the police must make as strong a case as possible, since the laws under which such an arrest is made are frequently quite flimsy or inapplicable to what you were actually doing or even nonexistent. Unless they can make a strong case against you, they run the risk of being sued for false arrest. And, as anyone who watches detective movies on television knows, anything you say may be held as evidence against you.

On the other hand, by admitting to an officer who challenges you on the street that you are, indeed, a male, you greatly weaken any case he may make on the basis of masquerading. It is only logical that if an officer dares question you at all as to your status as a male, he is absolutely certain that you ARE a male. And a feeble attempt at that point to deny your true gender only adds to the strength of a masquerading charge.

Of special importance is the rule about withholding any information as to your employment status or your employer's name. Not only should you not give the police any clue as to how you earn your living, you should also avoid carrying anything on your person which would convey that information to the police. Only your male identification, such as a driver's license, should be carried on your person at such times.

In most instances, the court has no wish to cause you to lose your job if you are arrested on a masquerading or similar charge. The police are not so fastidious and will often call up your employer to check up on you, once they know who he is. So it is vitally important that you tell them nothing about your employment, ~~no~~ no matter how they attempt to wheedle it out of you.

In summary, the best thing to do when you are arrested is to give only your name and address and say nothing else until you have the advice of an attorney. You do have constitutional rights which no policeman can abridge under the guise of an investigation - no matter what offense you are arrested for. But these rights are something you should never take for granted. It is up to you yourself - and no one else - to see that they are protected to the fullest extent possible.

Dear Wilma;

The question has been asked me by a few member. What happens to our membership in TVIC in January. I wish to take this opportunity to assure all the members that their membership will stand in tacked until their renewal date whether it be May or next December after your retirement.

DIRECTIONS TO SOMERVILE and my home.

FROM Vermont and New Hampshire; From Vermont take I-89 to Concord N.H. at which time you interchange to I-93 south until you reach Rt.128/I-95 south Travel south on Rt 128 till you reach exit 46A. Take Rt 2 East**

From Maine take interstate 95 to I-95/RT 128 south until you reach exit 46A Rt 2 east**

From Rhode Island take I-95 north to I-95/rt 128 north to exit 46A Rt.2 East**

From Conn. take I-86 north from Hartford to I-90 East(Mass.Pike). Leave the Mass Pike at exit 14 and take Rt 128/I-95 north to exit 46A Rt-2 east**

From Albany NY take I-90 east to the Mass Pike The Mass Pike To exit 14. At exit 14 take Rt 128/I-95 north to exit 46A Rt-2 east**

**Travel Rt-2 Approx. 4 milse to the rotary(circle)you take the second right off the rotary(the first right is the continuation of Rt 2 the second right is the Ailwife Parkway). Take the Parkway to the first set of traffic lights. At the lights make a right hand turn on to Massachusetts Ave. Travel down Mass. Ave until you reach the Porter Square Shopping Center(large sign)you will also see a Duncan Donuts in the shopping center. At this point the road forks at the traffic lights,you take the left turn or fork. You are now on Somerville Ave. Travel up the road until you come to the Basketball courts(their is also a skating rink sign very small) opposite the courts is Central street(there is also a Hospital sign on the corner) Make a left turn onto Central street to the top of the hill through the traffic lights.To the second street on the left.This Cambria street my house is the fourth house from the other end of the street #25.

Mr. & Mrs. M. BOLIS

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PARTY DATES: DEC.17th --- JAN 21st --- FEB 18th....

Reservation for the DEC.17th Christmas party must be in by DEC.11th. As we have room for only 30 people. As of today we have already 24 reservations.

CHRISTMAS PARTY GRAB BAG: Thoes of you who have played in our grab bag game know how it works and the fun in it. Thoes of you who wish to play in the grab bag game must bring a gift coasting around \$10. Make it something nice, something you would like to receive yourself. The gift does not have to be a feminine article. You have a very good chance of getting your own gift back. The gift purchase is not compolsery. Thoes who bring a gift will play in the game, the others will watch, as it is as much fun to watch as to play. This game takes about 2 hours to play depending on how many are in the game.

NEW MEMBERS:

JONE M..... BROAD ALBIN.... N.Y.

JOAN S..... ALBANY..... N.Y.

Dear Wilma:

This months sermon might be called "FEMININE SELF RESPECT". In it I must confess that I may make a few of our sisters angry, but I hope many can benefit from my own experience and enjoy the rewards of a feminine figure. A WHAT? Yes I said a feminine figure. To me every girl has the obligation to be as feminine as possible as often as possible and one of the first places to start is with the figure. There are improvements that can be made to give each tv a better, more feminine figure. We all enjoy women with high firm breasts, a flat stomach, moderate hips, a firm yet prominent derriere and long shapely legs. At least I'm sure MOST of us do. Well if these are the figure qualities we enjoy, why not do everything we can to develop these figure characteristics ourselves? I read Glamour, Vogue, Madmoiselle, Cosmopolitan and as many other feminine magazines as I can fit in each month. EVERY ONE has articles EVERY MONTH about the figure, usually one on DIET and one on EXERCISE. And that ladies, is what is needed- DIET and EXERCISE. And, of course the desire to be a better woman. Are you willing to pay the price? In my opinion we all should gladly pay the price. The price, incidently, isn't all that high and the rewards, incidently, are wonderful.

I try, in my own way, to obey my minister- and not be judgemental of people. I see overweight people, lazy people, drug abusers etc and I TRY to tell myself that it is OK for them to be however they wish, I have no authority to judge them- only God can do that. Yet I know about us, crossdressers, TVs, TSSs, whatever we are or may be classified- I know about us and our incredible need to be feminine. How a pair of panties excites us, or a lipstick, a stocking, a magazine, a perfume. We are dedicated to femininity and yet so few of us really work at it. Oh we spend lots of money on intimate little silky things and cosmetics, wigs, dresses, even join clubs and take pictures of ourselves to send to other girls. We love the feel of a brassiere, the smell of perfume, but do we really WORK at our femininity- or just play with it. Enjoy it for awhile and put it away. Or do we study it and practice it, work hard at it. Do we dedicate some time every day not just to dressing, but to being a better woman? I'm afraid most do not. I do.

Arriving home at 5 or 6PM, I immediately run 3 miles, come home and do 50 sit-ups some simple bust exercises, take a shower or bath, cover my torso with a good quality body lotion, and put on a snug brassiere which I will wear until tomorrow when I leave for work. After 6 months the results are a 34B full yet firm breasts, a slim and flat stomach, a firm derriere and shapely legs. Combine this simple, one hour a day, very socially acceptable program (i.e. regular running and exercise is obviously IN and only you need know you do it for your feminine figure) with twice a week shaving wherever necessary and other exercises for legs and derriere AND watch that diet, you will be AMAZED at the results. I have tried so many "easy" methods to build my breasts. I do use a bust cream but I'm not sure it does anything more than make my breasts soft. The real results came from exercise, and here I recommend ~~30~~ 30 DAYS TO A BETTER BUST by Larkin and Davis on Bantam Books. And I do swear by the wearing of a GOOD snug bra every available moment. A snug band and an underwire are best. Pull the breasts hard into the cups, they should not move easily, straps too, snug but not uncomfortable. My favorites: Underwires: Flexnit- CeSoir #4300, Warners- ITS REALLY SOMETHING #1070, Bali- Self Expression #3240, Maidenform-Ambiance #3829 Lily of France #1484, Playtex- Instead #6110, Bali #1650. Unwired: Flexnit A-OK 1116, Maidenform-Delectable #5848, Vassarette-Frankly Feminine #1917, Flexnit A-OK #1102 Maidenform-Body Shimmers #3070, Playtex-Thank Goodness it Fits #414, Warners-Touch of Gloss #1205. Wear an A cup unless only a B is available. Don't worry about fit, or filling the cups initially, that will come in time, but don't pad either.

In short, exercise will shape your legs, derriere and stomach. Bust exercises, bust developers (stay with creams and physical type developers) and the constant urging by the cups of the right bra will work wonders. BE ALL THE GIRL YOU CAN BE.

Need help? Please write.

Love,
Carol Taylor
Carol [redacted]

Dear Helen & Wilma;

I would like to tell you both how happy we are for you and hope so much you have a wonderful time together in retirement. You folks have ment a great deal to my wife & me this last year. I only wish I'd known of you years earlier. Since Helen wrote my wife last spring, things have gone so well regarding my dressing. There hasn't been the least bit problem in that area. Recently after I had been under a lot of pressure at work I had done a lot of housework. She told me I needed a reward & took me shopping for "something special". I was so excited & so appreciative of her & her kindness. Our trip not only made my day, it made my month. I thank you both for your help and assistance in achieving that. Again I wish you both the best of all the world has to offer. KATIE T.....NORTH CHARLESTON.....S.C.

SPECIAL THANKS TOO Velvet George, Fran Brooks, Elayne Wynters, Jeanette Macomb, Fran Vose, Wes & DEE H. for the extra \$ sent in to help with the

postage....

Dear Wilma:

While I was never able to attend one of your monthly meetings I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all you have done through your newsletter. I and I am sure many others have profited a great deal from many of your VIEWS and the moderating words of your wife. Your words have helped many of us to feel more comfortable with ourselves which is quite an achievement. You both will be missed. Good luck & God Bless.

On another subject I would like to let Carol Taylor know how much I have enjoyed her "Underworld" column. In the recent Newsletter she mentioned several lingrie catalogues. She and others might be interested in several other catalogues: (1) LEGGS BRANDS, INC, Box 748, Rural Hall, N.C. 27098 has a discount catalogue featuring seconds on their full line of hosery, lingire, Bali Bras and L'Erin cosmetics. They also have a "Sheir Vaniety" catalog which includes their complete line of hosiery and Vassarette lingire - all first quality. Both are free....(2)NIGHT & DAY INTIMATES, Merchandising Mart, Building 22, Hanover, Pa. 17333 has a very nice lingeire catalog almost on a par with Victoria's Secret. They also feature some very chic hosiery. Cost is \$2 (3)Although I haven't seen one in a couple of years, NIGHT CLUB, P.O.B. 1446, Blaine, Washington, 98230 carries some very nice exotic lingire featuring some gorgeous, bras, bikini and garter belts sets.

Finally, you might mention in the newsletter that I always enjoy corresponding and exchanging photos with the girls. KRISTINA H. K. HORNE.....

Dear Wilma:

Let me say how pleased I am that you printed my plea for correspondance. You are really swell for helping me in that manner. And let me add, the correspondance is pouring in! I received several letters even before I received my copy of the Journal!! Every letter was great, many contained photos and this is one very appreciative "girl".

Next let me say Carol's artical in the Sept Journal was really super! As to the question of the month pertaining to embarressment while dressed, or funniest. This happened to me on a sunny day, around noon in downtown San Jose, Calif. I was dressed in male slacks and sport shirt, but as was normal for me I was wearing nylons, garter belt & lace trimmed panties underneath. I had just exited a lingieri store where I had made additional purchases, and ~~xx~~ started to light a cigarette. I reached into my pocket and somehow caused one of the "books" of matches I carried there to ignite the other book! I quickly removed my hand but this left the burning matches in my pocket. I was slapping my pocket trying to extinish the flame when the second book ignited. Rather worried now I felt I was going to lose my trousers to this flame. I began to move quickly toward a side street and my auto. I was still slapping at the flame and knew I had to remove my trousers before I was seriously injured! I undid my belt and zipper and regardless of the after effects pushed them & down somewhat. Just before exposing my panty clad body to the whole world I realized the fire was out. I quickly redid my trousers, pulled the now expended match books from my pocket and hurried home where I removed my scorched trousers & panties to doctor the reddening blister on my upper thigh. Needless to say I'm no longer a user of "book" matches. sincerely SHEILA. S. PARKS...BOXL%&\$...DUNCAN...OK...73533.

Dear Wilma & Helen;

I just had to write and say thank you for all you both have done for TVs thru TVIC. I never was able to attend a meeting but the newsletter was such a big help for me. You both just have to be special people - so caring & kind-just plain special!

I just can't really put into words what your mature writings - both of you have done to help me & I just want to say thank you. Enjoy your earned retirement - no one has earned it more. Love ELIZABETH [redacted] N, TULLAHOMA, TENN.

Dear Helen & Wilma :

Many thanks for all the long years of running a great organization, Hope Michall Ann can do the same. I am sorry it's moving out of N.Y.State though. M Much harder to get too, had enough to get to Albany But I can't complain really, didn't get to Albany much but wanted too. JEANETTE MACOME, N.Y.C., N.Y.

Dear Wilma & Helen:

I am sorry to hear that you two are retiring from active duty with TVIC: But, I am sure glad that you are doing so in good health and to enjoy your selves.

For years, you have been receiving visitors, but now you can turn the tables and start being a visitor.

I'll be looking forward to hearing of your travels in coming news letters. Best regards . MARILYN HUGHES...GUILDERLAND... N.Y....

SPECIAL THANKS TOO - DONA ESTON, PAULA DAVENPORT for the lovely pictures they sent in for the club album. SPECIAL THANKS TOO - VELVET PORTER & KATIE THOMAS for the news clippings.

MY STORY.....by KIM DEBE

Everyone has his own unusual story about how he started into the world of transvestism. I would like to share my experience of how I became a Tv.

I was 14 years old and a freshman in high school. My girlfriend at that time was in the high school drama club and I was on the school track team.

The drama club was putting on a play called "Ivan." In it there was a scene where a boy was to dress as a girl. A problem came up when not one of the boys in the club could fit into the girl's outfit that was to be worn in the play. The instructor was wondering what she was going to do when I walked into the class to see if my girlfriend was through for the day so that I could walk her home. The drama teacher took one look at me and asked if I had ever done any acting. I told her only once about five years ago in grade school and asked why. She told me about the part in the play where a boy was to dress as a girl and that none of the boys in the club could fit into the outfit. She said she could tell by looking at me that I would have no trouble getting into the costume (I have always been slim and being on the track team helped to keep my weight down). The instructor said she really could ~~could~~ use me for the part. My girlfriend was all for the idea and I agreed to do it.

As it turned out, after I was all dressed up and made up, I looked much better than was planned, and even looked better than some of the real girls in the play.

The play went well and my part was really very easy. Afterwards, I kept the costume on as long as I could as I loved the feeling of the clothes I had on. At that time, of course, I didn't know what a Tv was, or why I was liking the feeling of the girl's clothes. All I knew was that I enjoyed it.

After I had changed my clothes and was about to leave, a man came up to me and asked if I had ever done any female impersonating. I told him no, but I did enjoy the feeling I had when I was dressed as a girl. He said that I was very good and really looked like a girl. He then asked if I would be interested in doing at his two bars as a part time job. He said he would buy all the clothing I would need and would have someone help me to dress and put on makeup, etc. He then told me that he would pay me \$100 a night for doing it. All I would have to do would be to get all dressed up and made up like a girl, go out into the bar, and mingle with the people. He said it would be like a game; he would pay anyone who could pick me out as not being a girl.

Well, needless to say, \$100 was a lot of money for a freshman in high school; especially for only four or five hours a night. Besides the money, I kept thinking of the great feeling I had while dressed as a girl in the school play. To think of being able to do it every week was too much! I only did it on Friday and Saturday nights because I was still in high school, but, at first, that was enough for me.

You have probably guessed by now I grew to love every minute of my work and hated to see the night come to an end. Having one or more pretty girls helping me get dressed, fussing over my makeup, and making sure that I looked my prettiest was great. Going out into the bar and having people see me and think I was a girl was just wonderful.

I did this for about three years off and on. I had to quit because my voice was changing to the point where it was becoming too noticeable to pass as a girl anymore. By this time I was completely hooked on wearing feminine clothes. I tried to break of the feeling and wanting to dress as a girl, but nothing I did worked; it only seemed to make me want to do it all that much more.

So now I dress as a woman as much as I can and love every minute of it. I only wish I had known how good I had it back then and how easy it would have been to make things more pleasurable. I am sure if I would have known then what I know now, my life would have been a lot different today than it is.

 PASSING TIPS: MALE TO FEMALE.

The KEY to "passing" is - think positively, project a positive image of yourself as a man or a woman. Think, feel, act, and be the person you know yourself to be - the person you wish the public to see, to acknowledge and to accept. Don't fret or fuss, just be YOU.

- (1) Dress according to your age and the occasion.
- (2) Wear your own hair if passable but not too long if you are over 40 or purchase a good quality realistic-appearing wig.
- (3) Don't overdo your make-up or your foundation.
- (4) Wear a choker, scarf, turtleneck or high collar to hide a protruding Adam's apple.
- (5) Don't wear dark sunglasses. These will draw attention to your beard shadow.
- (6) If tall, don't slouch or look down, maintain an erect posture: head high, eyes forward. Remember, most models are tall-the leggy look.
- (7) If your voice is very masculine, undergo voice therapy or practice daily talking/singing into a tape recorder and play it back again for feedback.
- (8) Don't try to attract undue attention; try to blend in with the crowd.
- (9) Don't act "queeny" or "sleazy"; act lady-like with womanly grace, poise and dignity.
- (10) Be confident, but not aloof or snobbish; relax, smile, return looks, but don't stare.

Transsexual seeks \$1,000 from eatery

By RENE LAURENT
of The Gazette

A woman who underwent a sex-change operation testified yesterday that she was turned down when she tried to get a noon meal at a downtown snack bar.

The woman, whose name was ordered withheld to protect her privacy, told a court hearing that she was so marked by the rude treatment she stopped eating out and began packing a lunch rather than suffer further humiliation.

Supported by the Quebec Human Rights Commission, the woman is seeking \$1,000 damages from the restaurant owner.

The case, before Judge Pierre Durand of Provincial Court, may set a precedent.

It's the first time anyone has tested whether Quebec's human rights charter protects transsexuals against sex discrimination.

The plaintiff, a 34-year-old postal employee, said she was refused service and insulted at the Casse Croute Allemande on St. Catherine St. E.

She said the incident occurred in May, 1980, about a year after she underwent a sex-change operation.

Describing the events, the woman, who then held a managerial job with the post office, said she had just stepped up to the serving counter when she was ordered off the premises.

"She grabbed my tray and said we don't allow no prostitutes in here," the woman quoted the owner, Anita Anglsberger, as saying.

An earlier witness, Gaetan Gour, said he was eating in the nearly-full restaurant when the woman entered.

Gour, 52, who described himself as a longtime friend of the plaintiff, said he had arranged earlier to have lunch with the woman, who worked nearby.

It was the first time either had entered the restaurant, he added.

Claude Trudel, counsel for the rights commission, asked Gour how his companion was dressed.

"She wore a normal skirt and blouse," Gour replied, adding that his friend was not the type to draw attention to herself and he would not have approved such behavior.

"I don't go out with people who dress extravagantly," said Gour.

A psychiatrist, the third witness called at yesterday's hearing, said transsexuals should not be confused with sexual deviants.

Dr. Pierre Mailloux said the motivation to change one's sex seemingly results from biological factors, and usually appears at an early age.

Judge Durand adjourned the case until next Tuesday, when two defence witnesses, including a policeman, are expected to testify.

WOMAN FATHERS HER OWN CHILD

A HUMAN who is half male and half female may have become pregnant through an "immaculate conception," according to a genetics expert.

The individual, whom doctors refuse to identify, has both male and female organs, and is known biologically as a hermaphrodite. "This is the only case in all recorded medical history where a true hermaphrodite became pregnant," said Dr. Thomas Tegenkamp.

"It's not impossible that she may have impregnated herself," added Tegenkamp, director of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio, and associate professor of genetics at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio.

"Because of the proximity of both male and female organs, the sperm could have migrated into the womb and caused her to become pregnant," he explained.

"Immaculate conceptions — pregnancy without intercourse — have never been documented in humans," according to Dr. Gerard Franklin, a geneticist at the University of Texas.

But the immaculate conception theme is prevalent in many religions, he pointed out, particularly Roman Catholics, who believe the Virgin Mary was the mother of Jesus Christ.

"Immaculate conception is not impossible in the case of a hermaphrodite with reasonably functional sexual organs of both sexes," the professor said.

"And conception without help from a second party is quite common in lower

Incredible case of U.S. mother who is half male

animals, including many species of worms."

Dr. Tegenkamp and his colleague Dr. John Brazzell, say that in addition to male sex organs, the hermaphrodite they examined has ovaries, a female urinary system, a small uterus, small breasts and she menstruates.

She dresses as a woman, has a woman's name, and considers herself a woman — but she performs sexually primarily as a man.

Although she carried the child the full nine-month term, Dr. Tegenkamp said the baby died during a very painful breech birth.

Dr. Brazzell said the woman, who is now aged 47 and lives in Ohio, is about 5 ft,

5 in. tall and has a normal build for a woman.

"But she has rather masculine features, with broad shoulders and large arms."

"I've been a geneticist for 13 years and this is the most unusual case I have ever seen," said Dr. Tegenkamp.

He said there have been only 364 cases of true hermaphroditism reported worldwide since 1899.

Apparently, the Ohio woman kept her secret from almost everyone, according to the doctors.

"We checked past medical records and there is no mention of her obvious medical oddity by any of her past doctors.

"She never discussed it with her parents and, though she comes from a large family, never discussed it with her brother and sisters," Dr. Tegenkamp said.

"She could have had an operation, a sex change to either male or female, but she doesn't want one. She doesn't look abnormal and unless you examined her intimately you'd never know of her condition.

"She is sexually active and very well-adjusted," he added.

— BOB BORINO



41 have 'no regrets' about sex change

Among 49 who had gender switch surgery at hospital since 1966

United Press International

NEW YORK — Forty-one of the 49 sex-change patients at the University of Minnesota Medical Center say they have no regrets about undergoing "gender reassignment" surgery, a psychiatrist said yesterday.

The psychiatrist, Dr. Sharon B. Satterfield, gave a follow-up report on the patients at the annual meeting of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists. The University of Minnesota Medical Center has performed sex-change surgery since 1966.

Surgeons there have performed 41 male to female and eight female to male operations, the report said. Twenty-five of the operations were done between 1966 and 1970.

Researchers tried to contact the 49 people who had the operations at the Minnesota

hospital. Among those who could not or would not respond to the follow-up, one had breast cancer, one with a history of alcoholism had died of a heart attack and one was psychotic — a condition that existed before the surgery.

There also was one suicide.

Candidates with gender identification problems get group therapy before surgery. Males feel they are females trapped in a male body; females feel they are males trapped in a female body. During therapy, attempts are made to make them feel comfortable with their other gender tendencies.

From among those not responding to therapy, surgical candidates are selected. During gender reassignment operations, doctors remodel the genital area and bosom — reducing breasts in cases of female to male and building them in male to female procedures.

The genital surgery attempts to make that area look and function somewhat like that of the "assigned sex." The follow-up showed male to female patients are more satisfied on that score than are female to

male patients.

In either case, however, the report said patients with a history of stability in careers and a high level of intelligence do the best. And those with the best surgical results have the highest satisfaction.

Satterfield's report was read by an associate, Sandra Nohre, a sex therapist in the university's human sexuality program.

Nohre said the operations are expensive, but she would not name a figure. She said a surgeon at the University of Minnesota charges only what Blue Shield and Blue Cross pays.

The first sex change operation in the United States was performed in 1966 at the Johns Hopkins University Medical Center in Baltimore — one month before University of Minnesota doctors performed their first.

Nohre said to her knowledge, sex-change operations these days also are done in Texas and Colorado.

After the presentation, a staffer from Johns Hopkins told Nohre the operations no longer are being done at Hopkins

YOU BE THE JUDGE

By Paul Levine

Police arrest Thomas on a city street because he's dressed in women's clothing, including a short skirt, stockings and high heels.

They charge him with a crime for "impersonating a female," but Thomas claims he's a transsexual and will soon have surgery to become a woman.

A psychiatrist says that Thomas is wearing women's clothes in preparation for the operation.

You're the judge and jury. What's your verdict?

(a) Guilty, because Thomas has committed a crime, regardless of his personal problems.

(b) Thomas goes free because persons are always free to dress as they wish.

(c) Thomas has special reasons for wearing women's clothing, so the law cannot be applied to him.

If you selected (c), your judgment is affirmed. As applied to Thomas, the law would be an unconstitutional invasion of his right of privacy.

(Based on a 1979 Illinois Supreme Court case.)



"After all, I am your wife, so you shouldn't mind waiting for me!"

SHE Was Once a HE

In one of the most bizarre love stories ever, a retired Army officer is suing his beautiful ex-girlfriend — after he found out she once was a man.

For four years, Otto Chesnovsky, 53, and Suzanne Shaw, a 30-year-old blonde dancer, were head over heels in love. They were engaged to be married in 1977.

But the romance spurred a lawsuit instead of a wedding when he learned the startling secret that Shaw was born male but underwent a sex-change operation in 1976.

"It was a shock when I found out she wasn't really a

... And a Love Story Ends In Court Instead of Church

woman," said Chesnovsky. "Someone else told me she had a sex change. I was very disappointed. She's a beautiful woman."

Chesnovsky, who lives in Columbus, Ga., has filed a civil suit against Shaw, demanding the return of \$56,000 in cash, gifts and real estate he gave her during their love affair.

A \$26,000 down payment on a house, a \$3,500 fur coat and a \$5,700 engagement ring are among the items he has listed in the suit filed in Bucks Coun-



DISAPPOINTED
Otto Chesnovsky

Half-Man, Half-Woman — Because Govt. Cut Off \$\$ During Sex Change

Vanessa Vickers has been left half-man, half-woman — because government funds for her sex change from male to female have been cut off.

"It's completely unfair! Medicaid just left her out in the cold," stormed Dr. Roberto Granato, one of the leading specialists in the field.

Vanessa, a 44-year-old writer living in New York, has already lost a number of legal appeals aimed at getting Medicaid funds for the surgery she needs to complete her transformation.

When government officials cut off the funds, Medicaid had already paid for feminizing hormone treatments and for the surgical enlargement of Vanessa's breasts.

"Then the Medicaid officials said, 'That's enough. We won't pay any more,'" said Dr. Granato.

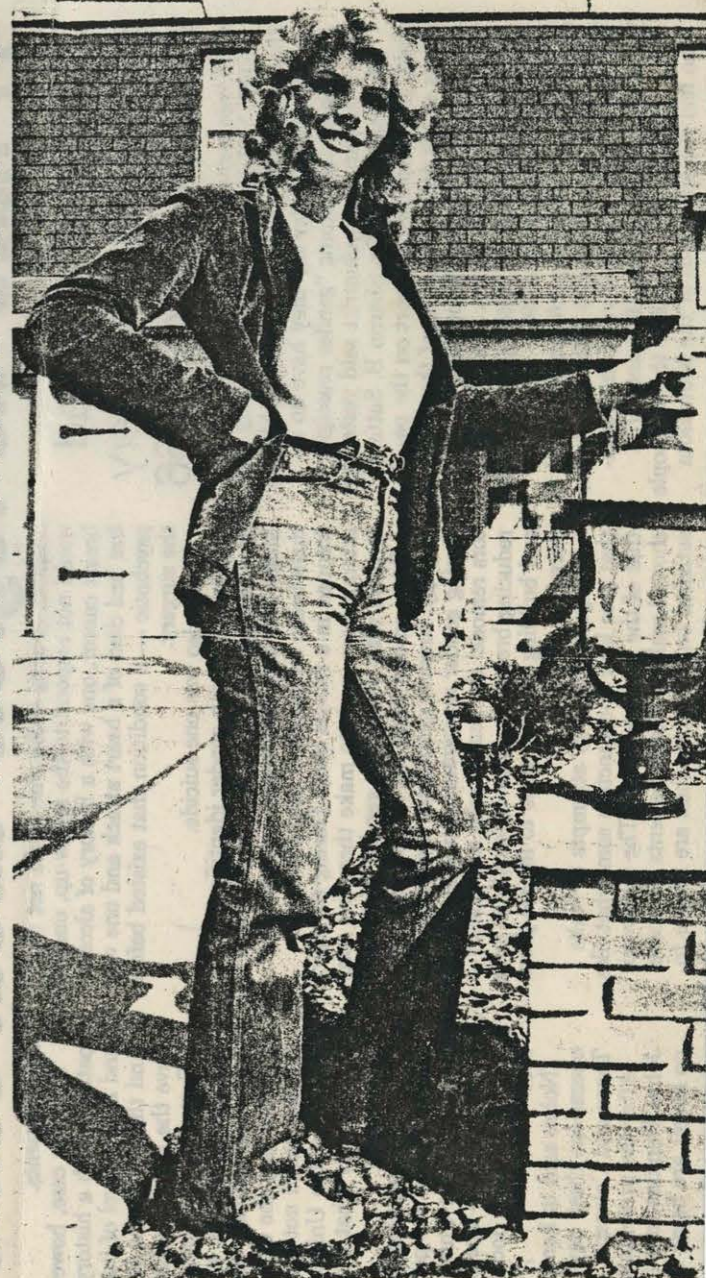
"That's it. So because these funds

By DENNIS D'ANTONIO
were cut off she's half a woman now — a woman with male genitalia (sex organs)."

A spokeswoman for Medicaid said that the laws of confidentiality prevented her from discussing Vanessa's case.

The spokeswoman indicated, however, that Medicaid may not have known what it was paying for in the initial stages of Vanessa's conversion from man to woman.

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STUNNING Suzanne Shaw was a man until a sex-change operation in 1976 turned her into a woman.

— JERRY OPPENHEIMER