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MICHAEL BOLIS

Hello everybody.

Our first gathering was a small one. Three people cancelled out at the last minute Saturday. Sue sorry to hear about your Aunt. Hope Patricia's wife is feeling better. Those here for the first gathering were Janice from Medway Mass., Danielle and Linda from Vermont, and Ronnie from everett Mass. Those who cancelled were Sue from New York and Patricia and his wife from Maine.

For dinner we had Roast fresh Ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, cheese sauce, corn and a relish plate (olives, sweet and dill pickles and cherry tomatoes). For dessert I made a checker board cake which turned out nice and everybody enjoyed it very much.

I had chips and dips ect. for snacking but none were eaten. (Editors note the chips and dips were in the dinning room and we spent the night in the den.) We had a nice sit down dinner and sat and chatted for the evening. Ronnie being a new member had no clothes this time so he kidded Linda into trading clothes. However she put on our daughters robe instead and he put on her clothes for about 45 minutes. At the end of the evening all in all everything went fine. My only wish was that Bill and Helen could have made it here this month. Sure miss seeing all our friends Elanda, Winnie, Prescilla, Cheryl and especially Kathey ect. Just a few that come to mind. Hope to see you in the future.

Hugs--Dennie

Shopping tips for large women

Q. I OWN and operate a vintage clothing/furnishings store with a large-size section and have some suggestions for large women:

1. Padded shoulders (nothing extreme) draw attention from the hips and create the illusion of a longer, straighter, narrower torso.
2. Fabrics. Select natural fabrics, or natural fiber/synthetic blends, but avoid polyester synthetics.
3. Don't shop in the same old department of your favorite department store. Experiment with different areas such as the men's clothing department, which can

How to strengthen your nails

IF YOUR nails are soft, rather than brittle, but tend to break easily, a solution may be as close as the nearest carton of eggs!

Thoroughly wash one egg and immerse in enough fresh lemon juice to cover the top. Let soak for two hours, during which time the acid from the lemon juice will dissolve the calcium in the egg shell.

After two hours, strain the mixture through a cheesecloth and then dilute with two cups of water. Soak nails in the solution daily for at least 15 minutes and within one week your nails should look and feel stronger and healthier.

The mixture may be stored in refrigerator for several days.

offer any woman, any size, a great variety of accessories to build up a wardrobe. The look in fashion now is BIG, and men's fashions aren't as confined as women's (jackets and tuxedo jackets look great on women).

4. Visit vintage clothing

stores. Depending on proportions, some women can wear men's pleated pants.

5. Follow fashion magazines, from Vogue to Big Beautiful Woman.

—Janet

A. MY THANKS for your useful tips.

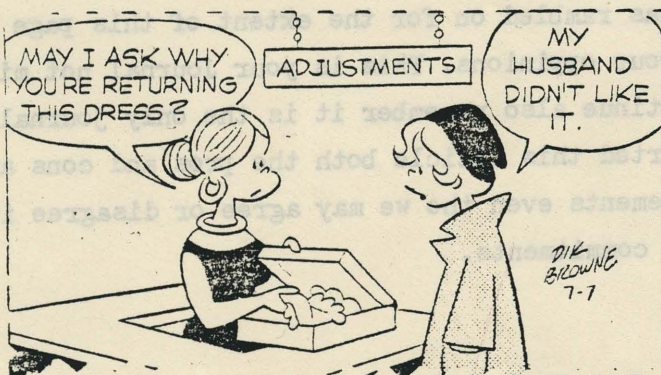
Q. EVERYTHING everything written about large women is for women of average height or taller. Even Carole Shaw, editor of Big Beautiful Woman magazine, does not address people under 5 feet 3 inches.

I am 5 feet 2 inches,

weigh 185 pounds, very short-waisted — in fact, no waist — with short legs.

—A depressed reader

A. ISPOKE with Carole Shaw, and she believes that just the way you wear clothes can make you look much better or far worse. She offers these four basic shopping rules: 1. Use your eyes; you're fat, not stupid. 2. Use the mirror and don't be afraid to see a big woman looking back at you. 3. Use your heart. If you love purple dots go for it; don't wait for permission. 4. Tell your size 7 friend to shut her mouth.



MICHELLE'S VIEWS

Last month I stated I would give my views, whether to come out of the closet or not. As the letters which were printed were both pro and con. Both the pro and con are correct for their situations but I must ask one question. Why does society not accept the Transvestite??? Well I have my own beliefs on the matter which is as long as "society" can say that there are only a few transvestites. Then it can sweep us under the rug so to speak. So I must maintain that as many Transvestites must come out of the closet in order to stop "Society" from sweeping us under that rug. But the coming out must be done by each person after he has decided that it is not wrong for him to do as he wishes. Because each person that comes out of the closet must be ready to convince each person he knows that it is the norm and there thinking otherwise is wrong. Each person must be able to stand before his friends and through self conviction convince them that we are right to do as we wish to do. Therefore I must say that anyone not convinced he or she is doing the right and proper thing, would be best off staying in the closet because if you have not convinced yourself that what you are doing is not wrong then you cannot convince anyone else and your coming out of the closet can be more damaging than help to the cause. But let me remind all, that "Society" is made up of people and we are the people it is made up of. If we (SOCIETY) do not accept what we are doing then that ends our hope to change the rules of our society. There are those who will go on television to further our cause and unfortunately there is one whom I can name (who is from this area) that has gone on Television who has done more to hurt our cause than anyone I know. This opinion is based on the opinion's of so called straight friends which I have, and what they have said to me after seeing this person on television. So remember that how and when you come out of the closet are most important. So take a page from big business which says that whether a product is good or bad the timing and proper advertising can sell anything. I have always found Halloween to be the best time to introduce Michelle around but once introduced she does not go back into the closet. It is always good to remember that most women and children will accept once you have explained it to them. Your problems will come from the so called Macho male whose abilities are limited and because they fear their own lack of Macho you are a great threat to them. This type of person will be your greatest challenge if you can win him over you will have done more than I have ever been able to do. Remember going out dressed is not coming out of the closet because we have all gone out dressed in areas where we are not known and personal recognition is not possible. It is enjoyable and personally satisfying but does nothing to help bring us out of the closet. Remember one other fact if you are not ready to do your part don't expect anyone else to do anything either. It is like this Journal I express my opinion and you can express your opinion but few ever take the opportunity. Less than 5% ever write to express an opinion once they become members but when you remember that in most things less than 5% of the people even come forth to join because of their fears and were I to say I have five thousand names on record then by mathematical norm there is 95 thousand other TV's we have yet to meet. Remember that our Society doesn't admit that even that many men enjoy women's clothing and even though all women wear men's clothing no one admits the reason. (See Article on page 4) Well I have rambled on for the extent of this page now it's your turn sit yourself down and write your opinions. This is your Journal not mine and without your experiences it cannot continue also remember it is the only journal for members only. So as I stated when I started this article both the pros and cons are right for the individuals who made the statements even though we may agree or disagree it depends on our own personal situations and commitments.

PARTY DATES

APRIL 21st - MAY 19th - JUNE 16th are the dates of the next three scheduled parties. Please remember that we need at least three days notification if you are coming to the party so we will have enough food..

BIRTHDAYS

LaPage-----	April	1	C.R. [REDACTED]-----	April	12
D.Frazier-----	"	4	Susan [REDACTED]-----	"	21
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TOO Tanya Strazni for the article for the Journal

NEW MEMBERS

R.TAYLOR ----- Everet, Mass.
E. Cobart ----- Albany, New York

DEAR MICHELLE:

There are two kinds of children; your own and the other guy's. Your own children know you and you know them. But the other guy's kids spot you, read you and insult you.

Don't wait for your children to become adults before telling them who you are. The only excuse for hiding from your own children is fear of them. Fear of rejection by them. If you have been a good parent, there is no need to fear them. Be honest with them, straight forward with the truth not an apology.

As for the other kids, if you are only going out once, avoid them. But if you intend to go out regularly, they can be your best critics. They are absolutely truthful and completely tactless. If you are strong enough to withstand their insults for a few months or years. There may come the day when the insults taper off. Then you will know you are passing.

If the other guy is your brother or nephew. He may want to protect his children from exposure to a half-woman or a part-time women. If you are making a complete gender change, you will one day have to face the issue. But if it is just a rare night out, avoid his kids during the full moon --- and between full moons.

Take it from Tanya; I've been down that road.

Tanya [REDACTED]

Question of the month

What would you say to a friend if he or she caught you out dressed?????
What style of dress do you prefer when home alone?????



Boy George (r) and dancer Miko compare kimonos

Q I would like to know if Boy George of the Culture Club music group is male, female, gay, lesbian, bisexual or a hermaphrodite. What is his or her real name? Why does Boy George wear such outlandish clothes? Even so, I think he's cute.—Betsy J.L., Encino, Calif.

A On his passport, George O'Dowd, 22, declares himself to be a male. He is, of course, a transvestite in that he wears clothes appropriate to the opposite sex. Whether his transvestism is compulsive or commercial is hard at this point to ascertain.

Wife Of Transvestite Shocked On Return



Ann Landers

DEAR ANN- I came home from a trip two days early. When I walked into the apartment I found my husband dressed in my best gown. He was wearing my fanciest jewelry, also my wig. When I tell you I nearly died of the shock you can believe it.

Without saying a word, he handed me a column of yours that appeared a few years back. (I never saw it, but obviously he did.) "This will explain everything," he said, and left the room. Here is the column, but it doesn't "explain everything." Please add some words I can hang on while trying to keep my sanity. -Marge

Dear Ann- A nice young man was arrested recently because he was wearing women's clothing because he was wearing women's clothing while sitting in a public park. Someone started a fight with him and he flattened the guy.

As a fashion historian I can tell you that everything women wear today was once worn by males. Even corsets. During the Crusades, when men donned suits of armor they had to wear heavy undergarments to protect their bodies against chafing of the metal. Christopher Columbus wore bloomers and long stockings. George Washington wore lace blouses and carried a silk handkerchief in his sleeve. He also wore a ribbon in his hair. Men's high heels are not new. They go back to the French Revolution. Even in the bird kingdom the male's plumage is fancier than the female's. The peacock is the best example.

So please Ann, tell your reader's that before they classify a person as "peculiar," they should stop and consider the possibility that he may be a man ahead of his time. -F.H.

Dear Marge - Your husband may well be "a man ahead of his time," but for now you must accept the fact that he is a transvestite.

Some behavioral specialists say all Transvestites are practicing homosexuals. Others say they are not - that they get their jollies dressing up, and that's as far as they go.

You offer no information on your husband's habits, his friends, how long you've been married of whether you could tolerate this sort of thing if he dressed only at home.

I hope you discuss this matter with a therapist before you make any decisions. I'm not suggesting that your husband accompany you for your counseling because transvestites aren't interested in changing. The best you can expect is that he will agree not to appear in drag in your presence, if you ask him not to.....

Girls in boys' briefs: The underlying facts

By Mei-Mei Chan USA TODAY

This is a brief story about men's underwear - some simple scraps of cotton that have become the hottest thing in lingerie since nylons.

Calvin Klien briefs - essentially are plain old men's shorts reshaped for women - have been in the stores only since last November but during the week before Christmas, Bloomingdale's in New York sold a staggering 11,000 pairs (\$7.50 each) in one day. This year Klien expects to sell \$70 million worth of womens briefs.

First-year sales of Jockey For Her (three for \$12.00) were double what was anticipated and now the firm is searching for a female Jim Parker to advertise its new line.

Some companies already are expanding into men's style T-shirts and tank tops.

Why the sudden crossover??

"It's young, new, modern and sexy," says Klien.

"With the popular androgynous look, women are just crazy about it," says Wendy Green of Ithaca manufacturers which expects to make \$25 million with its new Swipes panties (\$3.50) advertised as coming "OUT of his drawers and into yours."

"I don't believe it," says Leon Sokoloff of Newton Manufacturing. Still the firm plans to market both lacy and men's style panties under the Candies label to "cover both ends."

Dan Leider of Modern Globe Sales, which has been making Lollipop cotton panties for 70 years, is more blunt; "We do not make men's underwear. If women want to wear men's underwear, why don't they just go and buy men's underwear? It would be the same thing and a lot cheaper."-----30



"HIS FOR HER" The latest from Jockey International, a cotton string-bikini brief with cotton rib-knit camisole top; available in various colors.

Well according to the above story it looks as if in a few years a man wearing briefs will be called a Transvestite so maybe this is the women's way of putting all men into panties. Just think of it, for years some of us have been shunning jocky shorts and now to remain in style we have to go back to wearing our own shorts. Now that's what I call disgusting. Women have been complaining that we have been getting in their drawers for years and all they have to do is get a manufacturer to make men's shorts with a women's label and it's alright. Well here is a thought why not right Mr. Klien and ask him to put a men's label on the fanciest pair of panties that he can make for us.. Well start writing.

Write off some of them!

BEAUTY HINTS:

Well-Groomed Nails

"We are a nation that speaks with its hands," points out William F. Rosenberg, a vice president at Revlon. "We call attention to them constantly. It detracts terribly if your nails are chewed, cuticles ragged, fingers stained." Being well groomed is no longer thought of as "femi-

nine." The same guidelines apply to men as to women when it comes to nice-looking hands.

First, get together a basic nail kit: a cuticle nipper, nail clipper and file. Push cuticles back with the edge of a towel after showering, gently trim to allow better nail growth. Use nail clipper to preshape nail to the length you want. File to finish by working from each edge to center, not back and forth. For a perfect shine, smooth with nail pumice and lightly buff. Or polish, if desired—for women, dusty rose goes with everything. Use hand cream before bed.



Nails should be slightly rounded for both men and women; follow the natural shape of your finger. Don't file off sharply at edges.

Eyes today should be soft, natural. Allow brows to be fuller and thicker, color to be subtle. Glenn Roberts of Elizabeth Arden recommends pressed powder, not pencil, to add fullness to brows if desired. Use two tones of shadow to recede or highlight. Smudge it on top lid for definition, under bottom lid

to cast "shadow." Liner in gray or gray-blue makes whites whiter. Avoid harsh-looking black.

According to Ida Stewart, vice president and personal assistant at Estée Lauder, a beautiful mouth is as easy as pie: Pat concealer into crevices around

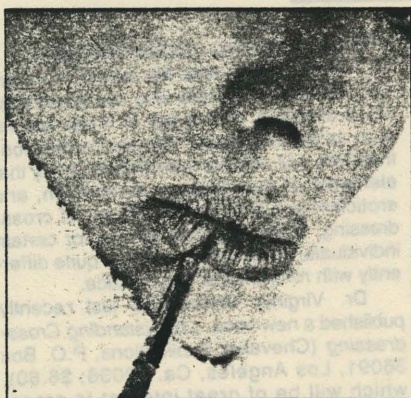


Smoke liner is softer than black.

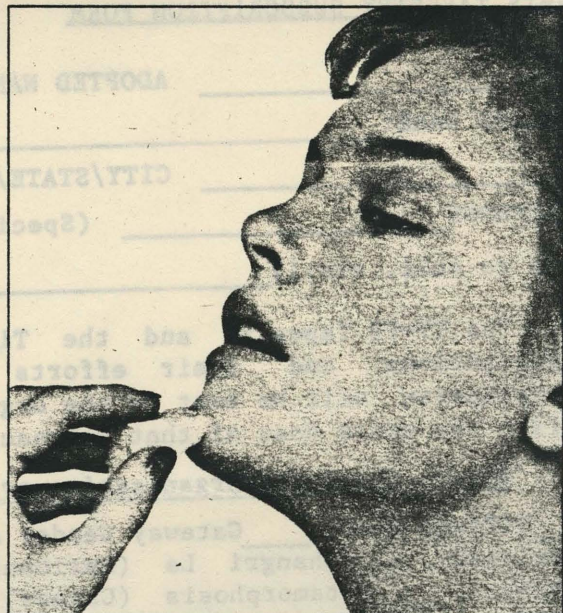


Pencil color should match lipstick.

mouth "like you pat piecrust into a pan." Using your chin as an anchor, outline mouth with pencil that matches lipstick shade. Fill in using lip brush, or dab on pencil color only, for a matte look. Practice techniques on fleshy palm under thumb, where crevices are like those on lips. Shape is as important as color.



Brush gives more control than tube.



Don't go too pink. Neck and face must match!

Foundation Color

"Most women have trouble choosing the right tone," reports Salvatore, director of beauty for Max Factor, "because they try to add color to their faces with foundation. A base should be as close as possible to the normal shade of your skin. Stay with a warm or cool beige. Let the lips, eyes and cheeks add the color." To find the right shade, try it on your face, not on the back of your hand.



Whether you use cream or powder blush, lightly create a rosy cheek.

Blusher is a frequently misused cosmetic. A woman with an orange or pink stripe across her face is adding nothing to her looks except a startling streak of color. Choose a more subtle color that enhances your natural skin tone. Where to apply? "Look in the mirror and smile, then apply blush to the fleshy part—the 'apple'—of the cheek," says Glenn Roberts, Elizabeth

Arden's director of creative training worldwide. Roberts, who sees clients from Honolulu to Stockholm, says, "I do a great deal of making down, not making up, on many people." Using too much is too bad. Glenn's tips: Blush should not be up under eyes, back into hairline, too close to the nose or lower than nose level on your face. It really should go on the cheek.

Bigger Eyes, Appealing Mouth

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Merissa S. Lynn

Merissa Sherrill Lynn Editor, TV-TS Tapestry

From time to time the letters in Forum come from people who are involved in cross-dressing, and a few of these letters, such as the one called "Female Domination" from Mrs. I.M., Illinois (November), imply that elements of degradation, humiliation, and eroticism are attached to the act of cross-dressing. While this may be true for certain individuals, many others function quite differently with reference to this practice.

Dr. Virginia Prince has just recently published a new book, Understanding Cross-dressing (Chevalier Publications, P.O. Box 36091, Los Angeles, Ca. 90036; \$6.60), which will be of great interest to cross-dressers, researchers of the subject, and professional people involved in counseling. I have read it and strongly recommend it to anyone who wants a clear, direct, and factual presentation of the cross-dressing phenomena by an "insider" who knows the subject.

J.R., Texas

TRUTH ABOUT BOY GEORGE'S LOVE LIFE

BOY GEORGE'S love life is as mixed up as his bizarre public image, the pop star's first girlfriend reveals.

Tracy Burch, of London, England, says she fell in love with Boy George long before the rock singer became the heavily made-up, long-haired drag-queen leader of the Culture Club — but their affair was never a physical one.

"I quickly realized there was to be no chance of any sexual relationship between us," explains Tracy, the pretty 21-year-old secretary who taught George about makeup and helped design his celebrated look.



THE FAMILY JEWEL BOX

Here's the perfect gift for that "special" woman—the one just coming out of transsexual surgery!

Put an end to that raging controversy in the transsexual community—the controversy over where to store the mementos of that former life!

Some say the freezer. Some say mounted on the wall. Some say as a toilet-paper holder.

We say none of the above! Our answer? The Family Jewel Box!

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TV GUIDE

Transvestites have always been a flashy bunch... showing-off with exaggerated mannerisms and flamingly flamboyant clothes. Since one notices their dress even before one focuses on their false tits, TV's truly wear their sexual identities "on their sleeves." Their sleeves and other assorted types of apparel drew the attention and invited the wrath of the Church as far back as the 4th century A.D. They made the holy Christian Worst-Dressed List when St. Asterius blasted the men of his diocese for wearing "long robes, girdles, slippers and enormous wigs" to parties celebrating New Year's Eve! We don't know what these cross-dressers wore as street clothes and we are not quite sure if appearances are all that deceiving. What's certain is that the expression "clothes make the man" holds true even in the case of a man dressed in a woman's clothes! It's a good way to get a girl to take off her clothes. Challenge her to prove she isn't a transvestite.

"But the fact that he was so coy did not worry me at all. I loved him from the moment I first saw him and throughout our relationship I always found him very sexy, appealing and full of fun.

"I tried everything to get him to show me some affection," Tracy told GLOBE. "But he was simply not interested in the physical side. He flinched from any contact and just shied away when I tried to kiss him.

"It was soon apparent that it was only going to be a meeting of minds and nothing more. Yet he is still the most wonderful and intriguing person I have ever known."

Tracy says George O'Dowd, Boy's real name, was normal looking when she met him five years ago.

"I remember being surprised the first time we were alone together," she adds. "We started taking off our clothes and I thought we were going to be intimate.

"I was surprised when he started putting on MY clothes. Then he wanted tips on makeup. I showed him how to apply lipstick and put on mascara.

"It was all just a huge joke and we enjoyed the attention of going out to clubs where he was the most glamorous thing in the place.

"When he started getting into the pop scene, I gave him the idea that he should be outrageous and dress up as he wanted to. That was the start of the look that has become so famous."

For more than three years, George's closest friend was

Michael Eggleton, an aspiring fashion designer. "When I first met George around the clubs he was nothing of the extrovert he became," Michael explains. "I was the one heavily into dressing up — he just sort of tagged along.

"We got most of our jewelry and clothes from junk shops and we would give the junk shop people a laugh by trying on the old hats and dresses."

George's outlandish 'style



TRACY with George: "I loved him from the moment I first saw him"

made him a target for "Teddy Boy" street gangs, Michael adds. "We were always being chased and beaten up," he says.

The designer says George tried working in a hat shop, but hated the job and was soon fired. "Losing the job didn't bother him much," Michael recalls. "But he did miss the hats."

In 1980, an unemployed George left London and



BOY GEORGE above, as a blond,

moved to Birmingham for a year. When he came back, says Michael, "he had stacks of makeup. He told me he was modeling and had to wear it for shows."

Tracy insists that girls are attracted to George in spite of his weird get-up. "Girls always went wild about him. He's never had any shortage of offers and, in fact, I stole him from under the nose of a girlfriend of mine who was crazy about him.

"With or without his makeup he is a very attractive, intelligent and sensitive man. I could not care less about his millions, but if he rang me up tomorrow I'd go out with him again."

Boy George, who lives with a man and a woman, is non-committal on the subject of his sexual tastes.

"I'm more into love than I am into sex," he has said. "If you fall in love, it will always affect you. I'm a passionate person, so I can relate to love and write songs about love any time of the day.

"I just do not have a sex life. It's not something I am interested in. I am basically not a sexual person.

"I do go to bed with people sometimes. But so many people have relied on their sexuality throughout the history of pop, and I don't need to do that."

THE PRETTIEST GOVERNOR

Probably the strangest public official in America has come to light in a new book, *Famous Americans You Never Knew Existed* by Bruce Fenton and Mark Fowler. From 1702 until 1708, Edward Hyde, Lord Cornbury, was the governor of New York and New Jersey. Lord Cornbury often appeared in public wearing women's clothes, and went so far as to pose for his official portrait in an

evening gown and lacy kerchief. He was tax-happy—he taxed every male who wore a wig (every male did in those days); and when he had a state dinner (every couple of nights), he charged admission. Although he should have been dismissed on morals charges, the king finally tossed Cornbury out when it was proven that he was taking bribes. *Famous Americans You Never Knew Existed* is published by Scarborough Books and is available at most bookstores for \$6.95.



Macho daddy's a sexy lady now!

By JOE BERGER

Hairy-chested dad Keith Hull was a red-blooded Romeo with an eye for the ladies until a rare tropical disease forced him to undergo surgery — that transformed the balding bruiser into a busty blonde bombshell!

"Just call me Stephanie," he told his startled staff the day he strolled into the office in a frilly blouse and high heels.

Then the sex-swap sweetie perched on the corner of her desk, crossed her shapely legs and told her wide-eyed employees all about the bizarre operation that changed a man's man to a madam.

The broad-shouldered boss had tried to cushion the shock by circulating a memo to workers at Hestair Hope, an education supply firm in Royton, England.

"I will technically be replaced as marketing director by a Miss Stephanie Anne Lloyd," wrote Hull, 37.

"Whilst you will no doubt notice many differences in appearance, our management styles are identical. She will face a difficult time and I know she will appreciate all the help you can give her."

But no amount of advance warning could prepare the girls in the office for the sight of this new belle in the boardroom.

"At first nobody said a word," recalled one secretary. "We thought he might be pulling our legs. Keith had been a real he-man, not a lecher but a chap with an obvious fondness for pretty women. Now he was a woman himself.

"He was wearing makeup

Docs goof & make him female — but he loves it

and perfume and the masculine voice we were all used to was a bit softer.

"We were even told that Stephanie had bought a big dog so she would not be raped."

The strange tale began when Hull traveled overseas and came down with a tropical ailment that left him on the brink of death.

Doctors treated him with a massive dose of female hormones, then told him the treatment had gone awry. They said he'd die within two years unless he submitted to a complete sex change.

The divorced father of three was aghast, but he agreed to have the radical surgery to save his life.

So Keith became Stephanie, and the Johnny-come-lately lady is determined to make the best of a weird situation.

"After my sex change, I didn't buy lunch for a week because people were curious and wanted to take me out to inspect me," she said. "I haven't



Keith Hull before illness forced him to change sex.

bought a drink since Christmas, either.

"I get chatted up by men now but I'm amazed at how corny their lines are. I used to do a lot better than that when I was a man.

"My emotions have changed, too. As a man I never cried. But now, if I break a fingernail



Sexy Stephanie Anne Lloyd was a hairy-chested macho man before a sex-change operation made him a lady.

or snag my stockings, it's disaster. I expect men to open doors for me. I want to be treated like a lady."

"But I'm no women's libber."

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I dress my baby boy like a girl

Dear Doris: I've got the prettiest little baby you've ever seen. He's got long blond curls and rosy cheeks and everyone tells me he's just beautiful.

Little Lester is over a year old now, and I guess it's time to cut his hair and put him in overalls. The trouble is, he's so gorgeous that he looks much better in girls' clothing. When I dress him up in frilly frocks people go wild over him. I'm so proud of his beauty that it seems painful to dress him in plain boys' clothing.

My mom has told me that dressing my boy like a girl will

hurt him psychologically and maybe make him a queer, but I say it doesn't matter because your sexuality is determined from the moment you're born. Who's right? — Doting Mom, Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Doting Mom: Your son may look real cute right now all dressed up in feminine clothes, but you'll end up with a teenage son who keeps borrowing your underwear if you don't stop confusing him about his sex. Your mom is right.