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Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another,  
"What! You, too? I thought I was the only one."--C.S. Lewis



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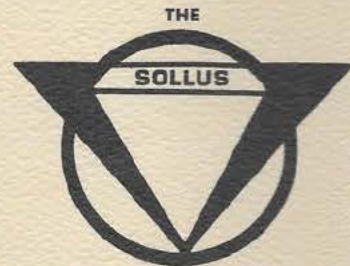
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### PROFILE

The crossdressing and transsexual community in and within commuting distance of The Big Apple have a real gem with whom to work in gaining confidence and ability in their crossdressing skills.

Muriel says "Everyone who comes to me is more than just a customer. I start putting them at ease by showing them the photo albums of 'my girls'; talk to them about their feelings; encourage them in expressing themselves, regardless of gender; and to find confidence in themselves as a whole person.

"I treat each as an individual and I help them dress accordingly. (This personal touch is so important.)

"Many are so shy and are actually paranoid about their dressing and being discovered. Few can believe no one will recognize them if they dress and make-up properly.

"I feel it's a job well done when I get them out of the closet and into society through the GGA meetings and Joyce Dewhurst's parties, where they meet others of lose their fears.

"I am very proud of 'les girls' and do everything I can to promote them, to help them allay their guilt and fears and help them find a new and peaceful world among new friends in the gender community."

Among Muriel's qualifications to provide the help she does to all her clients -- not only her crossdressing clients -- is her attendance and graduation from a Barbizon School of Modeling; several years of active modeling work; she majored in psychology so knows a few "tricks of the trade" when it comes to working with people.

Classes in health, charm, nutrition, poise, make-up, fashion and decorum for both women and "les girls" are held in the boutique. As a fashion designer and dressmaker she can "whip" things up designed and made to order in the boutique. It appears Muriel can help almost anyone with almost anything.

Muriel will be running the fashion show and boutique at the September 18th "Joyce Dewhurst Afternoon" in Elmhurst. Members of GGA-NY and some of Joyce Dewhurst's people will be modeling of "the best of Muriel's" including lingerie, gowns, costumes, maid's outfits and even a wedding dress with hat, complete with a bride's maid and maids of honor. To quote

Muriel it will be a "Show of Shows". Hopefully, someone will get pictures of this event for the Phoenix so those unable to attend will be able to see what they missed.

Muriel has volunteered to do a column for the Phoenix which will be appearing soon. We have been casting about for a format and have decided, at least initially, it will be unstructured, and leave it to the readers to decide where it should go. If a Question and Answer column is wanted, that's what it will be, although generally columns on specific subjects tend to impart more information to more people than do question and answer columns.

So, look forward to seeing reports of the happening "back east" coming in from Muriel and a new feature to start soon in the Phoenix.

### DREAM '82

For those of you who have been awaiting "The Word" on Dream '82 it's at long last out. Unfortunately, "The Word" isn't what so many of you hoped for. Put simply, there won't be a "Dream '82".

The reasons for cancelation are many and varied but basically they boil down to overwork on Marilyn's (the usual sponsor) part and continued poor health of the woman who directs the make-up and "fem" courses presented at Dream.

The officers of NW-GGA are hoping to hold a "mini-Dream" this year and if possible sponsor a national "Dream" in '83.

The lose of an event like "Dream" is felt throughout the community since they are often the only chance many have to get out and be their fem-selves during the year. Of course there is also the lose to those who attend them just to see old friends and make new ones -- and do a little gossiping on the side.

As plans, for "Dream '83" gel we'll do our best, depending on the information supplied, to keep you informed. Those planning to attend "Dream '82" might want to consider, if the travel cost isn't too great, attending the "Success Week-end" sponsored by the Success Chapter and scheduled for October 24th thru 30th at Daytona Beach, FL. Those interested in attending "Success" need only contact Susan [REDACTED] PO Box 1601 Pinellas Park, FL 33565. (See the full page ad on page 13 of the July Phoenix).



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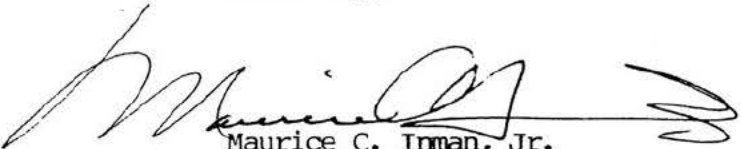
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Dear Ms. Clark:

Your April 9, 1982 letter to the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service regarding INS policy toward lawful permanent residents who are transsexuals has been referred to me for reply.

Generally, if a lawful permanent resident (a "green card" holder) were diagnosed as suffering from gender dysphoria syndrome and were recommended for sex reassignment surgery, the INS should be informed when the sex reassignment is completed and an application for a replacement Form I-551 (a green card) should be made so that the change may be noted in the alien's file and so that the appropriate photograph and new legal name will appear on the card.

Sincerely,



Maurice C. Inman, Jr.  
General Counsel

## SOME THOUGHTS ON PAIN

Marilyn S.

Pain is a part of the body's warning system. It is an indication that something unusual is happening to our body and requires our attention. A great deal of new research is going on in regards to pain and much new light is being shed on this age old problem. A headache can be eliminated in a matter of minutes with the proper concentration. Now we have all been told by a higher authority that electrolysis and going to the dentist are painful events, so naturally we believe it. Higher authority is always correct. The pain we feel is the body sending a warning message that something unusual is happening and requires some form of action on our part.

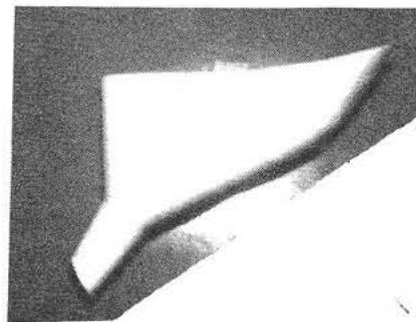
In the case of electrolysis we already know what is going on so there is no need for the message to be repeated. When we do not take action the body can follow one of two different courses. The pain signals diminish with each repetition or the body gets frustrated with our lack of concern and each signal becomes more intense. It is quite possible to relax and speak to the pain or even visualize it out of existence. Thank the pain for the message and acknowledge that you want to continue the therapy but have no further need of the pain.

Recently a doctor spoke of visualizing pain in a container and gradually reducing the size of the container until it vanished, taking the pain with it. Learning deep relaxation or self-hypnosis can be an invaluable aid in alleviating pain in situations where the warning is no longer necessary for the protection of the body. My own method of pain reduction during electrolysis or dental work is to get as comfortable as possible, relax the entire body and mentally leave the scene. Just because your body has to be there does not mean you have to be there mentally. We have all experienced day dreaming, we take all sorts of mini-vacations during the course of the day. Just decide where you want to be and go there. You can choose one special place and go there each time or become a world traveler. A special memory is always a nice place to go and there are no surprises, you know what is going to happen.

A prisoner of war once reported that he was able to totally leave his body during torturous interrogation, thereby eliminating the pain. Deep relaxation actually increases the Endorphins sent to the brain and these endorphins act as a natural analgesic. Relaxation does take practice and concentration, so it is necessary to work with it in a nonthreatening situation before you can expect it to work during a time of stress and pain.

There are also ways of reducing pain nutritionally. Our beliefs, attitudes and state of well being all play vital roles in how much pain we will feel at any given time. A bumped elbow is barely felt when you are having a good time, but the same injury can be unbearable if we are feeling sad. If at all possible, have any painful work done when you are calm, unworried and unhurried. By the very nature of his life style, the Transsexual or crossdresser creates a life with added stress, learning some form of deep relaxation or meditation can be of tremendous value in reducing some of the seemingly unavoidable pain and suffering.

SANI-FEM UAD



The above pictured item is a commercially manufactured urinary assist device for generic women. While it may be effective in serving its intended purpose it is not for the FTM. Its dimensions make it impractical for the MTF since its very size (3 1/4" from the tip of the spout to the upper left corner at the top; 5 5/8" from the tip of the spout along the lower side to the rear of the "cup" and 4 5/16" across the top from front to back) prevents it from being easily concealed in a pants pocket or inserted in the vagina. It cannot be worn inside trousers and probably is best transported in a purse or attache case.

While, as the old saying goes, it's handy to have along on a picnic, it really isn't practical for the FTM to use as a UAD in public -- although it might serve as a tool with which to practise urinating while standing.

For those of you wishing to obtain one for experimentation send \$5.99 plus 75 cents for postage and handling to Sanifem, Box 666, Downey, CA 90241. California residents will have to add 6% sales tax.

DEAR DOCTOR MICHELLE  
by  
Michelle  
Williams, M.D.

The advice provided  
in this column is  
given with the un-  
derstanding that the  
inquirer and readers  
MUST consult their  
own physicians for  
medical attention.



(If you have any medical questions re-  
lated to your crossdressing or trans-  
sexual lifestyle address them to Dear  
Doctor, c/o GGA, PO Box 62283, Sunnyvale,  
CA 94088.)

Dear Doctor Michelle,

I am a 62 year old transsexual and  
have, for many years, been considering  
surgery. I'm reasonably healthy and have  
been on hormones, intermittently, for the  
past 5 years. I pass well when dressed  
and I have completed my electrolysis. Is  
it possible to find a surgeon who will  
perform reassignment surgery on someone  
my age?

Carole  
(California)

Dear Carole,

Providing that what you have stated is  
substantially true and that you have a  
retirement income to which you can look  
forward it is not unlikely that a surgeon  
could be persuaded to do your surgery.  
There have been many male-to-female pro-  
cedures done, in the last 10 years, on  
people over fifty years of age. While it  
is not considered in the same ball park  
as open heart surgery it is major sur-  
gery. It is possible to do it under reg-  
ional or spinal anaesthetic and it is not  
as likely to be a life threatening oper-  
ation.

The cosmetic result and healing will  
probably be less good than on patient in  
the second or third decade of life. How-  
ever, at your age a young lady's geni-  
talia is not at all necessary. In fact  
many women your age will have had vaginal  
hysterectomies and cosmetic repairs to  
the vagina which leave an end product  
remarkably similar to that which is ach-  
ieved with gender reassignment surgery.

Providing the logistics of the gender  
reassignment are workable you may be an  
excellent candidate for reassignment  
surgery. I would suggest, in your area,  
you contact either Dr. Laub in Palo Alto  
or Dr. Biber in Trinidad, Colorado.

Good luck and I hope you enjoy your  
retirement to the fullest extent by ful-  
filling your life long dream.

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that's when the new Correspondent's Dir-  
ectory is printed each year. So, if your  
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Ellen (OR-2)

CHAPTER CHATTER  
PORTLAND (OR). We have been remiss in providing information on our past meetings, but we'll make up for that by reporting on three at once.

First, let me report that we were invited to participate in a radio talk show originating from McMinnville (about 30 miles southwest of Portland). While negotiations were going on with the show hostess we were informed that the station management felt the show would too controversial and that McMinnville just "was ready for a show like that." Dee Dee, the hostess, assures us she will keep plugging away at management and hopefully the town will be ready for something like that in the foreseeable future. Ah, small religious college towns just aren't as hip as we like to think they are. Possibly station management has failed to realize, by their decision, they are denying succor to the crossdressing and transsexual students at the college.

Now that the heavy stuff is out of the way we'll get on to the lighter side.

In April we had a good turn out. Our meeting attendance doesn't yet number in the hundreds, but we're working on it. Brenda Kaye, who runs a wig shop, gave a presentation on selecting and caring for wigs and used some of our ladies as models. Dorothy (CN-22) visited us and served as one of the wig models.

Shirley and Dianna "hostessed" a slumber party for us in May and those of you who gave it a bye missed a great gourmet breakfast cooked by Shirley.

Our June meeting was real smash! Carol, our meeting planner, worked out an arrangement whereby we could start the evening at Nails Up Front for a show and tell session on nail care, maintenance and manicuring. Payton, the shop operator, discussed the use of "falsies" for those of us who aren't able to have naturally longish nails. She also talked about the longer nails which can be worn by males with out fear of critical comments from fellow workers.

Following the session at Nails we spent a nice evening at the Rage Inn at 330 SW Washington, having a late evening snack and a few sips of the old grape. A god time seemed to be had by all.

We'll have more for you next time.



Nancy (VA-3)

HAMPTON ROADS (VA). We are the newest GGA Chapter and haven't yet gotten into the swing of making information about our meetings available to you via the Phoenix.

We are a busy and growing Chapter tho, since we were affiliated with another organization until we made the decision to join GGA. We'll make up for our deficiency of reportage in the future so be sure and read the Chapter Chatter Page for news of The Hampton Roads doings.

MICHELLE ON THE TOWN!



Wow! THAT'S what I call a gown!



No, my date isn't a bust.

THE MAGIC OF SURGERY  
by Jennifer [REDACTED]

How often have you heard a story along the following lines? "I got started in life on the wrong foot; I was born in the body of a boy. All my life, then, through the years, I had to act and react as though I were comfortable being a boy so as to avoid whatever punishment or negative reinforcement I might run into for acting a bit "girlish" or for not "acting like a man". I hated it. I couldn't stand it, living like that day after day, year after year -- I think it nearly ruined me. It's easy to understand why that might unnaturally inhibit any natural emotional expression that could have come from me. I mean, after all, living where it was taboo for a boy to be the least feminine -- how could I possibly "let go" and let it all hang out? Heavens, I was slapped and called down many times for crying about something or for effeminate speech. The boys didn't mind at all letting me know I wasn't as tough as they were, or as aggressive. Sure, I learned at a very early age to keep myself hidden from other people. It was smart of me. I had to do it.

"Oh, yes, I was also kinda introverted, but surely you can see that. I found out I could make it through tough times that way. It was too painful for me to mix, so I didn't, but it was hard. I wanted to be a normal person, like all the other kids -- run around, have lots of friends, know that they liked me, have fun with them -- but, I was too withdrawn. I never really got into them much.

"I never got to enjoy them or my social life the way I'd like to have, but then it wasn't my fault. I was a victim of circumstances. I don't know whether it might have been some super-strong genetic disposition to transsexualism, environmental circumstances or a combination of both or something else included I can't even think of, but this happened to me. I'm a victim.

"I also notice a myriad of residual effects, one of which is the inadequate or inappropriate way in which I interact with most other people around me, whatever it might be. It's a problem I don't like, but, I've got it. I don't like to admit it, but I've got it. I don't like to admit it, but I'm uneasy when I'm at a party or in most other "easy" situations

many other people find themselves in. I usually think that I didn't handle myself quite as well after I've left them, or I'm dissatisfied, feeling I didn't enjoy myself as much as I should have been able to. It comes from years of experience. I didn't cultivate this over night.

"Another residual effect is this uncomfortable element of masculinity within my psyche. It makes me damn uncomfortable to run into a morning when I feel that way. Ruins my whole day.

"But, finally, on a social level, I've been able to correct this fluke of nature. I've changed my social status/mode of living and now live like a woman. I know I still don't loosen up enough, but that'll come after surgery. That's where it's at. I'm only just imitating the part of a woman until then. As soon as I have the operation I'll be a new woman. I'll be the warm friendly type of person I've always wished I could be, and, as a result, I'll have those friends I missed out on earlier because of my introversion or "interactional retardation".

"With surgery I'll be able to do anything I want to do. I can't wait. The future looks so bright and I'm so eager to join it. I think, also, that whatever masculine characteristics I have will be gone because that will be a turning point in my life. I'll suddenly be able to release all that stuff cooped up inside of me. Then, I'll be a woman. That's the reason I haven't been able to interact properly, to let my hair down, to be myself. That's why I have so many head trips, because I haven't had my surgery."

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And on, and on and on. Surgery is the big trip. My boss was just through here a second ago, and said "that's a problem many people have with plastic surgery. They think if they have their breasts lifted, or whatever, they're going to meet people ....." and he's right. Surgery changes the body; your actions change your interactions. The above is offered as a description of the type of personality that thinks there is something magical or mystical about "The Surgery", that there's something about it which will change a person's mode of interaction, being with other people in every situation.



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But there's nothing magical about it. Surgery is a very physical thing which affects a change in the body. When you leave the hospital there will be no change in the real YOU from the time you entered, with the exception of that which was manufactured by the surgeon, and your temporarily depleted physical state. You'll still interact from the years of experience living the way you were accustomed to living.

Stop and think about that for a minute. Yes, a person can go into a hospital and have surgery, coming out of it feeling like they've finally made it, relieved that it's over, angry that it took so long to achieve and glad to then start living in the manner they always wanted to. They can then go begin their lives, learn to interact with other people on a more open and positive basis than in the past. Life could, from that point on, be something special, something they cherish.

But, if this is the case, why did that person wait for surgery to start life in that way? In every social situation that is non-genitally revealing you can live, as a pre-op, like that sort of person. Appearing as a woman to those around, being accepted as such, you should then certainly be able to react as one. If others don't know you have male genitalia, should it hamper your conversation with them?

Assume a club wherein no one knows your background. If, one month you're a pre-op and you're all inhibited in your interactions and the next month you've had your surgery will you suddenly handle yourself better in your conversations with them? Will you suddenly be skilled in the creation of spontaneous come-backs which are necessary in light, quick, "meeting" situations?

If you think so, then let me ask this: What really changed in the above situation? You, through your surgery? They didn't know you ever had anything such as a penis under your skirt. Nothing changed on their part, except their reaction to you. And then, what changed in you that they could notice? It's not your new genitalia but your attitude. If you did let your hair down with them and if they did respond better to you, then your actions prompted their reactions. Your interaction was improved because you were relaxed, confident knowing you were okay.

I'm not writing this as a transgenderist advocate. I am very much in favor of sex reassignment surgery for those who can demonstrate it's right for them and that they will be able to adjust to it. (Believe it or not, some people don't adjust to it.) Why can't you "live" until you've got your surgery? Why must you wait until after surgery before beginning your adjustment to your new, spontaneous, care-free way of expressing yourself?

Why? Some people are afraid of the attempt (and then feel pressured into that adjustment after surgery because they always used the waiting period as a cop-out). It's natural for people to fear such a big step as expressing themselves in a casual manner when, from early childhood, they learned to expect punishment of some sort when they did. There's that chance: I'll be rejected; I'll make a fool of myself; I won't be able to do it right... Certainly, you won't be rejected if you don't interact, right? Wrong! Into what group will you be accepted if you don't interact with them? You must interact to belong!

A very interesting comparison is the plight of the adolescent. They've been taught all their lives that they are going to have to go out into the world and make something of themselves. "What?" is up to them. The family and friends are willing to help (emotional support, college, etc.) but they still have to accomplish this on their own. They've lived all their lives dependent on their family, but they can't do that forever. It's scary to think of this growth, but it has got to happen or they won't be able to live life in any way that will be truly rewarding to them and they know it. They want to evolve, but they also want to stay. They don't know how to evolve from here; they've never done it before. As such, "I need someone to show me the way -- give me the magic answer that will make it all easy." But nobody knows you well enough to look directly into your psyche and say those exact words that will make it all click for you, and then suddenly you'll know that you can do it. Nobody can give you that magic answer, say those hidden words, think for you which you must think. It's a personal experience when you find that you took a chance on having what you want and you got it.

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This is the kind of thing surgery cannot do. A college degree doesn't determine success in life it only helps in areas where a degree is necessary. Surgery will not determine successful, social interactions for you; it'll only help you where genitalia are needed such as in genitally revealing situations.

It's very important to know this before you enter into surgery and do something you might find hard to live with later. Some very respectable, intelligent, reputable people have had reassignment surgery and found later it just wasn't right for them. They tried living, post-operatively, as a woman and found there was no magic answer. Life still had to be contended with as always. There were still ordinary problems of interaction, money, finding the right lover, etc. that they had had all along.

The key to success with this is to try living as a woman pre-operatively. That is, living as a woman, not like a woman (as a good friend of mine pointed out the other day). Be a woman NOW. If you're in a situation where you've the option to interact without needing your genitalia to do it, then do it as if you have always been a woman. There's no reason not to. There is so much you can get into while waiting for your surgery. You can live now as the person you think you can be only after surgery. You can put it into practice. You can know after some time that being a woman is right for you -- even before surgery -- because you are complete already, mentally, so you won't be taking a chance when you have surgery. There won't be any "After surgery 'this' will happen to change my personality." Whatever "this" is can only be concluded before surgery inductively, which means that conclusion is not certain. There is a chance of it being incorrect. It's a mistake to assume you'll like the person you think you'll turn out to be after surgery.

And what else will you get out of this perspective? Your waiting time (up to surgery) seems to pass more quickly because you're living in a more enjoyable manner. And when the time comes you won't be pressured into the adjustments you'll face because you postponed them saying "surgery will do it for me." The adjustment I'm speaking of is mental and it takes effort. Nothing the surgeon does between your legs will directly affect

your personality expression.

I have to tell you, I'm a pre-op myself and I'm not sitting here on my doughnut throne pontificating, telling you how to do something I may or may not have done. I'm doing it now. It's a gradual process, overcoming years of personality inhibitions, but it can be done and will take work whenever you do it. It takes pushing yourself into something you feel you should be able to do "if (you were) a normal woman", even though there's some deep, ingrained fear of the situation from years of prior counter-conditioning. It takes experience in doing the things you feel you wish you could do like other women. It takes looking deep and recognizing the feminine parts within you (which you claim you've had to work to hide) and letting them out. If you're a "classic transsexual" then feminine expression has never been hard for you, so work on simply not working to accent or create masculine expressions.

You can't do it overnight. It takes time to recondition your responses. Would my head not turn, after surgery, when I hear someone call out my old name to another? No. It simply takes rooting into my new name, reconditioning my responses. As time goes by, more and more, I find I am becoming the person I always wanted to be. Oh, I'm sexually frustrated (wanting only men -- vaginally), but I'm not yet in the position (no pun intended) to have sex.

I make it a habit to do everything possible with my life to live now in the ideal style I've dreamed of all my life. I enjoy it and I refuse to be emotionally inhibited anymore -- I had enough of that before. I live in that ideal state now, even to the point of dating, which I must admit is frustrating, but as I used to tell my little brother, "half a cookie is better than no cookie at all." And, I gain some experience with these men which helps me in succeeding dates. As I told my physician recently, I'm the "wife type". I plan to be a clinical psychologist, occupationally, but familiarly I want to be the wife of a beautiful husband and mother to some great kids. I'm very picky about the man I hitch up with. I think I'll meet very few of the right sort throughout my life and I'm not about to let one slide by now just because I haven't had my surgery.



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Another good friend pointed out to me recently, a girl doesn't have to go to bed with every man she meets. And, if she wants to involve herself with someone who cares about her and not just a few hours between the sheets she should be a bit restrained in this department. With standards I'm comfortable living by, no man should be able to buy his way up my skirt with dinner and a movie. I don't want to sell it; I want to share it with someone I care for. (That's only my view for the handling of my sex life, but you might care to adopt it temporarily, if it helps you to date pre-operatively.)

It's so important to get away from any idea that surgery is going to do more for you than it really will. It doesn't cure neuroses. It simply enables you to live a more complete life, if you're going to live as the other sex (biologically), but it doesn't enable you to live all of it. Overcoming such as situational introversion, rejection complexes, general inhibitions is something that's going to have to take place in your mind.

Please consider my thoughts. Our goals, as persons in transition, are that if we are of the opposite sex then we can live as we feel we must, and so we change our sex. But, as everyone should know, our change is not just completed with surgery. It's also a social and mental adjustment. A fool is one who misses his goal when it's right in front of him. Don't miss your chance to live the way you wish you could. You can do it now. It won't be any easier after surgery. Re-assignment surgery isn't, after all magic.



## MAIL BAG

Dear Editors

I am a female-to-male TS and read the article concerning top surgery in the March '82 Phoenix.

I had my top surgery in May '81 here in Las Vegas. Dr. Tippet, an excellent cosmetic surgeon, formerly working at the Mayo Clinic (Rochester, Minnesota) and having a practise in Texas in addition to his practise here in Vegas did the procedure. He does nothing but breast surgery. He also does corrective procedures on breasts where the original procedure was "botched". His initial consultation is free.

I had 32-As and he simply made a small incision at the base of the areola where it meets the skin and took the tissue out that way. I was awake during the whole procedure and even had him show me the tissue removed from one breast.

A friend drove me home from the doctor's office. Even though I had drainage tubes and bottle attached I was up and around the next day and went, with another friend, to MacDonald's for breakfast and then to a shopping mall for a few hours.

I dare anyone to find the scars. I have, as far as I can tell, total feeling there and it probably took several months to return. Really, it's hard to say as I wasn't paying that much attention.

I am very pleased with the results.

David (NV-10)

(NOTE: the method used on David is the "Keyhole Method".)

Dear Editors,

I'd like to make a few comments concerning the Correspondent's Directory. I don't feel a member's skin coloring should be automatically listed. If someone wants to make a point of it, they are free to do so in their space. This is an organization about Gender not height, weight, age, education, occupation, race, religion, creed or color. I'm afraid that racial discrimination will result more than catering to discriminating tastes. Suzanne (CA-25)

Dear Suz,

You're quite right concerning "what we are about". The application form sent to each potential associate asks only for a mailing name (not even a legal name -- just one in which to receive mail), a

(Mail Bag - continued)

mailing address, whether the individual is a MTF TV or TS or a FTM TV or TS and a Fem or Butch name. There is also a blank in which a phone number may be listed -- an option. That's all we need. The reverse side of the form is used by the applicant to provide the information they, repeat, they want to appear in the Directory. Organizationally we couldn't care less how tall or short an individual is, what color they are or anything else of a "personal nature". You'll see some individuals are listed as bi-sexual, we don't assign that label, they do. Individuals provide the information they do as an aid to others in selecting contacts. The same applies to pictures in the Directory.

We do thank you, Suze, for making your thoughts available to us, and the readers and hopefully no one will use the information in the Directory to spread racial tensions-- Lord knows there is already enough of that unlovely sentiment around without any more fuel being added to the fire.

Oh, before I forget it, thank you for renewing. It's always heartening to see an "old" Associate such as you renew each year.  
Editor

Considering the fact that in the months since my name first appeared in the Correspondent's Directory I have not received one single response. It's hard enough facing the fact of not having any understanding friends in the area I don't need to be reminded over and over again that not one person in your membership could take the time to write and try and help me.

Sincerely,  
Kathi Ryan (MO-15)  
Florissant, MO.

Dear Kathi,

It's indeed a shame that no one has contacted you. Obviously out there in "Stickville" contacts are hard to come by. We have included the name of the town in which you receive mail because, believe it or not, we have a new Subscriber from the same town.

By the way Dear, how many letters have you written to others? Or have you just been waiting for someone to contact you?

Editor

#### AN ADVENTURE OF COURTNEY DAVIS

"The Adventures of Courtney Davis" is a platform in which readers may present their own humorous, dramatic, unusual or just plain embarrassing stories. We have selected the neuter-gender name Courtney Davis so both the FTM and the MTF may submit stories under a cloak of anonymity. You need not identify yourself when sending us your story. So, come on! Let's hear yours.

Being from a small midwestern town and thus possessing those ingrained attitudes, even though living in the cosmopolitan city of San Francisco, I was having difficulty overcoming my reticence concerning going out crossdressed, but I was tired of getting dressed for the mirror and not having the nerve to go out and live a little. So, when an out of town trip came up, I decided to travel dressed and let the chips fall where they may (if they fell).

On the appointed day, I hurried home from work to get ready. I took a long, leisurely bath; having shaved my legs the night before, I didn't have that to slow me down.

After towel drying, I thought it best to "air dry" the body and face slightly so I laid out the clothing I would wear. My new girdle, with garter tabs, a new lacy bra and pantie set that matched the lovely, frothy slip I would wear, and the patterned nylon stockings purchased for just such an outing. Out came the new sheer blouse with the fake cravat at the mandarin-styled collar and the matching knee-length skirt. Out came the diamond "engagement" ring and the matching dangley earrings.

When I was sufficiently dry, I put on my underclothing, marveling at the lovely feel of each garment. The last thing to "go on" as part of the "underclothing" were the realistic gel-filled mastectomy pads I use as bust enhancement.

I spent about 40 minutes making up my face, carefully drawing on the lip line and doing my eyes. I looked smashing, if I do say so myself -- and at that time I was the only one who could tell me that, as no one else had yet seen "me".

With the make-up complete I finished dressing and, after checking my purse for wallet, money, credit cards and keys I was ready to go. Wisely, or unwisely, I



Los Angeles that night. But the airline shuttled us to one of the airport hotels and put us up for the rest of the night. Before leaving the terminal I booked out on the 11 a.m. flight.

I left a wake-up call for 9 a.m. and was up and showered in plenty of time for breakfast and to make the flight.

If there was one thing I thanked the heavens above for, it was my having learned years ago not to check baggage through if at all possible. Had I been separated from my razor and make-up I would have been in a lot of psychological hot water. Can't you just see me, dressed in my skirted traveling suit, frilly blouse, nylon hose and two inch heels tripping into an airport barber shop for a shave and then asking to use the mirror to apply my make-up? That certainly would have raised more than a few eyebrows and caused more than its share of muttered and spoken comments. After all, how often do you see a woman - or a man dressed as a woman - in a barber's chair getting a shave?

The rest of the trip was pleasant and thoroughly enjoyable. I sat in the back again and an off-duty "stewie", dead-heading back to her home base, sat beside me and we had a nice friendly chat most of the way back. The light lunch was tasty and, because I had been delayed by the airline, I was provided two free drinks. A man even held a light for me when I got my cigarettes out. Oh, it was lovely to be accepted as the person I appeared, and want, to be.

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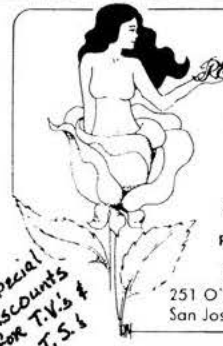
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DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL TO ASSIST IN THE EDUCATION OF THE CROSSDRESSER AND/OR TRANSSEXUAL IN DEALING WITH HIS/HER LIFE-STYLE CHALLENGES AND ASSIST THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ACCEPTING THE CROSSDRESSING AND/OR TRANSSEXUAL INDIVIDUAL AS A PERSON.

PROVIDE A PUBLICATION CONTAINING ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE CROSSDRESSER AND/OR TRANSSEXUAL INDIVIDUALS AND COUNSELERS.

PROVIDE THOSE ASSOCIATES DESIRING IT, A LIST OF PSYCHOTHERAPISTS COUNSELING IN THE GENDER DYSPHORIA FIELD.

PROVIDE A LISTING OR REGISTER OF ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST IN LOCAL OR ACCESSIBLE AREA TO INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH THIS ORGANIZATION.

ADVERTISE TO ATTRACT UNDECLARED GENDER INDIVIDUALS WITHIN OUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE.

ENCOURAGE THE FULL AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THIS ORGANIZATION OF ALL CROSSDRESSING AND/OR TRANSSEXUAL INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

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---- MALE-TO-FEMALE ----

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---- ARIZONA (AZ) ----

??LAURA MICHELE 36; 5'10", 143lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, rose beige complexion. Born in Santa Ana, CA. Libra/Scorpio (on the cusp). Long distance road and marathon runner -- have participated in 5 marathons so far -- tennis player, occasional golfer, avid hiker, camper and backpacker also love cooking, reading, gardening, snow skiing, biking and music (mellow rock to jazz to classical). Desire social contact with other transgenderists for support and friendship. Write [redacted] Tucson, AZ 85719 or call [redacted]  
TUCSON AZ-21-85719

---- CALIFORNIA (CA) ----

ALLYSON NO INFORMATION PROVIDED!  
LAGUNA BEACH CA-204-92652

JANINE NO INFORMATION PROVIDED!  
NAPA CA-203-94558

RANDI 33, 6'1", blonde hair, blue eyes. Want to meet TVs and females who will help me learn about crossdressing and lingerie. I'm Bi-sexual and enjoy fantasies, mild B&D and am willing to learn. Prompt answer to all (SASE and photo appreciated). SAN JOSE AREA CA-205-95013

---- CONNECTICUT (CT) ----

\*\*TRACY 26, fair complexioned, with soft blonde hair and attractive green eyes. Seeks serious correspondence only with like minded transsexuals of either gender. University grad (BA - History). Interested in professional help. Will happily welcome any practical advice or answers to questions that you may want to offer. Please write Tracy Rader, PO Box 155, Greenwich, CT, 06836-0155.  
GREENWICH CT-22-06836

---- FLORIDA (FL) ----

MARSHA NO INFORMATION PROVIDED!  
NORTH MIAMI BEACH FL-35-33152

---- ILLINOIS (IL) ----

STELLA mid-30s, 5'5", 140lbs. Novice TV seeking discreet social contact and fun with feminine TS or TVs. I can be masculine or feminine, active or passive. Write Stanley Balter, [redacted] Chicago, IL 60614  
CHICAGO IL-37-60614

BUNNI Ferme, 31, 5'5", 115lbs, 34-25-34. Wish to hear from all REAL PEOPLE (no phonies) from the midwestern states. Not interested in being just a photo collector or any kinky sex. Interests: holistic health and physical fitness activities.  
CHICAGO IL-36-60680

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---- NEW JERSEY (NJ) ----

JOANNA NO INFORMATION PROVIDED!  
DENVILLEQUE NJ-20-07834

---- NEW MEXICO (NM) ----

DIEDRE NO INFORMATION PROVIDED!  
ALBUQUERQUE NM-15-87110

---- NEVADA (NV) ----

\*\*MARCY ELLEN mid-20s, 5'7", 135lbs, light brown hair, hazel eyes. Interests: making jewelry, gardening, light rock music, camping/fishing, metaphysics and shopping while crossdressed. Seeking correspondence with others having similar interests and life-style. Write [redacted] Reno, NV 89501 or call [redacted] after 6 p.m. week-days, 'most anytime week-ends.  
RENO NV-21-89501

---- OHIO (OH) ----

CLAUDIA 36, 5'9", 148lbs, blue eyes. Novice, never been out in public. Very knowledgeable and experienced sexually Bi-sexual. Desire to live as TV with TV/TS in Florida. Temporarily handicapped in left leg and temporarily living in Ohio due to injury. Seeking correspondence and possible relationship. Ultra sincere, honest, somewhat submissive. Enjoy candlelight, music, art, intimate sharing of desires -- and much more. Write PO Box 1011, Fostoria, OH 44830. Call [redacted] (not private) -- ask for Daniel.  
FOSTORIA OH-23-44830

---- OKLAHOMA (OK) ----

\*\*RHONDA CAROL 5'10", 190lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes. Serious TS - have been living as a female for 3 years. Interested in meeting other serious TSs or TVs. Honest and sincere letters will receive reply. Presently working as a cross-country truck driver. Write Ms. Rhonda Carol [redacted] PO Box 133, Oklahoma City, OK 73101 or call [redacted]  
OKLAHOMA CITY OK-12-73101

---- PENNSYLVANIA (PA) ----

\*\*NANCY ANN 36, 5'7 1/2", 139lbs. Living full-time as a female. Anticipate re-assignment surgery early in '83. Interested in camping, sailing, theater and music. Would like to correspond with others having similar interests. Will exchange photos on request.  
PHILADELPHIA PA-26-19140

---- UTAH (UT) ----

LINDA 29. Interested in tennis, sailing, snow skiing, golf, photography and travel. Welcome correspondence with all, similar interests or not. Love lingerie and short skirts. Please write L. Williams, PO Box 20281, West Valley City, UT 84120.  
WEST VALLEY CITY UT-10-84120

---- VIRGINIA (VA) ----

JANET R. NO INFORMATION PROVIDED!  
ALEXANDRIA VA-19-22302

---- MALES ----

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