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Hi Folks:

A small group here last night to be with oneanother. The girls were: Joan from Solonie, N.Y., Alice from Colomie, N.Y., Winnie from Schenectady, N.Y. Cheryl from Albany, N.Y., Gloria from Albany, N.Y., Yvonne and Vickie from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Sue from Albany, N.Y., Sharon from Hightown, N.J., Dennie and Michelle Ann from Sommerville, Mass., Pricella and Betsy from Scotia, N.Y., Wilma and I. A nice small group who filled in their evening by being nice and friendly. I am glad the girls were good to Gloria as this was the first time for her here. It only took Gloria three years to finally make her first appearance here. By the end of the evening she was a very relaxed girl. Glad to have you with us Gloria.

The meal for the girls was: Roast Beef, gravy, scalloped potatoes, corn, peas, butter glazed carrots, jello mold veg. salad, apple sauce, olives, rolls and butter. We had a birthday cake for three of our girls Michelle Ann Dennie, and Alice.

See you at the Xmas Party we will have fun with our game of grab bag. Some gift between 7 and 10 dollars, something useful. If you don't care to participate in the grab bag you can still have fun watching.

This is a letter from one of our members in the person of Dee Dee.

Dear BillenHelen:

Just great to see you again. The high cost of everything is keeping us fr from doing a whole lot of traveling but, we gotta get to Albany once in a while. (or twice in a while.) Our Canadian friend had the time of her life. Like I felt the first time I went to your house, "This is where I belong! Incidentally that was in 1978 of Jan. Incidentally who is your oldest member?

It is nice to receive this kind of letter from the girls as it shows we must be doing something right.

For Wilma: Wilma me darlin'
Wilma me duck,
Come into the garden

And I'll give you a f-f-f-f-flower. Love Dee Dee

The leading of two lives requires some discipline if we are to succeed. I submit the rules I live by, under, not that they are the rules for anyone but myself. I found that I can be at peace with myself being guided by my rules. I think that they are self evident truths but, others may disagree. 1. Total escap is impossible.- 2.- Fantasies are ever expanding and self defeating. 3- There are more things in heaven than can be found in fashion mags. 4- the emergence of the second self is not a mandate from God Almighty to mutilate the body. 5- We come into this world either a male or female and no power on earth can keep us from being buried the same way. 6- The females of the sp species are bedlier than the males.

These rules belon to Dee Dee.

Last night was a good night for Pricilla, as it was the first time for Betsy's visit with us. Betsy is the Better half of the family. I was very happy to see and talk with her, as she is a very pleasant person to talk with. I only hope we have in some way been a little helpful to her in her trying to understand why the girls have to dress.

Good to see that are girls from Albany, are in the first place category when it comes to taking prizes when they go to Fantasia Affair. Pricilla came home with the title of Ms. Cinderlla of 1982. Her gift was a medal on chain Good going girls.

Well good night for tonight. hope to see you all for Xmas Party.

Love to all

Helen



DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH TOO FAST:

"Haste makes waste" does not apply only to material things. It also applies to psychology. Most reasonable girls whether wives or sweethearts who are told about our feelings in a calm, non-guiltxy way will come to perceive that they are deeply rooted and important to us. In most cases they will want to help and be understanding of the problems of someone they love. But this is an intellectual desire. It is not an emotional one. Yet emotional response color and determine more of our reactions to things that we allow for generally. Furthermore, it is a long process for the rational and intellectual part of a human being to change or remove emotional responses that have gotten "built in" during our growth. I point this out because a girl's rational understanding may get away ahead of her emotional feelings. Thus when she evinces a degree of understanding and even helps a bit the TV is only too likely in his hunger for understanding and acceptance to say "ah, at last and finally, this is it" and assume that the problem is solved and that he can do as he wants, when he wants. This attitude has resulted in killing the very thing his heart desires in more than a few cases.

There is a difference between giving and taking. Let the whole problem find its level of acceptance and toleration in her mind after you have told her. Although she may say she understands, this does not mean that she feels understanding, this takes time... So don't push the matter after you have told her about it. Let her give of her understanding in her own way, to her own degree and as the circumstances are propitious. If you try to take from her, she will feel pushed and forced and will naturally in selfdefense begin to drag her feet and fight back. This will then develop into a situation worse than before, because now she will know and actively fight against it where before she didn't know and "ignorance was bliss" at least as far as she was concerned.

It takes time to get used to this idea as it goes against all established custom and training, This does not mean that established customs and training are either right or sensible, but they exist and they have to be dealt with. We cannot expect a woman to just up and welcome this new phenomenon in her life with open arms. True there are advantages to be gained from TVism...advantages even for her, but they come later. In the beginning it calls for a good bit of readjustment. Think back to how long it took you to come to some understanding of yourself! Quite awhile, in fact many years wasn't it? Is it fair then to expect your wife or girl friend to come to the same position relatively "overnight"? Of course it isn't. So if you want to reap what benefits may be had from telling her all about it, let it sink in and be digested awhile. Let her get to the point where out of love and interest in your happiness she will want to let you express or want to help you in the process. Don't demand this of her. Women are by nature giving and loving creatures. If you can let her get to the point of giving for love's sake, you may find rewards beyond expectation.

Then two last points about this business of "telling". If the woman in question is an unstable type who is within herself insecure and nursing a bunch of emotional problems, you don't have much chance for success. Piling your problems on top of hers may, and in some cases has just caused an explosion which may take many forms from a nervous breakdown, through an armed truce to a divorce.

So consider the subject first. Secondly, after telling it behooves you to exercise restraint and not overdo it. Let her get used to the idea both in degree and frequency. And don't forget to supply her with an adequate degree of masculinity in terms of love, understanding and help. That is why she married you and that is what she needs. Give and you'll probably get, take and you'll probably lose what you have.

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE

Be interested in others, their pursuits, their homes and their families. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel you regard him or her as important.

Keep an open mind on all debatable questions. Discuss, but don't argue. It is a mark of superior mind to disagree and remain friendly.

Pay no attention to destructive remarks & personal attacks on you. Live so that no one will believe them. Remember, a common cause of backbitting is dissatisfaction with oneself.

Let your virtues speak for themselves and refuse to discuss the shortcomings of others. Discourage gossip by changing the subject.

Be cheerful. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your worries and disappointments under a smile.

Have respect for the feelings of others. Wit and humor at the expense of a friend is never worth it.

PARTY DATES :

December 11th --- January 15th --- February 19th
Reservation for the Dec. 11th must be in one week in advance. As we have room for 30 people only please do not say you are coming and then don't as you will be cutting some one else out, and besides you will be charged if you don't show. As you know Dec, 11th will be our yearly Christmas Party. Those of you who have been to one of our Christmas Party Grab bag know how it works and the fun in it. Those of you who wish to play in the grab bag affair please bring a gift between 7 and 10 dollars. Make it something nice, something you would like to receive yourself. You have a very good chance of getting your own gift back. The gift purchase is not compulsory, as some cannot afford it. Those who bring a gift will play in the game. The others will watch, as it's as much fun to watch as play. The game takes about 2 hours to play depending on how many are in the game

NEW MEMBERS :

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of 3 new members this month.
JAMIE T....BARTLESVILLE....OHIO
FRED S.....ALBANY.....N.Y.
DICK.....CENTEAL SQ..... N.Y.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY :

Michell [redacted] Dec. 2 Ruthann [redacted] Dec. 20
Diane [redacted] " 11 Rosemarie [redacted] " 27
Patricia [redacted] " 12 Fran [redacted] " 31
Sharon [redacted] " 20

QUESTION OF THE MONTH :

See page 6 - there are 2 questions to be answered.

SPECIAL THANKS

TOO Donna [redacted] - Kim [redacted] - Frieda [redacted] - Judy [redacted] for the extra \$ sent in for postage.
TOO Jami [redacted]s - Frieda [redacted] - Marla [redacted] for the lovely pictures sent in for the club album.
TOO Jamie [redacted] & Kathy [redacted] for the news articles.

TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: A newsletter written by and about transsexuals. Free personal adds. \$2 per copy; \$12 per year. Payable to Phoebe Smith, 764 North ave., Hapeville, Ga. 30354.

A SPECIAL SPECIAL THANKS

To all you lovely girls for the beautiful Birthday cards you sent me.

SPECIAL NOTE :

Cynthia & Sonya ask if we could have a spring meeting next year with a theme of "SUMMER FUN" giving us a chance to wear shorts etc.
(How about it, let me hear something on this so I can set up a date.)

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED :

VALARI [redacted]
FRAN [redacted]
L. [redacted]
FRED [redacted]
Freida [redacted] would like to receive and write to other TVs. She also says that she has a lovely 3 bedroom home and would be happy to have a TV guest when you in or around Kann.

TVIC JOURNAL

The purpose of our Journal is to allow all transsexuals and transvestites an opportunity to voice their opinions and to share accomplishments and problems. Your accomplishments may inspire or help others to accomplish their goals. If you have a problem someone else or myself may have the answer. Most of our material is written by the TS or TV - whether it be in the form of a question, or statement. This Journal can be a means of keeping us all informed of current situations around the country and other parts of the world. Suggestions/Comments or questions you may have will be welcomed. This Journal is not intended to be successful in a literary aspect but hopefully it will be successful as a communication service available to all transsexuals and transvestites, It can only be as good as you and I make it. I intend to use the Journal to express my views, ask any questions I may have and I invite you to do the same.

Eileen & Percella J. were asked if they use vaseline for sex purposes. Of course we do, we put it on the doorknob to keep the kids out.

A girdle is a device designed to keep an unfortunate situation from spreading.

DENISE'S DAY OUT.

It was a heaven/sent opportunity to indulge in a bit of TV when my wife went out of town recently to visit a relative, and you can be sure that I made the most of it. Slipping away from the office after lunch one afternoon, I dashed home tore off my ordinary attire, and slipped into some pretty undies, a lacy bra, snug panty girdle in black nylon Spandex, stockings and high heels. How delicious it felt to feel my legs sheathed in the silky nylons and tightly gartered to the panty girdle. MMM! Lovely.... Donning my wig of soft black hair, I sat at the dressingtable and carefully applied my make-up, then selected a light grey skirt and a white long sleeved turtleneck ladies sweater, which was nicely snug and showed off my 38B bos-om to perfection. It was by now late on in the afternoon, and I was planning to visit a near by shopping mall to make some purchases, have something to eat and see a film. The film was "VICTOR-VICTORIA", where Julie Andrews plays the part of a woman impersonating a man, who is in turn a female impersonator (a very funny film by the way). As Julie was going to be in drag, I thought I might as well be also..... I went into the department store in the mall, after I had driven over in the car, although I was wondering if anyone would notice a strange woman driving my car away from the house, but my next door neighbours were away on vacation and the lady across the street must have been out shopping for her car was not around. Had a lovely look in the lingerie department and ended up buying a couple of pairs of panties, then as it was getting on for 6 o'clock I went into the store resaurant and ordered a light supper of soup and salad with a glass of wine. (must watch the calories you know to keep my girlishfigure). My attire evinced no comment from the waitress, who called me "madam" so I figured that I passed all right.... By the time I had finished ~~XX~~ eating, it was nearly time for the movie to start, so I sauntered down the enclosed mall to the theater, paid my money and went in. It was a great film, and I got a real kick out of sitting there in drag, watching Julie in drag. Had to be careful to hold myself in at some of the funny bits however, or the person sitting next to me would have wondered why the female in the next seat had such a deep laugh.... After it was over I came out again into the mall, and it was now dark as it was nine o'clock, but decided to drop into the supermarket there as this remained open til 10 p.m. so I went in, picked up a cart and wandered down the aisles picking up a few staples for breakfast. There weren't many in the store as it was getting towards closing time and the stockboys were reloading some of the shelves.... As I went down one aisle two boys were putting cans on the shelf from a skid and I had to squeeze past them, I had just gone a few steps further when I heard a low wolf-whistle and turning my head saw one of boys grinning up at me. I smiled, waved an admonitory finger at him and went on my way to the cash register, but that really made my day girls. As the ~~XXXX~~ checkout girl handed me my change, she said "There you go, have a nice day", I replied "Thanks, I already have."

DENISE D... MISSISSAUGO...ONT.....CANADA.....

Dear Wilma:

This ia an experience I had lasy month and hope it does not happen again. I got myself all dressed up 100% women and went for a nightly walk. On my return home I found that I could not get back into the house. So I had to go back 2 blocks and find the man who works for the landlord to come back with me to open the door. This man knew that I dressed but had never seen me dressed. Next time I'll make sure I have my keys....

ROSEMARIE E.....VANCOUVER.....WASHINGTON.....

Dear Wilma:

In answer to your question "If there was a pill I could take to stop me from dressing, would I take it."

Being a widower now, there is nothing more that I would like than to share my life and my ideas with a nice woman. To snuggle up with her at night, to enjoy the companionship. But if it ment I would have to stop dressing, then I would sleep alone, eat alone, live alone, rather than get married again. So I guess, I would not take the pill.....

FLORENCE H..... W, PATERSON.....N.J.....

Dear Wilma:

In answer to your questions. "Why are you a TV?" (A) Poor male image in childhood - my personality - fear of manhood - Biological...(Q) Why do you continue with your TVism? (A)Haven't found an altemitive...(Q) Which are you a TV or TS? (A) A TV...(Q) If you had your choice, would you rather have been born without the problem? (A) Yes... (Q) If there was a cure would you take it? (A) Yes..... (Q) Is there a need for a cure? (A) No it doesnt harm anyone. (Q) Are you straight, gay or Bi? And Why? (A) Straight because I adore women.. (Q) Should a TV tell his children about his dressing? (A) No, they have no need to know...

JANET F.....EAST ROCKAWAY.....N.Y.....

Society only reflects our fears not how we really are....Wilma...

If your wife is making you lead a dogs life due to your cross-dressing, then next time you pass a tree, embarrass her!

Dear Wilma:

My first thought is on the practice of underdressing and why more girls don't do it....About 6 months ago I was in a TV boutique in NYC. to buy the books & magazines and some feminine items that are awkward to buy locally. They had some new Merry Widows (Basques) and I asked to try one one. A very lovely and attractive woman asked if I needed help and after at first rejecting her by pure embarrassment, I later reconsidered--all those hooks, you know. When I took off my shirt she uttered some amazement when she saw my bra and camisole and still more amazement when she discovered my panties, garterbelt and stockings. she told me I had excellent taste, a beautiful figure, and was genuinely complimentary but continued to express amazement that I dressed under my 3 piece suit. In her experience only rarely did they find a TV wearing stockings. A few wore pantyhose and even more had panties on but even those were not 25% of the customers they had in the fitting room. And this is a store that is selling exclusively to TVs. When the store closed we continued our discussion over drinks with the owner. I learned some interesting facts, got a bit high and wore my beautiful new Merry widow home--oh yes, under my 3 piece suit... Let me tell you what we discussed....I honestly always wear my BEST underfashions when I visit the stores and I wouldn't DREAM of not doing so, I just couldn't imagine being fitted for some frilly feminine intimacy and having on a tee shirt and boxer shorts. The owner remarked that on several occasions in warm months when the store was warm and I had my jacket off customers would be shocked to see me wearing a bra under my shirt. I wasn't being obnoxious, just ~~was~~ looking at the books and merchandise IN A TV STORE. I asked why ANYONE would be surprised to discover me in a bra in a TV store. In our discussion we concluded that most TVs aren't comfortable enough with their femininity to enjoy it anywhere but home. To me that's a shame. I wear panties every day. Most days either pantyhose or stockings and garterbelt. Frequently a camisole. Less frequently but perhaps once every 2 weeks, a brassier. And I really don't know why all TVs don't do the same. Oh it'S some trouble, putting it on privately keeping your pant legs down and your sox up, wrestling with a slipping strap, a binding bra band, pinching panties or pantyhose, using the john, and then privacy of removal--if that's a problem. BUT it is soooo worth it to me and it should be to you--so worth it to bring some of your femininity to work with you. Why only enjoy yourself at home? bring a bit of it with you. Wherever you work, believe me it is a wonderful feeling to KNOW you are partially feminine, to FEEL your stockings, your garterbelt against your body. Your lacy bra straps against your shoulders or a silky camisole caress your midriff, the ultra feminine comfort of the softness and openness of tap pants or the uring of a snug fanny forming panty or girdle. No matter what your job, femininity will make it much more pleasant to get through the day. During a seminar, put your hands in your pocket, feel your stocking tops and garters, at your desk, cup your hands over your breasts, wiggle a finger through your vest and shirt to excite your nipples and feel them rub against your bra or cami. And who can beat the wonderful soft, sexy femininity, of panties--be they bikini, hip hugger or brief, tap pants or long leg panty girdle. Don't wait till you get home, be at least a little feminine all day long! Try it, you'll love it. Obviously, as with all of our femininity, we must be careful and avoid discovery. I've been underdressing for 15 years, never been caught yet! A few cautions; (1) Panties are easy, wear them daily, briefs are most comfy, or tap pants. Careful at the urinal and that they don't show under the stall door. Panties are easy and BASIC. (2) Except for the time consuming, putting on, pantyhose is easy to wear too. Do keep your sox up and pant leg down but long soxs. After many hours it can bind in the crotch, don't get it too tight. Tummy control can hurt. (3) stockings and garterbelts are to me a sexier, more feminine and easier option to pantyhose. In an emergency you can remove them without removing your pants. Only caution is to be certain your garterbelt doesn't show by reason of extreme color differences to your pants, i.e. black garterbelt under very light trousers. Oh yes, under thin tight pants your garters may make little bumps, especially when you sit. No one will ever notice, except you, and you'll love it. (4) Camisoles and especially bras should only be worn under tee shirt, heavy outer shirt, vest and jacket. But if you will be dressed like that all day don't pass up the opportunity to be still more feminine.

HAVE FUN. LOVE , CAROL T..... ALBANY.....N.Y.....

Dear Wilma:

In answer to your question "If there was a pill I could take to stop me from dressing, would I take it? I would be very interested in a pill to completely remove all my desires for crossdressing. Such a pill would have to be without side effects and would have to be reasonable in cost. If I were not married or if my wife accepted and enjoyed my transvestism my answer would be different. But here I am, secretly enjoying my hobby when I am out of town and merely thinking about crossdressing when I am home. It is frustrating to have this intance interest and not be able to share it with the people I care about. This frustration has led me to join TVIC. I would love to be able to attend parties to meet the others and to learn more and to share what I have learned. So, in the absence of a TV antidote pill do you have a pill that would remove my beard? How about a pill to reduce the size of my adam's apple and my hands? A pill to tighten my vocal chords for a few hours at a time would also be welcome.

DONA W.....VALLEY COTTAGE.....N.Y.....

Dear Wilma:

In reply to your question "WHAT IS A WOMAN?"

For that matter, what is a man? that question made me wonder about male/female and masculine/feminine. The Question all seem to be related. Lets take the easiest one first. Most people agree that male/female refers to a physical construction that differentiates between the two complementary reproductive functions. Grammarians have told us that the masculine/feminine issue is a function of gender. In humans, the gender is a behavior pattern. When we have exhausted the physical and behavioral aspects of the person, what else remains? Behavior is a function of physical ability and mental attitude.... A woman is a person who believes herself to be a woman. In most cases, the female structure induces such a belief and leads to feminine behavior. Occasionally a male will believe herself to be a woman. Such a person is a woman. She thinks as a woman. Consequently she behaves as a woman. In some cases, her physical structure may be altered to conform with such belief and behavior. In absence of such alteration, the person is nonetheless a woman. When you see a person who appears to be a woman and behaves as a woman, it is pointless to ask whether she is a man or woman. You are seeing a woman according to JOYCE DOLAN OF MANCHESTER, N.H.

Proposed question of the month for next time.

"HOW CAN A MALE FIND ADEQUATE EMPLOYMENT AS A WOMAN?"

I have not found the answer yet after a year of searching. The change of role necessitated a change of name. The name change destroyed the employment history and education records. The college agreed to change its records based on the court decree for the name change. One previous employer was induced to change the name in the personnel file. And still that right job remains elusive. How do others succeed? JOYCE DOLAN.

(OK girls, lets see how many answers we can get to JOYCE'S question)

Dear Wilma & Helen;

I have thought of a good question for the newsletter. "HOW DID YOU SPEND THE LAST HALLOWEEN?"

Leslie & Isabel, Sonye & myself went to a Halloween party in Cornwall, Conn., at a restaurant-bar-discotec. We had a great time; no prizes, but we enjoyed the dressing in public. Leslie was a high school cheer leader, Isabel went as a trash bag, Sonya went as a devil, and I went as a western cowgirl-sheriff.

CYNTHA [redacted].....ANCRAMDALE.....N.Y.....

Dear Wilma:

Where can I purchase some hormones? Can I get them in a drug store or go to a doctor to get them. Do female hormones taken by a male have bad effects?

Beverly J.....New Orleans....

Dear Beverly: There is only one legal safe method of obtaining hormones. That is under treatment and through a doctor. The after effects of hormones works different to each person. This is the big reason you should get them through a doctor so that he can keep up with your health.....

Dear Wilma:

Perhaps you can answer some of my questions on how to improve my appearance. First can you tell me how to remove all the hair from my face and body! If done by electrolysis, could you tell me how long, painful and expensive a procedure that is? Are there easier methods, if so I would like to know about them especially for the chest and face areas. Secondly, how do you prevent protrusion of the penis? Is there a garment or gadget I could buy? If so, where?

JANICE C..... HIBBING.....MINNESOTA.....

Dear Janice: I remove the hair from all over my body by shaving. I use an electric razor to shave off most of my hair. I use a cream dilapidatory for under the arms. I shave my face with a safety razor for a closer shave. Electrolysis cost and time depends upon the size of the area and type of hair growth. Electrocoagulation is a principle of removing hair by destroying the hair papilla with heat from a radio wave. The process of removal is the same as electrolysis at an average of \$20 an hour and electrocoagulation run 20 to 30 dollars an hour. Total hair removal can run around \$3,500 and up. As far as a protruding penis, there are several methods of coping with this problem. Impersonators use a method called gaffing, where you tuck the balls and penis into the cavity between the legs. It takes quite a bit of practice and is painful at first. A panty girdle or tape can be used to hold them up between your legs. And a padded girdle also helps give you more of a feminine figure.

DEE DEE having been informed after a regular medical examination that he was virtually certain to die within 24 hours from a rare and obscure disease, the doomed man rushed home, told VIE his wife and proceeded to make love to her as often as he could manage until late into the night. DEE DEE finally fell asleep but then awoke, fondled his spouse awake and pleaded, "VIE, I want to make love to you one last time!" "That's easy enough for you to say, DEE DEE," was her exhaustedly yawned response. "You don't have to get up in the morning."

WINNIE B. made the soup with BB shots instead of barley and that night when she bent over to touch her toes she shot the cat.....

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ANYTHING ELSE?



I GUESS NOT...



HOW ABOUT A TIGHT CORSET?



• Guilda as Guilda, a face without makeup

By RONALD LEE

JEAN GUILDA is a man of many faces — all of them female. He is one of the world's leading female impersonators and has been widely acclaimed in France, the U.S. and Canada.

Guilda, born in France in 1924 of an aristocratic family of Sicilian ancestry, can claim the title Count Jean Guilda de Mortelaro.

During his career as an entertainer, which spans 27 years, he has imitated some of the world's leading female actresses, including Marilyn Monroe, Barbra Streisand, Lucille Ball, Bette Davis, Raquel Welch, Marlene Dietrich and Brigitte Bardot.

A voyage

"I am all women," Guilda told the Examiner. "My revue is a voyage from the age of Louis XV where I portray Madame de Pompadour to the 1980s where I portray the leading female celebrities of today."

Guilda's present revue, Super Music Hall Guilda, presented by Dexy Productions,

features a cast of talented artists, including his son Ivan, now 23.

"We are changing the show to make it more suitable for the American audience," Guilda says. "We are going to play in Miami in 1982 and we plan to get bookings in other areas of the U.S."

In the early 50s, Guilda began touring the U.S., starting in Miami. In 1953, he appeared at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, where he was widely acclaimed for his impersonation of Marlene Dietrich.

Struggle

He also appeared in Los Angeles, San Francisco, St. Louis, Mo., and New York, where he fooled the panel on What's My Line.

Since he moved his residence to Canada in 1955 from his native France, Guilda has been performing mainly in French-speaking Quebec. Now he feels it is time to move on to bigger things.

In his book, *Guilda and I*, he tells of the struggle he has had to follow his chosen profession.



• Guilda as Bardot



... a tough Bette Davis



... a zany Lucille Ball



... an alluring Marilyn



... a torchy Dietrich



... a stunning Streisand

"I have sacrificed everything to my career," he says. "The woman I portray as Guilda on stage is not an image, not science fiction. People realize that she has a spirit, a talent, a heart, that she is real. She exists!"

"I want people to know that I am a human being, like everyone else: I experience the same joy, the same

pangs, and I want people to know that what I do, I do out of love. I can't hate anybody. I am incapable of it. Even during the war in France when people hurt me, I didn't hate them. I have never killed anyone. I can't kill, not even an insect. I believe in the sanctity of life like people do in India. All life is sacred to me."

As an entertainer, Guilda is highly acclaimed. He has received excellent reviews from the critics wherever he has performed. His current show has been rated as equal to anything seen in Las Vegas and the expensive costumes worn by him and his cast are very impressive.