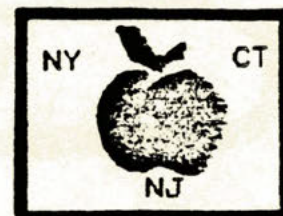




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***** CHI DELTA MU *****

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Editorial

About four years ago I grew to a point in my life where I decided to reach out and make contact with others who were like myself. I was really fed-up being alone, and needed the support, understanding and friendship which could only come from other sisters.

I felt good about myself after making that very important decision to join TRI-ESS. My second letter to Carol Beecroft concerned how I might become a member of a local chapter. "I regret to inform you that there are no chapters in your area", wrote Carol. My lofty spirits were quickly deflated when I read that. I couldn't believe that there was no organized group of concerned sisters here in this great metropolitan area.

Well, through our collective efforts new sisters to the group will not have that situation to face. We're three years old this month and doing just fine. Our achievements took the work of many. I know that all of you are just delighted that we have CHI DELTA MU. We deserve it!

Conservatively estimating, there must be 100,000 to 200,000 of us out there in this area. That's maybe a Yonkers! Many are still living with fear, doubt, guilt, loneliness and all the other bad feelings which you may remember. As members of our sorority we've pledged ourselves to do our part to help others and our cause. Thanks to your concern we are succeeding in this effort.

So, my sisters, we have a lot to be proud of and thankful for! we have a future which we can shape, a bright future. As always, "enjoy" and appreciate. HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHI DELTA MU!

HOLIDAY EN FEMME

JUST IMAGINE - BEING ABLE TO LIVE

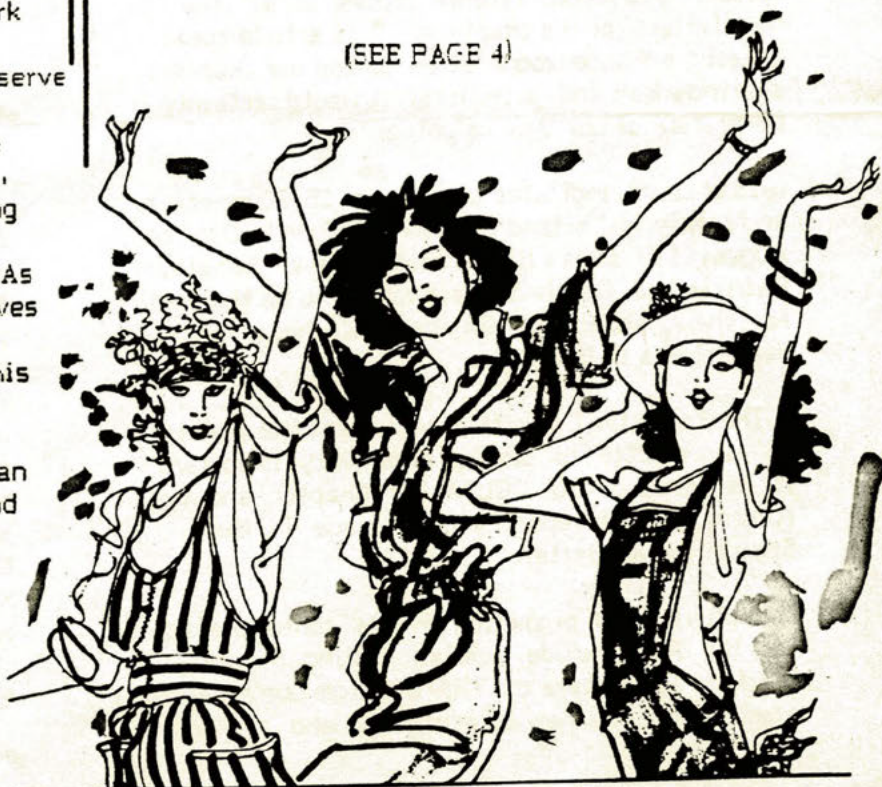
FULL - TIME AS A WOMAN IN WONDER-

FUL, COSMOPOLITAN SAN FRANCISCO!!

From The Evening Of Wednesday, October
24th Until Noon Sunday, October 28th, 1984

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JOIN .US



WHAT'S GOING ON

...July social at Muriel Olive's...sisters enjoyed a pleasant evening in midtown Manhattan on July 14th, hostess being Muriel Olive of Fem Fashion Expressions. We thank Muriel for her hospitality and hope that the membership patronizes her business. Attending were Janice, Lynda and wife Marilyn, Jana, Felicity, Edith Marie, Jamie, Rita, and another sister whose name we didn't get. "I really enjoyed myself even if I was the only one dressed as a man. I particularly enjoyed talking with Marilyn and Muriel Olive. They are SO understanding", reported Edith Marie.

...Your Editor received a very informative letter from Donna [REDACTED], national director of membership, and I'll pass on some things to you. The Directory will be out very soon. Carol Beecroft has obtained both paid and extra volunteer help with Sharon Louise (PA-1406-M), retiring and relocating to Tulare (maybe we should make Tulare TV retirement village). The FEMME MIRROR should now be out to us every two months. Donna asks that if anyone is interested in compiling a regular article for the FEMME MIRROR concerning all the activities of the chapters we have, that this would be a definite "plus". You would receive copies of all the newsletters of the chapters. This article could greatly enhance cooperation among our chapters, sharing ideas and activities. It would certainly benefit all of us. Any volunteer?

...Last count indicates that some 25-30 members and family will attend the Annual Family Day on August 11. Looks like a real success! Renata, Patricia and Camile are especially to be thanked for their work on this project. More in September's O. S. J.

...The Executive Committee will meet the weekend of August 25th to discuss some very important items for the CHI DELTA MU Chapter and our future. A full report will be made in the September newsletter.

...Publicity and promotion events contemplated for the Fall include a mass mailing of our brochure to members of TRI-ESS from our area who are listed in the new Directory and who are not

on the Chapter's rolls; recruiting from the now defunct Albany TVIC group, and perhaps advertising in the VOICE and other publications.

...Your Editor has received a number of inquiries from New England, western and northern New York, and elsewhere about us. One program expected to come out of the Executive Committee's planning efforts is our Chapter's role (being the only one in the northeast), in helping to form other chapters of TRI-ESS.



GO AMERICA ! !



...New members are reminded of their privilege to use our extensive library collection. Contact our Chapter Librarian, Edith Marie (NY-313-W), as follows: Don [REDACTED], Draw R, Valley Cottage, New York 10989. Edith Marie will send you a listing of the library's contents.

...With the assistance of Edith Marie we hope to computerize our membership listing. This has become a necessity with the number of new ladies joining us. The listing of members included in this issue of the newsletter is out of date. We hope to have a more current listing, with new code numbers and zip codes, in the Fall.

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It is with deepest regret that your Editor must report the death of our sister, Eileen (NJ-1549-M), at the end of June. Her death was rather sudden, and I know I speak for all of you in expressing our collective sorrow for Faith, Eileen's wife, and family. Eileen was a relatively new member of the chapter, but I know that she was glad to find us. We were happy to have known her. I've written Faith and asked if there is anything we as a chapter might do in Eileen's memory.

...Another reminder. Wives Marilyn, Bev and Priscilla are available to assist wives/girlfriends of all members in difficulties they may be having. To contact them, write your letter, place in an envelop, seal and address to me. Mark it "for Marilyn/Bev/Priscilla". Put this envelop in a larger one. I'll see to it that your letter is sent on.

...We are still uncertain about our September 8th meeting in New Jersey. Our Westchester site is booked as a back-up. We will definately let you know the location in September's newsletter. You should also be in contact with your GAL concerning location and directions.

...During the summer Agnes and I are planning to hostess a picnic gathering of Poughkeepsie area sisters and families after our Executive Committee meeting and during the Dutchess County Fair. Such informal socials are encouraged at the local level, be they dressed or not. They are a great way to get to know one another and to have some fun. GALs are urged to promote these activities. And, by the way, if you are in our neck of the woods during the Fair on 8/26th and would like to stop by, let me know by 8/15. There will be no crossdressing. Bring a bathing suit and an appetite.

...Renata will be taking over Nora Helene's duties for the next several months as Nora Helene is extremely busy at her business. For this we are very thankful to Renata. Should you have any delivery problems with the newsletter you can contact Renata as follows: Ms. Renata [redacted] P. O. Box 403, Riverside, Ct. 06878.

...Hopefully, one of our members will be able to make the gathering in San Fransisco in October. Let your Editor know.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning cash balance (7/1).....\$745.21

Receipts

Dues (new).....35.00

Expenses

Newsletter.....111.70

Special Events.....250.00*

Total.....361.70

Ending cash balance (7/31),418.51

*cash advance for expenses for Family Day

We welcome to chapter membership Ann of Manhattan, Michael P. of Southern N.J., and Paula O. of New Hampshire. We trust that you will find us to be the type of organization you have been looking for. New members to the national organization as reported by Marlene (CA-1046-L), who is in charge of chapter organization, are as follows: Diane (NY-1674-R), of Westchester, Robin Ann (NY-1675-S), of Ulster, Eve (NY-1676-H), of Suffolk, Brandy Alexis (NY-1677-H), of Suffolk, Jennifer (NY-1678-P), of Rockland, Joan (NY-1681 P), of NYC, Ann (NY-1688-J), of NYC, Andrea (NY-1691-S), of Queens, Deanne Jane (CT-1684-G), of West Haven, and Karen (CT-1683-H), of Riverside. Some of the new national members have already joined the chapter, and all new national members from our area receive the chapter's brochure.

Lookin Good



HOLIDAY EN FEMME

YOUR SORORITY, THE SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF, IS PLEASED TO SPONSOR THIS HOLIDAY EN FEMME FOR ALL TRI-ESS SISTERS AND TRI-ESS COUPLES.

The purpose of this gathering in San Francisco is to participate, as a sorority, in various social and educational experiences that will bring happiness to your femme-selves and

- ESPECIALLY -

to HONOR our WIVES who have made our femme-selves so successful.

There will be seminars, tours, shopping trips, dinners, shows, displays and demonstrations, with SPECIAL attention given to experiences that will please our wives.

In addition, we plan charm and makeup classes, "rap" sessions for both husbands AND wives. A professional photographer will be available for taking extra special pictures for your picture album and we also plan to take miles and miles of motion pictures of the whole Holiday, with the cumulative experiences to be shown at a gala dinner on Saturday evening.

We have made reservations at the El Cortez Hotel in downtown San Francisco. This comfortable hotel is minutes from marvelous restaurants and fashionable shops. Don't miss the quaint French Restaurant in the El Cortez.

INTERESTED??? Great! It is important that you indicate NOW your desire to attend the Holiday En Femme. Check your calender and send us a deposit for \$57.50 (if you want a room by yourself) or \$28.75 if you are willing to share a room with another member of the sorority. We need to know by September 10th, at the latest. if we are to hold the reservations that have been made for us. But don't wait until the last minute - send your deposit now!!

REGISTRATION FORM

Tear off and return to Carol Beecroft at
P.O. Box 194, Tulare, California 93275

NAME:

Husband _____

Wife (if attending) _____

Husband's femme name and Code number

.....
Home phone number

ACCOMODATIONS (Check which one)

Double Occupancy (\$28.75 ea. person/daily)

4 nights, 3½ days.....

3 nights, 2½ days.....

Single Occupancy (\$57.50 daily)

4 nights, 3½ days.....

3 nights, 2½ days.....

(4 nights, 3½ days will be from Wednesday evening until noon, Sunday)

(3 nights, 2½ days will be from Thursday evening until noon, Sunday)

Refunds: Total refunds can be made up to and including September 10th. After that date, no refunds can be made .

Checks and money orders can be made out to Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme. Upon registration you will be sent further information as well as your confirmation for the Holiday.

LETTERS TO OUR PRESIDENT...

..."The end of my first year as a member of TRI-ESS and I feel I owe you personally, Karen, Mary Jane and Lynda a note of congratulations on a fine administration. Any organization is a reflection of its leadership and you, Patricia, and your people have something to be proud of. Don't want to be considered maudlin but am sure the other members feel the same. Looking forward to seeing you in September." Jane. (Ed. Note: I think that all should know that the support of our group by Jane and others is why we have achieved the successes we have. Jane, often accompanied by wife Millie, has attended every meeting since last September, to my recollection. Support of the group by coming to the meeting is a very important reason for our progress. In Jane's situation, this means an 8 hour-round trip plus an overnight stay! I'd say that's appreciation and commitment!)

..."I just wanted to write to you and tell you how much I appreciated your concern and advise. It was truly an interesting, provocative and 'self-discovering' evening. You, Renata and Lynda are to be commended...Everyone was so courteous and understanding. It really is a whole new world when men can explore other avenues of action and dress. I would like to come dressed sometime as it is something I have always wanted to do...I might pass along the most telling (and for me awakening), comment that I received at the meeting. Barbara said to me that she 'hoped to see me at the next meeting in an evening gown'. I do hope that I can make it sometime...I hope to see you again in the Fall -- hopefully by that time I will have my wardrobe together." "Bill"

..."Just a note to thank you for the brochure that you gals at CHI DELTA MU have come up with. Congratulations. It is VERY good...You covered a number of topics that I believe were very important, questions that non-members would be asking." Carol Beecroft, national leader





WE HOPE TO MAKE "PAGE SIX" A REGULAR FEATURE, BUT TO DO THIS WE NEED YOUR HELP. SEND IN ANY BRIEF BUT INTERESTING ITEM YOU SEE IN THE PAPER OR ELSEWHERE. THANKS.



Hottest thing to hit

By PATRICIA SHELTON
Independent Press Service

lingerie departments

CHICAGO — It used to be easy to separate his underwear from hers when it came out of the dryer.

Not anymore. Not if she has discovered Calvin Klein's jock-style cottens. Ditto for Swipes. And you'd better pay attention if both of you are wearing Jockey's.

Underwear for her that's copied from his is the hottest thing to hit lingerie departments since the no-bra bra. Both the young and the not-so-young are buying.

Calvin Klein underwear for women hit select stores in early November with seven styles of bottoms and five styles of tops in mercerized cotton knit in 25 colors, boxer shorts — complete with fly — in shirting cotton and a provocative advertising campaign. It all but started a stampede at lingerie counters.

"The customer is buying 15 colors at a time," said Pam Gau, president of Calvin Klein Underwear. "We thought it was going to be a success. We

didn't expect this phenomenon. We projected \$10 million at wholesale this year. We'll do in excess of \$44 million."

The company originally took orders from 137 stores, but stores that got first deliveries sold out so fast and reordered that only 30 accounts are getting shipments.

"We've had to regroup to increase production capacity," Gau said. "By the end of March we expect to be at full capacity." More colors and styles are being added for fall, she said.

Cotton underwear, including string bikinis, has been around for years. What's so hot about Calvin's?

"It's revolutionary. The customer is reacting to a different feeling, relating to a whole new look," said Mary Kay Hardin, divisional merchandise manager for intimate apparel at Marshall Field's department store in Chicago. "It's the best thing we have going for us in underwear. Cotton always has been a basic business. Now it's becoming a fashion business."

"They remind me of a man's underwear. I think they're really sexy."

Janice Pace, vice president and merchandising manager for intimate apparel at Saks Fifth Avenue in New York, said: "It's a new status item that goes a lot further than quality and fit. Calvin's a genius for making something new and different. It fits right into today's androgynous approach to fashion."

Jockey International got out there first with a brief, hipster and bikini in five colors and two stripes, and an ad campaign titled, "Look Who's Wearing Jockey Now." Although the look isn't as similar to men's underwear as Klein's, the idea was planted.

Jockey started test-marketing in October, 1982, began shipping to limited markets in December and went coast to coast in April. Instead of hurting Jockey for Her sales, Calvin Klein's line has helped.

Howard Cooley, Jockey's president and general manager, said, "The first six months we had trouble getting stores to put in enough stock to stay in business. Calvin Klein gave tremendous credibility to us."

"Now we're selling to more than 200 stores in 50 states. Stores are giving us bigger orders and better displays, and it's selling off the wall," Cooley said. Jockey also is sending out 20,000 free samples a week through a coupon program.

Sales last year were double what the company had anticipated. "We'll double that this year," Cooley said, declining to report dollar volume. The company is looking for a female counterpart to Jockey spokesman Jim Palmer for a new ad campaign.

Although Jockey has been adding styles, with more on the way, it's not making a boxer version for women. It doesn't need to. "We've known for more than a year that women were buying our men's boxers and wearing them as gym pants. We didn't intend it, but some women's departments are buying them now," Cooley said.



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Jim Blum 4-c

"Boy Fred, meet Boy Al and Boy Bill!"

Under it all

CALVIN Klein, the first of the big name designers to give women's underwear a kick in the pants with masculine styling, is about to be joined in that unmentionable field by Gloria Vanderbilt. WWD reports that a line from Murjani called "Gloria Vanderbilt Everywhere," featuring bikinis, briefs, cotton T-shirts and tank tops, will be in local stores next month. But, even fully clothed, Gloria herself is not expected to appear in ads for the products.

Ugh?
No Equality??



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Lashings of advice

SURPRISINGLY enough, many women do not know how to use mascara correctly. Here are some tips from Lia Schorr:

- Never pump mascara brush up and down in the tube. This distributes mascara unevenly on the brush and breaks bristles. It can also dry out mascara faster.
- Look straight into a

mirror, with your chin lifted slightly.

• Open your mouth to relax face. Support your elbow on a table to help keep hand steady.

• On lower lashes, use downward strokes, wiggling brush back and forth.

• To keep lashes from sticking together cover them in a light powder, then mascara.

(The following is part of a letter I recently wrote to Diane (NY-1674-R), which I thought would be of interest to you.)

Lucky
July 13, 1984
Friday

"Wife and kids are off to the mother-in-law for a few days, so Mary Jane is maximizing herself to the hilt. Took this afternoon off. (If this letter sounds discontinuous, it is for it is written in spurts as I go about some enjoyable activities.)

Before coming home I stopped off to get some "needed" things, a teddy and some panties. After all, I only have about 100 pairs. I've found girl's size 14 fits me quite nicely. Got one pink and one yellow, all loaded with lace. What else would a girl wear? Got rid of male #3&4!\$ the minute I opened the door. Lunch in a sundress, face splashed with 'Amazone', plus all accessories...Just came in from sunbathing. I'm wearing the bottom of a bikini (we have some privacy here). Contemplating a jump in the pool very soon. I took a dip last night in a one-piece suit with flowers and ruffles--delightful! I plan the same tonight. Isn't it wonderful being a girl? May even go out and get some 'rays' in my newly-acquired undies! Will not be the first time.

Chickened-out on the pink lacies, but went for a blue (is for boys), pair of bikini panties. Great sun and swimming! Back in sundress now and etc. plus more 'Amazone'...feeling very femme today. Up to the office now to start on August O. S. J.

Just had a close call. Came down to get something and older son's friends were at the door. Laid low for a while and they left. Feeling even more femme and just donned 2nd lacy 1/2 slip with loads of tiers. Must get a crinoline - real '50's right?

Finished O. S. J. work, for now. Really hot upstairs. Am about ready for another dip in the pool - no kids in sight. This time my "regular" bikini bottom. After all, we must not be too risks!

Pool trip quite refreshing. Back in bra and panties (both pink), and pink teddy purchased today for I plan on going back to the office for more O. S. J. work. After all, you must dress appropriately for the occasion and it is too

dammed hot up there now! Teddy loaded with ruffles and quite comfortable and natural to wear. No "flack" from the clerk when I bought my "goodies". Must add a romper outfit to my list for the next shopping trip.

Finished - again for now - O. S. J. work and of course must dress for dinner. Decided that sundress was not appropriate, so just pink top and white, pleted, skirt and accessories. Teddy comes off and on with full slip (white). Usual high heels. Chlorine in the pool did not diminish "Amazone's" scent, so no need for re-application. Flowers and lit candle ready for a simple repast. Did the dishes (usual woman's work), and am now scanning what (if any), is interesting on the tube.

those hot days

Noticed that the "Changeling" is on at 9 PM and thought that it would be interesting. So, off with all my usual clothes, on with skirted bathing suit (changed my mind re flowery/ruffled one -- don't I have the prerogative?), and into the pool for a last dip...8:30 PM now, must get dressed. Pink (which you must know by now I love), and airy summer frock which I've always loved and pink slip for necessary dressing.

Forgot to add that nails are blood-red, done just before dinner. Evening swim delicious, bathingsuit quite right. More 'Amazone'; turned on the movie and started some letters to new sisters. Amazing how many of us were in the same position!

'Snowing down south' when I passed by a mirror. Adjusted straps on slip; perfect lady now. Movie really ho-hum, and same with news which followed.

Getting ready for bed and headed for my nightie, but found that the bedroom was still warm in spite of a breeze. Decided that baby dolls (pink of course), were in order and donned same after due deliberation of the choice of sets I have. Sweet femme sleep! Thanks for sharing a day with me, sister."

SIZZLERS

CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER

SORORITY SISTERS

Name	Code	National	Chapter
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GAL AREA: IRIS, GAL: KAREN

Andria	NJ-308-M	03/84	04/85
Dorothy	NJ-1-G	03/83	04/84
Jane	(1)	09/84	08/84
Janet	NJ-305-K	01/84	01/84
Lora	PA-5-W	01/84	09/84
Nora Helene	NJ-202-C	03/84	02/85
Terri	NJ-310-R	06/84	10/84
Karen	(1)	(1)	(1)
Linda	NJ-1598	(1)	03/85

GAL AREA: LILY, GAL: WILMA

Doreen	NJ-1608-T	02/85	02/85
Frances	NJ-10-B	03/84	11/84
Jana	NJ-312-T	10/83	01/84
Janice	(1)	(1)	05/84
Joan	NJ-204-G	(1)	05/84
Joyce	NJ-206-M	10/83	10/85
Lisa	NJ-313-P	09/84	08/84
Lynda	NJ-307-F	03/84	04/84
Suzie	(1)	(1)	04/85
Tina	NJ-303-E	04/83	04/84
Vikki	NJ-1599-M	01/85	01/85
Wilma	NJ-300-Y	06/84	03/84
Eileen	NJ-1549-M	(1)	(1)
Diana	NJ-500-R	(1)	04/85

GAL AREA: ROSE, GAL: MARLENE & EDDIE

Edie	NY-1558-G	(1)	09/84
Jamie	NY-1609-M	02/85	02/85
Jean	NY-1600-E	(1)	01/85
Jenny	(1)	(1)	08/84
JoAnne	(1)	(1)	11/84
Marion	NY-210-G	10/84	09/84
Marlene	NY-314-B	04/84	04/84
Nancy	(1)	(1)	12/83
Janine	(1)	(1)	04/84

GAL AREA: VIOLET, GAL: RENATA

Camile	(1)	10/84	10/84
Carole	NY-207-S	03/84	10/84
Claire	NY-208-S	04/84	03/85
Eileen	NY-313-T	03/83	04/84
Elizabeth	(1)	(1)	03/84
Patricia	CT-8-G	03/84	04/84

Name	Code	National	Chapter
Renata	CT-102-W	12/83	01/85
Sharon	NY-311-W	03/84	03/84
JoAnne	CT-1602-U	(1)	03/85
Diane	NY-1674-R	06/85	06/85

GAL AREA: GARDENIA, GAL: EDITH MARIE

Edith Marie	NY-319-W	01/84	03/85
Fran	NY-1610-B	(1)	08/84
JoAnne	NY-1635-S	(1)	01/84
Hollie	(1)	(1)	03/85
Jennifer	NY-1681-P	06/85	06/85

GAL AREA: DAISY, GAL: EILEEN

Alice	FL-301-M	06/84	09/85
Connie	NY-25-N	03/84	03/85
Eileen	NY-11-J	03/84	09/84
Felicity	NY-16-M	03/84	03/85
Joan	NY-9-F	03/84	01/84
Mary Jane	NY-1322-M	03/85	10/84
Yvonne	NY-331-R	(1)	01/84
Robin Anne	(1)	(1)	03/85

GAL AREA: MUM, GAL: MARY JANE

Donna	(1)	(2)	(2)
Josephine	NY-302-C	03/84	12/83
Sylvia	FCQ-1-R	(1)	03/85
Marlene	CA-1046-L	(2)	(2)
Carol	(1)	(2)	(2)
Julie	(1)	(2)	(2)

(1) = need information

(2) = does not apply

AREAS:

* FROM A LINE DRAWN FROM LINDEN N.J. TO EASTON PA.

- SOUTH: IRIS: KAREN

- NORTH: LILY: WILMA

* NEW YORK CITY EXCEPT THE BRONX, & LONG ISLAND: ROSE:
MARLENE & EDDIE* WESTCHESTER, THE BRONX AND CONNECTICUT: VIOLET:
RENATA

* ROCKLAND & ORANGE COUNTIES: GARDENIA: EDITH MARIE

* BALANCE OF NEW YORK STATE: DAISY: EILEEN (NY)

* ALL OTHER: MUM: MARY JANE

WHO'S WHO

Getting Fit

"I have just had a marvelous experience...I went to Woodstock taking with me some clothes I wanted altered etc. I met a delightful, helpful and understanding woman. She provided me with a fitting room in which to totally change (I arrived in male attire), and spend a lot of time planning the best look and fit for several outfits.

At one point a woman came in to have a skirt altered. My fitting room curtain was closed and the new customer did not know I was there. At a point, Anne got fed up with the new customer and told her she had someone else in the fitting room and left her to come check out my outfit. The customer could see me at that point.

A little later, while I was changing into another outfit, she told the other customer that, again, she would have to wait because...In addition to doing alterations she has clothes, a few new, mostly used and 'vintage' clothing. She was most helpful; she looked on her rack for things for me to try on. Unfortunately, we did not find anything, but she said that now that she knew my size and likes, she would contact me if something she thought I might like and to come in!

I asked her how she would feel about possible having more customers and she was thrilled at the prospect of having the card spread that welcomes us! I think that she is a wonderful find and am pleased to have found her and to be able to pass on the info to other sisters" Thanks, Sandi (NY)

In Case
You Missed It

*Forum
Magazine
March, '82
Thanks, Conale.*

— OH, WHAT A FEELING!

ENJOYS "DRESSING UP"

3 I just finished reading your article on transvestism. To begin with, I am not a homosexual or a transvestite. I'm merely one of those many men who enjoys "dressing up" in the privacy of my own home. I have neither the inclination nor the opportunity to go outdoors in female attire. I find it hard to believe that some men actually venture into shopping malls dressed as women.

I've been happily married for over twenty years and have grown children, and my wife and I have a house to ourselves. While we were engaged and for the first years of our marriage, my wife wore beautiful lingerie. But in recent years she has shifted away from traditionally feminine apparel and wears more pantsuits, man-tailored shirts and low-heeled shoes. She looks about as feminine as I do when I leave for work, although she hides a sexy body underneath that drab gear.

She used to make one concession when we went on vacation: She would take along a red-and-black sheer nightie I gave her on one birthday.

On a vacation we took about three years ago, she brought the nightie along, but she didn't wear it. She said it was too cold out and wore a long flannel nightgown instead. I took one look at that flannel thing and announced, "Well, if you're not going to wear this anymore, I will." I put on the nightie, got an instant erection and we had very exciting sex that night and throughout the rest of the trip.

Since that night I haven't worn pajamas again. Instead, when we got home, I appropriated two of my wife's pink nylon nighties, and I've been wearing them and the red-and-black one ever since.

To make a long story short, my wife has been very understanding about the exciting feelings I get when I wear feminine lingerie, although she doesn't understand why I do it. She has made me two garter belts and bought me three bra-and-bikini sets in red, white and black, a "teddy" in ivory lace, a black lace babydoll outfit, stockings in various shades and hues, a beige camisole and tap pants and even a pair of medium-height, black high heels in which I have learned to walk without difficulty.

Admittedly, it took some coaxing on my part to get her to make these purchases, but she has since voluntarily surprised me on Father's Day and on a recent birthday with two low-cut, lacy nighties.

She doesn't always let me wear my goodies to bed as she abhors anything that suggests lesbianism, but I do sometimes convince her to let me wear my bra and garter belt with a pair of falsies stuck into the bra cups. I always achieve a fine erection when I do this and this leads to great sex.

Although I am short and quite hairy, it's surprising what a difference the heels and black hosiery make on my "figure." They shorten the foot, slim and lengthen the leg, raise the buttocks and thereby change my whole appearance. I haven't gone so far as to purchase a wig or wear any makeup and I probably never will, but I want to assure female readers that they shouldn't be frightened if their husbands express interest in such things. My sex life with my wife has never been more fulfilling. Who knows, maybe other marriages could use a boost like this, too!

Mr. T.D.,
New Jersey



ANNIE'S
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