

PRES: William M. [redacted] Albany, New York



NEWSLETTER EDITORS Helen and Wilma [redacted]

Hi - Hello - How are you.

As you can see another month down the drain, with the Fantasia Affair I didn't think there would be any body here. Instead we had seven states represented at the meeting. N. York, N. Jersey, Conn., Vermont, Mass., Missouri, Wisconsin. Not a bad turnout, and we were happy to see such a fine group of new members. For those who weren't here, we missed you. A change such as the Fantasia Affair is good for one's soul, Hope you all had a good week.

The girls here were, Pamela, from Bern, N.Y. , Francine from Henrietta N.Y., Sharon, Troy, N. Y., Joan and Gail from Granville, N.Y., Windy and Joan from Colonie, N.Y., Karen and Lynn from New Brunswick, N. J., Joyce from E. Norwalk, Conn., Dianne and Gloria from Pittsfield, Mass., Jan from Sappington, Mo., Germain from Poultney, Vt., Michell Ann from Boston, Mass. Jackie from Milwalkee, Wisc., Crystal from Menands, N. Y., Dennie from Peekskill, N. Y. and Wilma and I.

For these lovely ladies I served them Baked Ham, Potatoes Au-Gratin, Noodle Pudding, Corn, Pickles, Apple sauce, bread and butter, Coffee and Cake. The cake was made by Gail, for Wilma for his retirement. She had it decorated with and Island with a house on it and in the driveway she had a big bus. In case some of you didn't know Wilma drove a bus for a living for thirty years. Happy retirement to my Honey.

We have a little bit of sad news, as most of you who had been coming to the monthly meetings, knew Jo and Dennie from Peekskill. Well Dennie was alone this trip, as one of your beloved sisters, and Dennie's Husband went to his rest on Friday Oct.9, 1976. He had a heart attack and went fast. anyone wishing to write Dennie a short note can address it to Dennie, % Mrs. Helen Thordsen 1104 Broadway, Albany, N. Y. 12204. And I will see that she gets the mail. My deepest Sympathy goes to you Dennie and the Children

***** Wilma forgot to put in the new members *****

Marianne J. W [redacted] Oklahoma., Vera S. Attleboro Falls, Mass., Rita B. Evansville, Ill. Welcome to the nest girls.

We all hope to see you in person in the near future. Many have found true friends in the group, so here's hoping you may find true friends in our group.

It was nice to see Pam and Crystal after a long absence. Hope you enjoyed being with your many friends and sisters.

Of course I was very happy to see Dennie come up, as I missed her in her long absence away from us. So many of the T.V.'s have always asked for Dennie as she was always there to lend a helping hand to the sisters if they needed help with their nails or to comb their wig. Hang in there Dennie an call if you need any help.

Here's a little ditty for you: When God Created Man It seems that when the Creator was making the world, He called Man aside and bestowed upon him 20 years of normal sex life. Man was horrified. "only 20 years?" But the creator didn't budge. That was all he would give him.

Then he called a Monkey and gave him 20 years. "But I don't need 20 years", the monkey protested. "ten is plenty". Man spoke up and said, "Can I have the 10 years? The monkey graciously agreed.

The same thing happened with the Lion and the Donkey, Each said they only needed 10 years and each in turn gave man their extra ten years. This explains why Man has 20 years of normal sex life; 10 years of monkeying around; 10 years of lion about it; and 10 years of making an Ass of Himself.

Hope you enjoyed reading it, it sure made me chuckle. Keep a prayer in your heart, a smile on your lips, and peace with all. Untill next month stay healthy, happy, and loving.

My Love to All

Helen





SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Who will be Miss Syracuse of 1977/? This years "Miss Syracuse" Contest sponsored by Orpheus will be held on Sunday, Nov. 14th, at the beautiful new showrooms of Dave Buono's Datsun World, 7110 Henry Clay Blvd., Liverpool. N.Y. The Show will begin at 8 P.M., and the M.C. will be the fantastic Stacy Stevens. Following list of prizes. " QUEEN - \$400.00, 1st RUNNER UP - \$200.00, 2nd RUNNER UP - \$150.00, 3rd RUNNER UP - \$100.00, BEST HAIR - \$25.00, BEST GOWN - \$25.00, BEST COMEDY - \$25.00, BEST NEWCOMER- \$25.00. Anyone interested in being a contestant must register with BILL PURDY on or before Sunday, Nov. 7th at the Orpheus.

A PLACE TO GO WHILE DRESSED: THE ORPHEUS, 1203 BITTERNUT ST., SYRACUSE, N.Y. I have been informed that the Orpheus welcomes TV's into their establishment. The only rule being THAT YOU ACT LIKE A LADY.



LOS ANGELES:

L. A. has passed a new law at the urging of the Sheriff's Department prohibiting men from using ladies rooms and the women from using men's rooms.



JAPAN:

I have heard that a lot of transexual action is going on in JAPAN but I have not been able to make a contact with anyone over there yet, and would like to/. Some Americans sex-changers are said to be working as strippers (can that be you KAY?) in TOKYO night clubs now, as the Japanese men go bananas over tall American girls.

FROM RUSSIA TO AUSTRALIA:

Surgey; Sex-change surgery is now being performed by hundreds of surgeons around the world. Here are some of the best: Dr. George Burou, Casablanca; Dr. John Brown, Los Angeles and San Francisco; Dr. Benito rish, younkers, N.Y.; Dr. Boris Yakubson, Moscow; Dr. J. Randall, London; Dr. J. Barbosa, Tijuana; Dr. Stanley Biber, Trinidad, Colorado.



CALIFORNIA:

If you've seen the recent warnings by the FDA on the dangers of female hormones possibly causing blood clots, take them seriously. Angela Douglas was hospitalized for a week in Sept. due to severe blood clot in one of her legs, Apparently caused by taking female hormones for the past 7 years. Angela has recovered and will now have the sex-change operation in early October. Blood clots in legs can usually be detected by swelling and pain.

COLORADO:

CARSON CITY: Mark Randall, a transsexual who bore 4 children but now appears to be "a strong, healthy male," won custody of the children in a court ruling here on grounds Randall is "the better parent." Carson City District Court Judge Frank Gregoty said in the classic ruling that Randall who now lives in a small Colorado town, "claims to have established himself thoroughly as the father image so far as the children are concerned." "The girls have been taught of their former mothers change of sex and they understand it, and appreciate it for the fact that it is." Gregoty said. "We feel that despite social mores and old-fashioned attitudes, the welfare of the children will be best served by placing them with their former mother and now father - image, Mark Randall." "Although it strikes at my personal beliefs and opinions which I have held for many years, I am convinced that Mark Randall is the better parent for these girls".

SWEDEN:

Hard to believe, but beatniks in Sweden, once addicted to the rough-tough, leather-jacket school of behaviour, have turned full circle. The "NALEN" boys, who set the style (Nalem is the name of a well-known dance hall in Stockholm) have switched to the British long-hair look. In addition they've taken to wearing rouge and lipstick. Manly but way-out, one of their leaders told a reporter; "Women want equality? That's okay with us, but if they want our privileges, certainly we should be entitled to use theirs, including make-up."

UNITED STATES:

If you're over 65 or disabled or living on social security the club will give you a 20% discount on your full membership. Please include your Social Security number with your membership. Full membership \$12.00 per year.

From Our Presidents Pen.....



At our September gathering was the first time in 20yrs. that there was an outside problem. I have asked you people who come to the gatherings dressed to get out of your cars and come directly into the house and not to hang around your cars or hold a conversation on the street. This has been getting out of hand these past 6 months by a few who think that they cannot BE READ., or just don't give a dam. As you know last month I had to call the police. - reference to the kids in front of the house. Well it was taken care of Saturday night, but Sunday night there was more trouble (over Sat.) with these same kids. The police were called in again because they broke my picture window and the front door. ~~Total~~ Total damage was \$300.00. My insurance Co. paid \$250.00 of this bill. The other \$50.00 was charged up to TVIC. NOW (1) either you come into the house as soon as you get out of your cars and do not talk to anyone on the street, or (2) you will have to dress after you arrive at my home, or (3) if you can't do this, then stay home and forget about TVIC. NOW if this happens just once more I'll disband TVIC. We have no problems reference to the Albany Police, but there is a youth center that opened next door to my home and its these kids that have to be watch If this sounds like I'm made, well I AM .

The plight of the transvestite and transexual in today's society is far from being perfect. Consider, however, the tremendous advancement we have made to this day to educate the general public. The Image we now have produced has changed from one of the common slang of odd - ball or fag to the sincere individual who wants to be an active part of the city or community where they live. We are indeed far from reaching acceptance by the majority of the public, but only through advanced methods on an educational level can we ever hope to draw attention to our plight and really begin feeling what acceptance is by the public.

A few things we could do without; (1) A TV addressing other TV's (all dressed) as "you guys." (2) The TV who is unhappy unless her plans include "going out on the street." (3) The lack of 20/20 vision in most TV's when they appraise themselves in the mirror. (if you can think of a few more, send them to me and I'll print them.)

Our next TVIC gathering will be held on NOV. 20th. There will be no gathering in DECEMBER do to Christmas being so close to our party date. January's gathering will be held on JAN. 15th.

I want to thank all you members that have sent in clothing, shoes etc.'s Most of it has been given away or exchanged. So any time you have a dress or pair of shoes that you are tired of wearing or looking at send them to me and I'll see that they are passed on.

In view of the closing of the New York office of the Erickson Educational Foundation with which she has been affiliated for the past 5 years, counseling transexuals and homosexuals, is pleased to announce that she shall continue as a counselor in private practice.
(PHYLLIS SAPERSTEIN, 25 WEST 10th STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10011)

That's about all for this month. Hope to see many of you on NOV. 20TH.

W I L M A



I told you I was not what you thought I was. But you must admit I'M pretty.



HY! DAD, Here is your breakfast, I also have your bath ready and your pretty clothes all set out for you to wear.



Letters to the editor

Dear Wilma:

This is more or less a continuation of the last letter that I wrote on our visit to our canadian friends. We left on Monday, the 20th of Sept. and might I add after a very fine dinner, with you and Helen when we celebrated your 28th wedding anniversary, on Sunday, we drove 424 miles to Washington D.C., where our friends Helen and Ann R., had a room all reserved for us at a very fine near by motel, so that it was a very short distance to their apt. Well we were haveing such a good time that instead of only spending the two or three days that we had planned to spend there, we extended our visit to the whole week, staying through till Sunday. Helen and Anne were just great, they took the time during the week to show us the sights of Washington, and of Mt. Vernon, just everything that one would want to see. We also spent many happy hours shopping in there malls. Also we dinned at some exotic places. (I put on 10#) On the following Saturday night we were invited to their chapter meeting, this was held at a local motel, and I'm telling you that we were treated just wonderful by the girls of Rohe Society, we were their guest and we all had a wonderful time, we were made to feel so welcome. They had a lovely time, and we had a buffet lunch that was enjoyed by all. They have many of their meetings each others home, a different one each month, and sometimes blow themselves to a motel gathering, such as this one was. We took many pictures of Washington and also of the party, inside and outside. All in all we had a ball, and am thankfull for such good friends as Helen and Ann R. in Washington. I hope that Betty and I will get the oppertunity to attempt to repay them, by them comming to see us soon. This of course goes without saying for You and Helen also. If anyone member cares to drop a line I'd be happy to answer your letter, REGARDS, SUE. (J. B. [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], Rochester, N.Y. 14612)

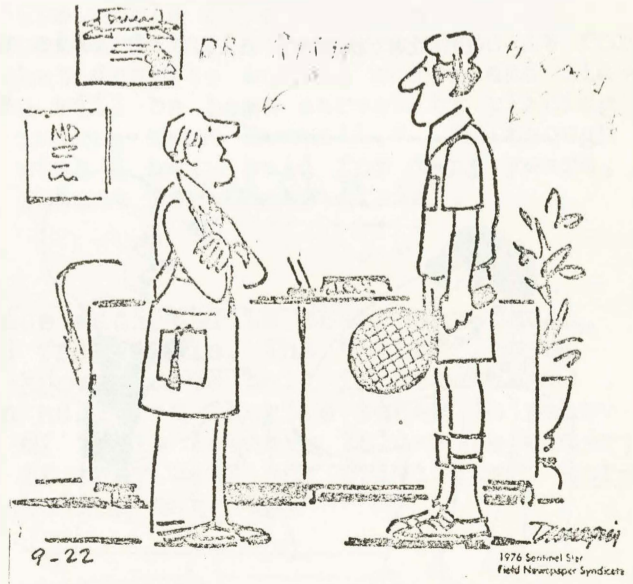
Dear Wilma:

Specifically, the Journal was an important factor in persuading me to join your TVIC Group, because I just can not refrain from adding my two cents worth tp Pamela [redacted]'s editorial on Estrogen. Not only does the estrogen, at least for a time, make you look younger, but also it's an esential additive to 9 out of 10 transsexuals enzyouns complexes. It may be that estrogen may participate in the encouragement of breast cancer, but as Pamela points out there is no definitive proof. More important to the transsexual are estrogen's two major influences on the body: (1) It's capability for breast growth, and (2) mentering effect - functional castration, hence a testaterone inhibitor, which subsequently restricts facial hair growth, and shrivals the male genitalis.

One last word - I can't resist correcting a statment made by Samantha Taylor of Memphis, Tenn. In her letter to Wilma, she says "before her operation, she was a homosexual, although... a victim of transexualism." The one contradicts the other, by every definition. A person can be a gay transvestite, but never a gay transsexual. Homosexuals have an interest only in their own sex and gender. Transsexuals are interested (sexually in persons of their opposite gender. Transsexuals are heterosexual always. I say this with due respect for gay people. People are forever confussing the two concepts. I suppose a transsexual can be bisexual, but given his/her druthers; he/her will always choose a member of the opposite gender. On the contrary, a gay person will always choose a gay person of his/her own sex, and gender. I also agree with Ms. Jan B. of west park, N.Y. No transexual can really explain why he/her simply has to change his/her sex to match his/her gender identity. Any comments? I'd be happy to answer all your letters. SINCERLY GREER. Ms. G. TURNBULL, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] OTTAWA, ONT., CANADA. K1S 2H7.



BEER TO



9-22

1976 Sentinel Star Field Newspaper Syndicate

"Boy, things have sure changed since my wife and I ironed things out!!!"

"I WOULDN'T ADVISE RUSHING INTO AN OPERATION TO CHANGE YOU INTO A WOMAN ... YOU'D HAVE TO GIVE UP YOUR RAZOR BLADE ENDORSEMENTS!"



M O R E - 1606A6B6L6B6B6B6B6B6 L E T T E R S

Dear Wilma;

That was a perfectly lovely letter you wrote me after my accident. It did help, and I sure appreciated it. Am all right now, I recover fast. I was happy to see by your recent Journal, that you encouraged dancing, and entertainment, with your get-to-gethers. You must know that TVs, and some TSS have much more feeling, and original talent, in different directions, than ordinary people. We live in a society that is sick in many ways, or it would see the other side of human life, as another part of nature, and not criticize it or try to do the impossible, which is to ignor, or break it down, but would accept it with grace and dignity, as some of the ancient societies have done. I also very much liked, and agreed with the article on hormones by Kathy from Chicago. Wish Palmela would write an editorial on how to DRESS She's good at that. and many, note I say "many", Boston TV's and TS'S need more brushing up on dressing. SENCERLY, LESLIE. (Leslie Qu██████████, ██████████ Boston, Mass. 02115

Dear Wilma and Helen;

And another great Newsletter - congratulations. Also some comments and perhaps answers - someday - ? Whenever I hear or read of transexuals - the pre and post variety - little is discussed of the satisfying and completed transexuals via the hormonal method. On my part - I find the hormonal stimulation of the body with it's many, many results a more natural occurance than the surgical removal of portions and roll - up (or in) of remaning tissue. 'Feeling' the female may be enhanced by surgical proseedures much in the same way as a new pair of shoes, a hair cut or do, or the healing of a cut ot something but in no way like the feeling which one finds after a completed (and continueing) hormonal treatment. I do feel for the transexual whom goes all out in becoming a female for I have met some rather 'mature' transexuals and their change has been most disadvantageous in their hoppitalization situations. No I do not in any way desire to discourage the dedicated male/female in going all-the-way but I wonder if they realize-all? One I know, in New York City, whom has been married to a fine chap, had her operation in Casablanca long ago, is a beautiful gal with a wonderfigure. Her husband knows but aside from a very few whom knew her before (she has completely cut herself off from any of her former acquaintances and with very few exceptions, friends) she is a women. Sexual relations-from what I can gather, satisfactory, altho I have never pressed either she or her husband on the subject. As with all discussions on our various 'hang - ups we could go on and on. This discussion is only to note ostracize we whom choose to add to body functions that the body responds yet desire not to surgically alter for one should remember that until our science finds methods to complete basic body change - relations are still - man - to - man - come h--l or high water. (J.E. PLATSBERG, N.Y.)

Dear Folks;

Thank you for a very lovely evening at the TV gathering Saturday night. Nice to meet oyers that think as I do about dressing, and it ~~is~~ was all to the kindness of Shelia that I could be there. It was nice to meet persons in the flesh that I had written too and had pictures of. Perhaps I may never attend again. But I have a lot of things to think about. I have always had for years, a few TV's that came to my home, dress, pictures taken, and always perfect well behaved Ladies, and have always enjoyed having them. At the present time I have a lovely friend who is a Sarveyor, married and two small children. Wife does not know of his private life. He comes when ever he can to dress here where I keep his things. He is so thankful that he now has a place to dress. I don't see how I can stay here much longer as I have to mow the lawn in summer and shovel snow all winter, and it is so far back. Have to drive the car, and at 75 years it is getting to be a chore, an to the shopping mall is a drive of 20 miles. It would be nice if I could find a retired TV to live here. Than I could stay here. I am eligable to go in to government housing. But I don't think I would like that. The places are so small, they only offer a one room affair. We will see. Sincerly, Theda. (Mr. E. Boyce, L.P.N., EAST CORNITH, VT. 05040) (ED. NOTE: If any TV is interested, drop THEDA a letter. And all others drop her a short letter and cheer her up. Wilma)



NO YOU CAN'T RESIGN DONALD. You TURNED out to be better than my vacatiening SECRETARY. So I get RID of her -

Transvestite boutique caters to men



MIAMI (AP) — In a discreet location, a newly opened boutique sells women's shoes in size 14, oversized silk corsets and black, wet-look lingerie to male customers.

The shop, catering to transvestites, doesn't open until 5 p.m. when the mostly upper-middle income men, some of them married, come out of society's closet to dress in

women's clothes.

"The need for this kind of shop was simply incredible," says Phil Salem, the orange-haired proprietor who says he wears women's lingerie himself.

Authorities estimate that there are one million transvestites in the United States, and Salem says Florida has an unusually high proportion of them.

"A lot of professional men retire here, and a lot of people come here for the season," Salem says. "Men leave their wives for a business trip to Florida and come buy women's clothes and wear them."

"Transvestites usually are not homosexuals, but most people don't understand that. Homosexuals have become more acceptable in public than transvestites."

Salem's boutique is festooned with girly pictures and sexy magazines. Items for sale include blow-up bras and five-inch-heel shoes custom-built with steel shanks and reinforcements.

"We don't want a 250-pound customer to break the heel," Salem says.

The Michael Salem TV boutique, located in the same building as a stock brokerage firm, is an offshoot of one in New York and a mail catalogue system. Another store recently opened in Philadelphia, and others are planned in Chicago and Atlanta.

"I think we can look forward to doing pretty good business in Miami," says Salem, whose cousin Michael founded the business. "We knew there was an active market because we had 3,600 Miami men who were subscribers to our catalogue of clothes. Since they have to pay \$7 to be put on our mailing list, we only get people who are serious buyers."

The clothes are not cheap. Dresses sell from about \$50 to \$99. Most of our clients are 'in the closet' — or else they'd just walk into Lane Bryant and buy what they want."

Salem says many businessmen wear female undergarments every day. "He has to keep the collar buttoned and wear a tie so he wants to feel comfortable under it all," Salem says.

Miami police say there is no Dade County or Florida law to forbid men dressing in women's clothes.



Sex-Change Operations Often Fail

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI) — A Stanford Medical Center administrator says that unqualified "sex change" doctors have left some patients neither men nor women.

Patrick Gandy said some disgruntled patients have "no sex at all."

Gandy, coordinator of Stanford's gender identity program, said some surgeons fail to do sufficient psychological testing before operating and some tragically botch the surgery itself.

The most typical surgical problems, Gandy said, are man-to-woman patients who — because of inept surgery — have been given vaginas completely unsuited to sexual relations. He added such persons are often driven to suicide.

Equally tragic, he said, are men who convince a doctor their sex should be changed, are operated on and later discover an operation was not needed or really wanted.

"Nobody has ever tried changing a person twice," he said. "It might be possible to make a person a woman again, but once you've operated on a man, there's no going back."

Gandy said sex-change patients are usually homosexuals or transvestites.

Five out of six are outwardly men — or once were men — and half of those who have applied for treatment "have gotten bad jobs" elsewhere, he said.

Gandy said 50 patients have been operated on at Stanford. All of them, he said, had gone to other specialists and were left unsatisfied.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a transvestite. For obvious reasons I order my dress-up pretties from mail-order catalogues. My problem is exactly the opposite of the mother who can't find masculine-looking clothes for her sons. I can't find feminine-looking clothes for myself.

For years I was able to get lace lingerie, organdy blouses, silk dresses and chiffon hostess gowns. Now that the dykes have taken over the women's fashion industry, I see nothing but man-tailored suits with zippered flaps, button-down pockets, plaid shirts, and cowboy boots. No more chiffon and lace. It's all blue denim and hard fabrics with heavy stitching. I haven't seen a satin underslip in three years.

The lesbians are ruining it for thousands of transvestites. We need help. — Waterbury, Connecticut

Dear Water: Since women's apparel is now masculine and men's apparel is feminine, why not order from the men's pages?

'PILL' BEST BUT RISKY

According to "The Medical Letter," a nonprofit publication which provides nearly 70,000 physicians with unbiased evaluations of drugs and treatments, the oral contraceptive tablet combining two hormones, estrogen and progesterin, is the most effective, convenient form of birth control. It also, however, generates the greatest risk of adverse effects.

In reviewing various contraception methods, the publication cites several studies which show that women who use the pill have a very low rate of 0.1 to 1.5 accidental pregnancies per 100 woman-years of use.

The least effective method of contraception is the rhythm method, with 15 pregnancies per 100 woman-years.

"Medical Letter" declares that there is no completely reliable, hazardless method of contraception and that the major risk with the pill is the formation of blood clots in veins.

"The incidence of death to this complication was seven to eight times as high in users of oral contraceptives as compared to non-users," in British studies.

U.S. researchers have found that four to 11 times as many women on the pill have blood clots and a higher incidence of strokes compared to women not using the pill.

Since the risk of clots seems to be related to the dose of estrogen, "most authorities," the publication says, "recommend preparations containing no more than 50 micrograms of estrogen per tablet."

The pill also produces in some women such side effects as increased blood pressure, gallblad-

der trouble, headaches, fluid or salt retention, bloating and fungus infections which cease when the users go off the pill.

If you think male pantyhose are a running joke, maybe you'd better take a closer look. One manufacturer who turned them out in quantity says they sold in a trice—women bought them for their husbands. (No one knows whether the men wore them.) They are a must, insists the manufacturer, because the new fall men's knit suits — marvelous for their good looks and for keeping their shape — let the breezes through. Conservative males may prefer old-fashioned long johns under knit trousers, to combat the cool, but pantyhose provide all the warmth with half the weight. Would it help you shy fellows if they renamed them he-hose?

Woman to tailor: "I'd like a jacket for my husband."
Tailor: "Certainly, madam, smoking, riding or casual?"
Woman: "None of those, Straut."

A truck driver stopped Trooper C. F. Stoltz, South Glens Falls, and told him he had just spotted "the ugliest broad I ever saw." A loitering arrest was made, but the "broad" turned out to be a man in female attire, trying to attract the attention of truckers. In the same area Z/Sgt. R. A. Guard made another loitering arrest when a man appeared in a restaurant dressed as a woman, with wig, makeup, fingernail polish and high-heeled shoes.