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HERE WE GO AGAIN ABOUT TO TAKE THE PLUNGE AGAIN.  
SAILING, SAILING OVER ALL CITY AND STATE HIGHWAYS TO GET TO WILMAS HOME. WHY to have our monthly gathering of course. It was a good turn out, twenty one to be exact. All the girls looked good in all their finery. wigs done beautifully. By the way you gals that would like to have your wigs cleaned and set you could leave them with me and my daughter will do them for a low fee of \$ 5.00.

The talk at the meeting was mostly about our Xmas Party to be held on Dec. 15th. I would appreciate you gals letting me know about a week ahead of time if you are coming, there is a lot of work in preparing a special party like this. We will have a grab bag so all you gals bring a gift for the grab in the \$ 3.00 to \$5.00 range, lets keep it to jewelry, bags or perfume. No clothes please as the sizes differ and would not be fitting for a gal to receive a gift she couldn't use.

We will try to have some sort of entertainment, and perhaps some games we can play. There will be small gifts for the gal who wins in the games we play.

Our meal last night was meat loaf, baked macaroni, cole slaw, coffee and cake. We take this time to thank Louise and Evelyn for the nice Thanksgiving decorated cake they brought.

What happened Pamela, Chrystal told me she called you and you were going to take a short nap before coming over. Oh well I guess you were really tired from your trip to the flea market.

We had one of our new members finally make it up to the meeting and meet with all the other sisters who enjoy the same pleasure of dressing. Happy you could make it Connie.

Hi Barbara B. hope your moving to New York wont keep you from coming to see once in awhile.

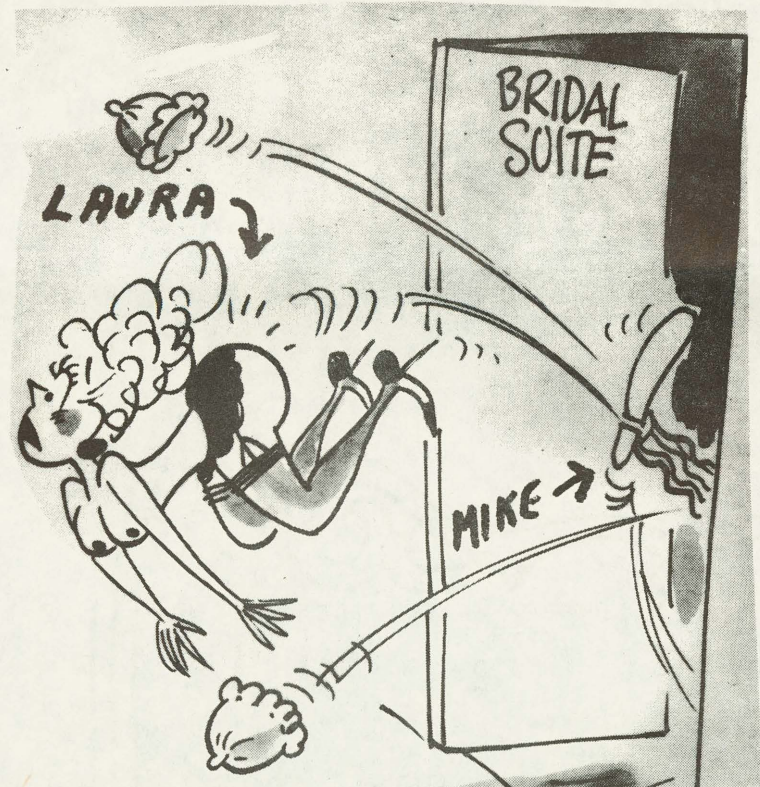
Hi LaVerne: do hope you are feeling a bit better and will be able to make the XMas Party. The gals all said Hello and get well soon they miss you.

For all you other gals who for some reason or other could not make it yesterday, hope to see you all soon.

My thanks to all the gals who helped in the kitchen chores, seems more help comes along every month as time goes by.



Some of our guests who were here last night were. Sue and Betty from Rochester, N. Y. Pauline from Voorheesville, N. Y. Laura from Sharon, Conn/ Connie of Huntington, NY Winnie of Schen. N. Y. Louise & Evelyn of Waterbury, Conn. Michelle of Albany, N. Y. June of Averill Park, N. Y. JoAnne of Stony Point, N.Y. Joan of Colonie, N. Y. Michell of Glens Falls, N. Y. Crystal of Menands, N. Y. Caroline of Troy, N.Y Jean of Plattsburg, N. Y. Janice of Long Island, N. Y. Jo and Dennie of Peekskill, N. Y.



HEY MIKE: What did Laura ever do to you that you kicked her so hard that she lost part of herself on her exit out.

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Hi Billie up there in Vermont, we missed seeing you, hope nothing is wrong. See you next month.  
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If I dont mention some of you gals by name, dont think I dont miss you I do sincerely, so come on down to see us.  
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Was glad to hear from Bobbie in Md., and know that our group in a way was responsible for having put Bobbie at ease in dressing and making it easier for her to go out dressed. Have fun Bobbie and enjoy life, it is so short.  
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THE FIRST PAIR OF HEELS

"Mother, these high heels hurt my feet" "Darling, you've got to learn to walk in them!" "But they hurt!" "You're doing just fine. Try bending your knees a little and be careful stepping down curbs," "Yes, it's a little better when I bend my knees slightly." "Of course it is, dear! It's your first pair of high heels and you've got to get used to them. Try swinging your hips a little, putting your weight first on one foot and then on the other." "Like this?" "That's fine! More comfortable now?" "A little. But I feel so silly." "Just shut up and walk. We're almost there. Now remember what I told you to tell the Draft Board, RALPH."

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For some of you girls who were here when Alice B [redacted] was visiting us here a while back, will be glad to know she has been on television in a bowling show. she did fairly well. Alice also got an award for winning a golf tournament. Not bad for an hours work, Alice cashed in on \$ 75.00 for her bowling effort.  
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TRAVELING SALESLADY

With Women's lib on the march, we now have the traveling salesman's jokes change ing sex. It seems that a traveling saleslady's car broke down on a deserted road. She went to the nearest farm house. She had to share a room with the farmers sons, Luke and Clem. In the middle of the night, the saleslady felt passionate and enticed Clem and Luke. But before having an affair with them, she gave them each a condom and told them to put it on otherwise she would have a baby. The saleslady left the next morning. Two weeks later, Clem and Luke were working in the field. Clem whispered to Luke, "I don't care if she does have a baby, I'm going to take the darn thing off!"  
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WARNING : Report comes from New Orleans that the entertainer known as "Alexandra the Great" recently died of silicone poisoning as a result of having her breasts "blown up" to a very large size. It was thought that the silicone had affected her kidneys. This would indicate the hazard of silicone injections which are known to migrate. However, it has never been established conclusively that taking hormones moderately is a cause of cancer.  
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Say Terrie: How does it feel to be the hard working gal of the house? Hope Michelle makes it good in her schooling for accounting.  
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Untill next month my dear friends, ladies and sisters have a happy holiday. Stay healthy, happy and forever young. Sweet dreams dear hearts and to you Rita out there in Yonkers. How about coming to visit us one of these days.

MY LOVE TO ONE AND ALL  
HELEN

# HELLO

As the hemlines begin to fall, so do the leaves and another winter season approaches. It's really kind of an exciting time of the year, with the social season in full swing, and; the new styles appearing every where. I really don't know what to think about the midi vs mini battle because, I have mixed emotions. But after talking with my wife about it, I decided to wear the midi ---because if I'm going to look ugly, it may as well be this years ugly. I do think that minis are here to stay, but; then so are my bony knees---so I may as well let the hemlines down a bit. However, I just remembered that I cut all my dresses so short there are no hemlines left to let-out. Oh well, just have to get some new things I guess--- good excuse. But to be honest, the longer length will be better for me.

Well another nice turnout-- twenty one TVs -- Three from Conn. -- rest from New York State-- nice to see all you girls--

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### NEW MEMBERS

M.G.- Little Neck, N.Y.  
M.F.\* Montreal, Canada

M.J. Allison Park, Pa.  
J.H. Deep River, Conn.

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### NEW SUBSCRIBERS

S.N.- Canoga Park, Calif.

NEXT  
PARTY  
DECEMBER



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JANURARY PARTY



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# MY SINCERE THANKS

To all you gals who were so kind to send me all those beautiful Birthday Cards- I am really sorry that I cannot thank each of you in person.

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THE  
MAKING  
OF  
A  
TV



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A Philadelphia Main Line matron, interviewing an applicant who, unbeknown to the matron was a TV, for the position of housemaid, was giving the girl a thorough cross examination. She asked the girl who her parents and grand-parents were. As she started to go back still another generation, the girl got to her feet. "Look here, Madam", she said, " what do you want me for- dusting or breeding?"

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### Question of The MONTH

What do other husbands do, who have this urge to dress and can't, because, of a non understanding wife, who have no intention of listening to any plea & who think it is unnatural- weird- crazy- etc.

SEND IN YOUR ANSWERS EARLY FOR THE PAPER

L E T T E R S

Dear Wilma:

I asked my wife how TVs could do something to recieve greater acceptance in society. Her answer was that many families who are on State Welfare are in dire need. Some are even unable to afford the Food stamps they are entitled to have. One way TVs could help is if every time they have a meeting each one would try to bring a grocery bag full of unwanted clothing of any type or size, as well as unwanted can goods or other useables from home or from their neighbors. These could be gathered and someone appointed totake them to the nearest State Welfare office. If you do not desire to use your club name just say the SIBIGENS sent them. I hope all TVs everywhere become SIBIGENS. Both my wife and [redacted] please write:-  
R. [redacted], [redacted], ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32808.

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Dear Wilma;

I am starting a TVIC chapter here in Los Angles, I would be greatful if any of the girls who read this in our area would drop me a line for future gatherings.  
MISS SONIA [redacted], P.O.BOX 2036, CANOGO PARK, CALIF91306.

Dear Wilma:

A friend of mine asked me to write to you for information. He said he has read stories about males who have under gone operations to become females. Where would one go for this type of operation and how much would it cost?  
D.A. ALLENTOWN, PA.

ANS: The ooperation mentioned did not actually "change" the sex of an individual. The surgery consisted mainly of removal of the male sex organs, hoemone injections and plastic surgery. Many such operations were performed in Denmark and in the U.S. The persons involved were individuals who felt that nature had made a mistake in their sex. It is impossible to forward you the addresses of any doctors in this country who perform the operation you are interested in. It is a very difficult and expensive surgery.  
WILMA.



Dear Wilma:

Please let me know where I can get ESTRIGENIE female hormones. P.A. SOUTH GLENS FALLS, N.Y.

\* We in TVIC are more \* direct. \*\*\*\*\*

ANS: Please avoid "estrgenie female hormones", unless prescribed and injected by a competent physician, and in cases of extreme necessity. These female hormones have unpleasent after effects in some cases unless taken properly will have little or no effect. They must be taken only under a doctor's care and advice, and if not administered properly, might do more harm than good. These female hormones do not have the same effect on every person and not only are they quite expensive, but they take a long time to show any beneficial results. Only a doctor could be able to advise the proper amount totake, either orally or by injection, and those who have ignored their physicians advice have found it out to their sorrow, that they have suffered much misery, expense and frustration in their desire to have a natural femenine bustline, instesd of having to resort to the use of "falsies."  
WILMA.

Dear Wilma:

I stand 5'6", weigh 125lbs, and I wear a size 12 dress. I have nice legs and my features are quite feminiqe. My problem occurs when I apply my make-up. I have difficulty applying my false eyelashes, and although practice will make perfect eventually, is there any bits of advise you might have wich might make it easier for me to apply my lashes? Also, how can I apply masscara to my lower lashes without smearing it on my lower eyelids? What ever help you can offer me will greatly be appricated. H.B., N.Y.C.

ANS: Yes, false eyelashes are a real problem. The best method I found is to look down with the eye you are working on, and use a small piece of tissue placed under the lash while you are applying the mascara. WILMA.

Dear Wilma:

I managed to get down to the Washington area last month for their October get-together wich was a halloween party; all the gals were quite attractively dressed however- most in long gowns. Since I broke the ice up in Albany in September, I find it much easier to go out dressed [redacted] of these affairs. I only wish I could do it more often. MISS BOBBIE O [redacted], P.O.BOX 391  
ABERDEE, YLAND, 21001

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# Listen

ANSWERS TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Oct. Question. What does a tv want from life excluding Sex?

Dear Wilma:

For the most part there is nothing that I want from life that I do not now enjoy. Besides the most important things in life such as good health, a loving understanding wife and family, a good job and sufficient material possessions to foster day to day comfortable living, I desire the following for myself and my fellow man.

I want to see the acceptance of a person for what they are and not what society, family, friends or others think that person should be or do. This must include the freedom of the right to wear whatever clothing and hair styles that person finds most comfortable. We all hear and most of us advocate sexual equality. Yes, sexual equality is progressing but more so for the female than the male. Presently males are more limited in their activities in a number of area than are females. For an example, clothing, woman may wear any article of clothing belonging to either sex without a second glance but let a male put on a skirt and all hell breaks loose. The same thing is true in vocations and family home roles. There is no problem with a female trying very masculine jobs such as policeman, construction work or explorer to name a few but let a man try his hand at being a nurse, attendant in a nursery, or a seamstress and watch the eyebrows rise. The same thing is true in the home. It is okay for the man to shovel the snow, clean out the garage or basement and repair that leaky faucet but look out! if he does a little mending, cooking, house cleaning or enjoys a leasure bath with some foaming perfumed bath salts

True, we have made progress but there is so much more to be accomplished. This is what I as a TV want to see come out of life.

MYRTLE ANN [redacted], P.O.BOX 961, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. 55440

Dear Wilma:

In reply to your Oct. question I would say that most TV's want "ACCEPTANCE" I know I do! We all want this acceptance. I think that this is a form of APPROVAL. Deep down we know we are going against public opinion and society's norms, so we seek out approval. We want someone (preferable a woman) to say "you look good", or "I can understand what you are doing" or a dozen other remarks.

Some people seek this acceptance thru other outlets. There are some that get into the "Bondage and Domination" routine or the "Sadism and Mosochism" routine. This is another way of them seeking approval-or at least shifting the guilt (some have it) to someone else.

When a TV finally finds people that will accept him as he is-he can loudly sound a sigh of relief. Hurrah! For then he not only has his cake -- but he has a few bites too.

MISS PAMELA [redacted], P.O.BOX 1021, ALBANY, N.Y. 12201

Dear Wilma:

Speaking for myself it is "FREEDOM" To be free to live and work in a dress. I'd love to be able to walk the streets in female attire, to work for a living as a woman. To go camping, swimming, to theaters, parks, etc. My greatest thrill in life would be to go where I want, dressed as I want without the threat of breaking some stupid law, unhampered, unhosseled, and to tend to my own business as I wish. Some day I hope we TV's can be liberated also.

MISS DIANA LEE [redacted], [redacted], BUFFALO, N.Y. 14213

Dear Wilma & Helen

Your question of the month leaves alot up in the air. As far as I am concerned a TV is human first and a TV second. We wants and enjoys all the things that any other person would enjoy. To reverse your question I find I have more in life because I am the way I am. It sounds rather boring with out being able to enjoy the finner and nicer things in life. To put it a simpler way "I ENJOY BEING A GIRL"

Keep up the good work. I consider it a good day when I have your paper. I truly enjoy reading it.

Miss Karen [redacted], P.O. Box 45, La [redacted] g, Illinois 60438

\* LURA M

\* Hee Hee! Don't you know your own size yet? Take a look at yourself, yours don't look so hot.

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# Pamella's Sex Switch Imperfect

By DALE F. MEAD  
Staff Writer

STANFORD — "The first time I went out on the street dressed as a woman — my God, it was terrifying," recalls Pamela Bratton.

"People weren't stopping because the traffic lights were red. They were staring at me."

**The time was May of 1972, when five months of estrogen therapy leading to a sex-change operation had put a woman's curves on a man's 5-foot-10 frame.**

Ralph Taylor Bratton, whose name three months later was changed in court to Pamela Bratton, also began electrolysis treatments to remove his beard. Estrogen therapy could not reverse that trail.

Since that time Pamela Bratton has practiced the role of a woman while awaiting the final physiological adjustment done by a surgical team at Stanford University.

Unemployed for several months despite extensive supervisory and technical skills, she still awaits an economic break that will provide the \$2,500 needed to complete the treatment.

In the meantime the role-playing has its hazards. She could not complete the electrolysis because she did not have the money, "and a shadow of a beard is appearing and I get terrible nervous."

"I've also found that when I get uptight, nervous and withdrawn, people detect me. A great deal of it is demeanor. When I get frustrated and tense, my voice will lower and a masculine reaction will surface. Ralph will protect me."

**Because the beard is not removed completely and the voice must be controlled by the individual, "some people seem to pick**

it up right away. Others don't.

"And I immediately pick up when people clock me, and I get tense. Ralph doesn't appear, but the things he taught me do."

Learning to play the woman's role "does have its moments of humor," she says.

"I once walked into a supermarket to buy a 50-pound bag of dog food, and when I got to the checkout counter the cashier said, 'Just a moment, ma'am, I'll get someone to help you.'"

"This elderly man, bent over with age, came out and took it to the car, huffing and puffing. I thought he was going to have a coronary."

"Only minutes before, I had lifted the bag with one

hand to head toward the check stand until I remembered a woman doesn't do that."

One other time, as she sat in a bar "a guy wouldn't take no for an answer to dance. I finally agreed, and then found I didn't know how to dance backward."

Pamella experienced a "lowering of the libido," a calmness and reduction of drive, when the estrogen therapy began. But even now she "comes on strong" to make a point — an aggressive rather than passive reaction.

"I really don't think I have to holster my femininity. I consider myself asexual at this time. I do think you can totally suppress sex drives."

Emotionally, "I don't find myself attracted to all men — only certain men, someone who is secure in his identity, who doesn't have to put up a line."

**Pamella maintains that Ralph never was attracted to men for homosexual activities, and that transsexuals typically are not interested in getting involved with homosexuals.**

She carries a photo copy of legal definitions, in fact, to verify that transsexuals are clearly different from homosexuals or transvestites.

Trans-sexualism, she explains, doesn't begin as part of the sex drive that comes with puberty as do homosexual tendencies or the urge to dress like a woman.

"Homosexuality is a sexual disorder," she declares. "It's an attraction between two people of the same gender, who are aware of their gender and happy with it, who have a nuptial relationship."

"The transvestite almost always is male and aware of his gender. I don't believe he desires to change his gender but only to dress in the opposite gender."

In contrast, transsexualism manifests itself when a child is 3 to 6 years old. "It's the belief one is of the opposite sex; the morphological appearance of one gender and self-identity with the opposite gender."

What sexual activities Ralph had — and they occurred rarely, perhaps once or twice a year — were with women.

"Prior to my estrogen therapy, I could have relations with a female if she epitomized everything I wanted to be. Then I would 'become' the female."

Once the estrogen treatments began, any ability to perform as a man disappeared.

**One of the chief obstacles to playing the role of a woman for Pamella is more than 36 years of facing the world as a man.**

"It's easy if you've never had an identity. But if you've had a male identity and you're starting from scratch, it isn't easy. I don't know what's expected of me as a 38-year-old person."

"I don't want to look 38 and I don't feel 38. I don't want to feel middle-aged."

want to have a more youthful appearance. A lot of other transsexuals go to a lot of extremes to make themselves look more youthful," she reports.

"Homosexual, heterosexual, transsexual — none of us has an honest opinion of what we look like. We cop out to the mirror on what we want to be."

But the difference for transsexuals is that they already have submitted to drastic physical changes through surgery. So cosmetic adjustments such as facelifts or breast implantation seem routine and easily done by comparison.

During this interim period, awaiting the crucial operation, Pamela says she has become very pensive. She notices things Ralph would have overlooked in the past and has started to write.

She feels that the experience has heightened her emotional strength to the point where incidents that would shake up most people would be accepted without trauma.

She admires the equanimity of other transsexuals: "I have not met a transsexual who was not so exquisitely strong that if a person noticed it that person would stand in awe."

"I'm not religious and I don't like the word God, but it (the sex-change experience so far) has given me a sense of a power so far beyond us that if we could get a glimpse of it, in depth, it would terrify us," she says.

Concerning the reaction of society to the transsexual, Pamela observes, "You can't grasp the ostracism. If someone was born with a withered limb, people can comprehend that; they can accept it."

"But sexual misidentity can't be grasped. It can't be seen. It can be felt, but not discussed. They (most persons) gag on it, they retch."

"Our bodies are not what we are. They are a means of communication. We express our identity through our hairdos, beards, clothing or make-up."

"But we (transsexuals) are not molesting children, we're not dope addicts. We're not hurting anybody."

"I'm trying to say, hey people, I'm not really different from you. Nobody's really different."



Pamella still wears pants—but for new curves