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# BUFFALO BELLES



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JUNE 1997

SISTERS IN CHARGE:

JEAN [REDACTED]  
PATTI [REDACTED]  
KATHY [REDACTED]

Dear Sisters,

Our May meeting was one of our best ever. So good in fact, that we only got to do half of what was planned! We had 17 members present, for the second month in a row. This was especially good as the Sabres were playing their first game of round two that night. With hockey fever finally reaching a point beyond tepid for the first time in quite a few years, we probably lost a few to the game! But...Oh, well maybe next year! If we had gone a few

rounds further, maybe we would be renaming ourselves to the Buffalo Sabreettes!

A big welcome was given to Fran, a sister making her first meeting. Hope she will return often in the future!

Our presenter for the evening was Karen, of Newbury St. She kept her audience enthralled for four hours. Her training and skills were very evident from the information she gave. What was even more impressive, was the warmth and care she gave to us girls.

This was demonstrated by her having each girl come up for an individual "fitting". In front of all the others! I never would have guessed that just about all were willing to doff their wigs and listen to her suggestions as to color and style.

Now her mission wasn't just to sell you a wig, as she only brought a half dozen with her. It was to educate for what to look for. Or how to modify what you have.

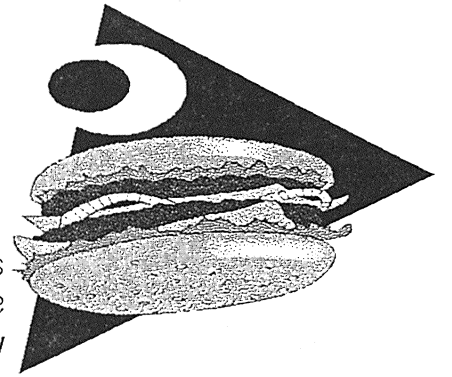
She also did some work with a couple of the girls who go the "natural" way in combing and fluffing out their own locks. Her comments to each participant were often useful to the audience in general and often was called on for an opinion on a color or style choice.

Karen will be making a return visit in the future. In the meantime, if you have a question about your hair and want an expert opinion, she is the one to see! Give a call and make an appointment with her.

## ATTENDEES

DENISE [REDACTED]	ANGELLA [REDACTED]
JEAN [REDACTED]	CAMILLE [REDACTED]
JANICE [REDACTED]	SUSAN [REDACTED]
PATTI [REDACTED]	SHARON [REDACTED]
DANALYN [REDACTED]	CRYSTAL [REDACTED]
KATHY [REDACTED]	SHARON [REDACTED]
COLLEEN [REDACTED]	CAROL [REDACTED]
KATHRYN [REDACTED]	FRAN [REDACTED]
JOY [REDACTED]	

## SEPTEMBER MEETING: Our fifth anniversary meeting.



AUGUST MEETING: Annual picnic. Usually one of our best meetings of the year. Will the fox come visit us again this year? See Patti for what to bring! A few things come to mind: Yourself, the wife and an appetite! Maybe we should invite some of the other nearby girls like Rochester, WPa, etc. to come join us for the evening.

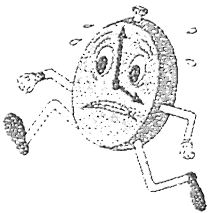


JULY MEETING: Usually we shift the July meeting to the second Saturday, to avoid the holiday. However, this still seems to make it the most poorly attended meeting of the year. Should we try something different this year and go for the fifth? It is not to late for us to schedule either day. What do you think? Maybe a holiday weekend meeting isn't a bad idea after all. So you decide. Just call the hotline and say which you prefer. 643-2626. Think about it and call. Our operators on duty 24 hrs.

Because of the length of the time spent with Karen, we never got to have the discussion on the subject of splitting up the Belles. This was announced in last month's newsletter. The interest shown by this was incredible! It brought a couple of phone calls and a passing mention in another conversation or two!

As it was about midnight when Karen teased her last wisp of hair, shortly thereafter we broke up and headed out into the evening. Some undoubtedly for some food, as they had arrived to late for any pizza.

Girls, we have been saying for a couple of months that we are trying to get started sooner. Jean picked up the pizza at 6:30 and if you came later than 7:30, it was gone! Then again, I have the thought that perennial latecomers like Patti, Tammy, and Kathryn are about the slimness among us! Let's keep trying to get started sooner, so we might finish sooner. Leaving at twelve thirty to start part 2, the night on the town is to late for us older gals!



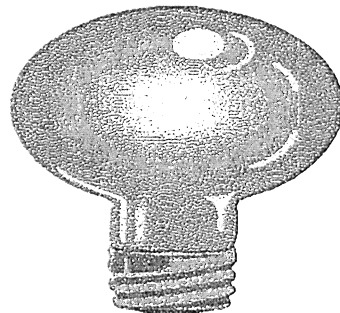
JUNE MEETING: Discussion group on splitting up the Belles and other topics. To elaborate, for the last half year or so, we have been questioning just where we stand as a group. Whether we are a Tri-Ess group or something more open. Do we serve one segment, or try to be more than that. Should the Belles split? Not in the breakup sense, but in the divide form. Should we become two groups?

In our introduction on the application, it states that "We are a non-sexual social and support group for cross dressers and their significant others." Does this really define who we are and our purpose? For some of us, having a place to go once a month and dress up is all we need. For others of us, this is not enough. We all come to different points of acceptance of ourselves. Sometimes,

these change.

We state three things. Two are in question. Social and Support. Can we be both? Or the two functions divide according to need. We have certainly met the need for social. It's support that seems to be in question. Do those who are deciding to take their gender dysphoria further than the monthly meeting need their own support group? The needs of the TS are certainly different than the All American CD. Or are they? Can we have two groups within one? There is no reason to split us into two totally separate groups. Certainly our infrastructure of PO Box, phone, checking, etc. don't need changing!

Should we have two meetings? The traditional first Saturday social. And another, when and where unknown, for those needing the support in their stages of transition. One would be a member of both groups. Which one (or both!) you need, would be your decision. It's just the emphasis would be different.



Another subject that may be needed to discuss is whether we join with Erie Sisters in sponsoring Riverside Gala Weekend this fall! I hope to go down to Erie on the 24th of this month and see what they request of us and report back. IF anyone else has an interest in

helping out on this fine event, please let me know! They are trying to revive this event, after some unfortunate problems that have been commented on before. Hopefully, this can once more return to being a gathering of friends!

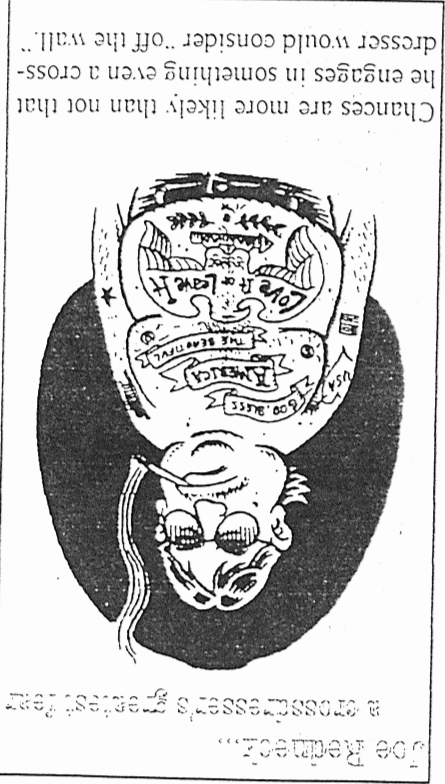
On the same note, Patti has a questionnaire else where for you to fill out and return, please! She is trying to ascertain what interest there is in holding an "event" ourselves. Certainly the idea is good. But the big question is how much are YOU willing to be involved!!! It won't happen any other way. Really!

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Finally, I got inside and figured I was home free. Then someone came up and said they were androgynous and collecting money for the Freedom of Gender League. Well, not damn, that was beginning to sound like a good deal to me. I almost gave them everything in my bank account. But then they told me that I would have to give up my high heels and lingerie. So, there went that idea anyway.

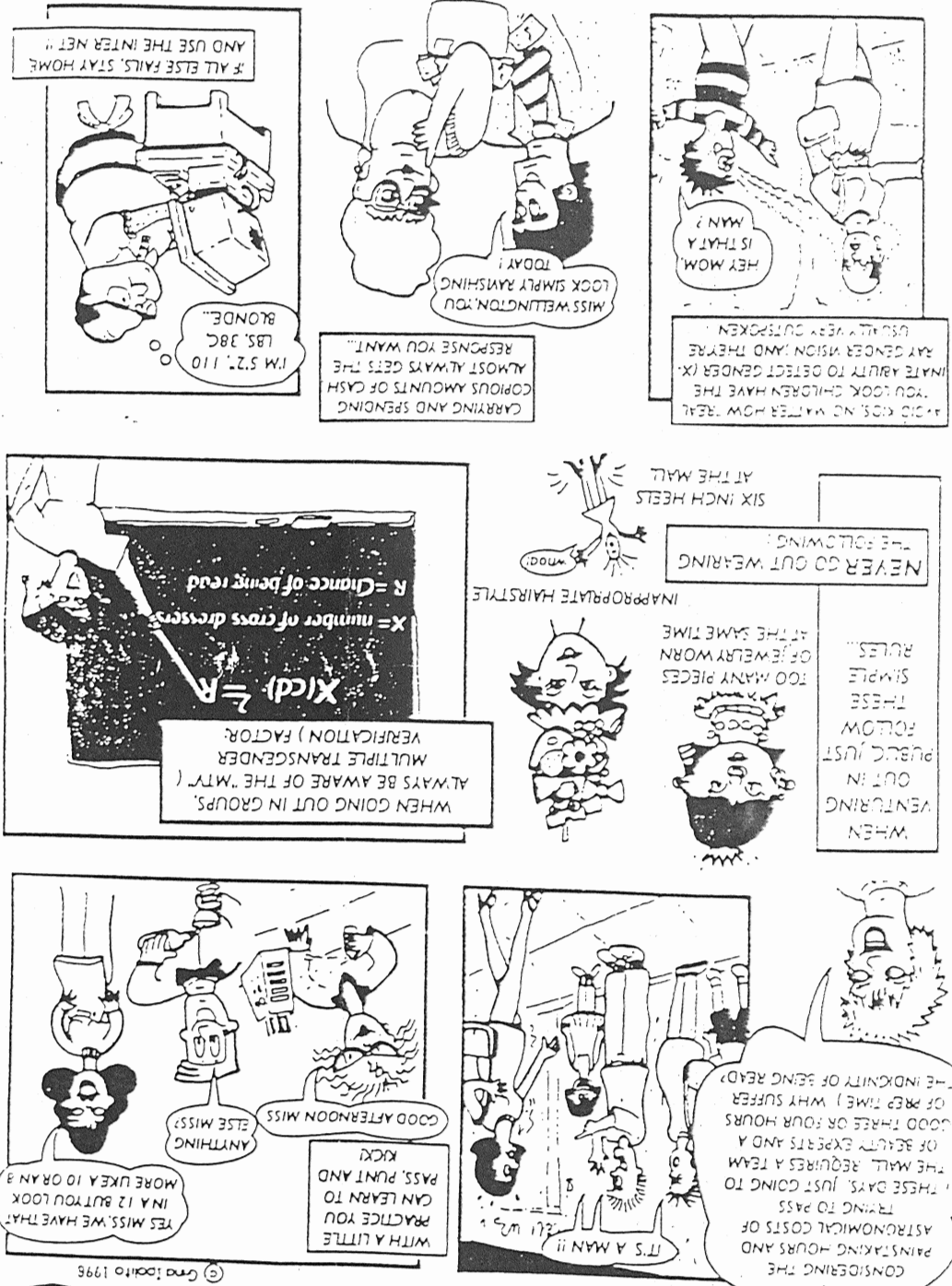
Then, believe it or not, just as I got to the hotel door, an FTM panhandler stopped me and asked for \$150 so he could buy a "pans suffer." I offered him my hot transgendered body instead. "Sorry," he said. "I'm gay male identified." (That's the story of my life.) But what the hell, he was so cute. I gave him the \$150 anyway.

As I got out of my car in the parking lot of the Crowne Plaza I was stopped by a transsexual panhandler. She asked if I could spare \$10,000 for SRS. I offered her a dollar for a cup of coffee. "Are you crazy?" she said. "Don't you know caffeine is dangerous?"

I only managed to get a few steps farther when a CD panhandler stopped me and asked for \$47.50 so he could get this "cute little corset outfit at Frederick's." I offered to give him \$2 for a beer. "Forget it!" he said. "But if you want a beer, they're out in my pick-up under the tool box. Just push the dog and shotgun aside and help yourself."

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Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind  
February 1997  
Rosebuds



IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS ANN LANDERS HAS HAD SEVERAL COLUMNS DEVOTED TO OUR FAVORITE SUBJECT. INTERESTING RESPONSES, DON'T YOU THINK??

NOV 18 '96

Dear Ann Landers: I am in a state of shock and need your help. My fiancé is a highly respected, successful attorney, masculine in every way. Last night, "Tom" confided that he likes to wear women's clothes on Sunday afternoons. (Never in public, however.) He described in detail his secret wardrobe, wigs, lingerie, satin nighties, high heels and padded bras. This man has no homosexual characteristics. In fact, he is very macho, works out four times a week and is a very satisfying lover. I love Tom with all my heart and want to spend the rest of my life with him. When he gave me a beautiful engagement ring last June, I was so happy I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. Ann, I am disturbed and upset. I don't know what to make of this. Is Tom a homosexual? Please help me understand. - Somewhere In Pennsylvania

Dear Somewhere: Your fiancé is a transvestite. Many transvestites enjoy dressing in women's clothes but do not necessarily engage in homosexual acts. Some are happily married to women who understand this deviation and accept it.

Not all women can handle this. If you plan to marry Tom, I suggest counseling - for you, not Tom. He is not going to give this up, and you will need to learn how to live with it.

WHICH GOT THIS RESPONSE:

JAN 13, 97

Dear Ann Landers: That letter from "Somewhere in Pennsylvania" caught my eye. "Somewhere's" fiancé, "Tom," is a cross-dressing, successful attorney. She wanted to know if he is a homosexual. I can tell her - it ain't necessarily so.

I am a cross-dresser and strictly heterosexual. When I was growing up, there wasn't much reliable information on this subject. My encyclopedia said cross-dressers were homosexuals, so I fought the urge for many years. I knew I wasn't homosexual, but I was afraid of what others might think.

After I married, I told my wife about my secret urge. She did her best to be understanding but then forced me to see a therapist, who insisted I had to give up cross-dressing to save my marriage. It was very painful at first, but I did it.

I still think about cross-dressing, and even writing about it causes me pain, but I owe my kids a decent upbringing, and my sexual fulfillment is less important than they are. I hope Tom resolves this dilemma before he marries.

- Middle America

Dear Middle America: Thanks for the input. Keep reading for more:

From Oregon: Your response about the cross-dressing attorney was surprising. Why didn't you tell her to dump the creep and his padded bra? She said he has no homosexual characteristics. Well, what do you think cross-dressing is? I walked in on a former boyfriend and was shocked to see him wearing his silk negligee and a great big smile on his face. This is a guy who was very macho and into weight lifting and deer hunting. We never married, which was lucky for me.

Portland, Maine: Bravo, Ann, for your wise response to "Somewhere in Pennsylvania." There is no way her fiancé will give up cross-dressing. If he says he will, he'll do it behind her back. It was decent of him to level with her before they married. Many men in his position mistakenly believe marriage will "cure" them. It won't.

Somewhere in Arizona: I offer a lifetime of experience to "Somewhere." Her fear that her transvestite boyfriend is homosexual is groundless. I have enjoyed cross-dressing for many years and am completely normal. I've had a successful business career and am married with four children and five grandchildren.

Hamilton, Ont: "Somewhere in Pennsylvania" should get out now. Her cross-dressing boyfriend will never change. I've been there. Coming home and finding a man in a dress never turned my crank. The prospect of telling the kids why Dad locked himself in the bedroom for hours was no piece of cake, either. My psychiatrist said I had a problem because I couldn't accept it.

San Diego: For the past 11 years, I have been working with transvestites, doing makeup, wigs, hair removal and body waxing. Some of my clients are doctors, lawyers, CEOs and businessmen who are extremely successful. It has been a learning experience that has made me much more tolerant. Many of these men have become dear friends. Every male has a "failing" - be it gambling, drugs, drinking, womanizing, etc. I'll settle for cross-dressing any day. It is totally harmless.

So, dear readers, you've just heard from people who know the story from the inside. I hope it has made you less judgmental. It did me.

AND THIS RESPONSE: JAN 27, 97

Dear Ann Landers: One of the most valuable aspects of your column is that it lets troubled people know they aren't alone. I felt a knot in my stomach when I read the letter from the woman whose fiancé, a successful attorney, confided that he loved to wear women's underwear and frilly gowns.

My husband is also a transvestite, only it was our young niece who dropped by unexpectedly and caught her "Uncle Ed" in a chiffon housecoat and high heels. She was totally freaked out, but I had the presence of mind to manufacture a story about Uncle Ed practicing for a part in a play.

We are both in counseling now, and I have accepted the fact that he will never change. Our sex life has always been good and still is. Is this guy kinky? Of course, but my counselor explained it this way: "He doesn't drink, do drugs or cheat on you. He's a good husband and a great father. His harmful deviation isn't worth breaking up a home for. Overlook it."

I took the counselor's advice.

- At Peace in Rochester, Minn.

Dear Rochester: Some people might think "Uncle Ed" has a bit of strudel in the noodle, but your counselor put the problem in the proper perspective. I applaud you for your ability to accept it.



ANN LANDERS



And that, after all these years, is what I want to do.

ply expressing who I am.

place, often see me as not wearing a costume, as simply expressing who I am.

belief that men cannot transform to keep their man in

to the point of calling me by an old name five years

long and hard to come to that place of comfort, and it

like the difference between wearing jeans and a suit.

crossdressing at all, just another form of expression --

do. I see the clothes that I wear as my clothes, not

be called the "wrong" name based on clothes. Yes, I

that?" asked the same crossdresser who doesn't like to

feel natural, then it may happen to them.

This phenomenon is not limited to crossdressers

who love women. Even crossdressers who love men,

drag queens, usually think of themselves as in cos-

tume, and not in their own clothes. This is often

phrased by dividing up the wardrobe into "his

clothes" and "her clothes," even if they are all worn by

the same human. When someone asks if "Biff" or

"Suzy" will be coming tonight, simply denoting the

clothes that one person might wear, they are firmly

entrenched in the costume mindset.

born male who wears a dress must also be a man in a

costume. Many must assume this for their own peace

of mind, for if they believe that transformation is pos-

sible, that one can cross gender lines to where dresses

feel natural, then it may happen to them.

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physician, your child's kindergarten teacher or

your drugist. They should not be labeled

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the caring, nurturing side of themselves. And please set the

record straight once and for all -- they are not gay.

The gentleman whose therapist told him to give up cross-

dressing needs to find another therapist. Cross-dressing fills a

strong need in some males, and they should not be asked to hide a

part of who they are.

— Happily Married to One in Ohio

Long Island, N.Y.: In Scotland, men have been wearing skirts for

centuries. They are called kilts, and no one has ever suggested that

the Scots are eisties.

Tulunga, Calif.: Cross-dressing is not a crime, nor is it a

communicable disease. Also, it does not mean the guy is gay. If a

woman wears a pantsuit, would you call her a lesbian?

Laurel, Mich.: People discuss cross-dressing as if it were nothing

more than playing "dress up." It is a lot more than that. It's a

sexually fulfilling experience. Those who deny it are not being

honest.

**West Coast:** My husband is the CEO of a Fortune 500 company. For the 15 years of our marriage, he has worn women's underwear. He is not gay. He simply enjoys the feel of it. We have a healthy sex life and two fine children. He told me his "secret" before we married, and it never made a particle of difference to me.

**St. Petersburg, Fla.:** Cross-dressing flap? Let the Bible settle it. From Deuteronomy 22:5: A woman shall not wear that which pertains to man; neither shall man wear women's clothing; for all that do are an abomination to the Lord.

**Brantford, Ontario:** What's wrong with people anyway? A man can't wear a pink shirt these days without somebody wondering if he's loose in his loofers. This nuttiness has gone too far.

**Los Angeles:** Those tolerant of transvestism defend it on the grounds that "it has nothing to do with being gay." I was surprised and offended that you did not speak up to defend the gay community. After all, we are your faithful readers, too.

**Miami:** My husband is a cross-dresser, and I love it. When we take vacation outfits, we dine in the finest restaurants, and he wears his fanciest outfits. I hate to admit it, but he is prettier than I am.

**Chicago:** Not only clothing but jewelry has crossed the gender line. What do you think of Michael Jordan wearing an earring?

**— Go Bulls**

**DEAR GO:** If you think I'm going to criticize Michael Jordan, think again. He could wear a wedding veil and four strands of pearls like Dennis, and I wouldn't say a word.

BUT WHEN YOU ARE ON  
A ROLL! HER LATEST UPDATE ON  
WHAT ANN HAS TO REPORT CAME  
JUST LAST MONTH: *MAY 17, '97*



**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** A year ago, I knew nothing about cross-dressing. Today, I know many cross-dressers and socialize with them regularly. You probably do, too, but you are not aware of it.

**ann landers**

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— Happily Married to One in Ohio

AND WHILE ANN IS LETTING  
US BE, HER SISTER ABBY, HAS  
TO GET HER PRAGMATIC TWO  
CENTS IN:

**DEAR ABBY:** I have read and enjoyed your column for years, and I have learned from it, too. I have quite a collection of your columns that I keep for referral to friends and family when needed.

Referring to your answer to "Miss X," the pre-surgical transsexual who asked about using the women's rest room, you may want to remind him (her) to lower the panties and sit, rather than stand.

My sister was in a rest room recently and was quite surprised when she looked down to see feet pointing toward the wall and heard "water running" in the next stall. She didn't know whether to stay in her stall or venture out to see who would be coming out from next door. Curiosity got the best of her and she observed the occupant leaving, walking very unsteadily on "her" high heels.

Just when these cross-dressers think they have thought of everything, they forget to point their feet in the right direction. — JOYCE IN RICHMOND, VA.

**DEAR JOYCE:** I'm sure you will agree that some habits become so ingrained they are hard to break.

## Samstagabend

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I don't like it when people call me by my femme name when I am in boy clothes, even when I'm on-line. I'm not that person, "noted one crossdresser. To him, he is only "her" when he puts on the suit, dons the costume.

There is no doubt that crossdressing is unique. Crossdressers see their outfits as costumes and crossdresser gatherings as akin to costume parties. A costume is a whimsical way of playing a stylized character, showing a part of us that is clearly just a persona and not a fully integrated person.

This costume phase of identity exploration is important to all people. Many of the outfits we wear during adolescence are costumes, abstracted and exaggerated displays of part of our character. We try these to help us explore various facets of ourselves by bringing that side to the front, playing with it, and seeing how people react.

After a while, though, we are expected to find costumes that represent us in a more whole way. We do change clothes based on what we are doing and what image we want to present, but the expectation is that the change will not be drastic, unless we are wearing a costume.

After all, no matter what clothes we choose to wear, we are always wearing a costume. It's simply that after wearing a well constructed outfit for a while, it feels natural, like it is an extension of us rather than just some facade that we put on to conceal part of who we are. In other words, a good outfit is organic, revealing parts of us in a comfortable, natural way, rather than concealing who we are in a crude and bold way.

All costumes are constructed, but the better constructed, the more they fit the shape of a wearer's body and soul, the more natural and elegant they look.

For people who pursue a path that transits gender lines, sooner or later they will probably choose to find an outfit that is not simply a costume that conceals, but a suit that reveals who they are. They will stop crossdressing, stop wearing clothes that they feel belong to someone else, and start simply wearing their own clothes, be it a tie or a dress. They will simply be who they are, no matter what they are wearing, always a transgendered person, in jeans or silk.

At this point, they will feel no dissonance when someone calls them by name whatever they are wearing. They will feel the nuances of the range of their own gender in any clothes, be it admiring some beautiful jewelry or feeling the power of a hot car. This is what we expect of people, that they find a way to express and admire both the feminine and the masculine, in themselves or in the world, without having to be dressed a certain way.

Being able to tote out various persona and play them to discover new parts of ourselves is a good thing. I knew one gal who had different personas and names depending on the hair color she wore. I thought this was a great idea, but many people saw it as weird -- people who had no problem with the difference between Rob and Champagne being if the same person was wearing added hair or not.

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## Transgenderist

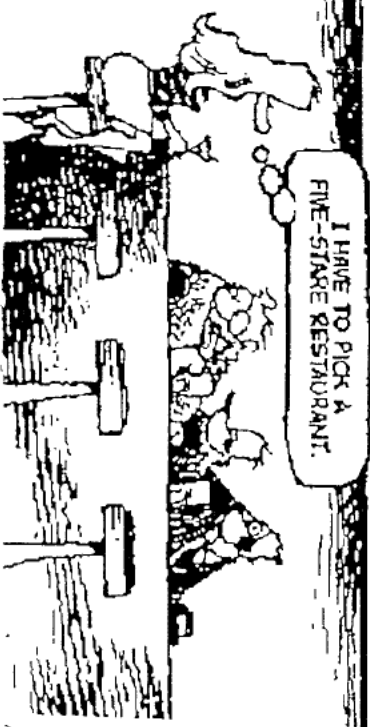
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Xpressions, IFGE Join Forces  
for Crossing Borders

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### SHOE



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People don't realize that when they ridicule and poke fun at us, it weren't that they would be more cross-blessed out of the closet. But until the society stops looking down there men and judging people there will not be alot of cross-blessed out in public.

we are out, we feel pain when we are ridiculed and accepted at. we are human to live, love & bleed when we are out, we feel pain when we are ridiculed and accepted at.

cross-blessed are people too, we have our separate lives we believe we have two separate identities, our male side and our gay side

the more side is most always what people see. The feminine side is what alot of people don't see because alot of us, are afraid to let the outside world to see for fear of being ridiculed and accepted at.

cross-blessed are people too

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Dear Sister

There is something that I wrote on the spur of the moment about five months ago, while I had nothing to do when a little thought hit me. I do hope that you like it and share it with the rest of the group. I am also going to send a copy to the-ear for them to put up.

We are also waiting on the arrival of the babies, so soon as we know everyone else will know of you what,

may 4, 97

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## A Modified Harry Benjamin Scale

A Modified Version of the Harry Benjamin Sex Orientation Scale (S.O.S.)  
Modifications to reflect changes since initial publication, by Anne E. Curr, Ph.D., Sc.D.

### Sex and Gender Disorientation and Indecision

Persons Born Genetic Males)

#### List Of Types :

- Type 1 - Transvestite - (Pseudo)
- Type 2 - Transvestite - (Fetishistic)
- Type 3 - Transvestite - (True)
- Type 4 - Transsexual - (Non-Surgical)
- Type 5 - Transsexual - (Moderate Intensity)
- Type 6 - Transsexual - (High Intensity)

#### TYPE 0

Normal sexual orientation and identification, heterosexual, bisexual or homosexual. The ideas of "dressing" or "sex change" are foreign and unpleasant. Includes the vast majority of all people.

#### TYPE I - Transvestite (Pseudo)

- Gender "feeling" : Masculine
- Dressing Habits and Social Life : Normal male life. May get a "kick" from "dressing". Not truly TV.
- Sex Object Choice and Sex Life : Usually heterosexual. Rare bisexual. Masturbation with fetish. Feels guilt. "Purges" and relapses.
- Conversion Operation (SRS) : Not considered in reality.
- Hormone Therapy/Estrogen Therapy : Not considered. / Not indicated.
- Psychotherapy : Not wanted. Unnecessary.
- Remarks : Only a sporadic interest in "dressing". Rarely has a female name when "dressed".

#### TYPE II - Transvestite (Fetishistic)

- Gender "feeling" : Masculine
- Dressing Habits and Social Life : Lives as a man. Dresses periodically or part time. Dresses under male clothes.
- Sex Object Choice and Sex Life : Usually heterosexual. May be bisexual or homosexual. "Dressing" and "sex change" in masturbation fantasy mainly.
- Conversion Operation (SRS) : May consider in fantasy. Rejected
- Hormone Therapy/Estrogen Therapy : Rarely interested. / May help to reduce libido.
- Psychotherapy : May be successful in favorable environment.
- Remarks : May imitate male & female double personality with male and female names.

#### TYPE III - Transvestite - True

- Gender "feeling" : Masculine (but with less conviction)
- Dressing Habits and Social Life : "Dresses" constantly or as often as possible. May live and be accepted as a woman. May dress under male clothes.
- Sex Object Choice and Sex Life : Heterosexual except when dressed. Dressing gives sexual satisfaction, relief of gender discomfort. Common to purge and relapse.
- Conversion Operation (SRS) : Rejected but the idea is attractive.
- Hormone Therapy/Estrogen Therapy : Attractive as an experiment. / Can be helpful as a diagnostic.
- Psychotherapy : If attempted, almost never successful as to cure.
- Remarks : May assume a double personality. Trend may be toward Transsexualism

#### TYPE IV - Transsexual - Non-Surgical

- Gender "feeling" : Uncertain Wavering between TV and TS. May reject "gender".
- Dressing Habits and Social Life : "Dresses" often as possible with insufficient relief of gender discomfort. May live as man or as a woman.
- Sex Object Choice and Sex Life : Libido low. Generally asexual or autoerotic. May be bisexual.
- Conversion Operation (SRS) : Attractive but not required.
- Hormone Therapy/Estrogen Therapy : Needed for comfort & emotional balance.
- Psychotherapy : Only as guidance, most often refused and unsuccessful.
- Remarks : Social life dependant on circumstances. Often identifies as "transgenderist".

#### TYPE V - True Transsexual - Moderate Intensity

- Gender "feeling" : Feminine "Trapped" in a male body.
- Dressing Habits and Social Life : Lives and works as a woman if possible. Insufficient relief from "dressing".
- Sex Object Choice and Sex Life : Low libido. Asexual, autoerotic, or passive homosexual activity. May have been married and have children.
- Conversion Operation (SRS) : Requested.
- Hormone Therapy/Estrogen Therapy : Needed for a substitute for or preliminary to SRS operation.
- Psychotherapy : Rejected. Unless as to cure. Permissive psychological guidance.
- Remarks : Operation hoped for and worked for, often attained.

#### TYPE VI - True Transsexual - High Intensity

- Gender "feeling" : Feminine. Total "psycho-sexual" inversion.
- Dressing Habits and Social Life : Usually lives & works as a woman. No relief from "dressing". Gender discomfort intense.
- Sex Object Choice and Sex Life : Intensely desires relations with normal male as a "female" if young. Later libido low. Heterosexual, bisexual or lesbian identification. May have been married and have children.
- Conversion Operation (SRS) : Urgently requested and usually attained.
- Hormone Therapy/Estrogen Therapy : Required for partial relief.
- Psychotherapy : Psychological guidance or psychotherapy for symptomatic relief only.
- Remarks : Despises her male sex organs. Strong danger of genital self-mutilation or even suicide if

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### COLUMN A

1. Barbra Streisand
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4. Tony Curtis
5. Jeff Bridges
6. Dustin Hoffman
7. Cary Grant
8. Anthony Perkins
9. William Hurt
10. Marlon Brando

### COLUMN B

- A. The Missouri Breaks
- B. Kiss of the Spider Woman
- C. Psycho
- D. I Was a Male War Bride
- E. Tootsie
- F. Thunderbolt and Lightfoot
- G. Some Like It Hot
- H. The Magic Christian
- I. Mrs. Doubtfire
- J. Yentl

ANSWERS: 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D, 5-E, 6-F, 7-G, 8-H, 9-I, 10-J

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But now I'm irri-  
tated. It's too  
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out. Shouldn't we  
make switching  
parties at least  
as difficult as  
changing your  
sex?

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crats who want  
to become Re-  
publicans should  
be required to  
cross dress  
as well.  
At the very  
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more women  
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