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WELL HERE WE ARE AGAIN , BUT THIS TIME WE HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS TO REPORT. WE HAVE A NEW EXECUTIVE COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS.
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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CHRISTINA --WELCOME BACK
CO-ORDINATOR DAVID WHO ELSE

WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH E BUSY PERIOD AND VIRTUALLY NO ONE TO HELP ME UNTIL NOW WITH THE HONORABLE EXCEPTION OF BRENDA. NOW WE ARE FINALLY GETTING SOME HELP FROM OUR MEMBERS SUCH AS LAURA WHO IS NOW WRITING SOME ARTICLES , ROGER WHO IS GOING TO TAKE THIS MAGAZINE OFF MY HANDS STARTING WITH THE NEXT ISSUE SO PLEASE SEND HIM YOUR ARICLES ETC . , CHRISTINA HAS DECIDED TO RETURN AND HELP WITH OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR SISTER GROUP EVERYWHERE BECAUSE I BEEN A BAD BOY OR GIRL AND HAVE NOT ANSWERED ALL MY LETTERS AS YET - SORRY ESPECIALLY TIFFANY CLUB - WE CAN STILL USE MORE HELP SUCH AS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR LOCAL AREA , YOU CAN BE OUR CORRESPONDENT OR WHATEVER YOU CAN DO WE CAN USE IT.

OUR MEETINGS SINCE WE SWITCHED TO THURSDAYS HAVE BEEN GREAT SO THIS WILL BE OUR PERMANENT MEETING TIME IE THE LAST THUSRDAY OF EVERY MONTH WITH THE ODD EXCEPTION LIKE CHRISTMAS. HALLOWEEN DANCE , A FEW GIRLS WENT TO THE DANCE WITH 2500 OTHER COSTUMED POEPL AND HAD A NICE TIME. SOME WENT TO SEE THE ROCKY HORROR CONTEST AT THE SEVILLE THEATRE. WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IN THE NEWYEAR AND A CHRISTMAS NEW YEARS PARTY - ANYONE WANT TO HOST.

WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY REQUESTS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AND WE HAVE SENT OUT THE NECESSARY INFO. REMEMBER TO MAKE THE MONEY ORDERS OR CHEQUES PAYABLE TO D. CASSIDY. IF NOT THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

WE AT TAMs ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING OUR SEAT AT PAGLAM , THE GAY AND LESBIAN COALITION IN MONTREAL SO I HOPE WE CAN HAVE A PERMANENT REP TP REPLACE MARIO. A VOLUNTEER PLEASE.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL..... KISSES DAVE

TOOT, TOOT, TOOTSIE

Whatever meaning you thought of regarding the word "Tootsie", it is bound to change by this winter when Dustin Hoffman's newest film is released. In "Tootsie", Dustin Hoffman plays an actor who so dislikes finding work that he disguises himself as an actress.

Now, if you're expecting Dustin to look like John Wayne in drag, then you are in for a big surprise. For 90 minutes each day Hoffman goes through an ordeal; well, would you call it an ordeal? Hardly, especially if you've been transformed into a gorgeous woman.

Starting off with face lifts to tighten the skin, an excellent makeup artist, fake teeth(slimmer and longer than his own), a four pound silicone bosom, a specially padded panty girdle, a waist cincher and a human hair wig. Dustin becomes Dorothy Michaels - and you could never tell that she wasn't a woman.

The TV/TS community should probably be looking forward to Hoffman's portrayal. Hoffman truly wants to become Dorothy rather than settling for laughs as someone obviously impersonating a woman. He has stated that the term drag is 'offensive', as he is not in drag but rather that he is playing a character, just like any other role he might portray. Dustin's serious mood is further in evidence by the fact that he has shaved all the visible areas of skin.

The storyline of the \$20 million film, "Tootsie", follows the life of actor Michael Dorsey, who as I stated, despairs looking for work so much that he dresses up as an actress, and then becomes Dorothy Michaels. Dorothy subsequently lands the role of Emily Kimberly, a hospital administrator on a soap opera and becomes, (pun intended), a TV star.

Between the girlfriend, Terri Garr, who discovers pantyhose in an apartment Hoffman shares with Bill Murray, and, the fact that Hoffman dressed begins to fall for his soap opera co-star, Jessica Lange, the humorous possibilities are limitedless. Garr thinks Hoffman may be a homosexual and Lange thinks Hoffman may be a lesbian. All in all it sounds like it should be fun. Director Sydney Pollock has described the film as being about a woman who puts on a dress and becomes a better man.

If you're looking for what promises to be one of Hollywood's better prtrayals relating to crossdressing than you should keep an eye out for Tootsie.

And now I suppose all good looking crossdressers will probably be nicknamed, Tootsie, especially if the film does well at the box office. Well, we've been called worse than that!

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Maybe we can change the lyrics of that old standard for the benefit of the straight world, so once they find out about Tootsie, they can say,:

"Toot, toot, tootsie, good day!

Toot, toot, tootsie, oh my! "

Laura [REDACTED]

The Transsexual According to Garp

When something is popular in Hollywood, you're bound to see it pop up again and again. With Victor/Victoria having done fairly well at the box office, it is no surprise to have heard about Tootsie. However did you know that, The World According to Garp, starring Robin Williams, also includes a transsexual role portrayed excellently by John Lithgow.

It is no surprise to see John Irving's offbeat - at least to the straighter world - novel being adapted to the silver screen at this time. What is a very pleasant surprise is Lithgow's tremendous portrayal of Robert/Roberta Muldron. Robert was a football player however has already become Roberta by the time we meet her in the film.

Roberta, the transsexual, is primarily and most importantly shown as a human being, a loving and caring person. The fact that she has changed genders is not important, rather she is first and foremost a person, normal like everyone else. Actually, if you take a good look, Roberta is saner than most of the other characters around.

The only negative aspect to the transsexual portrayal is what is happening to the upcoming film Tootsie, has been a need by Hollywood to portray all TV/Ts characters as very male looking. Obviously, it has been felt that in order to show the public that these people are 'men'. After all if the TV/Ts looked so passible the straight audience would probably never realize what was going on - unless, of course, they were shown genitalia and they must look like men. The World According to Garp is a good film and it is a film where you will truly see a transsexual being tabled as a person and nothing else. Let's hope the trend continues.

Laura [REDACTED]

BY LENNY GITECK

The ADVOCATE (Second Section), December 10, 1981

The following in the November issue of "Omni" magazine caught my eye:

A private foundation has awarded a three-year, \$450,000 grant to a Van Nuys, California, group named the Alpha Gamma Project to study possible links between reincarnation and transsexualism.

Psychologist Dr. Nancy Ledins, a transsexual and a former Roman Catholic priest, who directs this project, is studying 450 transsexual men and women to "try to determine whether reincarnational imprinting tends to short-circuit current life-styles for some people."

The article went on to note that Ledins believes "the study might help explain why certain people have trouble adjusting to their gender and why they undergo sex-change operations."

An interesting idea. I immediately called my friend Bubbles Paslovski to conduct a study of my own. You probably remember the headlines a few years back when Bubba Paslovski, a Minnesota Vikings linebacker, underwent a sex-change operation and became Bubbles.

From an early age there were indications that Bubba was a little strange. Even though by the time he was 17 he was six feet five, weighed 265 pounds of solid muscle (21" a, 54" c, 29" w), and had five o'clock shadow at a quarter to three, sometimes two-thirty, he was convinced he was really a woman trapped in a man's body. When Bubba confronted his parents with the secret he'd held to his bosom for many years, they just laughed.

"Listen, son," his father counseled, "you can be interested in women's stuff and still be a man. What do you want to do? Take up sewing? Learn to cook? Try your hand at knitting?"

"No," Bubba replied. "Use tampons."

The Paslovskis knew they had a problem.

But Bubba had a terrible time finding a doctor who would perform the operation; most just looked at his strapping frame and shook their heads. Said one: "I'm very sorry, but the best you can ever hope for is to become a rather bad drag queen."

Bubba remained undaunted. After years of fruitless searching he eventually discovered a physician in Zurich whose slogan was, "Is she or isn't she? Only her surgeon knows for sure," and who agreed to operate.

Bubba dieted down to a petite 210 pounds of solid muscle, held daily sessions with an Avon lady and started wearing pantyhose ("And not just for TV commercials," the former football star

sniffed). Finally, he went under the knife and with the help of hormone treatments, developed ample breasts (although he had had a deeper cleavage with his pecs). Bubbles burst on the scene.

Always one to take on new challenges, she decided that since she could no longer prove herself on the gridiron she would show her mettle on the ballet stage. Bubbles auditioned to become a ballerina with the Pacific West Ballet Theatre. After her performance, dance director Arthur Tipple observed with characteristic charity, "That broad will dance with my troupe when gorillas wear tutus or when hell freezes over, whichever comes first."

Since then, Bubbles has continued to practice her pirouettes and seems to be adjusting well to her new gender. Sometimes, however, she's a little insecure about her appearance. "Do you think anyone can tell?" she kept asking me when we went out to dinner about a month ago. "No, no," I assured her. "Many women enter rooms sideways because their shoulders are too wide to fit through the door."

Anyway, I was on the phone with Bubbles, trying to find out what she thought of the theory that linked transsexualism and reincarnation. "It's absolutely true," Bubbles opined. "Why, I myself have been reincarnated a number of times, and in each new life I was a little mixed-up genderwise."

"Tell me about it."

"In my first life," Bubbles continued, "I was a caveman who kept begging to be knocked out and dragged off by the hair. In biblical times I was an Egyptian handmaiden, except that I somehow wound up supervising a platoon of slaves during the construction of the pyramids. I was one of King Arthur's knights, but I always thought of myself as a damsel in distress. Then I was a priest during the Spanish Inquisition, although for some reason I went around whipping heretics while I wore a nun's habit. During the First World War I was a female cancan dancer who volunteered to fight on the front lines with the French cavalry. And then, of course, there is my current experience as a football player/prima ballerina."

"God," I exclaimed, "that's amazing! But do you have any idea about what's coming next?"

"Yes, indeed. In my next life I'll finally be clear about my gender identity. I shall return 50 years from now as a contented housewife in Bayonne, New Jersey. Now, that will really be kinky."

Teach skirts the issue of girls' john

TUCSON, Ariz. (UPI) — A physical education teacher who punished an 11-year-old boy by making him parade around school in a dress has some explaining to do. The district's teacher handbook forbids humiliation in disciplining students.

The unidentified sixth-grader was given the option of being paddled or wearing a dress after physical education teacher Robert Rosenblatt caught him going in and out of a girls' bathroom, the Arizona Daily Star said yesterday.

The boy was forced to wear the dress Monday for about 35 minutes and was escorted to classrooms by Rosenblatt, the paper said.

District Superintendent Fred Bull and Principal Thomas Stefanek planned to meet with Rosenblatt today to discuss the matter.

A school district official was visiting the school and saw the boy in the red dress but said he didn't question it because it was so close to Halloween.

MAN CLAIMS TO BE A WOMAN

Couple's dilemma: Is he or isn't she?

By PETER YOUNG
Staff Writer

An Odd Couple is tying knots in the Metro safety net for the city's down-and-outs.

The jobless, homeless 'couple' — Debra MacDonald and Scott Smith — are actually one and the same person.

"It's a pathetic case ... she prefers to be a female, she won't admit to being a male," says Chris McGill, 35, a staffer with the Street Haven women's hostel on Pembroke St.

"She'd be ostracized in male hostel residences and although she fitted in quite well here, we can't legally keep her."

Born Scott Smith, the 25-year-old person now calling herself Debra says she's a hermaphrodite — someone with both male and female sexual equipment.

"She's for real in that she really believes what she's saying," McGill says.

The bizarre situation has created a dual paper identity for Debra/Scott.

Intra-service social work correspondence lists her as Ms. Debra MacDonald. Metro police, she concedes, have her on record as Scott Smith.

Now Debra/Scott has formed a relationship with a former Sudbury woman named Kathy Rogers, 29, to add another layer of confusion.

It's a partnership of two people who can't cope separately, finding they can handle things better by leaning on one another, say social workers who know the pair.

Says Debra/Scott: "Together, we can make it and not fall apart in our minds."

But hostel workers are refusing to billet them in the same sleeping section at night.

Legal aid worker Sandra MacEachern concedes the two "form a real anomaly — nobody knows what to do with them."



—Fred Thornhill, Sun

DEBRA MacDonald (born Scott Smith), right, finds a friend in Kathy Rogers.

"I have a lot of sympathy for them, but they're not doing anything to make it easier for themselves."

Until last October, the two were welcome in such places as Nellie's Hostel for Women on Broadview St.

But Nellie's staffer Arlene Parks says Debra/Scott won't be allowed back until she consents to a medical examination to verify her claims.

Debra/Scott says she has refused an exam because "I'm ashamed of my body."
Says McGill: "I don't know what's going to become of them (Debra/Scott and Rogers). They don't make it easy for people to help them."
"It's a situation that doesn't have a solution readily available."

Dear Abby

Former Man Finds Happiness as Woman

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I recently read an article in the Los Angeles Times about "Kris," an accomplished young San Francisco lawyer. She is a transsexual who, prior to her sex-change operation, was male who graduated from Berkeley and served in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia.

Kris (formerly Ken) said that although she'd been born male, since the age of 5 she "knew" he should have been female. Ken turned to psychiatry and finally had a sex-change operation and began living a new life as a woman. Now she says, "I'm sorry I had the surgery."

Abby, I am also a transsexual, having lived as a woman for 16 years after having lived for 37 years as a man—and a miserable one at that. I could not have gone on living had I not had the sex-change operation. I thank God every day for those doctors who make this change possible. For every transsexual you read about who is "sorry," there are thousands who owe their lives to the operation that made them free to be themselves. Many marry and adopt children. But you don't hear about them, because they want to forget their past. They change their names (legally) and refuse to be interviewed. I'm not blaming them. They just want to be left alone.

Today there are many transsexuals who desperately want a sex-change operation, but when they read about only those who regret having had the surgery, they become discouraged. I am only one happy, successful, "born-again" transsexual, but I speak for thousands. Sign me . . .

ELIZABETH

DEAR ELIZABETH: I know. Through this column I have heard from a surprising number.



AP
THAT'S SOME BABY

Mickey Rooney cavorts on stage at the New York State Theatre Monday night during a benefit show called Broadway Salutes New York City Opera. Rooney was wearing one of his costumes from the Broadway musical Sugar Babies.

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Jackie-Jacqueline poses prison puzzle

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — For many years, the New York state prison system has operated on the premise that there are two types of inmates. You have your male prisoners, and you have your female prisoners.

The system worked just fine, until Jackie Farrell came along and spoiled everything.

Jackie, who claims to be 25, arrived at the Ossining Correctional Facility, 30 miles north of New York City, on Sept. 8 for concurrent terms of 1½-to-3 years for grand larceny in the third degree and possession of stolen property.

There were two sets of commitment papers, but one was in the name of "Jackie" Farrell; the other named "Jacqueline" Farrell. Both referred to "a male person, 21 years old or older."

But that status as a male person has been compromised by partial sex-change surgery, doctors found. And Jackie has a 36-inch bust.

"As a result of that medical examination ... Farrell was transferred Sept. 23 to the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for Women," Lou Ganim, an official of the correction department, said. Bedford Hill is 40 miles north of New York City.

At first, Jackie fitted right in. Then there were reports that Jackie had been "exhibiting his or her genitals," said an official. This raised a question in Bedford's being the appropriate institution. A hearing was held, and, on Nov. 6, Jackie was placed in protective custody.

"There is some dispute about Jackie's gender," Ganim said. "Next week, we are bringing in specialists to do both physiological and psychological testing to get an expert decision on where this person stands."

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ANN LANDERS



Dear Ann: I am worried sick and

can't talk to anyone about this.

I went to visit my sister in another state. She has two lovely children, a boy 5 and a girl, 8. She was divorced three years ago.

The little boy asks his mother to put rouge and lipstick on him and loves to walk around in her high heels with her purse. When he plays house with his sister, he wants to be the mommy.

He's a beautiful child and looks more like a girl than a boy.

Is there any chance that he is already homosexual?

— Worried

Dear S.D.: My Menninger consultants tell me that most sexual preference patterns are set by the age of 3. But it's too early to be sure about your nephew.

Your sister should see that he plays with boys. She should also discourage the heels, purse and lipstick. However, if he is already programmed, he'll go in that direction no matter what.

Transsexual seeks \$1,000 from eatery

By RENE LAURENT
of The Gazette

A woman who underwent a sex-change operation testified yesterday that she was turned down when she tried to get a noon meal at a downtown snack bar.

The woman, whose name was ordered withheld to protect her privacy, told a court hearing that she was so marked by the rude treatment she stopped eating out and began packing a lunch rather than suffer further humiliation.

Supported by the Quebec Human Rights Commission, the woman is seeking \$1,000 damages from the restaurant owner.

The case, before Judge Pierre Durand of Provincial Court, may set a precedent.

It's the first time anyone has tested whether Quebec's human rights charter protects transsexuals against sex discrimination.

The plaintiff, a 34-year-old postal employee, said she was refused service and insulted at the Casse Croute Allemande on St. Catherine St. E.

She said the incident occurred in May, 1980, about a year after she underwent a sex-change operation.

Describing the events, the woman, who then held a managerial job with the post office, said she had just stepped up to the serving counter when she was ordered off the premises.

"She grabbed my tray and said we don't allow no prostitutes in here," the woman quoted the owner, Anita Angisberger, as saying.

An earlier witness, Gaetan Gour, said he was eating in the nearly-full restaurant when the woman entered.

Gour, 52, who described himself as a longtime friend of the plaintiff, said he had arranged earlier to have lunch with the woman, who worked nearby.

It was the first time either had entered the restaurant, he added.

Claude Trudel, counsel for the rights commission, asked Gour how his companion was dressed.

"She wore a normal skirt and blouse," Gour replied, adding that his friend was not the type to draw attention to herself and he would not have approved such behavior.

"I don't go out with people who dress extravagantly," said Gour.

A psychiatrist, the third witness called at yesterday's hearing, said transsexuals should not be confused with sexual deviants.

Dr. Pierre Mailloux said the motivation to change one's sex seemingly results from biological factors, and usually appears at an early age.

Judge Durand adjourned the case until next Tuesday, when two defence witnesses, including a policeman, are expected to testify.

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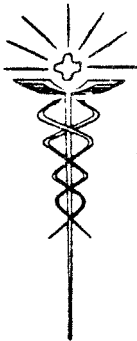
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