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NEWSLETTER EDITORS
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 Wilma [REDACTED]

Another month passes, this one we spent with seventeen pretty girls. It's always a pleasure to so many come and enjoy themselves. One of our visitors we had this month is a gal who has been trying to come for a few years, but something always came up that she had to postpone her visit.

Those who came last night were: Wilma from the Bronx, Barbara and his G-G- Mary, from Long Island, Josie & Leah from Pearl River, Dennie & Jo from Peekskill, Michelle from Glens Falls, June from Averill Park, Joan from Colonie, Caroline from Troy, Crystal from Menands, Joyce from Conn., Joyce from New Jersey., Winnie from Schenectady.

Winnie just back from a visit to Russia on business, brought back some Cavier and Russian Vodka. The next talk I had was with pretty Wilma from the Bronx. She told me of her trip to New Orleans Mardi Gras what a good time she had I too would like to make that trip someday with my Wilma Perhaps we could get a whole group together from up around this way and all go together. Wilma also told me of the wonderful time had in Oregon where she met Winnie from the way they both talked , it would make you want to go there to.

Not too much was said of the Ball so I don't know if the girls had a good time or not.

I did my best to prepare a good meal for the girls, I've been in bed all week with a very bad cold, and without Wilma I couldn't have done much. I had Wilma mix up a meat loaf and we made Baked Maczroni, italian bean salad with shredded lettuce and tomatoes, creole sauce for the meat loaf, home baked cherry & custard Pie, with coffee.

All the gals piched in and cleaned off the table after the meal, so Crystal could read us her letters from her Aunt Harriet.

Wilma then put on some musical tapes and you should see the gals relax and let themselves go. It was a pleasure to see all of them up and dancing with the wives and then some of them danced together. I have not seen this group so relaxed in a long time, and they weren't even drinking much either. I'm glad that they had such a good time.

Leah and Josie came ~~dredd~~ dressed in green for St. Patricks Day. Joyce from Conn. had her hair cut and shaped to her face and she really looked good, before she had her hair down straight and it really did not do a thing for her. As the months go by I can see an improvement in a lot of our girls.

Joyce of Conn. is going to have the Sex change, it seems she has wanted this for a long time. All I can say Joyce is good luck.

All the girls who didn't make the meeting should know we miss you all and hope to see you soon.

We talked about going to Hartford to attend one of their meetings as a group and not use all our cars. Anyone interested on going, call Wilma and let her know. It seems we have two good groups going to help the Cross dresser so why not mingle together.

Mary who came up with Barbara probably didn't learn too much on her first trip , but with a few more gatherings under her belt, I'm sure she will be able to better understand why her boyfriend and all these other T. V.'s have to cross dress. How fortunate for Barbara to find a pretty young lady to have such a broad mind to accept her need for cross dressing, and wanting to come up and meet the others. My best to you Barbara and Mary hope you have a long and beautiful friendship.

Hope you enjoy my bits and pieces of information I am able to pass along to you. Today my mind is a bit fuddled as this cold of mine is holding on. I just can't seem to think.

So for this time I'll say good night and God Bless you all.

H E L E N

You know when I look back and see what I looked like when I first started I can see why I had no fun.

with a little help
 I came a long way.

Caroline.



What's It Like Being A Transvestite?

By Abe

The dictionary defines transvestism as "the abnormal desire to dress in the clothing of the opposite sex."

This definition is rather simplistic in human terms, if we are to speak of the problems the average transvestite encounters in a society which, in general, still looks upon transvestites as "abnormal" and "weird."

Is it necessarily true that transvestites are "abnormal" or "weird." Or is it true also that some individuals cannot help being transvestites. That biologically they are of one sex, yet mentally want to be the other?

Let's take a look at the facts. Some individuals are born men and eventually go through an extensive operation through which they change sexes and become women. The opposite is also true, but it is somewhat rarer because it's even tougher changing from female to male! We won't go into how it's done in this article, but believe us, it's a tough operation.

Now we come to the main topic of this article — the men who

have feminine characteristics yet live their lives — most of the time — as males. What do they do when they practice transvestism?

For example, there is Mark M., of Newark, New Jersey. Mark is a truck driver most of the time, but on weekends he goes out on the town with his fellow friends — all also practicing transvestites — and acts wholly the role of a female.

Mark says that he began noticing a change in himself when he entered puberty. "I realized I was growing up, but all of the characteristics I acquired weren't entirely male. My breasts became bigger and my hips became fuller," says the 40-year-old truck driver.

"At the age of 13 or 14 I didn't know quite what to make of it, but I sure do now," comments Mark with a laugh which has a certain sense of uneasiness about it.

"After I get through my gig driving my rig," says I usually come home, shower and shave

and then begin putting on my makeup. It usually takes me about two hours to put on my makeup and dress properly for a night out on the town.

"When I'm all set to go out, I usually call up some of my friends who are TV's and we then decide where to go. There are several places in the New York City area where we get together for good times," explains Mark.

Has he ever been bothered by the law as an practicing transvestite? "Years ago the cops used to hassle some of the clubs where we hung out, is Mark's answer, "but lately, with the trends in sexual freedom being what they are, we haven't been bothered much at all. I guess the law thinks that as long as we don't cause any disturbance and don't become obnoxious, what we do is our business."

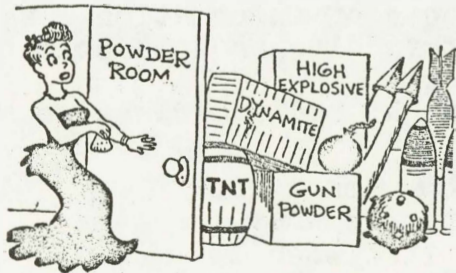
Mark does admit that now and then he has qualms about his real role in life. He thinks that he really can't reconcile being a burly truck driver who has to

play the role of the male while on the road, yet, at the same time, plays the role of a female when he's not working.

"I don't think that the average person can understand why we are transvestites. It's the same thing as some people can't understand why some people are homosexuals," comments Mark.

Is Mark a homosexual? "Most people who are ignorant think that every TV is a faggot. That's not necessarily so. Some are and some aren't. I'm not gay at all. I can have good sex relationships with women but I choose not to. I get my kicks being a transvestite," explains Mark.

"Keep in mind that there are various kinds of TV's. Some are like me — in fact many are like me. Then there are the one who are taking hormone injections for the gradual change from male to female. I can only speak about the guys who act and dress like females when they have the opportunity. I can't speak about the gals who want to be guys..." concludes Mark M.



TV's homes are full of surprises.....

In Vancouver, British Columbia, police have reportedly continually increased harassment of TG and TV Canadians since the early summer months. Davy & Pender streets are the hot area and a large number of our people are being hassled and arrested. If Vancouver TGs would like to try and form a TAO branch they can contact TAO San Francisco.

REPORTED BY TAO

By BARBARA MALONE
Miami News Reporter

American Civil Liberties Union attorneys have warned against a possible trend in Dade courts where one judge has ordered several male sex offenders to submit to injections of female hormones to lower their sex drive.

Dade Circuit Court Judge Alphonso Sepe revealed last week he had ordered that the defendants be treated with Depo-provera, a synthetic female hormone.

Commenting on an apparent trend towards state "modification of behavior" here and elsewhere in the United States, the ACLU attorneys said the practice reminded them of the Stanley Kubrick movie "A Clockwork Orange."

In the movie, the central character is guilty of repeated violent behavior and he submits to drastic conditioning which changes him into an acceptable citizen.

The national organization of the ACLU is involved in legal action attacking behavior modification in the federal prison system. The local attorneys agreed last night to forward information on behavior modification attempts in Dade courts to the national organization.

Sepe said last week he had ordered some defendants who were sex offenders evaluated by a sex researcher, Dr. Marie Mehl for therapy and a treatment known as "chemical castration."

Considered by some to be a misleading term, chemical castration is said by researchers to accomplish a temporary and reversible lowering of the male sex drive in offenders when they get female hormone injections.

Dr. Mehl would only confirm treatment of one indigent defendant, Frank Ramirez, whose hormone injections were paid for with public monies at the rate of \$10 a shot.

According to Sepe, Dr. Mehl had to abandon her treatment of other defendants because she was unable to get any more supplies of the drug.

Sepe said Dr. Mehl was waiting for approval from the Food and Drug Administration of an exemption from federal law which would allow her to experiment with the drug.

Dr. Mehl also told Sepe there was hope the work might continue in another month with a grant of money

from Upjohn, the pharmaceutical firm that manufactures the synthetic hormone.

But the FDA in Washington said yesterday Dr. Mehl had not applied to them for an exemption to use Depo-provera experimentally.

Upjohn said it had no application from Dr. Mehl for a grant to conduct research with Depo-provera.

Dr. Mehl last week would not say who had administered the drug or where it had been done. She said she did not administer it herself.

Assistant Public Defender Bruce Levy, who represented Ramirez before Judge Sepe, said last night Dr. Mehl had

a licensed physician administer the drug to defendants.

An attorney for the FDA said yesterday the administration of Depo-provera experimentally without an FDA exemption could lead those involved open to criminal penalties as well as malpractice suits.

Depo-provera has been approved by the FDA for use on female patients. But using the drug on males is considered an experimental use.

The penalty for violating the Food and Drug Act by failing to get an exemption for experimentation is a misdemeanor with a possible fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment up to a year.

Rep. THE MIAMI NEWS FEB 25



One of our most cooperative employees merely said to him, "If you don't change your ways drastically...."

EDITORIAL:

As you can see we have a new front page and a double colom set up. let us know what you think of it.

Looking back I must say it was a moct worthy experience forming the TVIC Club here in Albany, N.Y.

Helen and I have met many wonderful people from many States-Canada &Europe-sparked some lovely friendships. TVs in general are a pretty nice bunch of people.

At this point I can't resist the temptation to essay a personal classification of TVs or TVtypes I have known.

(A) THE INCURABLE PRESSEMISTIC TV:

She feels that she will never look passably feminine, she is possitive everybody will recognise her, and simply gives up trying to improve her appearance.

(B) THE DEDICATED TV:

She is always experimenting and trying to do better than the last time.

(C) THE OVER*OPTIMISTIC TV:

She feels that she is a knockout with out even trying and looks like hell.

(D) I-DON'T-GIVE-A-DAMN TV:

This type is the worst. She'll don a shirt, tie a hankie around her head and put on some lipstick-Thats all. Black berad showing, hairy arms and hairylegs.

(E) THE SCARY TYPE TV:

If you suggest she tweeze her eyebrows a bit she'll swear half the office force, her entire family will spot it right away. The same excuse is given if you suggest the shaving of the chest, arms & legs. Little do they realize that 99% of the people around you are half blind any-way and the other 1% don't give a hoot what you do with your hair.

(F) THE SUPER SENSITIVE TYPE TV:

This one is dying to meet other TVs but wont dress . SHE'LL say I'm just an amatur. I don't want to look rediculous in front of all of you veteran TVS and she'll leave the party after a perfectly miserable visit.

(G) THE SNOB TYPE TV:

You tell her you know of a darling Chinese restaurant where the lights are low, and there are nice little booths to insure privacy. When you get to the door of the restaurant - She'll say I wouldn't be seen in such a modest place. The best or nothing. Or again you will Show her a new dress you bought for under \$100 and she'll give another distainful look and say. I never wear anything but expensive clothes.

Let me say that these types constitute a very small minority. Even with these faults, they are still pretty nice people once you get to know them.

If there are girls reading these lines who think some of these observations apply to them, please take this criticism as coming from a girl who is really proud of being a TV & wishes that every TV could be a model of perfestion. Also I've found that the "girl" is far the nicer personality than the "boy" in most TVs. Send in yor comments.

W I L M A

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED:

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of SIX new members.

- H. R. Zurick, Switzerland.
- F. G. Neescinsit, L.I., N.Y.
- J. K. Chesining, Mich.
- J.A. Bridgeton, Mo.
- J. I. Ithaca, N.Y.
- L. B. Danvers, Mass.

It is so nice to see these new members coming in- But i wish that some of the old members would send in there dues.

- At present we have
- 4 members due for January
- 7 " " " February
- 6 " " " March

This amounts to \$204 and our operating expenses run over \$950 per year. So how about it. We need this money to keep going. We have members who want to donate more than there dues, But I refuse to accept it. We must operate all together as one.

As for our subcriptions we make nothing - this paper cost us 32¢ for each issue we mail out. Wich is 12x32-~~\$1.20~~ \$4.20, and we receive \$4. If more subcribers would become members, you would be helping yourselves- us - and many other TVs to understand themselves.

I know that money is always a bad thing to talk about, but facts are facts.

 "I'm having a lot of trouble placing my client at one of the studios."
 "moaned a Hollywood agent. "Whats the client like" asked another agent.
 "Got a build like Jayne Mansvilld, sings like Judy Garland and can act
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"Work shirts, work pants, socks, underwear and, on top of it all, panties, slips, bras, blouses and dresses—I'm telling you, Elaine, it's a lot of extra work being married to a transvestite."

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like Anna Magnani," was the reply. "You shouldn't have any trouble placing her," he was told. "Her?" exploded the agent. "It's not a her, its a Him."

B O O K S : I have received some more copies of TRANSVESTIA #5 to 56. These books sold for \$4 and now sell at \$6 per copy. Members are selling them for \$2 per copy plus 25¢ postage, or \$2.25 each. Get your copies now.

Carol Avery, has a very good selection of TV books and is looking for manuscripts, photos, original movies, etc. on the subject of tv ts. Drop her a line. Carol Avery, % Executive Imports Intl. Suite 1102, 210 Fifth Avenue, N.Y., N.Y.

Suzy Collins also has a ver good selection of TV books. I have enclosed a copy of her Female Impersonator Newsletter. If it is not in this letter drop her a line and she will send you one free of charge. WRIGHT TO HER AT
Suzy Collins % Neptune Productions
POB 360, Belmar, N.J. 07719

The bonds of Matrimony are not very strong - unless the interest is kept up. **

B O N D A G E : Many tvs have wrote in asking about other TVs interested in bondage. So far I have received only 5 names and addresses. I will be making this list up next month. So all names & addresses must be in by April 15th. Each member interested in bondage will receive a copy. You asked for it, so now lets get to work on it.

Visits always give pleasure... some when they arrive ... others when they leave...

B E A U T Y H I N T :

Your teeth and your lipstick have a direct relationship-one can make the other better-looking. If you have teeth that are slightly blue-white in tone, you will find that your most flattering shade of lipstick will be a blue-red, pink or rose color. If your teeth are ivory-white, a clear red or coral lipstick will be a good choice for you. Dull, discolored teeth look more so if you use an orangy shade of lip color. Obviously, very dark shades call attention to the mouth and teeth; if you don't want to accent them, choose the softer, paler shades of lipstick.

SEVENTH AVE
LOCAL



I wounder if he knows I'M a TV

L E T T E R S :

Dear Wilma;

My husband is a Tv, but I am one of the happy few who loves a man for what he is and not for what society ~~thinks~~ thinks he should be, We spend virtually all our time to-gether as we are in bussiness to gether. My only regret is that at 41 years of age i have only had 2yrs of life as it is at present and that so many productive years were wasted in not knowing him earlier. Within the restrictions of our "outside" life, the business of earning a living etc. we spend all the time possible with TV and bondage. Within ourselves we have no angers, frustrations, or petty quairrels. We're in love and we love it. Best of all we live our private lives for ourselves and in the manner wich is perfect for us. Kindest Regards- Mrs. Sara T., Athens, N.Y.

Politics is the art of looking for troublefinding it everywhere, diagnosing it wrong, and applying unsuitable remedies.

Dear Wilma:

Women parade in our streets and stores, work in the home even entertain in slacks and shorts, Capris or Toreador Pants, etc; they wear their husbands shirts sweaters, ties and jackets. All this is labelled "cute," and even passes as high fashion and in any event is quite acceptable.

Yet the first gesture a man makes toward showing an interest in any feminine garment for his own use, raises cries of shock and alarm, accusations of perversion and sickness. The strongest voices are those of of the women who don pants or man-nish suits at every oppertunity. Why?

I don't expect an answer.. there is none beyond the fact that this prejudice does exist, no matter how irrational it may be.

Jean R. N.Y.C., N.Y

He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.

Dear Wilma:

As a boy of 15 I would dress frequently in secret, and I definitely wished to be a girl. I would indulage in fantasies and day dreams in wich I was abducted and forced to wear female clothing, or actually turned into a girl by some painless glamourising process. I should add here that now at 42 I am now definitely cured of any wish to change sex, except as far as my wardrobe goes. I have too much fun as a man not to prefer to be both man and woman as I wish.

R.L. DETROIT MICH.

Mrs H.T. SIMS has had a serious operation and is now back home and coming along nicely. Drop her a get well card Mrs. H. SIMS, Box 64754 Auduban Sta. Baton Rouge, La. 70806.

AND MORE LETTERS :

Dear Wilma;

I was surprised to find my interest in wearing female attire continued after my marriage. I had somehow supposed, I guess, that my feminine dressing was a pre-marriage substitute for feminine companionship. And my wife likewise had not expected to find her husband interested in wearing panties, bras and dresses. But with the help of a sensible psychiatrist we both were enlightened on the subject of transvestism. Then we set out to explore what it might add to our lives. Luckily for both of us, my wife loves me and therefore was predisposed to accept my liking and wearing dresses simply because that was part of me. Then we both discovered that this acceptance on her part, opened the door to a closer togetherness in our relationship. The next step which came quickly, was my wife's happy discovery that my adopting an element of womanliness myself was a sincere appreciation of the very thing my wife was, a woman, so her own opinion of herself went up. "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery", as the old proverb has it, so my wanting to imitate a woman led my wife to reassess upward her own position as a woman and to see and appreciate more the fortunate aspects of her own being as a human female. Finally she came to see how my "Woman"-side is an enlargement of my own personality, making me more, not less of a person.

For all these reasons plus the fact that on occasion we use my transvestism in our happy loveplay, this "strange condition" within me has enriched our relationship as man and wife and our life together is so much the better for it that we really feel sorry for those couples who do not have transvestism or some other special thing, unusual and not shared by the common herd, to give them a special togetherness. R.N. VISKBURG MISS.

I saw a drunk guy standing in front of a department store watching the revolving door. First he saw a man walk in, and a few seconds later a pretty girl stepped out. He said, "Great trick, but I still don't know what she did with the guys clothes."

Dear Wilma:

I was an active TV both outdoors and indoors. I have on several occasions slept overnight at the Y.W.C.A., registering as a woman and have never been questioned at being anything other than a real woman.

I have tried on dresses in department stores, have had a manicure at the beauty shop and have had long conversations with other women while touching up my make-up in the powder rooms of stores and hotels.

My greatest disappointment was when the vice squad arrested me for so-called masquerading in women attire. The judge sent me to our local hospital for a one week observation after which I was released with out a fine but put

on probation for one year. I have been afraid to go outdoors since this arrest but I have continued to wear my feminine attire indoors. Oh how I have yearned to go shopping, to the theaters etc in my dresses, but I'm afraid of a prison sentence. As a result of all this, however, I have been very upset emotionally and have thought of suicide. Will society ever believe that we have the soul of women in our hearts mind and body so that we can be accepted as women without the fear of punishment? Please keep up the good work and God bless you. H.K. Milwaukee, Wisc.

Everybody's a member of the in crowd these days... in doubt, in debt, or in trouble.....

The big question this month is; where are the answers to the questions of the month?

TV'S AND MARRIAGE:

TVing or dressing does not go away with marriage.

The frustrations are most upsetting when the wife finds out or you tell her she doesn't understand and feels cheated because you didn't give her a chance to accept the "whole" yoy, a divorce is about certain to follow which is a very sad experience particularly if children are involved. If this does happen and you marry again and you do tell her in advance and she accepts it the marriage can be a most happy and satisfying experience more than you hoped.

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A man told State Trooper R.C. Murray of Williamson that someone had entered his residence and at knifepoint forced him to dress up like a woman and then raped him. The trooper spotted some discrepancies to this one, finally got an admission the story was faked. Would-be rapist thereupon arrested for falsely reporting an incident.



FROM AN OLD PRINT
A CHILDLESS HUSBAND OF THE BHIL TRIBE OF INDIA BELIEVES HE CAN ASSURE PROGENY BY SWINGING FROM A HIGH HOOK WHILE ATTIRED IN WOMEN'S CLOTHING

Brain Transplants For Transvestites

Many leading medical experts associated with heart and kidney transplants now view the possibilities for brain transplants seriously. Professor Robert Kenedi, head of biochemical engineering at the University of Strathclyde in England, says that there is no reason why surgeons could not replace every part of the human body, including the brain. Professor Christian Bernard, the celebrated pioneer of the heart transplant says he hopes to make the first brain transplant himself. Professor Robert White of the Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital believes we already have existing technology to effect brain transplants.

Working in the direction of brain transplants, Italian Professor, Rita Levi Montalcini, has recently uncovered a nerve-growth factor which will activate human nerve cells which will help to facilitate the dangerous operation of hooking up the spinal chord with the brain.

The importance of brain transplants has been emphasized by Dr. Donald T. Lunde, psychiatric consultant to the heart transplant team at Stanford University Medical Center. Five of the 13 patients who received heart transplants at Stanford, in fact, have become psychotic.

One man, who received a woman's heart, fretted about his loss of masculinity. The surgeon in charge says this was strictly a product of his over-active imagination, but transplant experts are beginning to realize how important mental attitudes are when it comes to the success of transplants of any kind.

Obviously the implications for the patient facing the brain transplant are apparent and self-evident. Imagine having a loved one show up one day with someone else's brain, say the opposite sex at that.

The delicacies and fine facets in overtones associated with brain transplants are endless in number. Whether a man gets a woman's heart or a man's heart is of little consequence as long as it does the job and is adequate, but when an organ that does the thinking and calls up memories and initiates certain habits, traits, and characteristics takes over we have a whole new ball game.

Because of the distinct possibility that when the new wave of brain transplants takes place shortly, there may be problems in matching bodies and brains with regards to sex, the idea of using transvestites has received some serious scientific consideration though it has not received much publicity.

However, the transvestite has a lot going for it. It is used to a sex change, it would welcome a

closer association with the sex it has changed to, and it would be eager for experimentation in its search for a satisfactory adjustment.

The brain, say the medical transplant experts, is much different from other human organs in that it cannot be deprived of living fresh blood for more than a short three minutes or it will die. Hearts can be revived, but brains cannot. This means quick action-getting the good brain out of the dead donor and getting the bad brain out of the receiver and making the exchange at lightening speed.

It is extremely vital that the brain be properly attached to the spinal cord. There are twelve pairs of cranial nerves which must be hooked up to their respective roots, and millions of brain cells in other parts of the human body can repair themselves, but the brain's cells are totally and irrevocably unreplaceable.

There is one alternative which at the present time may sound so incredible as to be fictional, but it is a fact. Hard-minded scientists are actually toying with the

practical idea of transplanting whole human heads instead of just brains. Even then, though the delicate and dangerous work will be reduced, there are still great problems.

The main problem is hooking up the brain to the spinal cord. Reattaching nerves, and avoiding damage to cells would be circumvented the principal problem involved in spinal cord hookups is associated with the tiny fibres which would be used as connecting links. These fibres do not grow across gaps. This is why the recent discovery by Rita Levi Montalcini is significant.

The idea of starting out with transvestites in brain transplants has certain amount of hard scientific appeal as an out in circumventing intense psychological problems expected from brain transplants.

First the surgeons make the physical changes to transform the man into a woman in the reproductive anatomy or sex organs, and soon the man begins physically to look like a woman. However, it still has the brain of a man and consequently thinks and acts somewhat like a man from habit and experience.

How can we make this man physically changed over to be a woman? Why, by changing the male brain to the female brain. After this operation, not only will the once man look like a female, but it will think like a female. Thus the psychological problems can be wiped out which often are the mosstransvestites.

Dear Abby



Reader Wants To Change Sex

DEAR ABBY: I am a "hermaphrodite." I have breasts like a woman, and the mind and emotions of a woman, yet the lower part of my anatomy is like a man.

I am 24, and my life has been pure hell. I feel like a freak, and have very few friends. I have wanted a sex change operation for a long time, but my parents are against it. They say I would be tampering with God's and nature's plan.

I have been away from home and financially independent for two years. I don't think I am wrong for wanting to be the sex I think I was meant to be, but I can't get anyone to agree with me.

I have talked to several ministers, and none of them has ever heard of this condition. They think I am "queer." I found one doctor who said he had heard and read about this freakish sexual development, but he wasn't able to offer any help.

Abby, you are my last hope. Can you help me?

MISERABLE

DEAR MISERABLE: Yes. Write to the Erickson Foundation, 4047 Hundred Oaks Avenue, Baton Rouge, La. 70806. And tell them Abby told you to write. Good luck and God Bless.

Dismissed in 1971

Teacher's sex-change firing upheld

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)— A state appeals court yesterday upheld the dismissal of Mrs. Paula M. Grossman, an elementary school teacher who underwent a sex change. The Appellate Division of Superior Court ruled that

school officials of Bernards Township were within their rights in firing the teacher on grounds that her presence in the classroom would cause emotional disturbance to students.

The ruling upheld a decision

by the state Board of Education. The court also said its ruling would not bar Mrs. Grossman from seeking to teach elsewhere, presumably where students would not be aware of the sex change.

Mrs. Grossman, 54, was dis-

missed in 1971 after undergoing a sex change operation. Before the operation, she had been teaching as Paul Monroe Grossman, was married and had three children. She continued to live with her family after the operation.



Mrs. Paula Grossman

G A T H E R I N G D A T E S

April 20th, May 18th, June 15th.

Thats it for another month.

W I L M A