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Another month another gathering a grand turnout. We had three more new members who made it for the first time. We made them feel at home, and was glad to see the group make them feel they belong. Frances came from Henrietta, Roseann of Albany, Monica from Canada. We had twenty here tonight. Two wives, two transex. 16 T.V.'s. Those who made it were. Roseann from Albany, Joan from Colonie, Kathy from Syracuse, Elanda from Rome, Franses from Henrietta, Sue and Betty from Rochester, Phyllis from Middleport, Jean from Peru, Kristine from Saratoga, Winnie from Schenectady, Wilma from the Bronx, Andrea from Mt. Vernon, Melissa from N.Y., Janet from Long Island, Sheila from Colchester, Vt., Cynthia from Norwalk, Conn., Monica from Montreal, Canada., Wilma and I.

I don't know what it is about my kitchen but I can always find a group around my kitchen table talking, or just putting the finishing touches of nail polish on.

I was glad to see that Sheila was feeling good again to make a gathering.

Winnie and Elanda are going to a meeting in Provincetown pertaing to the Fantasia Affair, so anyone of our group who is interested in going can talk with these girls for what ever information they want. Keep thinking of this affair girls, if you want to spend nine days as a free woman and enjoy your dream of a life time.

This note for EMPATHY:

We had two of your members at our March 20th. gathering who are complaining that they are not receiving anything for moneys sent you. Monica # 1591 (Canada ) Cynthia #1477 ( Conn. ). Please check this out and drop them a line., Their letters to you are not being ans. Thank You.

The girls looked like they were a bit hungry so I put out their supper for the night. We had Meat balls and Zitas, tossed salad, stuffed celery, bread & butter, strawberry short cake, coffee. For a few that didn't eat Italian, I had made a meatloaf, baked potatoes. I aim to please where possible.

It seems that Wilma and Jean of Peru have a big bet going as to who will lose the most weight by the next gathering. Jean felt she had to lose. and I know that Wilma has to lose as she just popped the zipper on her long dress as she put a meat ball in her mouth.

Jean dropped in this morning to check on Wilma to se if she had started on her diet, so I offered her some breakfast and she accepted. I made them both soft boiled eggs, juice and coffe.

Jean kept putting the sweet buns in front of Wilma, and Wilma kept pushing it back, time will tell how much they both push away from the table. Good luck girls.

This next paragraph saddens me to have to write, but I must.

Last night I went to let one of the new T.V.'s use Wilmas wig, but when I went into the box, I found no wig, and the box wasn't ours either. The long blonde human hair wig was in a black wig box, the box left here is a white box with no wig in it. Some how some one has got the boxes mixed by mistake and I would appreciate it if you would all take a look and see if perhaps one of you happen to have it. Wilmas is a long blonde human hair wig, I don't know how long it has been gone as Wilma has been using mine for some time now.

I'm terribly sorry I had to put it in the newsletter, but there's no other way I could locate it.

Thank you all.

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Bridegroom: " How much do we owe for the room? "

Hotel Clerk: " Three dollars apiece." The Bridegroom handed the Clerk twenty four dollars.

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An Adult is a man who has stopped growing at both ends, but not in the middle.

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To make a long story short, there's nothing like the Boss walking in.



"When you said you wanted to get into my pants, I naturally assumed..."

When I put on a dress, I feel so proud  
I want to tell the world right outloud  
Hey look at me, I feel neat  
And here I am, out on the street

But I can't do that, I wish I could  
With a face like mine, I should wear a hood  
My girdle is so tight, my ears are turning blue  
But I won't take it off- after all would you?

I have to wear a corset, so my tummy doesn't sag  
Then people say, Who's the old bag?  
Inside I'm beautiful, outside I'm a mess  
That's the way it is, when I wear a dress.

I like to wear girdles and skirts that are new  
Then I see the world from a different view  
Some time, some place I'll be the girl that is me  
And then , and only then, will I feel free.

Life isn't easy for girls like us  
So why does the public put up such a fuss?  
Crooked politicians always go free,  
If I wear a skirt what will happen to me?  
But I can ~~not~~ pay taxes, and wear a uniform and fight  
Somehow that just doesn't seem right.  
The public is so stupid, they'd like to kill us

I say- go to hell- my name is Phyllis!!!  
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The above poem was sent to me by a sister T.V. whose name is Phyllis from Middleport.

Any of you gals out there who can put a poem together I'd be glad to see it and put it in the paper for others to read.  
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I will take this time to thank all the gals who helped me in the kitchen, and Betty for helping me clean up after the gathering.  
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Heard from Billie from Vermont and am sorry that we wont be seeing her for a while, seems she has to build up her courage to come out dressed again, after she was stopped several months back. It seems her neighbors and co workers are giving her a hard time.

This is what I've been trying to tell all you girls, be careful when you go out in public. To your self you may think you look good, but to the public your a differnt person. They look at you girls beyond the makeup and dress. If you go in a resturant, pick a dark corner, do not use the ladies room, do not try to impress people with loud talk. I know it's temptation for a lot of you gals to go out in public, but do be careful, especially where you don't know what the law is. Some cities are more lienent than others, some places they probably wouldn't even bother you.

So be careful girls.

Tall blonde beauty passing by.  
Shoulder length hair and heels so-o-o high.  
Could I guess, or would I fail:  
Is it female, or is it Male?

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Monica from Canada gave a helping hand to Roseann our new T.V. with her makeup.  
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Ups and Downs  
The way you sit and stand can do a lot for your legs. Never toe in at any time-this pose can make even a prim ballerina seem ungainly. Sitting with one leg wrapped around the other not only looks awkward, it will give you "pins and needles" when you try to stand.

If you are a bit bowlegged, stand with one foot slightly ahead of the other, and keep away from that military heels-together stance.

Learning how to sit down correctly provides a fine exercise for thigh muscles. Put one leg against the chair or sofa, then lower yourself gradually, letting your thighs do the work. Once seated, you have a choice of 3 becoming positions. (1) Keep your leg parallel, both feet flat on the floor one foot slightly in front of the other. (2) Cross your knees ashigh as possible. If your legs aren't long enough to allow your upper leg to hang free and straight, swing both legs to the side so they are parellel. (3) Put both knees together, swing them to one side, tuck the foot of the other leg just beneath the ankle of your other leg.

When you get up from a chair, use the same method and position as for sitting down. You'll appear graceful and in balance, while your thigh muscles pull you up.  
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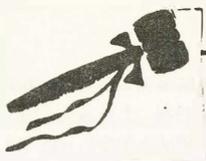
INCLOSED you will find a BROCHER for the Fantasia Fair 1976.  
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"I think the neckline's too low."

With Spring coming with nice weather you gals should dress to keep cool so your makeup don't run.

It has been nice being with the girls this month, of course I always miss the girls that can't make it. God bless you all and stay healthy.  
HELEN.



# Our Presidents Ten.....

Dear members and friends;

One of the most important things that has happened to me is meeting and working with hundreds of TVs throughout the country. In meeting many of you, I found many friends who will continue to be my good friends because we were able to share the joy of something considered unique by most people, but to us it was ~~the~~ cherished hours of being "ourselves". Just as important has been the experience of getting to know many members well without ever meeting them in person. It's strange how I have come to feel close to some of our members through occasional letters or perhaps just a note or two from time to time. This relationship was probably built on mutual respect; me for their loyalty and constant support and perhaps for them, for whatever work and contribution I was able to make. I feel that we are all good friends and this is as it should be due to the fact that we all have a common cause, and tried to do whatever we could for each other along the way.

I have seen many people come and sooner or later, go their way. In passing, each one left at least a little bit of themselves, if only in the form of a few words of self-honesty. I believe that this is good and that our CLUB has served well by providing this vehicle of release for virtual strangers. Many others have come along busting with excitement about their opportunity to meet others and express themselves openly. To watch people withdraw from years of inner conflict and develop into total personalities is really a privileged occasion. For those who have yet to achieve a higher level of maturity, I can only say stick around and keep working: the rewards are worth your efforts.

In our CLUB, we have experienced many phases of development and gained strength as we progressed. Perhaps we have leveled off a bit in recent months, but I'm sure you members will help to bring new life and further progress to TVIC. I feel strongly that further progress will have to come from YOU members and I ask that you rise to meet this challenge. As you well know, it's still your organization, so please help and make it better than ever before so that ~~in~~ my efforts and that of many others will prove to be just a beginning for TVIC.

I do enjoy working for you and with you. You have all helped to enrich my life and I hope that my efforts have helped you in some way along the way. I would like to express my appreciation for your sup-

port of TVIC these past years, because this support has been the life-line necessary to continue. I hope that you will continue to support your unique organization and the others who will be working on your behalf.

To each of you I wish you the very best that the good life has to offer. And with this thought: We have indeed traveled a long distance, but let's not stop too long as we reflect, for there is still much ground to cover before we complete our journey.

I remain,  
Femininely yours,  
WILMA

## C A N A D I A N S :

How about all you Canadian members coming down for our June 19th gathering. We then will call it Canadian Night.

Drop Wilma a letter and let me know what you think of the idea. If you think that you will be able to make it, let me know by May 9th so that I can have it in the May journal. In this way you will know who is coming and ~~in this~~ be able to arrange better transportation. I really hope that you all can make it.

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED:

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of three new members this month. I am also happy to say that in the past five years there has not been a month that a new member hasn't joined up with us.

Lets hope that I can say the same thing for the next 5 years.

- VLAINE N. \*\*- NEWPORT ----- R.I.
- RITA S. ----- ALBANY ----- N.Y.
- FRANCES G. -- Henrietta --- N.Y.

We hope to see you new members in the coming months in person. And may you find many friends among us.

## G A T H E R I N G S :

As you all know that the third Saturday of each month has been our regular meeting date. As Easter weekend falls on the 3rd Sat. in April I am forced to make our next gathering April 24th, 24-24-24-24-

Don't forget that we have no gatherings for the months of JULY and ~~THE~~ AUGUST.

## M A I L :

My TV mail is running over 100 letters a month. I love every word so keep them coming, but please do not be mad when you get only a brief note in reply, it is not that I mean to neglect you but only that I lack the time. Don't forget APR. 24

# Letters to the editor

Dear Wilma;  
 The first time I crossdressed I was 13 years old. I dressed for a hollow-  
 een party. At the party everybody said  
 what a beautiful girl he makes. I  
 didn't think much more of this untill  
 4 years later when I got to feel some  
 undercloths. Then I just had to try  
 some on.

After that I had to wear some girls  
 clothing whenever I could. Which was  
 not very often.

After I was married I bought some  
 ladies clothes and wore them when I  
 could. I had to keep these clothes in  
 the trunk of my car, as my wife did  
 not know of my dressing. All went well  
 untill the day I had an accident with  
 my car. That is when my wife found out  
 that i was dressing and I sure had  
 trouble trying to explain it. But it  
 turned out O.K. till a few years later  
 when my wife cought me dressed in her  
 cloths. Now we are divorced.  
 FRANCES G., Henrietta, N.Y.

Why Mr.  
 Billings  
 even your  
 wife would  
 not know  
 you in  
 that beau-  
 tiful dress.



(how about  
 that BETTY  
 do you think  
 it's true.  
 HA,HA.)

Sticks and  
 stones may  
 break my  
 bones but as  
 long as you'r  
 in Rochester  
 and I'm here I  
 have no fear.(W.)

Dear Wilma:  
 You asked in the TVIC Journal what  
 some of us TVs would like to see in it.  
 Well personally I think you and Helen  
 are doing a wounderful job as it is,  
 however I also think if you could get  
 more letters and articles on transex-  
 uals and there exsperences as true  
 woman after and before the change it  
 would clear up a lot of doubts in some  
 TVs minds. Myself I think if a TV  
 feels she is more female than male and  
 is happier as a female then she  
 should have the change if she is sure  
 she can adjust to her new role as a  
 true female. Some TVs can pass as  
 females very easy and if they are  
 happier in female clothing and live-  
 ing the life of a female then I think  
 we should help them instead of trying  
 to hutt them with gossip. I wish all  
 transexuals all the happyness they  
 deserve and give them credit for takin  
 such a chance of loseing there lifes  
 happyness for somthing they beleave

in. They are the only ones who know  
 there true feelings and they have to  
 live them, so lets all help them all  
 we can and give them our support.

Love and Respect  
 JOANNE R., Glens Falls, N.Y.

(Well all you beautiful Transexuals  
 out there. Send in your letters to  
 the above so that I can put them in  
 the Journal (W))

ELAINE R.W/  
 Sir, would  
 you please  
 give me a  
 refund on  
 this bra.

CLERK:  
 But madam  
 a man  
 bought that  
 bra yester-  
 day.

ELAINE:  
 I know it.  
 I was  
 dressed as  
 my bröther  
 then and  
 I could not  
 try it  
 on.



Dear Wilma:  
 In the TVIC Journal (FEB) that  
 article on "Electrolisis" was great!  
 by Lynn Magin, of Rochester, N.Y.  
 She is absolutely told the truth about  
 it. It is painful. I've been through  
 it, with the galvania current. After  
 the treatments my face would swell  
 round the mouth and nose and be all  
 red. I couldn't go out, or be seen  
 like that, I couldn't talk or eat.  
 L.Qualls. Boston,.Mass.

Dear Wilma;  
 Here is a LIPSTICK tip I believe  
 other members would like to know.  
 To give a sharp lipstick line, cut  
 off the top of a new lipstick, using a  
 razor blade. Added help: Save all cut  
 off lipstick tops and ends of used  
 lipsticks. Melt them down, using a  
 small jar in hot water. Mix well and  
 use with a lipstick brush. Now you  
 have a new color.

While using nail polish one day,  
 I ran out of the usual cotton. The  
 only thing handy at the time was an  
 old stocking. I used it and it works  
 even better.  
 ANGIE, MEMPHIS, TENN.

DON'T FORGET OUR NEXT GATHERING WILL  
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Dear Wilma;

For many TVs, the buying of clothes of the right size for their wardrobe presents somewhat of a problem. Some invent complicated stories about buying gifts for friends or sisters etc. Others find one particular boutique, where they find the manageress cooperative and understanding, but often have to pay through the nose. TVIC-J readers may be interested in a little survey I did last summer to determine the current climate and attitude of stores owners in Eastern Canada (Montreal & Ottawa) to guys (or guys as girls) trying on clothes before purchasing. I found the results depended on your approach, and on how you were dressed.

In Montreal, Micheline asked the manager in every female fashion boutique in a 10 block stretch of Mount Royal Ave. East if they minded her trying on things before buying. The results were 100% in favor-"Sure", "No problem", "A buck is a buck", "We thought you were a girl"(not very convincingly)- were typical responses.

A more extensive survey was done in Ottawa, my home town, I found that the results was somewhat different for departmental stores than for small boutiques. For the former they tend to shunt you off to the fitting rooms in the mens department. This survey was done by

Mike. I confronted the store manager (not just the first clerk), and asked what the official store policy was with respect to men trying on womens clothing before purchasing them for themselves. Of 15 departmental stores questioned, 35% were in favor. Of 103 boutiques surveyed, 67% were in favor. Detailed results, with store names, addresses, and reactions, are available on request.

Later Micheline went around those stores wich had previously refused, picked out something that appealed to her, and asked the first clerk she saw if she might try it on. This approach met with 100% success, much to her satisfaction.

More recently, Micheline checked 14 boutiques and 4 departmental stores on montreal's main shopping street (Ste Catherine) for their policy. All were in favor. It should be noted that the French-Canadian tends to be more liberal minded than his/her Anglo-Saxion counterpart.

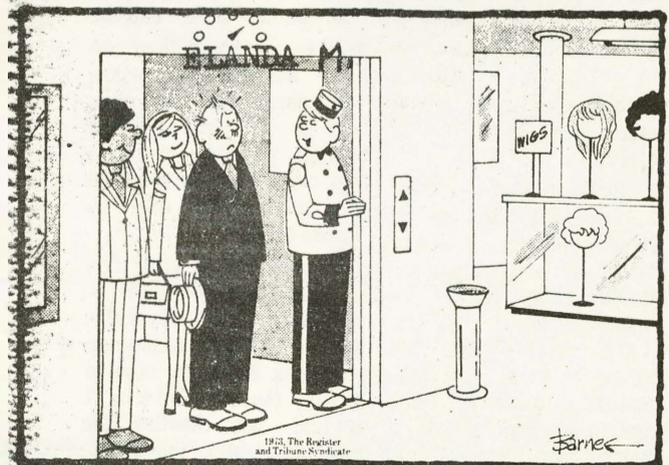
In the small country town of Peterborough, Micheline found that 7 out of 8 surveyed had approving managers, and it was OK at the 8th if they were not too busy.

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The idea for the survey started a while back when Mike was in Stanleys Bargain Corner (144 Mont Royal East) enviously eyeing a nice outfit. To his surprise, the manageress came up to him and asked if he would like to try it on. He did, and two others as well. It later turned out that the store owner also ran a gay discoteque (on Mont Royal near Park Ave.) where TVs are welcomed to go. Micheline and a friend recently visited there and had a very enjoyable evening of dancing.

It would seem therefore that there is no reason, funds permitting why Canadian TVs should not be fashionably dressed at the boutiques of their choice. Do any other readers have similar information on the climate in various American (US) cities?

MICHELINE X JO [redacted], BOX # 9155, OTTAWA, ONT., CANADA, K1G 3T9



This is your floor, sir. The wig boutique is to your left."

Los Angeles Times

# Young boys' dresses were 'in' last century

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—In the rah-rah days of yesterday, Saturday's heroes played their hearts out for the greater glory of their alma mater—and, perhaps, a kiss from their beautiful homecoming queen.

And at Santa Monica College, a number of football players said Tuesday that if one hopeful is elected homecoming queen they not only will not play their hearts out, but they might not play at all in the second half of the big game with Rio Honda College Saturday night.

The hopeful queen is named Goldie Glitters, all 6 foot 3 inches of him. Goldie is a female impersonator who also happens to be a student at the Santa Monica campus.

Forty-nine members of the 60-member team signed a petition demanding Goldie's removal from the list of 13 candidates for queen.

College President Richard Moore said Goldie has a right to run for queen and the footballers have a right to protest. "Queens are a part of the football era," he said. "And if 1975 students want to elect a different sort of queen, that's their decision."

By H. PAUL DRAHEIM  
Great-grandfather was wearing the unisex look 100 years before the word was invented. In other words, "Dresses were 'in' for 19th century boys."

This piece of information comes from consultant Elsie McMurry, professor emerita of the department of design and environmental analysis in the State College of Human Ecology.

She reached this conclusion after looking through two centuries of children's clothes in the Cornell University costume collection. "Dresses were standard garb for all youngsters in the 19th century," she explained.

"Small boys and girls were dressed in short frocks, at least until the age of five or six," she continued. "Just as little girls of today blithely don slacks like their brothers", in the 1800s the custom was reversed."

Those ancestral pictures in the attic will show that it was hard to tell the boys from the girls even in the good old days, at least until they left the toddler stage, McMurry pointed out.

"No one seemed to worry about dressing a small child in 'masculine' or 'feminine' clothes," she continued.

Once children reached their fifth or sixth birthdays, however, they made the transition to sex-typed clothing, she pointed out. Little girls became scale models of their mothers, complete with hoops in the 1850s and bustle-like effects at the end of the century.

A little boy's transition to "masculine" clothing was slightly more complicated. He first went from short dresses to kilt and sailor suits around age five. Then at age seven or 10 he was "breeched," donning

his first trousers and losing his baby locks.

What can these 19th century ideas about proper dress for children reveal to the 20th century observer? A study of fashion shows that social attitudes are always in flux, no matter how proper a dress (or an idea) seems at the time.

For example, 19th century adult attitudes required that small children wear pantaloons, pantalets or stockings under their dresses to cover lower limbs. Legs simply were never acknowledged in that pre-mini era, and children's legs were no exception.

"What's proper and correct seems so permanent to one generation it's hard to believe it can ever change," McMurry said. "For example, what grandmother today would dream of choosing pink for her grandson? Yet in the 1800s pink was the proper color for little boys and blue for little girls."

"One 1860 boy's dress in the Cornell collection has a tiny floral pattern and pink stripes — much too feminine for the taste of some little girls today," McMurry said.

Doing nothing to avoid making mistakes is probably the worst one you can make.

Crime May Cost billions of dollars each year, but you've got to admit we are getting plenty for our money.

A WOMAN WILL NEVER be a mans equal until she can sport a large bald spot on the top of her head and still think she's handsome.

need, as I said, some professional advice. It is not unusual for small boys to don mother's shoes or even her dress. But this is part of play fantasy, and it usually passes rather quickly. By 16, this should have stopped.

of asking is afraid of learning.

I set out to find a friend but I couldn't find one; I set out to be a friend, and friends were every where.

It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't

In gardening, its a race between your back & your enthusiasm to see wich will give out first.

My HUSBAND'S work as a federal housing inspector takes him into Philadelphia's most dilapidated areas. One day, he and two fellow inspectors were searching for a house on an almost deserted, half-demolished block. On the corner was a gang of tough-looking characters. The inspectors realized that they were potential victims of muggers but took comfort from the fact that in their dusty work clothes they looked anything but affluent.

They proceeded past the motley group to the house and forced their way into it. Suddenly, the gang from the corner surrounded them. "What are you doing here?" demanded the biggest of them.

"We're, er, Health Department," they said, hurriedly fishing for their I.D.s.

The questioner, laughing, put his hand inside his jacket. "You guys are trying to get as hip as the police department!" he exclaimed, producing his badge.

—Contributed by Caroline Allen

Dear Ann: I disagree with your advice to the fellow who enjoyed putting on his wife's wig and panty girle and high heels. You said he should stay inside and "unwind," if that's what it did for him.

Why should he stay inside? Why shouldn't a person be able to wear whatever he pleases? Who is he hurting? This is supposed to be a free country, isn't it?

What about the women who love to put on their husbands' clothes? Almost every wife adores her husband's bathrobe and bedroom slippers. When my sister was expecting she wore her husband's shorts and pajamas the last three months of her pregnancy. My mother always wore my father's sweaters and gloves when she shoveled snow or raked the lawn, and she put on his old straw hat when she did her gardening.

Why the big flap about men wearing women's clothes? Who cares these days?

Telling It Like It Izz

Ann says: Amen, brother.

## Seek Advice Of Counselor

By DR. GEORGE THOSTESON

Q. I have a son who is 16 years old.

I am a little worried about him. He seems to want to dress up as a girl when he thinks I am not around. He gets bras of mine, pantyhose, etc., from my dresser. I found a dress of mine removed.

Should I take him to a psychologist, or is this just a phase he is going through? Should I mention this to him and chastise him? I am quite upset. — Mrs. A.W.

A. This is a difficult probably confused about doesn't lend itself to easy correction.

I think it would be safe to say that the boy is probably confused about sex drives at this point in his life. Perhaps the important phrase is "at this time in his life." He knows he is a male anatomically, but has some urge to be female, at least during these episodes of which you speak.

Some transvestites (that is the label) get a sexual stimulation by dressing in clothes of the opposite

sex. This is in contrast to the transsexual individual, who rejects his sex.

This boy's problem may have existed from early years. Maternal dominance or paternal neglect can be factors. But it would be important to analyze his other behavior patterns. Does he show feminine traits? Does he have male friends? Does he engage in sports with male friends?

It is my understanding that at 16 little can be done. Transvestites do have heterosexual urges, will marry and have children. If strong-willed enough, social pressures can convince them to abandon their urges to "cross-dress."

It would be a good idea to talk to a counselor — psychiatrist or psychologist — either of whom can give you hints on how to handle the problem. I would not chastise the boy. I would casually ask him what your dress was doing in his room. Accept his answer — or his silence.

Beyond this, you would