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June Meeting: "All Dressed Up?"

As previously announced, Ms Vicki Schlict will be our guest speaker for the June meeting. Ms Schlict will be presenting her own line of clothing for the apparel-challenged amongst us.

However, in order for the fashion show to go on, we need you help! Ms Schlict is looking for models in the followings size range for our June meeting: 6-8; 10-12, 16-18, and 18-22. She would like to meet at 7:30 in the changing room which is normally provided by PPOC so she can outfit the models for the presentation. If anyone of you would like to be a fashion palette for the evening, please respond by e-mail to Joan (Dreamin96@aol.com), or if you want you can call Vicki at (714) [REDACTED]

So, if you want to strut your stuff or just try on and see how you look in some fabulous clothes, come on and join us for our June Meeting!

Go girl, go!

Date: Sat, June 19th, 1999

Time: 8:00 pm PDT

Place: Placentia Holiday Inn, 118 E. Orangethorpe Ave, Placentia, CA.
Take 57 Fwy to Orangethorpe exit.
Head east.

Transvestite's Mother Wins \$2.9 Million In Suit Against City For Malpractice On Her Deceased Son.

Taken from Jet Magazine, December 28, 1998

A jury recently awarded \$2.9 million in damages to the mother of Tyrone Michael Hunter, a transvestite who died from injuries received in a traffic accident after District of Columbia paramedics refused to treat him (JET, August 28, 1995).

Jurors also ruled that Hunter received negligent care at D.C. General Hospital where an emergency room doctor failed to properly diagnose and treat him.

"It really wasn't about money. It was about justice," said Margie Hunter, Tyrone's mother, who sued the city for \$10 million, alleging discrimination and malpractice.

Mr. Hunter, better known as Tyra, was hurt in a car crash three years ago. When emergency workers discovered his male genitalia, they withheld critical treatment, according to witness testimony and a closing argument in a wrongful death suit in D.C. Superior Court.

"Mr. Hunter was conscious. He was sitting up," attorney Richard F. Silber recently told the eight-member jury during his closing arguments.

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Authorities Seek Cross-Dressers in Credit Fraud

● **Crime:** The group's purported leader, a San Clemente man, already has pleaded guilty, but three others (Joan, Dee, and Diane?) remain at large.

by Robin Fields, Times Staff Writer
Taken from the Los Angeles Times,
Orange County, May 14, 1999
Submitted by Diane [REDACTED]

Theirs would be a garden-variety credit-fraud case, but for one detail.

The cross-dressing.

Postal inspectors have accused four Southland residents of stealing more than \$1 million between 1996 and late 1998 with fraudulently obtained credit cards.

The twist: Men in the group ordered cards under women's names and sometimes dressed as women to make purchases with them, Postal Inspection Service spokeswoman Pamela Prince said.

Authorities can't say for sure whether the gender-bending was a lifestyle choice or an effort at disguise.

"We get a lot of cross-dressing bank robbers too," said Assistant U. S. Atty. Pamela Johnston, one of two federal prosecutors handling the case.

The ring's purported leader, Julius Cory Hudson, 28, of San Clemente, pleaded guilty late last month in U. S. District Court in Los Angeles to two counts of fraudulent use of an access device.

Postal authorities still are seeking Hudson's alleged accomplices: Denise Parker, 48, of Moreno Valley; Tyrone E. Clifton, 28, of Los Angeles, who also goes by Jennifer Fomby and Traci McVea; and Basil Haughton, 28, of Los Angeles, also known as Ank Weeks and Tony, or Toni Johnson.

The cross-dressing wrinkle is unusual but not unique, federal agents said. Rings of transvestites also have been charged or convicted in credit-card and identity-theft

rip-offs in Chicago and south Florida.

Cross-dressing may give perpetrators a larger pool of victims to choose from and could help in eluding capture, consumer groups said.

"There might be a slight advantage in that they can use male or female ID cards," said Beth Givens, project director of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse in San Diego, which tracks identity thefts. "But many merchants don't adequately check ID cards anyway."

A few card issuers have pioneered programs designed to balance fraud control with respect for the needs of clients whose lifestyles involve changing their appearance.

In 1994 the Royal Bank of Scotland started providing transvestite account holders with two credit cards, each with a photograph, one showing them as a man, the other as a woman.

Postal service investigators said Hudson's group swiped personal and credit information by fishing credit checks from the trash at two Riverside County car dealerships. They also stole data from loan applications filed at a bank where Hudson found temporary work in the refinancing department, Prince said.

Ring members used the cards to make cash withdrawals from automated teller machines and purchases at local businesses.

"They bought furniture and clothes and paid for auto repairs," Prince said. "They even rented limos."

Hudson — who said at his plea hearing that he was an aspiring actor — was sentenced to three years in federal prison and ordered to pay \$330,000 in restitution.

His attorney did not return phone calls.

The Postal Inspection Service asks anyone who knows the whereabouts of Parker, Clifton or Haughton to call (626) 405-1200. Rewards may be paid for information leading to arrests and convictions.



QUEENSPEAK

by Joan Goodnight

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' - 2001 AND BEYOND

I'd like to squash all the rumors and stories circulating that year 2000 will be the last California Dreamin' event. PPOC will continue to sponsor and host the annual event for year 2001 and beyond. The club will also continue to seek the cooperation and support of the Southern and Northern California transgender organizations in hosting the event. Next April's event, however, will be the last year that I will be so personally involved in the convention administration. After ten years of heavy concentration on Dreamin', I'm at the point in my life where it's time to turn over the reigns to others who will undoubtedly do a far better job than I ever could.

California Dreamin' will be ten-years old next April and I can't think of a better setting for a tenth anniversary party than the beautiful city of San Francisco. Next year will mark the third time the event has been held in that city. We were graced this past April with the attendance of the presidents of the three major transgender organizations in the Bay Area and they were unanimous in their enthusiasm to once again host the event.

With that said here comes the commercial: California Dreamin' 2000 will be at our old stomping grounds, the **Golden Gateway Holiday Inn**, which is located right at the start of the California Street Cable Car line that runs up to Nob Hill and beyond. Room rates are \$99 per night, single or double, and must be reserved prior to April 5, 2000 in order to receive the discount rate.

ALWAYS A WOMAN TO ME.(transsexual actress Alexandra Billings)

Taken from the Advocate, May 25, 1999

CHICAGO ACTRESS ALEXANDRA BILLINGS DISCUSSES HER JOURNEY FROM FEMALE IMPERSONATOR TO FEMALE PERSON

"My life is huge," says actress Alexandra Billings. "The whole gender issue is so meshed. It's all about a third sex. It's all about this other entity that we don't understand and we can't put a label on. That's what I am. You can call me transgender, you can call me a lesbian, you can call me a woman, you can call me a man. I'm all of those things and none of them."

Billings, 37, is visiting Los Angeles just a week before rehearsals begin in Chicago on *Just Say No*, the Larry Kramer play in which she'll star as a Nancy Reagan-like first lady [see

stow on page 38]. Having dinner at, Hollywood's historic Roosevelt Hotel, Billings is relaxed and looking stylish, even in jeans and a blouse. Her hair is pulled back into a ponytail, and her hands are noticeably elegant, soft and slender--the kind that could sell dish soap if she ever decides to make the leap from stage to small screen.

"Sexuality and gender is all about perception," she says. "It's all about how you perceive who you are. I had been dressing as a woman at home since I was 4 or 5 years old. There was something instinctual in me that kept it hidden from the rest of the world."

A familiar face in the Windy City as an actress and a nightclub singer, Billings is in fact a Southern California native. Then a little boy named Scott, Billings moved to the Midwest at age 9 or 10. Scott tried gamely to be the boy his parents thought they were raising, Billings recalls, but was never very good at it.

While in high school in the Chicago area, Scott told his mother he thought he was gay. Indeed, the beginning of Billings's recognition of her transgender identity is a lesson in the importance of visibility. "I never knew there were people like me in the world," she says. "When I was 18, I got myself an apartment and was waiting tables. I saw this TV show with a female impersonator named Chili Pepper. She was so content about who she was; there was a real peace. And I'll never forget this: I sat there and cried because I thought, I don't have to do this behind closed doors-- she's on TV!"

"That's why I like to talk about it," she says, "because I know there are other people out there, men and women, who are thinking, I'm the only one."

Although Billings began working as a female impersonator in her early 20s--even alongside Chili Pepper--she remained biologically male. The process of realizing that her own identity was female and always had been

took years. But she never "made the decision" to become female. For a transgender person, "the decision was made when you were born," she emphasizes.

"I've had gobs of surgery, tons of it," Billings says of the series of medical procedures she began in her late 20s. "But I'm not defined by what happened to me surgically. I didn't say to myself, OK, now I'm going to be a woman. Now I have to act this way or sit this way. I had all those things in me."

Overcoming people's misconceptions is an ongoing struggle, she says. She recalls one audition in which "they didn't look at me once as I was singing and doing my monologue. They didn't ask for my picture, didn't say, 'Thank you,' 'Good morning,' nothing." Behind her back the director called her appearance "a sick joke."

On the other hand, Billings has been welcomed several times into the esteemed Steppenwolf and Court theaters. For a Steppenwolf play called *Time to Burn*, she was originally cast as

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You've Got Mail:

The Latest in Powder Puffs E-mail Box

Subj.: All about me
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I finally decided to show a little more than I wanted in my corporate web site, but since I'm one of the finest breeds to come from a transgender existence, I wish to share it with you. I have a story behind myself that I'm considering to bring to talk shows and a book, but my amazing life story and facts behind my natural look that I have created without hormones is a talk show within it self. Today, as a female model and corporate spoke model I get things done and make peoples heads turn. I am a great spokes person for our cause and I hope I can help you or any person with support in anyway you need me too. Just ask. So please, go see the web pages behind my look and tell me what you think. Want to be my agent?

Subj.: London Bomb Strike
 From: Sarah @ gender.org (Sarah D. Fox)
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ILGA, the International Lesbian and Gay Association, Condemns the London Homophobic Bomb Strike as an Attack Against Democracy and Human Rights after the brutal bombing of the Admiral Duncan pub that took place last Friday in London, ILGA Co-Secretaries General Jordi Petit in Barcelona and Jennifer Wilson in Sidney declare: On behalf of the more than 300 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual associations belonging to ILGA in more than 80 countries around the world, we state our concern and deep sorrow for the casualties of the homophobic bombing in London last Friday. We join in worldwide mourning for this attack against democracy, social peace and human rights. We call for NGOs, political parties, trade unions and the general population to send messages of condolence to all UK embassies and Consulates; and we call on the authorities to undertake efficient action to put an end to the racist attacks.

We call for the international community to join against intolerance and Nazi fanaticism, thus increasing and further developing human rights issues, especially in the area of education for the respect of diversity.

We call on lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transpeople to gather Solidarity with the victims of this unforgivable attack. We suggest that all rainbow flags on display in local gay businesses bear a black ribbon as a sign of mourning.

We believe that this coming June 28, 30 years after the first lesbian and gay Pride celebration, should be

celebrated with the slogan that precisely reflects all that fanatics, Nazis and intolerant people deny: Lesbian and Gay Rights are Human Rights.

We should use our protest actions to fight for lesbian and gay rights in our work, in partnership laws, in education and in all other aspects of everyday life. We must remember that one homophobic-related murder takes place every four days throughout the world, that homosexuality is still illegal in 86 countries and that some of those countries apply the death penalty against it, the same punishment used in London Friday.

The bomb strike in London, the third of a series aimed at minorities, is a serious challenge to social peace and the democratic establishment. It is a strike against Human Rights and the entire society? Therefore, all of society's institutions should react against it.

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Subj.: Guest Speaker
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I have a very special friend that has asked me to inquire with you and see if PPOC members would be interested in having Melanie Anne Phillips, founder of the Transgender Community Forum on America Online and author of "How to Develop a Female Voice" book, video and audio CD. Please check out her homepage on the net if you are not familiar with her or her background.

<http://heartcorps.com/journeys/>

If you think the group would be interested, you can either contact me at this e-mail address or by phone (Dee and Arlene have my phone number I am sure) And I will pass along your information so she can contact you directly if your interested.



You've Got Mail: (Cont.)

Subj.: Advocate Features Transgender
 From: quill@gender.org (QUILL News & Communications Service)
 To: quill@gender.org

THE ADVOCATE, a leading gay & lesbian magazine, features the transgender movement in its 25 May 99 issue. Titled 'What is Transgender?' the cover story is a profile of Trans-woman Alexandra Billings who stars with Greg Louganis in Larry Kramer's play 'Just Say No,' soon to open in Chicago.

Reports focus on: trans-man Lauren Cameron; medical procedures involved in surgeries and costs; a glossary of terms; a lesbian's reaction to her former lover's transition to male; Sex-change surgeon, Dr. Biber; and whether the transgendered are (or should be) part of the Gay rights movement. Readers are asked in an online poll: "Should transgendered people be a part of the gay rights movement?" (www.advocate.com)

In-depth coverage is given to the relations between the trans-community and The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) over trans-inclusion in the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). Transactivists Phyllis Frye of Houston, Nancy Nangeroni of Boston, Jamison Green of San Francisco, and Riki Wilchins of New York are quoted extensively.

The most sobering feature, 'The Hidden Hate Epidemic,' highlights the discrepancy between the mainstream's and gay press's reporting of crimes against gays and lesbians and their reporting of transviolence.

It points out that, in November, a month after Matthew Shepard was murdered in Wyoming, Rita Hester, a transgendered woman, was murdered near Boston, stabbed 20 times in the chest. In December, trans-woman Vianna Faye Williams was murdered in Jersey City, stabbed 9 times in her back, neck, and chest. In January, crossdresser Lauryn Paige was murdered in Austin, her throat cut. In February, an unidentified crossdresser was found dead in a Houston parking lot, having been shot repeatedly. In March, Tracey Thompson, a transgendered woman, was found bludgeoned to death in South Georgia.

Major newspapers across the US are still carrying stories about the Shepard murder, yet no mention has made of these trans-murders.

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Subj.: Missouri to Amend Hate Crimes Law to Include Sexual Orientation
 From: quill@gender.org
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"For the first time in Missouri history, the legislature has affirmatively recognized and responded to the real needs of our community." -- Jeff Wunrow, Privacy Rights Education Project

WASHINGTON, DC (May 17, 1999)--- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force joins Missouri's Privacy Rights Education Project in celebrating the passage of a hate crimes bill that includes sexual orientation. If signed by Governor Mel Carnahan, Missouri will become the 22nd state to enact a hate crime law, which includes sexual orientation.

"We applaud the Missouri legislature for saying enough is enough to hate violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) people. This bill is an important step in moving the state forward toward combating the epidemic of anti-GLBT hate crimes plaguing Missouri and the country. We urge Governor Carnahan to sign this critical piece of legislation," stated Kerry Lobel, NGLTF Executive Director.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 20-14 on April 20th and preliminarily passed the House on May 12th by a vote of 97-62. On May 14th, the bill gained final passage in the House and now awaits the Governor's signature. The Privacy Rights Education Project (PREP), Missouri's statewide gay, lesbian, bisexual, and Transgender political organization took the lead in lobbying for the bill, SB 328. When enacted, it will add sexual orientation, sex, and disability to the existing hate crime law, which covers race, color, religion, and national origin. The bill also creates enhanced penalties for crimes committed due to bias.

"We worked very hard this year to pass this bill," said Jeff Wunrow, Executive Director, PREP. "We were successful because of the broad coalition of groups that supported its passage. For the first time in Missouri history, the legislature has affirmatively recognized and responded to the needs of our community."

According to a recent report released by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender incidents committed in St. Louis in 1998 rose ten percent from 1997 levels. The number of anti-GLBT murders also rose from zero to two during the same period.

This year 26 states have introduced hate crimes penalty enhancement measures. Only the Missouri and New Mexico had hate crimes measure pass both legislative chambers during the 1999 session. The Governor vetoed the New Mexico bill. Earlier this year, Hawaii passed a bill requiring state data collection of hate crimes committed against GLBT people, but it died in conference committee. Hate crimes measures have been killed or stalled in 20 states this year. The most recent casualty was Texas, where the bill became a political football for Texas governor and presidential candidate George W. Bush, Jr.

Editorial by Sarah Fox Chief Administrator, QUILL

As a transgender activist, I find The Advocate's recent poll question, "Should Transgendered people be a part of the gay rights movement?" to be rather odd. After all, the people on the front lines of the Stonewall Riot of 1969 were mostly drag queens. Is it right to question whether any group has a right to be included in a movement it helped to start?

While the question posed by The Advocate is certainly on the minds of many GLBT people, it perhaps a bit myopic. That is because there are also many Transgender activists who are pragmatically assessing whether GLB people would be more of an asset or a liability to the TG Rights Movement. I find this trend every bit as unfortunate as the anti transgender sentiments held by some of the more conservative elements of the GLB community. While this separationist mentality flies in the face of mainstream efforts by both the Transgender and GLB communities to work together, it is a mentality that seems to be growing, and it needs to be addressed.

Part of the undercurrent behind transgender separatism stems from a sense of betrayal felt by many, perhaps most, transgender activists by a few of the more prominent GLB organizations such as HRC. Opinions run strong about relationships such as those between HRC and the transgender community, and I won't pretend to take sides in this heated issue. However, it suffices to say that the feelings of the transgender activists, whether justified or not, are quite real. That having been said, most transgender activists seem to distinguish between the GLB population at large and the minority of GLB organizations with which they take issue. There is a perception among the transgender community that some of the more conservative GLB organizations do not really represent the attitudes of the GLB community and therefore do not justify any ill will or mistrust of the GLB community at large. Most transgender activists seem to base their attitudes on their experiences locally, and those experiences vary greatly.

In some areas, such as where I live, GLBT people are blessed with an atmosphere of camaraderie and mutual cooperation. While there are stalwart separatists in these communities, like anywhere, they are in the minority and do not dampen the spirit of friendship that exists between the various camps.

Unfortunately, in other areas the GLB population may be largely un-accepting of TG people. (Spotty acceptance can even be found in GLBT Mecca's such as San Francisco's Castro district, where a Trans-person was recently refused entry into a gay-owned cafe!) In these areas transpeople often find more support and acceptance from the public at large than from GLB people. It is in these areas that Trans-

people naturally ask themselves whether alliances with the GLB community would be an asset or liability, particularly if the political the transgender community largely underwrites activism there. They ask themselves whether time and energy spent quibbling with the local GLB organizations would be better spent educating an already more accepting public.

It is difficult to say where this trend will lead. Many things are happening on the GLBT socio-political landscape. The major national organizations continue to blaze trails towards GLBT reunification, with a large, popular following. Also the public at large is slowly becoming more educated about transgender issues, so that transpeople are not regarded as quite as extreme a fringe element in society and, hence, a liability to the national GLBT organizations. However, government is also getting more conservative, and the difficulties faced in many parts of the country lead to tension and divisiveness between the GLBT camps. Meanwhile, the TG community is gaining incredible momentum, with energized transgender activists demanding and expecting change NOW! Even the dreaded Harry Benjamin Standards of Care to which transsexuals must adhere lends them some biomedical legitimacy, a "perk" not enjoyed by the GLB community. When the transgender movement is progressing in such large bounds, it is very easy for transgender activists to lose patience with a more settled GLB community and say, "We don't need your dead weight dragging us down. We're doing just great without you." (Yes, I've heard such views expressed.) Where all the pushing, pulling, stresses and strains of this complex dynamic will lead is anyone's guess.

I hope, though, that in the pursuit of our common goal of civil rights, we remember what we have to gain by working together. When we bicker amongst ourselves as to why shades of difference between our camps should form the basis for inclusion of one group and exclusion of another, or worse, for the granting of civil rights to one group and not another, we lose all credibility with the public at large. In the end, we all deserve civil rights and an equal place in this society because we are human beings and citizens. The use of sexual orientation as justification to deny those rights is every bit as wrong as the use of gender identity or expression as a justification. While disavowing our community of one half of this picture may help to win a battle, it will do great harm to our efforts in the greater war. I hope we can all keep our long-term goals in mind, tolerate the differences between our camps, and have patience when other camps don't move at the same pace as our own, and work steadily together. One day our efforts WILL pay off, but only if we work together.

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".... When a firefighter cut his pants leg and discovered that this person who looks for all intents and purposes looks like a female is a male, he stopped working on him."

But the District's attorney, Steven Anderson, during his closing arguments, denied that the worker's reaction contributed to Hunter's death.

Hunter, 24, died August 7, 1995, approximately two hours after the fatal hit-and-run accident.

Margie Hunter's lawsuit charged that a D.C. General Hospital emergency room doctor failed to diagnose Hunter's injuries and follow the nationally accepted standard of care. Silber criticized the doctor, saying he misread X-rays that are now missing, decided against inserting a chest tube to drain blood that pooled near his heart and did not give Hunter four units of blood that were available.

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a transvestite, but she pointed out that she couldn't do the play's shower scene.

"I said, 'I'm not built like a boy. In fact, if you call this character a transvestite, politically, I can't do that because you're sending the wrong message to people.' I wanted to do the scene, so they changed the role to a transsexual."

Billings also feels strongly about the political message of Just Say No. "What's important is that we don't consider the war against AIDS over, because it's not," she says. "Having been infected [with HIV] for 13 years, I know what I've had to go through. All my friends are dead, and I'm not even 40 years old. Had [the Reagans] not ignored [the epidemic], we'd be ten years ahead of where we are now."

But Billings's powerful political convictions do not include the need to pin down her own sexual orientation. While still a teenager named Scott who thought he might be gay, Billings met and began dating Chrisanne Blankenship. After high school they remained friends and dated other people, and Blankenship saw Billings through her physical transformation. They gradually came to realize the specialness of their relationship and became committed partners. Three years ago the couple had a commitment ceremony. Are they lesbians? Does the fact that Billings once dated men make her bisexual? "Sure, whatever," she says.

What matters to her is that she and Chrisanne have a "very normal" marriage; they love to stay home and watch movies. "I believe in divine providence. Chrisanne and I came together for a purpose--to complete each other. She's funny; she's the most intelligent person I know. I couldn't live without her."

As for other family, Billings has a good relationship with her father, who recently told her that although he doesn't understand

Billings's life, he can see that she is happy. And before her death, Billings's mother came around as well, sending her sweaters and jewelry for Christmas. "I'm living my life the way I want, and I'm really very happy doing it," Billings says. "That's what's important, not that you understand my transsexualism or my relationship or any of my life's choices. If people see me and see how happy I am, I think that's really all that's important. Don't you?"

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Vocabulary

By Jon Barrett, taken in part from the Advocate
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Sex-reassignment surgery can include a series of many difficult and expensive procedures. While being a transsexual does not require that all (or any) of these surgeries be performed, the following reassignment surgery procedures are options for transsexuals:

MALE-TO-FEMALE

VAGINOPLASTY: Involves removing the testicles and the inside of the penis and then inverting the penis skin to create a vagina.

ADAM'S APPLE SHAVING: Surgery done under local anesthesia to decrease the size of the Adam's apple.

VOICE SURGERY: Procedure that scars the vocal chords to modify the voice's pitch.

BREAST AUGMENTATION: Saline-filled implants are inserted under the existing breasts.

FEMALE-TO-MALE

BILATERAL MASTECTOMY: The removal of breast tissue and reduction of nipple size to form a male chest.

PHALLOPLASTY: Construction of a penis using skin, nerves, veins, and arteries from other parts of the patient's body. The labia may be used to construct the scrotum. Clitoral nerves are usually preserved and may eventually grow into the new penis. Testicular implants and implants to obtain an erection can be inserted in subsequent procedures. Urethral extension is also possible.

METAIDIOPLASTY: An individual whose clitoris responds sufficiently to testosterone may have the clitoris released from its hood and the shaft "finished" along the bottom side, completing the foreskin. The resulting small penis is also raised about one centimeter forward on the body. The labia are also raised and fused in the center to form the scrotum through use of testicular implants. This procedure retains natural erectile capacity. The patient can elect to have the vaginal cavity closed and/or the urethra extended through the penis.

HYSTERECTOMY/OOPHORECTOMY: The removal of female reproductive organs and gonads.