Norman Lear Set To Star Transex?

LOS ANGELES -- Producer Norman Lear of "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman" fame has begun initial production of a television series about a man going through a sex-change to female, called "All That Glitters...."

Lear is currently seeking a person for the lead role and has already interviewed a number of pre- and post-operative transexuals, including a leader of the Eon Society, a transexual rights group.

Lear has also reportedly spoken to transexual tennis player Renee Richards in regards to being a consultant.

To be produced by Tandem Productions, "All That Glitters...." is to be a "situation comedy" and may, unfortunately, wind up being a watered-down version of "Myra Breckinridge." But transexuals aware of it consider it to be a major breakthrough, if it portrays the transexual experience anywhere at all near the actual reality.

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Meanwhile, one of the transexuals currently working with Lear as a consultant was recently brutally beaten and molested by the Los Angeles Police Department. It is hoped that Lear's program will not reflect the LAPD's view that a transexual woman is, as they told the unfortunate victim, "a punk with his dick cut off."

-- Angela Douglas