

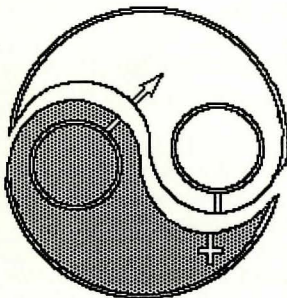
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A  
special issue devoted  
to the concerns  
and choices that  
confront the  
Transsexual.



The ancient Assyrian Queen Semiramis (circa 806 B.C.) is allegedly the first to systematically set about to castrate effeminate male captives for use in her palace as female slaves.

On the Day of Blood the male worshippers of the Great Goddess Cybele in a ritualistic frenzy set about to emasculate themselves so that they might serve as her priestesses. And the proscriptions in the Old and New Testament about cross-dressing are specifically addressed to the temple prostitution practiced by such emasculated priests, not cross-dressing itself.

But, the first transsexual operation noted in history was performed on a hermaphroditic youth by the name of Sporus at the order of Nero, who found the youth to be the image of his late wife Poppaea. He married the new woman in Greece and made her Empress of Rome. She survived Nero and might be considered the last of the Julio-Claudian line.

Although there are numerous cases of men who were castrated so that they might live as women; the first case of modern efforts (circa 1930's) to provide a male with female genitalia is reported in *Man Into Woman* (ed. Niels Hoyer) an autobiography by Lili Elbe, a transsexual painter.

But, it was not until September 24th, 1951 that Dr. Christian Hamburger began the series of operations that would make a new woman called Christine Jorgenson. Her surgery and her story brought hope to thousands of men and women trapped in the wrong sex.

In this issue of *Our Sorority* we shall explore some aspects of the transsexual phenomenon. We will describe the transsexual's rites of passage, gender identity clinics, and other resources. We will also include a couple of articles bearing upon transsexualism.

Because many of our readers are extremely emotional (pro or con) over this subject, we approach it with some trepidation. But, since this is the first time in our decade of publication we have dealt with this subject we thought that it was about time.

We are aware that some of the articles can be viewed as extremely critical of TS behavior by some of our readers. But, we have attempted to be as objective and informative as time and space permitted. Carmen, our guest editor, is a pre-op transsexual and she has critiqued our efforts.

*Also in this issue we will present our new list of Groups & Events; **Many Little Kindnesses**, Betty Ann's autobiography; and, much much more!*

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## Legal Questions...

**QUESTION:** I'm a 35-year-old man. I sometimes go out dressed as a woman. Is there a legal danger in doing this?

**ANSWER:** You should consult an attorney about the specific laws in your area. In many areas it is indeed a violation of state law to wear, in public, clothing normally reserved for the opposite sex (although women wearing male attire are quite unlikely to be stopped).

In other areas it is not unlawful to cross-dress either in public or in private.

### Local Ordinances Apply

While your state may have no specific law prohibiting cross-dressing, local ordinances might. Even when there are no ordinances prohibiting cross-dressing, local law enforcement officers may be personally offended by the act of crossdressing and may pick you up on one of the many 'Catch-22' laws available to them.

### Be Polite And Cooperative

You should be courteous and polite if you're arrested while cross-dressing. You are not required to provide information beyond your name, address, date of birth, and social security number. You have the right to call your attorney before the intake procedure begins. Don't volunteer to the police your place of work. They may tell your employer of the incident which may, of course, lead to termination.

### Don't Invite Attention

Transvestites should do nothing to invite attention from the police. Don't be a public nuisance, don't be drunk in public, don't walk alone in dimly lighted areas late at night...If you must go out alone at night, have a dog you can take with you — walking a dog before bedtime is a good excuse and a "normal" thing to do.

### Which States DON'T Have Laws

According to the best available information these states **DO NOT** have state laws prohibiting cross-dressing, although there are prohibiting local ordinances in a few:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, West Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin.



States that do **not** have laws prohibiting cross-dressing are shown shaded.  
(Also Alaska and Hawaii)

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### "GAMES MOTHER NEVER TAUGHT YOU"

a book review by Carmen B. Haydn

When you change from man to woman, and enter the workforce, your male associates will not treat you as the man you were, but as the woman you are. They will assume that you carry inside you every ridiculous female stereotype ever invented.

In her book, "Games Mother Never Taught You," Betty Lehan Harrigan explores this whole subject in an amusing but very informative way. Her first chapter introduces business in general as a game. Just about every man alive knows that business is a game of corporate politics, something most women don't know.

In the chapters that follow Ms. Harrigan guides you through the maze of the business "playing field" showing you, with practical examples from real life, what the stereotypes are that men have, how they can use them against you, and, most importantly, how you can use these same stereotypes against them!

I strongly recommend the book to all women. If you are a female to male TS, this book may well be useful in giving you the information you will be expected to know anyway. You can use this information two ways: one, to get around the office without being "read," and two, to help stop the discrimination that you no doubt felt as a woman. If you are a male to female TS, you probably know the playing field fairly well, but now you're on the other team, so to speak, and the rules are a little different. This book will help you make it in business as a woman and win the game. Of course, if you have been female all of your life, this book was written primarily with you in mind. Dig in, enjoy, and profit!

## MANY LITTLE KINDNESSES by Betty Ann Lind

"Gas Top" Louie was right out of a Damon Runyon short story. He was a lieutenant in my father's regiment (coincidentally, the same unit that I served in some forty years later) during the Great War, and was gassed. The result was that his face was a mass of purple splotches; hence the nick-name hung on him by the race track and mobster types he encountered as an officer of the State Liquor Control Board.

My mother was a bit reluctant to introduce me to him because of his scars. But, to me his face was an absolute wonderment of hidden images which I gleefully traced with my fingers causing the stunned man to carry me to a nearby wall mirror so that he could see them too. From then on we adored each other.

His arrival at the boarding home brought about the most unusual day of my life. But, before I describe this day I must move back in time to shortly after the day that my mother had brought me to the boarding home.

The boarding home was located on a truck garden farm at the edge of a small Wabash River town, which served as the hub of several gas pipelines serving Chicago-Gary. The couple that owned the farm also ran a large community swimming pool which was absolute paradise for the children that stayed at the boarding home.

The home itself was a great Steamboat Gothic/Victorian set back on the river bank hidden by woods from the main road to town. The children, about ten boys and five girls, lived on the second floor in dormitory rooms created by knocking down the original bedroom walls. I was placed with four other boys in a corner room which overlooked our playground with its large wooden play slide. The fenced playground was bounded by the house, railroad tracks for the Illinois Central, a farm road along the river, and the back entrance into the community pool concessions building.

Now, on the third floor there lived the "Crazy Red Haired Lady", who would shout at the children if they dared to play in the garden area beneath the outside stairs that led to her balcony door. Her screams of rage were a terror to the children and, therefore, it became a test of courage to see who would go up to the top of her stairs, knock on her door, and run downstairs like hell!

As the new kid I accepted the dare with trembling uncertainty and climbed the long wooden flight of stairs one at a time because at four years old I still had the body of a two year old. But, I was not about to admit that I was afraid, or a baby, despite my appearance. By the time I reached the top of the stairs I was aware that she was waiting for me!

She stood behind the screen door using one hand to tug at her wrap around house coat to keep it closed while her other hand waved a hair brush as she screamed threats at me. In amazed fear I noted that her henna red hair seemed like coiling snakes in the breeze while her face was a chalk mask with a flame red slash for lips. I knew that retreat was impossible, and in the face of her shouting I began to remember the "screaming game" I had heard so many times in Brownsville.

Gathering my remaining strength I started to scream at her about how she should be ashamed of bullying little children, how I would throw her down the stairs if she tried to spank me, and how silly she sounded yelling at a poor little kid like me!

Suddenly, she began to laugh; only to throw open the screen door to catch me up into her arms for a hug and a kiss. "Honey, I know that you are my kind of folk!"

From then on I had a "retreat" on the third floor where I listened to Sarah; while she fed me milk and cookies, telling me how she had fled Georgia to pass as a pinkie while she worked as a torch singer in Cicero. Needless to say the other children held me in awe.

Now, when my "Uncle" Louie arrived that fateful day to pick me up I watched in disbelief as he went up that long flight of stairs to knock on Sarah's door! Soon after he came down the stairs to confront the boarding home owner, who was armed with a pump action shotgun! They talked in such quiet tones of deadly menace that I could not hear their words.

Then Sarah emerged from her apartment dressed in a white suit dress with black patent leather gloves, purse, and shoes as if she were about to walk into a swank supper club. The men went up the stairs to pick up her battered luggage with that sort of "helpless" boyishness that beautiful women always manage to arouse.

My uncle took her to his car only to return to fetch me with the usual hugs and kisses, as if nothing had happened. Dressed in a white sailor suit I was taken by my uncle and Sarah to a local restaurant where my uncle announced that it was to be my birthday (actually two days after my real birthday). After cake and ice cream we drove to the drive-in theater to see a western.

Now, the drive-in was having the most wonderful ticket drawing for the kids attending as well as a silver dollar wheel of fortune prize for the lucky adult winner. But, it was the two prizes for the kids that caught my heart: a beautiful cowboy and cowgirl outfit including a pair of western boots and twin cap guns!

In disappointment I watched the cowboy outfit go to a delighted red haired boy. So, sitting back to enjoy my popcorn I was stunned to hear the master of ceremony read off the numbers on my ticket. I had won the cowgirl outfit!

Suddenly my whole world was filled with joy! I could be a girl! Why not! Like Daffy Duck I became consumed with the thought that the cowgirl outfit was: MINE! MINE! MINE! Without a thought about what the audience might think about a little boy claiming the cowgirl outfit I dashed out from the car to claim my prize!

"And here comes our winner now," the master of ceremony proclaimed watching me as I ran in between the cars with my short pale blond curls glistening in the headlights. "Why, it must be Miss Shirley Temple!" But, once I was upon the stage he became a bit confused because he could then see that I was wearing boy's clothes. "Are you a little boy, or a girl?"

"I'm a boy, sir, but I won the prize!" I exclaimed with delight only to fear that the truth of my sex was going to cheat me out of the wonderful cowgirl outfit. I could see it now, with its pretty white hat trimmed with sparkling tin coins sewed into a pink hat band, white and brown calico leatherette skirt and bolero vest trimmed with leather fringes, pink satin blouse adorned by a white satin bandanna, white leather holster set complete with little bullets and two six shot revolving cylinder cap pistols, and a pair of white cowgirl boots.

"Now, son, this is a prize for a little girl, and..."

"I won it, and it is mine!" I exclaimed to the delight of the amused audience which broke into laughter as I announced, "I can play at cowgirls if girls can play cowboys."

"You tell em' kid!" some woman yelled to their laughter as the M.C. in his best W.C.Fields off mike voice said, "Look, little kid. Go back and sit down. This is for a girl. Can't you tell the difference?"

I could see his mind trying to gauge my age with an eye towards deciding whether I was old enough to know. "Yes, sir, and you are trying to cheat me!"

The audience began to boo.

"Look, I'll see..." he began only to notice my "uncle" and his ill concealed 45 Colt revealed by his opened plaid jacket as I ran towards the wondrous pile of goodies. Turning pale the MC said, "Take the damned dress and go play with your dollies!"

I scooped up my prize to the cheers of the laughing audience and fled from the stage before anyone could take my prize away, including my uncle. All the way back to the car I could hear their laughter, but I had what I wanted!

A delighted Sarah opened the back door of the car and I deposited my loot upon the back seat while I launched into a joyful description of the cowgirl outfit. While she joined in my fun my uncle returned to turn up the volume of the sound box so that he could hear the voice announcing the newsreel over our girlish enthusiasm.

On the way back towards the boarding home I suddenly began to wonder if my compulsion to own the cowgirl outfit had lost me my uncle's respect, and what he might say to mother. "Can I keep it Uncle Louie?"

"Sure, you won it fair and square," he noted thoughtfully as he kept his attention to the road looking for the motel where he was staying with Sarah so that he could drop her off. "It's all yours."

"Well, if little Shirley Temple is going to play dress up we will have to get her a few more things to wear," Sarah announced running her fingers through my curls. "You're going to be a beautiful little girl."

"When are you going to wear it?" my uncle asked in teasing tones causing me to return to reality despite my curiosity about what Sarah had in mind. "I don't think your mother is going to be delighted with you prancing about as a little girl. And I don't think that you want to dress up at the boarding home in the morning for our trip back home. Or do you?"

"Can I?" I asked caring less about what the people at the boarding home might think! "Can I dress up tomorrow?"

"Not until we get you proper underclothes and stockings, and I alter your clothes so that they fit, young lady," Sarah announced in amused tones. "When the sewing is done she can dress at the motel. Why can't the kid ride up with us wearing her pretty outfit. I'll measure her in a jiffy tonight and she will be pretty as a picture. Something wrong with that?"

He shifted gears crossing a railway track. "Look, when I crawled over my dead buddies looking for a gas mask I swore that if I made it I wouldn't deny anyone the fun those guys lost." He shook his head. "You can measure him tonight, and we will see what it is like tomorrow."

At Sarah's room at the motel I spent a few minutes while she searched for a tape measure and sewing kit. "I'll buy her a few things in the morning after breakfast at the general store while you go to pick her up."

Needless to say I couldn't wait until morning. It would be truly my new birthday. After her measuring me and all the way back to the boarding home I couldn't think of anything else. When I reached the boarding home most of the kids were asleep so I sat in the window seat to wonder about tomorrow.

THE EXPLOSIONS LIGHTED THE NIGHT SKY INTO DAYLIGHT JUST AFTER THE SOUND FROM THE NIGHT TRAIN WHISTLE AWOKED ME!

In stunned wonderment I watched the ground in the playground as a long trench belched out blue white explosions of flame appeared from the train track to the back of the swimming pool concessions building. The panic filled screams of adults and children did nothing to change my utter fascination in watching the slide burst into a fury of flames to vanish into charred remains in a split second. The concessions building walls buckled inward like a deflated blackened balloon until a single great explosion shattered the window where I sat as wall planking from the concessions building went straight up twisted by a funnel of a twisting braid of blue, red, white, orange, and purple black light.

Another trench began to open reaching out towards the house itself causing me to jump back into the room from the flying glass to yell, "Run!"

Grabbing David's hand I fled from the room with my room mate in tow seeing that others were following as children and adults from rooms along the hall also headed down the stairs and out the front door to turn back to look towards the house to see it vanish in a ball of fire.

Suddenly my uncle appeared by my side to take me into his arms in happiness over having found me alive. Over his shoulder I watched a fuel storage tank for the farm explode causing my uncle to turn and watch the fire spread to a barn. "Not a bit of fear. God, what a soldier you would make," he breathed seeing that I was absolutely fascinated by the chaos about us. Then he began to laugh when he realized that I was stark naked. "If I hadn't known better I would have guessed that you started this fire just to get rid of all your clothes so that you could dress up in your new cowgirl outfit!"

(To be continued...)



(Editor's note: Dr. Kirk is a gynecologist and Betty Ann has a master's degree.)

## THE TEAM ON YOUR SIDE

by Dr. Sheila Kirk and Betty Ann Lind

This is about the two major forces which shape our identity (sex and gender) and how you must assemble a team of specialists to co-opt these forces as a transsexual...

My Dear Sister -

So you are thinking of taking that step. Or perhaps it's been your plan for some time and you are still "looking into it". Or yet, you may already have embarked on that pathway - the sex change!

If you are just investigating or you've been "into" it for a while, in either case, you're aware of the long arduous, somewhat lonely road you are looking at.

How discouraging we must appear; but, in truth the road has so many holes and pitfalls, so many obstructions and waysides. And, even the end of the road, for a few, is not really the end of the road, nor even a bright beginning.

"Oh, negative!" you exclaim!

Perhaps, but dear heart, look at it with realism, not fantasy. With logic and planning, not casualness. It is a very major undertaking and very careful organization and directed energy are essential.

If this is your future and your goal, we applaud you and encourage you, and we would love to give you a warm hug for your resolve. But, know where you are going and what to prepare for and make every effort to foresee every contingency you face. And above all, dearest, **never never** confuse the end result of reassignment surgery for your real objective, a gender change - **TO BE A WOMAN!**

A woman in our society is the product of being born female (sex), driven by a biological clock that over many years changes a child into a being capable of gestation, with any luck at all (2 in 7 can not). She is visibly identifiable by her secondary sexual characteristics (although at extremes a few females look very male in these terms). She is equally the product of extremely thorough conditioning by our society called *socialization*, which in essence programs her to be a woman (gender) to the point where even to be insane (medically) her behavior patterns would still appear feminine and culturally she would assume the classic "insanity" patterns of a woman raised in a Western Culture rather than those of say, a Japanese woman.

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This extreme example is presented because many individuals seeking reassignment waste so much of their time trying to **deny** the powers of socialization rather than acquiring the proper conditioning which will make them a WOMAN in the eyes of others more than any surgical skill can. When a psychiatrist evaluates a patient for reassignment "she" tells the psychiatrist that "she" is a female trapped in a male's body. But, it is the very soul of "her" real socialization which allows the psychiatrist an insight into how much of a woman she really is, and can be.) **Under no circumstance can you fake socialization!**

The bluntest bottom line on the relationship between surgery and socialization was stated by Virginia Prince to a post op TS: "You have failed as a woman, if a police matron must pull down your panties to verify your sex." Dearest, we know that Virginia was cruel by taking this example of what can happen in the real world, but you know in your heart that it is truth.

And we want you to know that we are very very concerned that you do not rationalize reasons why you should not accept the dictates of socialization. But, instead you should acquire that conditioning as any child might, who through simple faith learns to behave as a girl and then through "free will" determines what kind of *girl* she really is.

The key to making a successful change is the realization that you are not the real judge of what is woman and man. Biology and society have teamed up to **deceive** you through providing a solid sexual and gender bias.

An example of this bias in terms of socialization occurs when a male psychologist interviews a female to male transsexual using the basic masculine criteria of whether she can "ride the river" (a western bonding term meaning can you rely on this guy in a fire fight) and he finds no bonding response. Or when a female analyst interviews a male to female transsexual seeking feminine cooperation only to find self definition in terms of competitive dominance (TS-macho).

You must assemble a team of experts who can advise you on how to overcome this "bias".

This team has two components that are inter-dependent. One squad, so to speak, tackles the biological forces. And the other helps you to adapt to social conditioning as a well integrated individual.

In a curious way the "biological" squad is input orientated while the "sociological" squad is output.

The biological squad wants to know all about your definition of the who, what, when, where, why, and how of your program to become a woman while offering limited advice.

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You become "I" orientated and their interest in your progress is very ego flattering.

The sociological squad is far more directive, often bluntly opinionated, and most concerned that you do things in a certain way even when you don't want to do it that way. In short, the sociological squad is firmly based in the real world, dear heart.

In the typical gender identity support center the biological squad follows the general guidelines proposed by Dr. Harry Benjamin, through *The Transsexual Phenomenon*, and as dictated by the *Standards of Care* (established by the H.B.I.G.D.A.), the recommended approach to the treatment of gender dysphoria, as defined by the American Psychiatric Association in its current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*.

The basic squad consists of: a Clinical Behavioral Scientist (usually a psychiatrist or therapist qualified to diagnose the syndrome called: gender dysphoria and provide therapy for that condition); a medical doctor (usually an endocrinologist whose specialty is in hormonal glands) to monitor the "hormonal sex reassignment"; and, a board certified surgeon (usually a plastic surgeon) who is qualified to do sex reassignment surgery. The Clinical Behavioral Scientist must agree that you're ready for surgery, in writing, before the operation can take place. You must have been his patient for at least six months and you must live as a woman full time for at least a year before he can sign such a letter. The Clinical Behavioral Scientist should be selected in terms of three criteria; 1) knowledge of crossdressing, 2) genuine empathy and interest in you, and 3) track record...i.e., has this therapist signed a consent letter that was accepted.

Next, the Hormonal Sex Reassignment doctor must verify that you have been in the care of a Clinical Behavioral Scientist for at least three months before he can initiate such therapy and if such therapy causes certain biological or behavioral problems he can terminate the program by recommending that reassignment surgery presents a life threatening condition or the hormones have clearly caused a behavioral change which indicates that you are NOT a transsexual.

A responsible surgeon will not operate on you if he has any doubts about your desire to be a woman, no matter how many letters you have. Reassignment surgeons as a group are dedicated to the belief that their surgery is necessary therapy, not business or a casual decision. And even the most qualified doctor is aware that it is his decision which decides a malpractice case. If he doesn't operate he's not liable.

Well, dear heart, is this your TEAM? If your objective is **surgery only**, this railroad track can do the job very well if you play the "standards of care" game that many a "transsexual" has. Much to their dismay afterwards.

Yes, the gender identity clinic staff hold a frightening power over your life goals, and they

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can say NO! (A sudden and often surprising decision since they have been listening to **your** hopes and dreams and the awful truth emerges that the decision is **theirs** to make without consulting you further!)

But, this is just a part of your TEAM and you deserve what you get if all you seek is an operation, for despite what you may think, a YES can be far more destructive of your life if you are NOT A WOMAN! As a TS once said, "What do I do now that I have had my operation? I have achieved my only goal."

If you are NOT a woman, why would they say yes? Their decision is based upon two factors; a) the effectiveness of your input from the *Standards of Care* game, and b) a belief that if you do not receive surgery you will commit suicide. They know that surgery will not correct your character flaws or improve your ability to relate socially, but it will create a reality that you must confront and therefore you will be more willing to accept the dictates of Society and socialization. Their choice is very simple: certain suicide if NO, only possible suicide if YES.

To digress a bit...

There is a quote which angers the TS macho person more than any other: "If it walks, talks, acts, looks, and thinks like a duck...it must be a duck!" Thus, if a person walks, talks, acts, looks, and thinks like a woman then it must be a woman. They argue the statement by saying that it does not take into account the diversity of women (?), nor the compelling driving force inside our "female" souls.

Unfortunately for them our Society knows that no matter how diverse, women (with few exceptions) are women; just like a duck is a duck. A truly female soul seeks to be a woman, not to be a self justifying transsexual (or "professional transsexual" as such persons are known to be.)

So since you already have a "female" soul, it is up to your TEAM to help you to walk, talk, act, look, and think like a woman. The amazing transformation of a 6 foot six macho male into a woman is entirely possible for such a TEAM if SHE wants to be so transformed. But, first she must throw away her masculine judgementalism and learn how to accept their guidance.

When we discuss the economics of becoming a woman we come quickly to the concept of the process as being like bridge building rather than cliff jumping... The first step is to secure the economic benefits you may now enjoy as a man making certain of your future instead of quitting and starting a new life as a woman. We have seen far too many emotionally unstable types jump off the economic cliff in hope that Society will provide a "safety net", It doesn't! The basic job has built in health benefits, unemployment, potential social security benefits, and disability insurance benefits that can become critically important

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for your future..

The key point is that the more important you are to your employer, the more likely that employer will help you in your efforts to build a bridge from man to woman. As the feminist cliché goes, a woman must be twice as good as a man to receive equal treatment in our unfair sexist society. So on the job be twice the man you are, no matter how emotionally difficult it may be!

Secure the best benefits you can including income protection disability benefits. And if you can, seek insurance which does include gender dysphoria. But, if it doesn't, it still is critical to carry effective insurance.

If your health plan is based on an HMO, do check to determine if the HMO benefits will cover treatment out of state and if the HMO is tied to a teaching hospital that is in the gender identity business. Your insurance may not cover surgery but it is very likely that it will cover most of the first team expenses if you use your brains. This includes welfare benefits which legitimately can cover job retraining, hormone therapy, and even electrolysis in some states if you take the time to explore.

(One of the key benefits of belonging to a TS support group or becoming a part of a gender identity program is the exploration of resources that can become available.)

Set aside about 10% of your weekly pay check in a sound two year savings program with good interest rates.

Acquire every credit card you can get, buy about \$100 worth on each, and pay it off as soon as possible, and then put it away. If the card has a fee and relatively high interest, get it anyway. These cards should be equal in value to about six months of your annual income, and should have no more charges on them than one month's wage...

This is your "golden parachute". Even if you are not a TS, you should develop this bail out fund.

**REMEMBER IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO ACQUIRE CREDIT FOR TWO UNLESS ONE ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOTH!**

Never use your male social security number for your femme identity unless you are absolutely certain that you have crossed the bridge safely. Credit bureaus use SS# to track accounts and despite what you think it is amazingly easy for people to get credit information about you including your femme AKA (John Smith also known as Jane Smith).

The best way is to have your male cards made out to J.Smith (by using an initial for your first name the card loses its "sex", so Jane or John can use it as long as you sign J.Smith

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on the back. It may not be against the law for yourself to run about town in skirts, but false identity cards are TROUBLE.

The second squad is for your socialization. These are the people who will in fact help to train you to become a woman.

Before we define the squad we should return to the concept of bridge building. As noted, you must first take time to secure the male side of the bridge before you began the task of building a secure base on the other side. The next key to this concept is that of building the bridge so that you can go back and forth in safety. As you work as a man to secure an economic foundation you can acquire the experiences of a "part-time" woman in off duty hours.

Your experiences as a part time woman starts by working with the various elements of the second squad for your socialization. The key elements are:

- The first part of your socialization squad is a cross-dressing group. Start your explorations in a crossdressing group, not running about dressed in public looking like "Sweetums" (the gigantic Muppet Puppet) in "Drag". Don't rely on your mirror, any woman will tell you that mirrors lie, they will tell you what you want to see, not what others see. A crossdressing group will help you to acquire certain dressing skills and a better perspective as to when you should go in public.

- Attend a national event such as Fantasia Fair.
- Join a transsexual support group to help you keep up with local resources.
- Find a hairstylist and beautician who will work with you to teach you how to put yourself together.
- A growing number of college and university Speech Departments are running programs to help you to learn how to speak like your new gender.
- An electrologist who has done male beards and can provide references from at least three others who have used her services. She should use a shielded needle and the "blend" approach to reduce any risk of skin damage. (Hormones do not reduce your beard.) A good electrologist can clear a beard in about 150 hours.
- Once the electrologist has worked on your beard for about thirty hours go see a dermatologist (a doctor who specializes in skin care) who can advise you as to your real progress.
- You will need a lawyer to handle your legal change of gender.



- Consider having a good portrait artist to do a "before" and "after" pastel painting of you. This painting can help you when you evaluate reconstructive facial surgery.

Your life is very complex and there is no reason to make matters worse by jumping off into a full time life as a woman without acquiring a solid foundation of experience in this new role. There are many opportunities for the part time woman to sample the real world beyond the basic experiences previously cited. Some of these sample experiences are:

- A fashion and modeling school where you will learn the basic skills that any fourteen year old girl knows,

- Most communities have "colleges without walls" which offer courses from degree programs to classes on touch typing. The non-degree courses are offered ala carte and it is not unusual for students to drop-in and drop-out of such classes. Registration is casual, inexpensive, and if you are "read" you can drop out and try again.

- There are a myriad of "schools" which offer courses from dancing to bar tending to sewing. Although more expensive than community colleges they are more open to enrollment and you can drop out just as easily if something goes wrong.

- Community service organizations are desperate for volunteer help of all kinds that can work at odd hours. Although they are more apt to check you out than the schools and colleges there are social workers who will take you under their wing and help you while you are helping others.

- Join a womens group such as NOW.

- Also you might try part time work in a job similar to the one you would like once you start out as a full time woman.

These part time experiences offer the opportunity of mobility in case you fail with a chance to start over again that a full time experience will not permit. Also, you will begin to acquire new friends, references, and contacts you can use who only know you as a woman.

In closing the road to womanhood is achievable. Use the resources available to help guide you towards your desired womanhood. Remember the *Standards of Care* were developed to prevent mistakes, not to prevent you from reaching your goal. But, remember that your goal must be womanhood, not just the surgeon's blade.

### The Spirit and The Flesh - Sexual Diversity in American Indian Culture

By Walter L. Williams Beacon Press

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A review by Nikki Storm

The Spirit and the Flesh is a study of the berdache traditions in Native American society. The author, an anthropologist who identifies himself as gay, has spent years in his research among Indian people. The fact that he is gay has possibly given him an insight into these traditions which is as close to an insider's view as a non-Indian can come. In his attitude, he seems to have avoided the pitfalls of ethnocentricity, which make most anthropological studies so offensive to Indian people, and non-Indians who respect Indian people.

As a white "gender dysphoric", I was more than idly curious about these traditions. I wanted to know what happens within a society in which a person like myself is not only accepted, but accorded with special respect for having spiritual insights and powers. I wanted to hear about the berdache's special role in that society, and how it might relate to me in my own.

I got all this, and more. As people with innate gender "dysphoria" (for lack of a better word) are making their voices heard, one unfortunate aspect of their message has been trying to divorce us from identification with the gay community. It has been observed numerous times that, as a "transsexual" develops his/her new role, sexual attraction develops for people of their new "opposite" sex. How can we say that the heterosexual "transvestite" (*Ed: or "transsexual"?*) if allowed to live out his/her fantasy without condemnation, would not act as the berdache does? Could it be that the transvestite is the product of a homophobic culture? Is he really "heterosexual", or hetrogender?

These questions are not explored in William's book, only raised by it. This is the purpose of good writing: to set people to thinking. Questions have a power which answers don't.

The graphic descriptions of berdache sexual practice will expose any trace of homophobia the reader might be possessed of. It is this aspect of this aspect of this book which has me a bit worried. Will this book be used to justify racist attitudes? I hope not, but in the fundamentalist revival of today, many startling parallels can be drawn to the Spanish Catholic, who condemned the Mayans and others as "sodomites". How long will the white man continue to judge the red man by European standards? Doesn't that book he holds sacred say "Judge not, lest you be judged"? Yet, I confess, even a person such as myself, who may yet be what white medicine calls "transsexual", found Williams' descriptions of sexual technique unsettling. That this is a sad comment on Euro-American culture seems obvious.

I would recommend The Spirit and the Flesh to anyone interested in exploring the question of gender identity. For me, it is a part of my spirit journey as a human being, exploring the possibilities given me by the great mystery. To the student of human sexuality or anthropology it may be something else. It is at least a point of view to which these people should give consideration.

For the gay Indian, this book will no doubt be as source of personal and cultural pride. For the gay non-Indian, perhaps learning about berdache spirituality will enrich his own spirituality. For too long now, the condemnation of the church has been a shackle on the spirit. Know the truth, and the truth will set you free. The truth, as I see it, is that every one of us is given a unique nature, and we should respect each other the way we are. When the white culture finally learns this simple lesson from the red man, the "closet" will become a thing of the past.

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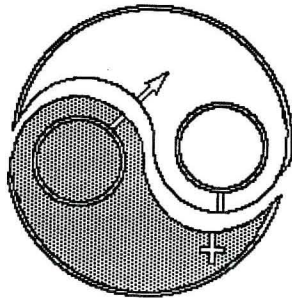
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by John "Gypsy" Prewett

Greetings from Little Rock, Arkansas. Some of you may remember me from as far back as 1965. I used the name Rose-Ann Prewett and Gypsy Prewett. I have been involved in STAR (Street Transvestites Action Revolution), QLF (Queens Liberation Front), the Erickson Education Foundation both in New York and Baton Rouge, TVIS (Transvestite Information Service), Queens Service of Dallas, TV/TS Program Director for the Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles and Founder/Director of Gender Services of Chicago.

But this article is not about me, but about projects that I am involved with that can use your help and love and ideas. The two projects are Minority Prison Project and Transsexuals in Prison. Minority Prison Project works with gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transvestites, and transsexuals in prison. The Project not only provides pen pal services but also does visitations to Arkansas prisons and does legal referrals and relocation and parole services. The Project has been involved over the past several months in the on going investigation of the Arkansas Prison System and the sexual harassment of gay and feminine men at Tucker and Cummons Units.

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Through both programs there are many transsexuals and transvestites sisters in prison that urgently need a friendly "hello" from caring sisters on the outside. Won't you help us help them. If you send money, request that it be used for either MPP or TIP (mark which program you want it used for), and adopt a sister on the inside and make a friend.

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## TRANSSEXUAL OR WOMAN?

by JoAnn Renee Cone Ph. D .

Generally most of us know the basic differences between transsexual and cross-dresser. Without the medical jargon it boils down to personality makeup. Using the catch phrase "woman trapped in a male body", the TS knows of their personality, feelings and emotions around the age of three. They know they are misplaced. Meanwhile, the cross-dresser is a very external person. They want the trappings of the opposite sex but not the personality, and not forever. For the TS it is forever.

But here I divide transsexuals into two distinct groups of their own. Neither is better nor worse, they simply arrive at journey's end via two separate yellow brick roads in this strange land of OZ. I call these two types "true" and "learned". A true transsexual (many psychologists may categorize these as "primary transsexuals") is someone who only has one personality from birth. The learned TS is someone who accepted a male personality and who later had to overcome those social teachings to match their inner self. Both groups have the same internal workings of feelings and emotions. It is simply a question of how they manifest themselves in physical actions. For the sake of this article I will forgo a third group made up of transvestites who talk themselves into believing they are TS. Not to be racist, but being transsexual is like being black-it is a fairly obvious conclusion to all.

There is a very subtle difference between the true and learned TS: how they act! A true TS operates from the vantage of having had only a single personality of a woman, though physically male. As such, their actions, movements, and speech patterns are fluid, graceful and natural. They do not need to learn anything differently. While the learned TS accepted a male personality initially, they later had to conquer this type of masculine behavior. In doing this they emulate the women, or other TSs around them, or what they believe 'real' women act like. Their movements tend to be rather artificial, exaggerated and extreme. They have learned to act like transsexuals...not women!

What I have stated here is not a new hypothesis to the community. We all have seen good and bad examples of both types. The key to this issue is how the transsexual sees herself, which is my point.

As a pre-operative TS I am very aware of how I see myself, and aware of how society perceives me. Since the age of three I have thought of myself as nothing but female. I never learned how to be male nor had a male personality. This has proven very useful in my life and work, for society accepts me as just another woman. My question to the transsexual community is, "How do you see yourself?" One very close friend of mine, now several months post-op, said "...It took me a long time to learn to be transsexual. Now it's time to learn how to be a woman..."

How do you view yourself? How you see yourself is how society will see you. Do you want them to see a transsexual or do you want them to see a woman? Only you can answer that all important question of what do you want to be when you grow up: a transsexual or a woman?

Think about it...



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With the exception of the Tri-Ess Convention, all of these events are open to pre-op transsexuals. You can gain a great deal of experience in attending these events in that they will provide you with a: full time living experience far away from your home environment; contact with other pre-op (and post op) transsexuals who can provide valuable experiences from their own lives; chance to associate with other cross-dressers from around the country who live a variety of lifestyles; and, in certain events such as Fantasia Fair and the I.F.G.E. Convention you can meet various professionals who are knowledgeable about the processes in transsexualism. If you live in isolation from groups, attending an event is essential!



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