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MICHAEL JACKSON WANTS



TO BE DIANA ROSS!

*Motown queen
catches pop
weirdo trying
on her makeup*



Wacky Michael Jackson is so crazy about Diana Ross that he dreams of becoming her clone - and he even got caught trying on Diana's makeup in a bizarre bid to look just like the dazzling lady! Author J. Randy Taraborrelli blows the lid off the Gloved One's secret obsession in the shocking new book *Call Her Miss Ross* (Birch Lane Press.)

Taraborrelli says dumbfounded Diana couldn't believe her eyes the night she walked into her dressing room in Las Vegas and found Michael at her dressing table, carefully putting on her makeup. The flabbergasted Queen of Motown scolded Michael and told him to leave her fancy cosmetics alone. The author says Jackson became infatuated with the supreme Supreme around 1970, when record boss Berry Gordy arranged for Jackson then 11, to move into Diana's home.

Mesmerized Michael began to talk like Diana, then began a long program of plastic surgery to turn himself into the spitting image of his idol, Taraborrelli says. After Michael's second nose job, Diana reportedly told a friend: "My God! That boy has to stop fooling with his face. What is he doing?" Told he was trying to look like her, disgusted Diana asked: "I look like that?"

(New York Post and London News of the World.)

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The newsletter you are about to read may be true.

Nothing has been changed as there are no innocent to protect.

Dwell not on the days that have passed but delight in those that lie ahead.

All the news that's print to fit.

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CLUB CALENDAR MEETINGS

- Saturday, Apr 14
- Saturday, Apr 28
- Saturday, May 12
- Saturday, May 26

Regular meetings of the XX Club are held the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 2 PM sharp to 5 PM.:

Christ Church Cathedral
 45 Church Street
 Hartford, CT

(Located at the corner of Church and Main Streets in the downtown area across from G. Fox.) If you believe you are gender dysphoric, you are welcome to visit and find out more about our group and talk about yourself and your feelings. The XX Club is a transsexual support group, not a dating service. There is **NO SMOKING** allowed during the meetings, though we do allow smoking during breaks and after the meetings. We attempt to provide peer support and practical information about making the gender transition, as well as information about the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Parents, siblings, spouses and significant others are also welcome to attend.

DAFFYNITION

Significant Other - someone that you exchange underwear with.

(Cartoon below reprinted from TAPESTRY issue # 55.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance - from February \$1508.37

INCOME:

Collections - meetings	52.00
Newsletter subscriptions	117.00
Brochure sales	16.00
IFGE sales	28.35
GF sales	.00
J2CP sales	30.00
Donations	20.00
Savings interest	6.62
Total Income	\$269.97

EXPENSES:

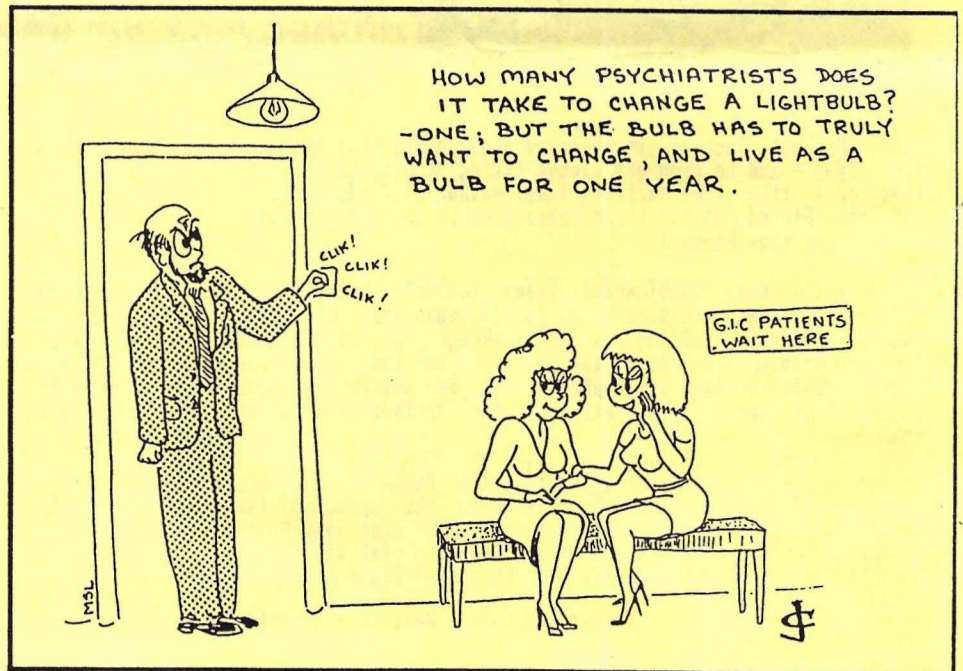
Refreshments	54.26
Newsletter & brochures	.00
Postage	48.08
Supplies	8.33
Bank Fee	.00
Total Expenses	\$110.67

Net Income for March \$ 159.30

Balance - end of March \$1667.67

GUEST SPEAKER

At the meeting of the June 9, we will have as our speaker - Roger E. Peo, Ph.D. of Androgyny Unlimited. He will speak on the differing needs of transsexuals and cross-dressers focusing on how this has the potential of creating problems that divide the larger transgender community. The title of his talk would be "Transsexuals: Second Class Citizens?" He will follow up by answering your questions. So put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Remember - all XX Club meetings begin at 2PM sharp!



"QUAD EFF"

(c) 1990 by Lynda Breckenridge

On Thursday, March 15th, the first meeting of the No Name Men's Club met at the home of Don Peterson, an accountant who lives at 825 Fountain Street, Steamboat Rock, Iowa. The meeting commenced sharply at 7:30 PM and was a rousing success since five individuals were in attendance. Don's loving wife, Anne, served an excellent array of crackers and cheese imported from neighboring Wisconsin. A number of valid topics were discussed and among them, the need for a second meeting since everyone was having such a wonderful time at the first one. As the first meeting of the No Name Men's Club did in fact, meet at Don's house, it was decided unanimously that Don be the chairman for that meeting and certainly for others yet to come.

Halfway through the meeting, Don looked around at the small group of men gathered and noticed that everyone was left handed, wore a false red beard, and was missing the last digit of the middle finger on the right hand. How amusing, Don thought, and he brought this to the attention of the rest of the group. Everyone else in the group agreed that Don was correct in his astute observation and smiled.

"Why don't we call ourselves the left handed wearers of false red beards while missing the last digit of the middle finger of the right hand men's club," someone said.

"No," said Don, the now official chairman of the meeting. "That would give away our secret and besides," he added, "that name is a bit complicated for us to remember."

Everyone agreed in unison and they each set their brains cells to working. Everyone thought long and thought hard and at 7:45 PM, a momentous decision was reached. A perfect name for the little successful group was chosen. It was: The Fantastic Fabulous Facetious Faction. Everyone agreed the name was easy to remember because the first letter of each of the four words began with an "F". Someone suggested it reminded him of the lowest United States Selective Service military classification of 4-F, in that a person with the 4-F rating was totally unsuitable for military service of any kind, except that in cases of extreme emergency, these persons may be used to sandbag the Federal capitol building in Washington, D.C.

"Wonderful," said Don. "and if anyone does indeed have difficulty in remembering Fantastic Fabulous Facetious Faction, they can remember the short name of Quad-Eff."

The remainder of the meeting time was spent in combing out their beards and in telling each other how nice they looked, and indeed they did. Someone suggested holding a beauty pageant, or talent show, and someone else said that was an excellent idea. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM with a sincere promise to meet the following night.

On Friday, March 16th, the second meeting of Quad-Eff was called to order at 7:30 PM at the home of Don Peterson. Each member had told their friends and co-workers, who had in turn told their friends and co-workers. Don counted 79 people in attendance, but something was amiss. While everyone assembled was a left handed male wearing a false red beard, there were some who were missing the last digit of the middle finger of the left hand, some who were missing the last digit of the little finger of the right hand. Don was deeply troubled by this observation but he said nothing about it at the time and wrote in his book.

By the following Monday evening, the nightly meeting of Quad-EFF had swelled to over 350 attendees. They stood shoulder to shoulder in Don's livingroom, they milled about in the dining room and kitchen and overflowed into the backyard and side driveway. As the meeting drew to a close at 8:02 PM, they all gave the secret sign of the Fantastic Fabulous Facetious Faction, which for the first time ever, is being printed here in a non-Quad-Eff publication. With their left hands they stroked their red beards in an up and down motion while extending their right hands above their heads and wiggling the middle finger in the air, you know,

that special finger with the missing last digit. Some of the men had gotten carried away during the meeting and been stroking beards of other attendees, but these were quickly led to Don's cellar, where they could stroke the beards that didn't belong to them in private and away from the others. Don had long ago suppressed this other side of false red beard wearing and had instilled his thoughts in the minds of his loyal followers. Yes, he had long ago tried to suppress this other, sometimes erotic side of wearing false red beards. If Quad-EFF was to become a respectable men's club in the eyes of non-false red beard wearers, this had to be done.

But Don was deeply troubled as he observed a number of persons who were unwilling or unable to comply with the secret sign. He was so perturbed and needed much sought after release from the meeting's tensions, that he actually went to sleep that night wearing his false red beard. But before that, Don wrote little notes in his book.

On Wednesday, March 21st, a second chapter was started in neighboring Eldora, and a third chapter arose in Grundy Center to the East. By Thursday, there were local chapters in Davenport, Cedar Rapids and Ottumwa. By Friday, there were chapters of Quad-Eff in Neighboring Wisconsin and Illinois. On Saturday, Don flew to San Francisco and New York City to coordinate a nation wide coast to coast franchising of Quad-EFF organizations. His method was simple. Only those left handed men who wore red beards and who had the last digit of the middle fingers on their right hands missing could legally operate a Quad-Eff franchise.

While Don acknowledged other competing false beard groups in the country where the men wore false beards of different colors, these persons were to be kept out and away from Quad-Eff. Quad-Eff was to be kept pure and safe for all those left handed men who wore false red beards and who had the last digit of the middle finger of the right hand missing. And so before Don went to bed that night, he wrote still more in his little book.

Bright and early the next morning, Don published his little book. He called it, *The Non-Erotic Secrets of False Red Beard Wearing*, and under the title in parenthesis was printed, (by left handed men who have the last digits of the middle fingers on their right hands missing). By mid-afternoon, Don had 47 more versions of the same little book out, each with the words carefully rearranged so everyone would think the books were completely new and different. Don knew there were only so many ways he could describe false red beard wearing by left handed men who had missing last digits on the middle fingers of their right hands. But those interested in such an emotionally relaxing hobby were so desperate, it didn't really matter.

On Monday, the 26th, Quad-Eff chapters all over the country were busy talking on radio shows, lecturing at colleges and universities, and proudly showing off their false red beards on television talk shows. They weren't well received at first since to the general public, the wearing of false red beards by left handed men who are missing the last digits of the middle finger of their right hands do pose a ridiculous, sometimes scary, different, ostentatious side of the population, a side that most people would rather pretend didn't exist. Some even went as far as to call them perverts, and likers of Boston Terriers that habitually carry around week old dead five pound mackerel with their green teeth. There are those men who do in fact love to walk with Boston Terriers who, with their green teeth, carry around week old dead five pound mackerel, and who may indeed be the left handed male wearers of false red beards who also have the last digits of the middle fingers of their right hands missing, but that subject cannot be adequately covered by the scope of this story.

All in all, the bonafide left handed male members of Quad-EFF do greatly benefit from the mutual wearing of and social exchange from false red beards while missing the last digits of the middle fingers of their right hands. If all the rest of the men in the country can't conform, let them start their own social circle.

THIS IS THE LAW!

by Veronica Jean Brown

DEBORAH'S DISTINCTION:

There are two types of transsexuals: those who divide other transsexuals into two types and those who don't.

ELIZABETH'S THIRD LAW:

When in doubt, mumble.

TAMMY'S LAW OF TRANSITION:

If you don't really want a sex change, you'd better not start it.

OPNELIA'S OBSERVATION:

Other transsexuals transition faster.

BRECKENRIDGE'S REVELATION:

If you put a tomfool pre-op through surgery, nothing comes back out but a tomfool post-op, but having passed through a very expensive system, is somehow ennobled and no one dares criticize it.

THE GOLDEN RULE OF THE 90'S:

Whoever has the gold makes the rules.

BARSOOM'S UNIVERSAL LAW OF LARGE TRANSEXUALS:

Inside every large M-F transsexual are three smaller F-M's struggling to get out.

AYERST'S AXION:

Breast size is inversely proportional to the desire to have large breasts. But if you want to do it twice as fast you have to take four times as many pills.

1ST LAW OF TRANSEXUALISM AS APPLIED TO GENDER DYSPHORIA:

Any transsexual or gender dysphoric person no matter how complicated, if carefully scrutinized by a team of qualified gender professionals and looked at in exactly the right way, will become even more complicated.

2ND LAW OF TRANSEXUALISM AS APPLIED TO GENDER DYSPHORIA:

The first 90 percent of the real life test takes 90 percent of the time. The last 10 percent takes the other 90 percent.

3RD LAW OF TRANSEXUALISM AS APPLIED TO GENDER DYSPHORIA:

If at first you don't succeed, go to a different gender clinic.

THE UNSPEAKABLE TRANSEXUAL LAW:

As soon as something good happens, it goes away. If it's bad, it stays.

AXION OF THE PIPE: (Wollman's Paradox)

A pipe gives a wise F-M transsexual time to think and a foolish one something to stick in his mouth.

LUIZ'S LAW:

Misery no longer loves company, nowadays it insists on it.

RHONDA'S RULE:

Sex changes take less time and cost more each year.

FIRST MAXIM OF TRANSEXUALS:

To err is human, but to really screw things up requires a transsexual.

SECOND MAXIM OF TRANSEXUALS:

A know-it-all transsexual is a person who avoids small errors while sweeping on to the Grand Fallacy.

FEINSTEIN'S LAWS OF TRANSEXUALISM:

1. Non-gender dysphorics are unreliable, but transsexuals are even more unreliable.
2. Any system which relies on transsexual reliability is unreliable.

3. The only difference between the fool and the transsexual who attacks a system is that the transsexual attacks unpredictably and on a broader front.
7. Passable transsexuals are infinite in variety, in contrast to non-passable transsexuals, which by definition are finite.
8. All non-passable transsexuals contain obvious physical flaws unless proven otherwise, which is impossible.

DOCTOR BROWN'S LAW OF CORRECTIVE SURGERY:

The newly created genitals will fall out soon after the old ones are cut away and discarded.

CORSON'S FIRST LAW:

If a gender transition is not worth doing at all, it is not worth doing well.

CORSON'S SECOND LAW:

Every fifth transsexual has a scheme that will not work.

CAROL'S COROLLARY:

The chances of spilling your hormones down the drain are directly proportional to their cost.

LYNDA'S LAW:

Sex will be better if you use fresh batteries.

PAUL'S PRECEPT:

A transsexual with one watch can't tell time. A transsexual with two watches always forgets to wind one of them.

SHAN'S PRINCIPLE:

Build a system that even a transsexual can use and only a transsexual will want to use it.

Reagan has surgery

brain removed

AP - Concerned with the lack of memory experienced by former President Reagan at the Iran-Contra trial of John Poindexter, a team of crack surgeons at John Hopkins University Hospital removed the presidential brain in a 3 hour procedure. A brain transplant was then performed using the well preserved brain of the late comic actor, Bonzo. The president was reported resting comfortably following surgery and his doctors expect him to be as good as new upon recovery.

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(Editor's note: This is the letter sent by Sister Mary Elizabeth from J2CP Information Services to members of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives as available funds come in to cover costs, you can use the heart of this letter to write your own)

March 1, 1990

The Honorable (blank)
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator (blank):

"From the beginning, civil rights has been the unfinished business of America... "For a generation, a long line of landmark decisions has kept the nation true to the standard of the Constitution and the principle of equal justice under law... "Significant gaps have been opened in the existing laws that prohibit racism and other type of bias in our society."

Do these words sound familiar? They should, for they are the words of Senator Edward M. Kennedy as he announced the introduction of the Civil Rights Act of 1990. But, sadly, he made no mention of Smith v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., 395 F. Supp. 1098 (N.D. Ga. 1975), aff'd Smith v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., 569 F.2d 325 (CA5 Ga, 1978) (The word sex in Title VII does not forbid employment discrimination based upon a person's (not characterized as homosexual) effeminate mannerisms), or Voyles v. Ralph K. Davies Medical Center, 403 F. Supp. 456 (N.D. Ca 1975), aff'd without opinion 570 F.2d 354 (CA9, 1978); Molloway v. Arthur B. Andersen & Co., 566 F.2d 659 (CA9, 1977); Powell v. Read's Inc., 436 F. Supp. 369 (D. Md. 1979); Audra Sommers v. Budoet Marketing, Inc., 667 F.2d 748 (CA8, 1982); and Karen Ulane v. Eastern Airlines, 581 F. Supp. 821 (N.D. Ill, 1983), rev. 742 F.2d 1081 (CA7, 1984), cert. denied 105 S.Ct. 2023 (1985) (The word sex in Title VII does not forbid employment discrimination based upon a person being a transsexual).

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act 1964 was intended and recognized as a remedial statute to be liberally construed in removing artificial, arbitrary and unnecessary barriers to employment - Briggs v. Duke Power Co., 401 U.S. 424, 431 (1971), yet the above decisions deny equal protection to an estimated 200,000 Americans suffering from the medical condition known as transsexualism.

We have an opportunity through the Civil Rights Act of 1990 to restore equal protection under law not only to the estimated 200,000 Americans excluded by the above decisions, but to all members of our society. "From the beginning civil rights has been the unfinished business of America..." It is time we work together to put our collective ignorance, prejudice, discrimination and hatred behind us, and extend civil rights protection to every human being - without regard to age; color; class or caste; creed; economic status; education; ethnic or cultural background; gender; handicap or disability; medical diagnosis; illness, or condition; nationality; religion; race; sex; or upbringing.

I urge you and your colleagues to overrule the above cases and restore the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to that originally intended, the removal of artificial, arbitrary, and unnecessary barriers to employment, extending it to all human beings that make up our complex and diverse country.

Sincerely,
Sr. Mary Elizabeth, SSE
Executive Director
J2CP Information Services

TEN THINGS WE WILL DO

(if you don't renew your subscription to Twenty Minutes)

by Diana Letterman

10. We will have 1000 pounds of ripe camel manure dumped on your front lawn.
9. We will have your name placed in nomination for the 1991 VP award, and then rig the election so you will win.
8. We will have the nurses short sheet your bed just before you return from your sex change surgery.
7. We will see to it that your breast implants are done with silly putty.
6. We will call your pharmacist and have your hormone prescription changed to worm pills.
5. We will have your silicone testicular implants replaced with lead ones, and everyone will call you the 'iron man' because when you walk, you'll 'clink'.
4. We will invite General Manuel Noriega Moreno as a guest consultant to your gender clinic board meeting.
3. We will put crazy glue in your K-Y jelly.
2. We will have Murray Povich and his A CURRENT AFFAIR investigative news crew waiting in the parking lot as you arrive for work in the morning.
1. We will send your name and address to Senator William Armstrong and tell him you are a gay alcoholic crossdressing transsexual who uses crack while molesting children at the race track.

And speaking of Senator Bill Armstrong, if you'd care to write to him and explain your feelings about his wonderful amendment, here is the address:

Senator William L. Armstrong
Colorado Senator
528 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Phone (202) 224-3121

When you write, you need not identify yourself as a transsexual, transvestite, homosexual, compulsive gambler, child molester, or even a drug abuser. You can identify yourself as a concerned American citizen speaking out against what you feel is a serious infringement upon the rights of members of any or all of the above aforementioned categories. If you, as an individual want to do something about the current state of affairs, why not go straight to the source and contact the man most responsible for the latest personal damage done against our minority?

Twenty Minutes will be glad to reprint copies of letters sent to Senator Bill Armstrong. Don't just sit there with one hand on your precious bottle of hormones, speak out!

DOCTOR'S MISTAKE TURNS
MAN INTO WOMAN

When Doctor Docteur realized his mistake, he exclaimed,

"Well, isn't that a Bitch!"

'Dad didn't give him any emotional support'

RICHARD PRYOR'S SON IS DRAG QUEEN



He's no looker, but it doesn't stop Richard Pryor Jr. from playing the outrageous drag queen, whose acts include mimicking Janet Jackson (center) and prancing around in garish tights (right).

by Roger Hits

Comic superstar Richard Pryor's only son has come up with an outrageous showbiz act of his own - as a woman. He's a garishly-dressed drag queen who struts his stuff on a makeshift stage, collecting dollars and kisses from both men and women in - of all places - Peoria, Ill. His stage name is Rainy McKnight, but regulars at the gay Club Peoria say it's no secret that Rainy is really Richard Pryor Jr.

Friends suspect that Richard Sr. may not even know of his son's bizarre stage act, which includes mimicking the likes of singer Janet Jackson. The comedian's son - now the unofficial 1990 Miss Gay Peoria - won the title of Club Empress last year. Wearing a red corset and matching garter belt, he vowed the judges with a lip-synched version of *Sweet Transvestite* from the movie *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

Young Richard rarely saw his father while growing up. His dad supported him financially, but never gave him any emotional support. He borrowed his stage name from younger sister Rain, who appears on TV in *Head of the Class*. Friends say his dad's lack of affection may have led to Richard's flamboyant lifestyle.

(EDITOR'S NOTE...Reprinted from STAR, February 27, 1990 issue.)

Toni

'TELLING YOUR BOYFRIEND YOU'RE A PRE-OP T.S.'



You mean he's lost down there in an ocean of spit?

The Unity Prayer

I put my hand in yours, and together we can do what we could never do alone. No longer is there a sense of hopelessness, no longer must we each depend upon our own unsteady willpower. We are all together now, reaching out our hands for power and strength, greater than ours. And as we join hands, we find love and understanding beyond our wildest dreams. KEEP COMING BACK. IT WORKS!

IS CROSSGENDERED BEHAVIOR AN ALTERNATE LIFESTYLE?

by Erwin Lavitt

"With a rise in the "NEW MORALITY," America is becoming more and more gender confused." - David Jeremiah"

As everyone knows, transvestism and transsexuality are one in the same. The former is a straight forward perversion carried down through the ages from Pagan celebrations, while the latter is a heretical act of the utmost contempt of God carried through to a nefarious conclusion by the misdirected use of modern medical and surgical skills. Crossgendered behavior has unfortunately been with us for a very long time and was first mentioned in recorded history in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. There have certainly been many crossgendered people in our country since the early days, but the recent open flaunting of crossgendered behavior is a perversion of relatively recent development.

CROSSGENDERED PEOPLE ON THE MARCH

The following are just a few of the many advances of the crossgendered movement in our country today.

* Tapestry, a neo-educational glossy covered magazine that actively promotes a pseudo intellectualism of the many supposed benefits of the crossdressing life-style. At last count, the magazine had a circulation of over 100,000

* Ladylike, a very professionally done Cosmopolitan like slick crossdressing magazine with full color photos that is sold all over the U.S. and Canada and is rumored to have a circulation of over a quarter million.

* Hundreds and hundreds of pseudo magazines and newsletters of all kinds promoting crossgendered behavior with distribution figures of from twenty-five to a thousand readers or more.

* 120 major U.S. corporations including Digital and IBM, have announced they do not discriminate in firing present employees, hiring new ones, or in promoting people because they are crossgendered.

* Television and movies treating crossgendered themes more openly and sympathetically, such as "The World According to Garp," "Second Serve - the Renee Richards Story," and the television show Night Court, in which a former male friend of Dan Fielding appeared in a cute female role.

* The Metropolitan Community Church, largely made up of homosexuals and is known for it's sympathetic treatment of transsexuals, is headquartered in Los Angeles and has over 200 congregations and "mission" stations. It even sends out "missionaries" throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe.

* Crossgendered rights legislation is currently low level, but is being sought out on an individual basis that would elevate this aberrant behavior to normalcy along with heterosexual and carefully delineated gender norms, give crossgendered people increased leverage to secure jobs on a quota basis, force the military and public schools to hire avowed crossgendered people, and to make it difficult for even church organizations to fire a crossgendered person if he or she were discovered after hiring.

WHAT DOES GOD THINK OF CROSSGENDERED BEHAVIOR?

In light of the growth of this movement in our country, we do well to ask what the creator thinks of these things. When God created the world, he established a fundamental distinction reflected in the human body - "male and female created he them" (Gen 1:27; 5:2). It was God's plan for sexual and gender behavior to be in the form of man-woman union and without either changing roles or bodies. (GEN 2:24).

George L. Johnson, in his book Crossgendered Behavior - A Biblical View, put this into perspective: "Because man's gender identity is defined by God, because his orientation is ordained by God, and because his sexual activity is circumscribed within a heterosexual marriage, crossgendered behavior cannot be viewed as a mere gender preference or accidental variation within God's realm of creation (akin to left handedness). There is no natural crossgender behavior, for this is a perversion of nature. Crossgendered people are made, not born; their disorder is developed contrary to their God-given identity, and learned in opposition to the created order.

WHAT SHOULD YOU THINK OF CROSSGENDERED BEHAVIOR?

In light of the clear biblical teaching on crossgendered behavior, what should be our attitude and position today? Below are listed several mandates.

1. Don't be put on the defensive: We must refuse to allow the proponents of the crossgendered movement to put us on the defensive. They are the ones in the wrong, not us.

2. Don't water down what God has said: We must refrain from any attempt to reinterpret the biblical evidence in light of our present culture. Do not let present day discoveries of medical psychiatric, psychological studies, or human wisdom destroy the only guidelines God has given us.

3. Don't accept the notion that Christianity and crossgendered behavior are compatible: We must reject totally the notion that one can be a spirit filled Christian while at the same time, exhibit any degree of crossgendered behavior. The Church is called to bring back the straying sheep. We are not called to say to the straying sheep that they are okay in their wanderings and that we ordain their devious paths as alternative life-styles.

4. Don't give up the fight against crossgendered activism and education: We must resist as Christian citizens the attempts that are being made on the local and national levels to normalize or legalize crossgendered behavior. It's not possible to give militant crossgendered people what they want without sentencing millions of youth to a lifetime of misery. It violates the moral standards of God, and is destructive to our own country, and is in opposition to the best interests of our youth.

5. Crossgendered behavior destroys normal family relationships: We must recognize the relationship between crossgendered behavior and an inadequate family home life. Through inherent human weaknesses, or lack of faith in God, parents allow crossgendered behavior to creep into the home. We must guard against this every day of our lives.

6. We must not reject crossgendered persons but reject his sin: We must reach out compassionately to all those who struggle valiantly to be free of the sin of crossgendered behavior. Like Christ, we must have compassion on the sinner while at the same time we are condemning the sin.

Romans 3:23-24. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

I Corinthians 6:11. "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

I Timothy 1:15. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

The hope of the crossgendered person today is the same as it was in Paul's day. Jesus Christ can and will wash away any sin. The sin of crossgendered behavior is not a stain too deep to respond to the cleansing power of his blood.

SEX-CHANGE CUTIE WARNED:**Turn back into a man or die!**

By SUSAN JIMISON
Staff writer

Sex-change surgery has become a life-or-death matter for pretty transsexual Sarah Luiz.

The 28-year-old former waiter began taking female hormones more than two years ago so she could realize her dream of becoming a woman. But when she wanted to undergo surgery to remove her male sex organs, her insurance company refused to pay for it — and doctors say the delay is killing her.

"These female hormones are dangerous and I have to take large doses to override the male hormones my body produces naturally," Sarah told *The NEWS*. "Doctors say I needed to have my male sex organs removed two years ago. If I go off the hormones without surgery, I'll go back to being a man. If I don't go off the hormones, I die."

Powerful female hormones killing her

It's not my fault!

DID ANYBODY WARN YOU!

by Laura

To all you transsexual beauties who are living in la la land, wake up! A lot of you may be covered by your medical insurance but if you think its just a shuffle of paper work to get the money where it belongs you're dead wrong.

In most cases you have to pay cash first, then you get reimbursed by your insurance carrier after submitting your paperwork. This means that some of you girls out there sitting on your pretty little behinds need to get gainfully employed.

Any hormone is dangerous and a TS who doesn't know this who has been taking then for two or more years has to be on more than just prescribed drugs. To transition from male to female or from female to male is one thing but to make a martyr out of yourself is stupid if not a waste. Many TSs do five years transition and survive without crying to the papers.



ASPIRING MODEL Sarah Luiz wants to finish her sex-change treatment and marry her boyfriend. "I'm ashamed of my body as it is," she says.

Since SRS costs \$10,000 to \$15,000 I find it hard to understand why certain people are crying even after they were offered ten times that amount by their insurance carrier.

I really prefer a little less representation to the public by such idiots. As far as a donation being made to another such persons fund for "the operation" I feel we all need such a fund drive to raise the cash.

Many of us work 14 to 18 hour days to fund our own operations. These kind of cry babies make me sick and I am embarrassed that people like this do represent TSs publicly. It's no wonder we are viewed as unstable by many non-gender conflicted individuals.

It's your choice to take hormones. They didn't ruin your life. You did.

(This has been your La La Land Editor.)

FEDS CRACK DOWN

UPS - Washington, D.C. State Department spokesman Robert A. McNeal at a press conference recently announced a few changes in U.S. policy over certain residents of a questionable nature leaving the boundaries of this country.

Mr. McNeal said during the brief, twenty minute meeting, "In light of the recent passage in 1989 by congress of the American Physical Disabilities Act, a number of lobbyist groups, some of them with a Fundamentalist leanings, have brought to light the fact that we here in the U.S., do indeed have minority groups which need closer scrutiny and control. A three month study by a watch dog task force set up by the administration, concluded that those groups excluded by the American Physical Disabilities Act, not be allowed to leave the country. This group of perverted and sick citizens include homosexuals, bisexuals, transvestites and transsexuals, kleptomaniacs, compulsive gamblers, drug abusers and child molesters."

Robert McNeal went on to say that some within the group have long criminal records and these would be easy to spot at those border crossings where computers have been installed. "For the other groups," he said, "composed of the homosexuals, bisexuals, transvestites and transsexuals, these persons who are known to the Federal government by medical or legal records, will be flagged on the computers and their passports collected when they re-enter the country." McNeal also stated that airport American customs officials would also tighten things up.

Targeted for extra scrutiny as soon as possible are the high traffic American border crossings at Buffalo and Niagara Falls New York, the crossing at Ogdensburg in New York, interstate 91 and route 11 in Vermont, nine as yet unannounced crossings in Maine, interstate 5 and route 25 in Washington state, and a number of random crossings in the states of Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan.

The problems at the Mexican/American border crossings at Tijuana, Nogales, Laredo are primarily of Mexican citizens sneaking across the border to work. However the government has known for some time that estrogen and other female type hormones are readily purchased over the counter in Mexico by Americans and smuggled into the U.S. and that there are a number of Mexican surgeons doing the SRS for about \$4000 American. McNeal said these two specific areas will be targeted for tighter control and possible elimination by late 1990.

McNeal also said that thanks to the mushrooming exposure given to transvestites and transsexuals by the producers of such national programs as Donahue and Sally Jesse Raphael, as well as hundreds of locally produced programs around the country, government agents can be given special training in learning to recognize such persons of questionable gender.

"If it hadn't been for all this public exposure," McNeal said, "the government wouldn't really have been aware of this widespread condition. The high profile of these gender people seeking acceptance in the public eye has proven to be their downfall. Without the support of congress and because of the vocal complaints by some religious and civic groups, the government has had no recourse but to curtail the activities and movements of these people."

Also under investigation is the widespread phenomenon of so-called crossdressing men's clubs around the country. It is felt by some religious leaders that these clandestine organizations are the very seed beds of perverted and abnormal crossgendered behavior in this country. "This blasphemy must be brought to an end," said the Reverend John Whitehead, at a recent Baptist convention in Atlanta. "Something must be done and soon if we as a nation, are to regain our moral and religious integrity. Our very futures are at stake and I pray to God that we will be successful in our endeavors to stamp out perversion in our time."

CHEMICAL HAIR REMOVERS

by Catanja Lynn Irwin

The gist of this article is:

1. Hair removal by electrolysis is excessively costly.
2. Chemicals exist which cause hair loss.
3. Transsexuals must find a way to use a chemical for hair removal.

1. Via electrolysis, "removal of a male beard could require upwards of 200 hours of treatment". (p 16 of JoAnn Roberts' *Art & Illusion*) Multiply that by an electrologist's hourly fee and it can turn out to cost more than the SRS! Then double that cost to include removal of chest, stomach and back hair and to me that's a fortune.

2. Medical libraries have a set of books entitled "*Dermatologic Clinics*". In vol. 5, No. 3 for July 1987, there is an article entitled "Drug Related Alopecia" by Michael B. Brodin, M.D. (pp 571-9). Alopecia means hair-loss.

In the article, Dr. Brodin says: "Drugs and chemicals are capable of producing a wide spectrum of hair loss, ranging from barely detectable shedding to frank, irreversible baldness." (p 578) "Drug induced alopecia is usually confined to the scalp, although the eyebrows, axillary (underarm) and pubic regions, and body may also be involved." (p 571)

Some of the more interesting observations made by Dr. Brodin:

Borates - Stein and colleagues reported the case of a 32 year old female who developed severe hair loss of the scalp, axilla and pubic area from swallowing borates contained in Listerine and Chloraseptic mouthwashes. (p 573)

Cimetidine - Vircburger and coworkers presented an unusual case in a male receiving cimetidine causing hair loss that includes what sounds like alopecia areata involving the beard and leg hair. (p 574)

Danazol - a 25 year old female lost all scalp, axillary and pubic hair taking danazol, a derivative of testosterone. (p 574)

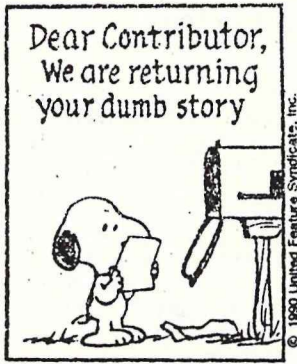
Thallium - Hair loss from thallium has been well known since the last century when it was used for night sweats in tuberculosis. This drug's production of hair loss was so reliable that thallium was prescribed for ringworm to produce depilation. (p 577)

Anticoagulants - all anticoagulants produce hair loss in a very high percentage of patients, and accidental ingestion of the warfarin in rat poison can produce profound alopecia. (p 572)

3. I do not propose at age 59 to use up any significant proportion of my life savings to remove my masculine hair. I propose to seek a doctor willing to monitor my experiments, recommend the best drugs to try and recommend the dosage and method of delivering the chemical to its target. I do not wish to receive injections or take pills. I do wish to apply a hot wash rag to a small experimental area of hairy skin to open the pores - then rub in the chemical. If possible, and with the doctor's OK, I might dissolve the chemical in DMSO so that it will pass right through the skin.

In the event I lose the hair on my head, my eyebrows and even my eyelashes - I'll wear a wig, draw my brows on, and wear false eyelashes - just as many other women do. My hair is thinning on top anyway.

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Dear Becky,

I am writing in reply to allegations made by Veronica Brown in her Editorial comments in the March 1990 issue of *Twenty Minutes*.

Brown alleges that I resigned my position on the board of directors of IFGE under pressure from Merissa S. Lynn and "some Tri-Ess Members." This is simply not true. Brown may have inferred such was the case from conversations with un-named IFGE sources but those sources would be in error. As I stated in my public announcement, I resigned for personal reasons. My family and job were suffering from my intense involvement with Renaissance and the gender community. Something had to give and it was the directorship for IFGE. I also came damn close to resigning from Renaissance, as well. Adjustments were made in my responsibilities on the Renaissance board and I have stayed on there.

In an editorial in *Tapestry* #55, Lynn expounds on some of her recent dealings with Tri-Ess members Virginia Prince, who wanted Lynn to join Tri-Ess under false pretenses, and Jane Ellen Fairfax, who wanted Lynn to shut me up. In both cases, Lynn refused to be moved by threats.

Also, I would never have succumbed to Tri-Ess pressure to resign over an issue I feel is a matter of principles. I am publicly and openly against *any* policy of *any* group that specifically excludes *any* gender minority; straight, gay, bisexual, transvestite, transsexual or transgenderist. That does not mean I am against the group itself, or any individual member of that group, only its policy. That seems to be a subtle point lost on people like Prince and Fairfax, who have publicly made personal attacks on my reputation. As my nanna used to say, "Empty barrels make the most noise."

Brown's says there is a rebel faction of transsexuals who are opposed to the ideologies of what she calls the "non-understanding crossdressing majority." But, I ask, what positive steps has Brown, or any other leader in the transsexual community, taken to change that? How will the "non-understanding crossdressing majority" ever come to the state of understanding unless a transsexual takes the time to bridge that gap? As long as the kind of bitterness that Brown feels for transvestites exists among transsexuals, we will never be able to build a sense of community between us.

Fortunately, I consider Brown a personal friend, and, I believe she feels the same toward me. Maybe that is the right first step toward bridging the gap.

Sincerely,

Dear Becky:

In regards to the article "Struggle Continues . . .", the author is Pauline Thomson-Kyler. You, for some reason, credited me. I was the subject, not the author.

With care,

Mary Elizabeth

Veronica,

After reading your editorial in the March 1990 issue of the XX Club News, I felt compelled to reply. I would first like to state that I am speaking primarily as a member of the Gender Community, actually the portion of the community to which the XX Club newsletter is directed, since I am a "post-op" transsexual, and secondly as chairman of the board on the International Foundation for Gender Education.

From both perspectives, I was upset after reading this editorial. Such nonsense as was chosen to be printed about IFGE and the alleged internal workings of this well intentioned and truly dedicated organization are ridiculous at best and should be considered as slanderous. All responsible for allowing such misleading and obviously erroneous material about this organization and the people who are striving so hard to make it succeed, are obviously being malicious and self centered. The printing of such material only shows these persons to be no better than the questionable material that the XX Club newsletter reprints in jest from time to time. The XX Club newsletter has produced many fine articles but such as the likes of this editorial truly are not of the caliber fitting this type of publication.

Organizations such as the XX Club, IFGE and all the others that have evolved during the past few years have several challenging tasks to perform. They need to lead persons who are searching to become at peace with their inner selves. They need to teach individuals to learn how to adopt to society's pressures in their new chosen gender roles and they need to educate the general public that persons in the Gender Community are just people striving to be happy productive individuals. Yet you, the author of this editorial, waste precious time and resources of the community by deliberately driving wedges into the unity and synergism which now exists. These wedges serve no constructive purpose but to shore up the frail ego of you, the author, and cause others who follow your questionable advice to become disenchanted with organizations from which they stand to gain so much.

Your "sour grapes" attitude in this editorial is obvious. Could this be in part be due to the fact that you have not had the success that others have as far as your individual transition to your new gender role, and now you want to bring others down to your frustrated position. Obviously your attitude and philosophies have not gotten you to the point where you would like to be. Otherwise you would not have such a negative attitude on life and society in general as can be seen by reading many of your past writings. Now it seems that you have "sung your swan song of sorts" and retreated to a "safe" position much like a little child who says, "I don't like your game, I'm not going to play, and your all a bunch of creeps anyway".

Now at this retreating position you choose to take pot-shots at those who have committed their lives to helping the Gender Community. Persons like Merissa Sherrill Lynn, like Sister Mary Elizabeth, even Virginia Prince. Yes even Virginia. She and the work she has been doing for over 20 years have helped the community tremendously. Without her and all the others, there would not be the organizations that exist today. These organizations and the efforts that they will undertake in the future will greatly help us all.

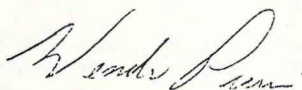
In addition, your comments regarding the Virginia Prince award are erroneous. This award, named after its first recipient, is a total community service award, given to persons who have made life-long contributions to the community as a whole. Sister Mary Elizabeth understands this and she can see the true honor that this award represents. The award is a thanks from the community as a whole bestowed on an individual by an organization that truly represents the community in general as a whole, namely IFGE.

Your derogatory remarks about Merissa also deserve an apology. She has no vendetta against anyone. You chose not to participate by your own free will and I challenge you to prove anything to the contrary. Sure Merissa has shown dissatisfaction with your words and actions, but neither she nor anyone else has the power to remove you. You were elected to the board of IFGE. You were asked by the members of the community to represent them. Yet you let them down by your resignation. In addition, I do not believe you have recently even attended a meeting or function of IFGE to let your opinions be heard. That's something you will have to live with. Don't try and blame Merrissa for your own unwillingness to do your part.

Your cutting remarks about IFGE and the statement that it is a CD organization also hold no water. Look at the cross-section of organizations that have chosen to ally themselves with IFGE. Now look at the membership of these organizations. If you aren't blind, and can see through your own smoke screen, you will see that persons of all genders, sex, and sexual preferences are represented by these groups and they are the foundation of IFGE. IFGE can not be all things to all people, but IFGE can be a resource shared by all. In addition to IFGE's other programs, it is a clearing house, a referral service, and a contact point for all. This is IFGE. IFGE is not a small, clique of individuals on Cushing Street trying to "run" the Gender Community as you allege. It is a resource staffed by and serving all in the gender community, yourself included.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with these thoughts. You **can not**, by your comments, do great damage to the unity and synergism that is now beginning to grow but you can slow it down. The community in general is evolving, it is growing and it will become strong with or without you and the XX Club. You can choose to join forces or you can be a thorn in the side of the community by creating eddy currents and slowing that which I assume you yourself desire, i.e. acceptance by society in general, your right to be, and your right to strive for happiness. The choice is yours.

Sincerely,



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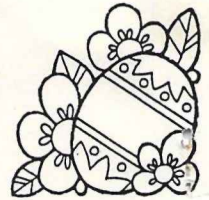
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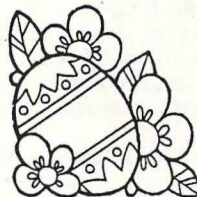
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