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and
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HI Girls:

Boy - What a night over 24" of snow. I didn't expect to see any of the girls but 12 did show up.

For dinner we had baked ham, mashed potatoes, corn, peas, wax beans, asparagus, creole gravy, spiced cranberry jello mold salade, rolls, bread, butter, cake and coffee. Being a small group we sat around the table and enjoyed the meal and were able to talk in a group. My thanks to the girls for their help in the kitchen. The girls didn't stay too late as they didn't know what conditions the roads were in to get home. I do hope everyone got home all right.

To those who sent me sympathy cards on the loss of my younger sister, I can only say thanks for caring.

Here is a question I am asked frequently. At what age should you tell your children that their father is a cross-dresser? You have to watch your time, some children mature faster than others. If your children go around with older girls and boys, there is some chance they may already know something about fellows who are gay, or they may hear about female impersonators, then again children who are slow in school learning would probably be slow on picking up on the points you might be trying to make about their Dad's being in women's clothes. It is hard to give an answer that would fit each family perfect. With me I told my daughter right off about her father, like I said before she only requested he not dress in front of her. This does not mean she accepted his way of life, nor did she condone it or that she would not associate herself with him. Of course we accepted her request, and we have had a good relationship. Some thing like this has to be felt out when you think they are adult enough to understand and of course it is up to you to explain it to them as simple as you possibly can. Perhaps you can show them some female impersonator books and explain that they are men dressed as women. Watch what their reactions are. If they ask questions give them an honest answer. It should be explained that this is a family secret, and you will tell them what they have to know as they grow older. But then again you have to be ready for what ever happens to your way of life should they go against your dressing. You will have to think # 1. whether you want to live on as a family should they disagree with you, or # 2 move out and live your life as a transvestite alone. If you choose # 2 please think twice as it can be a lonely life after you have been a family. Some T.V.'s are willing to wait and dress when the children are already in bed. It is hard when you have to sneak around when you have the desire to dress. Some of the girls dress when their wives are at work or out for the evening, as like their children they do not go along with the dressing. Transvestites are really not out of the woods as yet, as people still have a long way to go to accepting crossdressers, perhaps movies like "Tootsie" will help broaden their minds. I have accepted it, but I cannot make others accept it, they have to have peace of mind as they have to live with it. It is up to both husband and wife to talk it over as it is their life and home that is being invaded by a crossdresser. An outsider can tell another wife how she accepts it and of her life of living with a crossdresser, but you cannot make her accept that kind of life until she fully understands what possesses her mate to want to dress. It may mean going to a psychiatrist or a Dr. who can explain some of the reasons they like to dress. Believe me it is a hard subject to really be able to explain in words. It is something I always say has to be seen for themselves to put their mind at rest. They along with all the others will find that a crossdresser does no wrong, hurts no one. To love one another is to believe in one another, listen to all sides of the story, do not judge in haste, it takes time to understand but with an open mind things usually can be worked out, but both parties have to be able to sit down and talk things out a clear mind is a peaceful mind.

Next month I will give you my second most asked question.

Until then behave and stay healthy and happy and come next month we will see you all. Anyone who has a helpful idea to my question # 1 I would be more than glad to hear from you. Perhaps from some of you that have already been through it.

Goodnight for now.

Love

Helen

A LETTER FROM JAMES E. BAXTER, M.D.

A lot of us have been watching-with a purient sort of interest-the adventures of a lady who used to be a man and has made her way into the sports sections of our newspapers. - Ther's been a big to-do about the authenticity of her new sex,fusses about chromosome tests and comments about the level of her voice,& of her potential opponents have been willing to compete against her while others have declined. - Most of us have wished Dr. Renee Richards good luck, while unessily realizing that she's more guts than we would have in his,now, her shoes.. *- Whay shouldn't we change sex if we want to? we change cars, houses,jobs,spouses,haircolor,and God knows,religion. Names are changed often enough. And almost all of us have ancestors who changed nationalities.. - Flux,restless rearranging,has been a constant in American Life but essential to it. The Great Plains couldn't have been the breadbasket of the world unless people were willing to change their address from the East to the Middle West. And the peracre production of wheat didn't multiply without the help of scientists fully committed to the notion of hybridization.. - Furthermore, as a people,we've long been attuned to psychological change. Trading those rags for riches required mental flexibility on the part of our beloved robber barons that would have dumbfounded their peasant forbears. As succeeding generations of youth set out on a quest to "find themselves";in otherwords,to modify their old identities.. - Finding a "right identity"for ourselves is what we're all after. It ought to have two major components;feeling that what we sense to be the best and truest within us is pretty well expressed in our daily lives,and,secound,feeling that we are involved with other people in ways that are mutually supportive and respectful and even loving.. - What should move us most about Dr Richards is the knowledge that she was terribly unhappy in her previous sexula idenity. Assuming that she had only one chance at life here below, she dared to do everything she could to embody the identity that she felt was truly her own. And now she's off and running in top form.. - Those who would cast stones at her are easily disposed of; if they cavil that sex aleration is contrary to divine edict, they're guilty of trying to read the mind of the Almighty, a theological misdemeanor. If they say that she's made a spectacle of herself by flaunting her new sexual orientation in public, ask them if she should have gone into permanent hiding. If they protest that the lady's body proportions and her muscle mass are still pretty much those of a male and that she's thus competing against females unfairly, perhaps this deserves investigation and some Solomonic resolution.. - I suspect that the stone throwers are mostly those whose anxieties are aroused by events that they're not prepared for. If the lady has x caused awkwardness or sadness for her relatives and friends who have xallied around and offered support.. - Of what her new identity has cost her in inner struggle and Physical pain, she has so far mercifully kept ignorant. Gratuitously invadinf the privacy of others can be a criminal offense. Invading one's own in public can be mortally offensive and because its unpunishable, is less forgivable than the former.. - Whatever the weight of an individual emotional burden or the outcome of tennis matches, and the ongoing saga of Dr. Richards will certainly have focused the attention of both the lay and the medical communities on a large and provocative question; what is meant by sexuality? It used to be so simple-female or male-just as someone was alive or dead if his heart was beating or not. Now death is viewed as a complex of conditions including the activity of the brain.. - Undocrinologists know that a child can be born with both female & male sexual tissues as well as with ambiguous external sexual organs, as DR. Richards has reminded ud,the standaed XX & XY chromosome differentiation is not always flawless. To compound these uncertainties, other questions intrude, What about the psychological orientation, toward male to female longings and urges? Or the so-called secondary sexual characteristics---beards, bosoms and muscular backhands? Are the sex-change operations just a more sophisticated transvestism or do they actually reverse "sexuality"? But how are we using that term? There's no consensus at this point, and chances are there won't be for some time to come. And this could easily lead us to convoluted speculations about the nature of identity. To what extent can a person simply will himself a new identity? How authentic is it? Are you who you are according to the statistics of the census bureau or as your aequaintances see you? Or should you yourself be the only judge of what you are? It would seem that Dr. Richards's situation is making us rethink some of our mast basic suppositions about ourselves. So perhaps we should relax and nod our tentative approval at her decision and decisiveness. She will hardly have the chance to renege, and if she behaves with the good sportsmanship that we expect of our athletes, she might come to a respected examplar of the American wayx; she abruptly eradicated much of her past, headed forthrightly in a new direction and has let it understood that she has no apologies and no discernible misgivings.

LIPSTICK: In making the lips as pretty as possible there always comes up the problem of removing it easily. This I have found is a problem with many who dress regularly even though they are unable to go out in public as they wish. I have found that if one will apply a clear lipstick or chapstick first then the regular lipstick on top, it will give the lips a deeper glow in color. Doing this also allows you to wipe the lips clean much faster and leave no tel tale marks of lipstick as would lipstick alone.

PARTY DATES :

Our next 3 parties will be held on Feb. 19th - March 19th & April 16th.

NEW MEMBERS :

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of 2 new members.

MISSY M.....ELYNA...OHIO... & GAYLE E...BOSTON...MASS...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOO

Alice	Feb.	1	Nancy	Feb.	19
Lee	"	2	Mara	"	20
Dians	"	9	Dana	"	24
Andre	"	13	Pat	"	25
Velvet	"	18	Francis	"	26
Kathy	"	18			



QUESTION OF THE MONTH :

This question was sent in by JOYCE DOLAN of manchester, N .H.
"How can A MALE FIND ADEQUATE EMPLOYMENT AS A WOMAN?"
OK there it is lets have some answers.

SPECIAL THANKS TOO

Edith Williams - Gale Evans - Carol Taylor - Percilla Welch -Elanda Merz -
for the extra \$ for postage.....

Alice Thomas - Karen Hart - Patrica Wells - Susan Renlands - Kristina horne -
Connie Nichols - Marilyn Murry - Rhonda Smith - Kathy Hivish - Paula Duncon -
Gale Evans - Denise Dunfield - for the lovely pictures they sent in for the
club album.....

Marelyn Murry - Cynthia Masey - Edith Williams - Jamie McClosky for the news
articles for our Journal.....

TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: A news letter written by and about transsexuals. Free
personal adds. \$2 per copy. Payable to Phoebe [redacted]

CHRISTMAS CARDS :

Helen & I thank you ever so much for all the lovely Christmas Cards we receive
We did receive over 200 beautiful cards from members alone. As much as we
wanted to send all of you a card. Postage and cost was beyond are means. So
if we missed a few please forgive us.

ANTIQUUE CLOTHES :

One of our 10 yr. members who is now 78 yrs. old and has a semi inveled wife
wishes to sell most of his antique clothing that dates back 30 to 50 yrs.
Most are taffer, velvets and silks. If interested contact PAUL D [redacted]

TVIC JOURNAL :

In 1983 lets make the Journal a real reflection of the femenity within us,
a place to say "OUT LOAD" things that we feel even if we can't do so in person,
THE JOURNAL is the personal, informal voice of our people, so use it. Ask
question and answer them. Give us your ideas, send in jokes, clever quotations,
pretty little clippings etc.....

CORRESPONDENCE WANTED :

G. [redacted]
WILLIAM [redacted]
BETTY [redacted]
VALARIE [redacted]
CHESTER [redacted]
F. [redacted]
PETER [redacted]

REMOVE FROM YOUR DIRECTORY, P.A. [redacted]
I have been told that there are many wrong address's in the new directory,
but i donot see anyone coming forward with the right address even the person
whos address is suposed to be wrong. But you will find 4 address changes above
I will enter others as I receive them.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE JANUARY PARTY even though we had over 2 foot of snow.
MICHELL & DENNIE B., SUMMERVILLE, MASS. - BETSIE & PERCILLA W., SCOTIA, N.Y. -
SUSAN [redacted] N, TROY, N.Y. - WINNIE B., SCHENECTADY, N.Y. - ELANDA M., ROME, N.Y
ALICE G., COLONIE, N.Y. - JOAN H., COLONIE, N.Y. - BRUSE W. MASSINA, N.Y.

NEWS: The equal employment board states that transvestites and transsexuals
are included in the law wich covers everyone. This is a great aid in case one
should need to use it concerning where one works for a living in public work.

call with me

WELCOME to our Capital District! You have already learned that there are many cross-dressers here and we are VERY proud to have one of the oldest TV families in the country right here in Albany. While you are here we want you to be comfortable and of course, that means feminine. Whether you are here on business or just to visit friends or our TVIC we know you will want to express your femininity and we've put this little "guide" together to help you. The author has done a lot of traveling and I think I'm pretty typical by wanting to spend as much of my time away as possible as feminine as possible. I also love to shop in new cities and always want to see all that is available so I can add to my feminine collection- sometimes I'm caught off guard and after a business meeting I must really scramble to locate a store to purchase minimal feminine sleepwear. I also know that, like any woman, your moods and therefore desires will change. Perhaps today you are happy with a bubble bath, a little perfume, bra and panties. Another time while you're relaxing in the bath a Glamour feature on intimate apparel may drive you mad with desire for the latest Vanity Fair camisole or the ad in today's Times for that Vassazette slip, so lacy and soft, and maybe you can find that CeSoir bra, garterbelt and panty set you've been looking for. Maybe today you feel just plain sexy and could go for a pair of crotchless panties and a half cup bra or a babydoll with openings for your nipples. Will a pair of pantyhose do, or is it a lacy garterbelt and seamed stockings that will feminize you tonight? And perhaps best of all, you just might meet someone while you are here and it would be a shame to waste a lot of time looking for just the right things wouldn't it?

First stop- MACYS for a fabulous selection of brand name lingerie in Colonie Center. Not much need to go anywhere else unless distance is a problem, or you really want a Jezabel wet look corset, in which case Regalia in Schnectady is your best bet and The Troy Uniform Shop is another alternative. Want an intimate little shop in a Greenwich Village environment?, try LeMost on Lark Stre et. They have a large selection of gay clothing and some gay sexual apparatus too. Obviously the people there don't care one bit if the lingerie appears to be in your size, but, selection is small. Adam & Eve is the only place locally that I know of, that sells Glydons merry widows and the sexiest garter belts this side of the Hudson (omit San Francisco). Good merry widow selection for a small store and lately they seem to have expanded their stocking line. The Boston Store is a lesser Macys but nice things in Latham and if you're in Saratoga. of Glens Falls The Carl Co can get you through a feminine emergency. N.Y. Specialty downtown Albany has some aging inventory of garterbelts and bras. A small store but if you are into corsetry, this and Famise (around the corner) can help you, but you may have to be a bit obvious. Oh! A-good selection B-limited C-minimal N- not available

	conventional Bras & Panties	Teddies & Camisoles	Gowns & Peignoirs Babydolls	Garterbelts	Stockings	Merry Widows Basques Cinches	Corsets & Girdles	Very Sexy Stuff
MACY'S	A	A	A	B	B	A	C	C-N
BOSTON STORE	B	B	B	B	C	B	C	N
FLAHS	B	B	B	N	N	C	C	N
TROY UNIFORM	B	B	C	A	A	A	B	A
LE MOST	C	B-C	C	B	C	C-N	N	C
ADAM & EVE	C	C	B	C	B	B	N	C
CARL CO.	B	B	B	B	C	C	N	N
REGALIA	C	B	B	A	A	A	C	A
ALBERT HOS	C	N	N	C	A	N	N	N
FIELD HOS	C	N	N	C	A	N	N	N
N.Y. SPECIALTY	B	B	B	B	C	N	B	N
FAMISE CORSET	B	C	C	B	C	C	B	N

Enjoy our area, see the south mall, our university and the State house, the port and Saratoga! Feel our brassieres and lacy panties, touch our garterbelts and camisoles enjoy all of the femininity that you are so lucky to have- BE A WOMAN IN ALBANY!!!

Lots of FEMININE Love,

Carol T.

Dear Wilma:

I remember the first letter of my introduction to TVIC where it was mentioned "If anyone had curiosity about cross-dressing to leave it alone". I didn't understand back then what it meant, I couldn't see how such an innocent thing could be dangerous. I must say I do now understand the full impact of that statement but only because the two of you have seen fit to tell the truth and not feed stereotypes like other groups do. In telling the truth you keep the whole picture of our situation in proper perspective. I think the TV, TS paraculture is primarily personification of the self and we all point to certain things as proof of their validity of existence. I feel that if someone could allow me to become pregnant & have a baby will be the day I'll change sex. But this does not change my desire to be female but it does at least set the limit. In our game the stakes are high & you only get one roll of the dice & I'm not the gambling type. JANET F., EAST ROCKAWAY, N.Y.....

Dear Wilma:

I would like to tell you of an interesting personal experience...I was unaware that my drivers license contained some errors untill a policeman made a spot check:::"This is car 13;we have a possible stolen car. Check it out." "That car is registered to a female-Joyce Dolan,"said a voice on the policemen's radio. "Subject has Conn. operators license issued originally to someone with initial Z of New York-last name contains 8 letters." - "Ask subject for additional ID" "Social security card number does not agree with license. Run it through central records in Washington!" - "Original number was issued to a male in NEW YORK listed as George Z-----. The second number was issued to the same male in Connecticut." - "But subject is female - driving car registered to the same female - and is using out-of-state license issued to a male in the name of the female. Check both names with NCIC." - "No criminal record by either name, but a car owned by Joyce was reported stolen. Car was acquired from George. Correction - car owned by him was traded in by her to acquire the car that was subsequently allegedly stolen. One of them lives in Manchester, Conn. and the other resides in Manchester, N.H. They can't be the same person." - "Subject states that she is male. I mean, he says that she is --- they claim that --- he she them those---" - "Car 13, get a grip on yourself. Subject may be a sex change. The hr/she lives in Connecticut, N.H. I mean they live here there them that those these them what?" - "This is car 13; get a grip on yourself. I'll grt back to you." Then the policeman said to me, "Joyse---" "I can go now?" - "Not yet. Have you had a name change?" - "Yes." - "What was your name?" - "I can't say." - "Have you had a sex change??" - "Not exactly." "Are you male or female?" - "Neither. I'm a hermaphrodite anomaly." "How do you pronouce your previous name??" - "I don't." - "How did you pronounse it?" "I didn't." - "Don't go away." Then he went back to the radio. "This is car 13. Subject changed name but not sex, recently moved from Manchester Colorado To Manchester, N.H. She is a paper boy. I mean, he is a paper girl - a pepper paper person people - a piper pauper peeper - a pepper pooper popper, a---" "Car 13! Tell her to go home." - "I can't." - "Why not." - "She drove away." Meanwhile, Ted listened to the whole thing on his radio at home and called Jane to explain what happened: "Hi, Jane - this is Ted." - "Oh, hi, Sue. Joyce is not here." - "I know. The police have her." - "Oh? What did she do?" - "SHE confused them." - "I don't get it, Sue - I mean Trd." - "She gave them both drivers licenses - Joyces Conn. license and Georges N.Y. license. Then she gave both security cards." - "But she doesn't have a N.Y. license, and she only has one FICA card." - "All I know is what I heard on the radio. They said she moved from Colorado, Conn. to New Hampshire, N.Y. when she changed sex." - "But she didn't change sex yet, Sue - She changed gender. I was with her in Hartford when she---" - "I thought you were with Chuck in Boston." - "No, we broke up when he became Charlotte." - "You mean that Chuck became Charlotte when you were George??" - "No, I was Jim when Joyce was George, and you were Ted, Sue." Just then I walked in, swore at Chuck, grabbed the phone from Jane, got angry at Sue - and took a drink of whiskey. Bye Now, Wilma. Take care. JOYSE D. NEW H *****

Dear Wilma:

The letter which you published from Carol T. in Albany was lovely. She expressed very nicely a super experience which is available to all girls. Although I haven't progressed to the point where I am willing to wear a bra under my regular clothes, I would like to offer a few suggestions to compliment hers if I may... If the pants which you are wearing are relatively snug then better wear full size panties - the line of the hip huggers will show otherwise. The hose is always the same kind - Haines Alive - rather expensive at \$5.50 per pair. They wear well, wash out easily, and feel delectable. I have reinforced toes in mine, and would remind my sisters that it is important to keep the toe nails trimmed if you are wearing nice hose. The only time I have problems with the hose is when I'M wearing one of the suits I had made in England - the pants are lined to below the knees with a very silky polyester, and the sound of the lining rubbing against the hose is entirely too feminine. Carol described how she felt wearing the feminine under clothing under her everyday clothing. Let me add one comment-it is a turn on for me to wear the underclothing and yet function very well as a male on a day to day basis amongst people who are highly educated, very poised, and vert mucg with it. At times it makes me wonder which of them would willingly accept Susan as a woman. I feel certain that I will eventually find out as I am progressively become more aggressive about my appearances in public. Please give my thanks to Carol for writing such an interesting letter, and one which I'm sure provided some interesting thoughts for our sisters. I do not have Carol's address and would be very grateful were you to ask her to drop me a letter. (ED. ok Carol, write her a letter, you'll find Susans address in the new directory.) She definitely sounds like the kind of person I would enjoy writing to. Write if you have an opportunity. I personally am very glad that you and spouse are there to help we girls. SWEANXX SUSON R.....ALEXANDREIA.....VA.....

(ED. NOTE- As you can see writing an interesting letter for the Journal can bring you many new and interesting friends.) *****

NEWS: New Law in West Berlin Says Cross-Dressers Can't BE Fired. From Hank Grants colum, The Rambling Reporter, reports under a new employment law, men who show up for work in drag cannot be fired. Employes have been told; "Men who like to wear womens clothes to work have every right to do so.

THE STORY OF DAVID T.

David T. is a brilliant engineer. He is married to Peggy, a beautiful understanding young woman. David is an admitted TV, but is very well adjusted. He & his wife are college graduates and as such have lived a very sophisticated liberated lifestyle. In such an atmosphere he was encouraged to express his personality and cross-dressing. In college, he found the girl that he eventually married. This, couple with their attitudes toward TVism, made a very satisfying and rewarding marriage... "Peggy likes to do kinky things too," Dave said "Sometimes I will dress up like a woman, and Peggy will wear masculine clothes, and we will go out together on a date. I asked Dave how he got started in TVism. He states - "I guess that in my case my mother had a lot to do with it. I think that she was basically over protective, and she spent too much fussing over me. She was always bathing me and brushing my hair and buying me pretty clothes. Strangely enough, I liked the things that she was doing to me!" "My mother was the first person to arouse my interest in female clothes. Every day when I got home from school, my mother would tell me that I was dirty and should go take a bath. When I was bathing, she would throw my clothes into the laundry hamper, and when I was finished with my bath, there was always a pair of lacy panties laid out for me. I remember that I used to love the feeling of the silken panties." - "The first time my mother dressed me up as a girl I knew that I liked it. It thrilled me to hear my mother tell me how much I looked like a pretty girl. Somehow it made me feel that my mother loved me so much more as a girl." - "I dressed up occasionally while I was growing up, but I remember one night in particular, I was 15, and my mother remarked how I hadn't dressed up as her daughter for quite a while. She had me bath and she even shaved my legs while I was in the tub. She said that we were going to try the whole bit." - "She made a pair of falsies for me out of form rubber, and inserted them into an uplift bra, which she hooked behind my back, then I slipped into a pair of pink panties, garter belt, and silk stockings. I was amazed at how pretty my legs looked. I tried on a pair of my mother's high heeled pumps, but I nearly broke my neck when I tried to walk in them. My mother just laughed and told me that I'd get used to them. She got out a pretty frock and she had me put that on. She had several wigs, and when she put the blond one on me, I was astonished. We went through the whole business of making up, and when my mother was done, you couldn't believe the difference. Even my mother was impressed. When I left for college, I temporarily gave up my cross-dressing. I met Peggy after I had been at school for several weeks, and we got along beautifully. - In time, I told Peggy about my interest in cross-dressing. When I finally told her about me, she wasn't shocked, and she even helped me get prettied up, just like my mother used to. Peggy and my mother did finally meet, and they discussed my liking for pretty, feminine things, and my mother gave her all of the clothes I used to wear when I was living home. There are many nights when Peggy helped me get dressed up in my pretty clothes. That's the way Peggy and I live, we are both very happy. As a TV, I feel that I can experience the best of both worlds. I would never want to change the way that I live and neither would Peggy. - I believe that if more wives would try and help their husbands and understand them in their dressing they would have a very happy marriage. Because if a man must dress he will dress weather his wife likes it or not. He might not do it at home, but may go to a motel or an understanding friend's house.

Dear Wilma :

In answer to your question. "How did I start cross-dressing?" I started dressing at the age of 11 years old. I broke my leg and had to stay home from school. I cooked, cleaned the house and did the washing. So since I was doing the work of a girl I dressed as a girl. My parents and family tried to stop me and every chance I got I dressed up. One day my brother took all my clothes and gave them away but I bought more and even prettier clothes because I learned my sizes and colors. Then I met this girl before I got married to her. I told her everything and she loved me so much. She said "She knew for some time and she understood my feelings. On our honeymoon she bought me a beautiful white nightgown. - It was a wonderful experience. I love to go shopping with her and we both wear the same size of cloths. We have about a dozen wigs of all types. She helps me dress up, put on makeup on and to act like a woman. We even go out together to the movies or just riding around. One day we decided to pierce my ears and we did. It is a wonderful feeling having beautiful earrings hanging from my ears. I now have long blond hair and she brushes it for me just about every day when I get home from work. LOVE.

JANET K.....HARTSDALE.....N.Y.....

Dear Wilma :

Being an older TV in her 40's, I often wonder how others feel in this ambivalent TV world and now I know. - My femme name is Judy. Over the years I have killed off Judy many times, but she keeps coming back. - This has gone on for about 30 years & about a year ago I realized I shouldn't feel so guilty because I'm hurting no one, especially myself. As a business executive, I know that Judy has saved my life many times. - From the pressures of my job, I know without Judy I would have ulcers, heart attacks & if I lived, would be in a mental home. Being divorced & living alone helps my being Judy most of the time.

JUDY R.....NEW YORK CITY.....N.Y.....

MOTHER AND FATHER IN AMAZING SEX CHANGE

By WENSLEY CLARKSON

AN AMAZING couple are swapping as mother and father in one of the world's most incredible sex-change cases.

THE FATHER is now called Cathy, but was once martial arts instructor Eugene Brown.

THE MOTHER is renamed Christopher, formerly Anne Johnson.

Both are now undergoing treatment to complete their change of sex.

The pair, who have lived together for almost five years, have a three-year-old daughter, Emma.

Anne, 30, a university graduate and former social worker, changed her name to Christopher nine months ago after starting a special course of treatment.

The couple live with their child in a two-bedroom apartment above the father's parents in Birmingham, England.

Both are unemployed, but the 31-year-old father wants to become a secretary.

The mother hopes to return to being a social worker.

Father Eugene, now Cathy, said: "We met when Anne came to my martial arts class. We were attracted straight away. We both admitted to each other what we had known all our lives — that we wanted to be of the opposite sex.

"Within months we moved in together. We were determined from the beginning to go through with the treatment."

But when Anne got pregnant they decided to have the child because they felt it would at least help them to be more accepted in society, the father continued.

"As far as I am concerned I have always been a woman but it took meeting someone like Anne to realize that I had to do something."

The father, who now wears heavy make-up and dresses in punk rock style, said: "When baby Emma is old enough we are going to explain things to her.

"If necessary we shall ask

They plan to tell their daughter: 'Treat us like adopted parents'

her to treat us as adopted parents. After all we are not the same people we were when she was born."

The mother, now Christopher, said: "Emma will be brought up as well as any other child. No one is going to be able to take her away from us because we have proved we can look after her properly.

"When she goes to school none of the other parents will be aware of our situation, so there will be no problems.

"I've always known I was really a man. Now I'm in the middle of treatment and my dream is gradually coming true. When I became pregnant, I wanted to have the baby because it was the normal thing to do.

"Soon after having Emma, I started dressing in men's clothing continuously and soon it was clear that I would have to leave my job.

"I think many of my fellow social workers were a bit stunned."



CATHY and CHRISTOPHER with daughter Emma... no one will take her away.

TRANSSEXUALISM, is an obsessive state wherein the individual, born male or female, desires to become anatomically changed to the opposite gender-sex. Transgenderal is a new term proposed by Prince to be applied to those who are dysphoric (uncomfortable with their genital gender). Psychologically, a male transsexual or transgenderist feels and usually acts as a female despite the physical male secondary sex characteristics. Thus, there is a conflict between the physical and the psychological aspects. Genital and cerebral are not in "sync".

BY DR. LEE WOLLMAN

Male Convict Is Female

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"Can you imagine what would happen if we put a functional female in a male institution?" one official asked.

A further investigation revealed that Becerra was born a female in San Francisco and underwent a sex change operation 10 years ago. But he ran out of money and was never able to complete the transformation.

Officials said that he married and became a father when his wife was artificially inseminated. That child was the one killed in the crash.

"After we found out that the equipment wasn't as advertised we felt he — or she — should go to the state women's prison at Frontera," said Phil Guthrie of the Department of Corrections.

The district attorney's office then decided to withdraw its recommendation of a prison sentence because of the unusual nature of the case and Judge McInerney ordered Becerra to serve 90 days in the women's jail here.

He also fined Becerra \$3,750, put him on probation for 10 years and ordered his driver's license forfeited.

"It might seem like a lenient sentence," Judge McInerney said. "But he's getting more punishment than the ordinary person would suffer in a year."

Jail officials said they had no plans to make special arrangements at the women's jail for Becerra.

"As far as we are concerned, he is a woman," said a spokesman, who asked not to be named.



"Now that Daddy's dead, are you man enough to fill his shoes?"

Cop Has Sex-Change Operation

Nassau officer, 40, becomes a woman and plans to return to 4th Precinct in 30 days

By Bill Van Haintze and Dennis Hevesi

Nassau County Police Officer Joseph McCormick, a member of the department for nine years, has undergone a sex-change operation and plans to return to active duty in 30 days — as Police Officer Jennifer McCormick.

"Hundreds of people have done what I've done. I'm not unusual," McCormick said yesterday while recuperating at Boulevard Hospital on 31st Avenue in Long Island City.

"I'm not a leader. I'm not a follower. I'm me," McCormick said. "I don't want any publicity. I have two 70-year-old parents. This has hurt them enough. I did

this for no one but myself."

Dr. Roberto Granato, who headed the surgical team that performed the two-hour surgery, starting at 11 AM Tuesday, said McCormick is "doing fine." Granato said that over the last eight or 10 years he has performed an average of one sex-change operation a month.

According to one estimate, more than 10,000 Americans have undergone such operations in the last 15 years. Only one other case of a police officer undergoing such surgery — a member of the Washington, D.C., department — could be confirmed.

Asked whether she felt that she was born a man

when she should have been a woman, McCormick said, "Yes, something like that. That's what I feel."

Another officer who has worked with McCormick out of the Fourth Precinct stationhouse in Hewlett for several years said that his friend is not homosexual. "The department checked him out and found him not to be a homosexual," the officer said. Nassau Police Commissioner Samuel Rozzi, said, "He was a fine police officer. He got along well with his peers and, to the best of my knowledge, there were no problems in that respect."



Officer McCormick

The commissioner said, "He is presently on sick leave for elective surgery. Officer McCormick has requested a change of sex designation on the official force records, as a result of the elective surgery. He is expected to return from sick leave in approximately 30 days. At that time, the officer will be ordered to report to the departmental surgeon's office and the medical evaluation unit to assess the officer's ability to continue his duties as a Nassau County police officer."

Asked if McCormick would return to duty as a patrol officer, Rozzi said, "Until that evaluation has been completed, the officer will remain at the present assignment in the Fourth Precinct."

Within the last year, after she made known her intention to change gender, McCormick was taken off patrol duty and assigned to serve as a precinct clerk. The department would not comment on why she was reassigned, but other officers said that McCormick began showing female physical characteristics about a year ago.

The other officers said she had her facial hair removed by electrolysis and took hormone treatments that altered her male body toward being a woman. They said McCormick began having difficulty dealing with the public on the street. They would not detail the problems McCormick had with the public.

Asked whether McCormick's change would affect the department's affirmative action program for hiring women, Rozzi said, "Well, this will be one more female officer in the department." There are approximately 40 female officers among the 3,300 men in the department.

Wayne McMorow, president of the Nassau County PBA, asked how the association would react if the department attempted to keep McCormick off the force, said, "The PBA will certainly back him all the way. We will stand behind him. He has the right to make a sex change and come back."

McCormick, 40, has been on the force since February, 1973. A veteran of the Vietnam War, McCormick had been married but was divorced about a year ago. McCormick lives with his former wife, Louise, in the Islip area. Mrs. McCormick could not be reached for comment. It could not be determined whether the couple had any children.

An officer who has worked with McCormick for six years said that McCormick's former wife is "sympathetic. They're friends." The officer said that he has seen his friend in woman's clothing. "As a female, he's stunning."

Another friend said that McCormick came in fe-

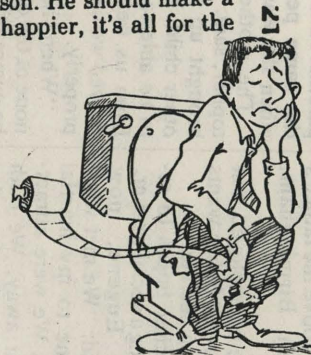
male attire to a police retirement dinner about a year ago. "Guys who have worked with him for several years didn't know who he was," the friend said. At another party, he said, McCormick showed photographs of himself dressed as a woman. "Copies of the photograph got back to someone in the department. The superiors were concerned," the friend said. He said McCormick had received counseling both within the department and privately.

"He's quiet, liked by everyone on the job," another Fourth Precinct officer said. "We're all different. Everyone to his own way of life. The vast majority of the guys who worked with him are protective of him. We kid around with him. We see this as no attack on our masculinity. We've known him as Joe. But someone tagged the name of Klinger on him, and he loves it." Klinger is a character on the television show "M*A*S*H" who often dresses in female attire.

For two years in a row, in 1980 and 1981, according to the friend, McCormick won the "Miss Cherry Grove" contest on Fire Island, a beauty competition held each summer in which men dress as women. The reason he entered the contests, the friend said, was that he began enjoying putting on women's clothes and makeup.

Neighbors of McCormick seemed accepting of the change. Ken Nelson, 40, who lives next door, said, "The guy can do what he wants. Last week was the first time I saw him other than as a man. He had a coat on, a wig, lipstick. I had to look three times to make sure it was him. I would only be concerned if the man has a problem."

"It doesn't bother me in the least," said Suzanne Darcy, 63, whose house is on the other side of McCormick's. "It was just that there was a quality about the man. He was a very gentle person. He should make a very, very nice woman. If he's happier, it's all for the better."



"The job is never finished till the paper work is done."



Joe will go back on the beat as a policewoman

By ROBERT WEDDLE and RICHARD JOHNSON A LONG Island policeman will return to duty after the Christmas holidays as a policewoman.

Officer Joseph McCormick, 40, underwent sex-change surgery Tuesday at Boulevard Hospital, Long Island City, and will go back to Nassau's Fourth Precinct next month as officer Jennifer McCormick.

"I'm just glad it's all over," Miss McCormick told The Post yesterday in an exclusive interview in her semi-private room.

"I can't wait to get out of this hospital," she said in a husky voice.

Miss McCormick's job is waiting for her as soon as she fully recuperates, although her boss still refers to her as a he.

"He hasn't done anything wrong," said Police Commissioner Samuel Rozzi.

"He will be evaluated by our medical unit and will be treated like any other officer."

The curly-haired cop looked drawn and tired yesterday as she pulled the covers up under her chin and switched the channels on the TV set.

"I'm in a great deal of pain. I can't even get out of bed," she said.

The officer — described by fellow cops as "quiet" and "well liked" — said, "I don't expect any problems when I go back."

The sex change was no secret. Fellow officers watched his body shift

gradually from male to female over the past year under hormone treatment and electrolytic facial hair removal.

McCormick was called Joe most of the time, but sometimes they called him Klinger — television's M*A*S*H character who dresses in women's clothes — "and he loved it."

Miss McCormick won first place in 1980 and 1981 in the Miss Cherry Grove contest on Fire Island, in which men dress as women, a friend said.

The new woman, a 10-year cop and Vietnam War veteran, lives in Islip with his former wife, Louise, who remained his friend after their divorce a year ago.

The cop said she didn't want publicity because "my parents are 70 years old and have been hurt enough by this already."

Fellow officers accepted McCormick, but outsiders did not, it was learned. She was transferred from the street to the stationhouse after continued harassment from some young punks.

The sex change gives Commissioner Rozzi one more woman to cite in his five-year struggle with the U.S. Justice Dept. over sex discrimination charges.

Nassau PBA President Wayne McMorow said the PBA would "back him all the way" if there were an attempt to dismiss him.