



# THE GATEWAY



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FEBRUARY 1980

## SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER

Monday, February 11, 8 p.m.  
MCC, 150 Eureka St, San Francisco  
(on first floor, all the way  
to end of the hall, door to  
left of restrooms)

Thursday, February 28, 8 p.m.  
Get-a-Way, 21859 Mission, Hayward

## SAN JOSE CHAPTER

Friday, February 1, 8 p.m.  
MCC, 160 N. 3rd St, San Jose  
(around side, upstairs,  
ring bell)

NO MEETING ON FEBRUARY 15--  
instead come to our Valentine's  
Dinner (see below)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR :

### SLIDE PRESENTATION FEBRUARY 11

At the San Francisco meeting on February 11, Golden Gate Girls/Guys will present a color slide and audio program entitled "Dressing Up: An Overview of Cross Dressing." In the presentation, male crossdressing is portrayed in occupational, experimental and transvestic contexts. The program is structured to encourage self-assessment of feelings about personal appearance and cultural styles, to help us discard labels and build accepting attitudes. We strongly encourage all members to attend!

### VALENTINES DINNER FEBRUARY 15

Join other Golden Gate Girls and Guys for a Valentine's dinner outing Friday evening, February 15. This is an ideal chance for those of you who wish to "get out of the house" and meet others like yourself in a non-threatening social atmosphere. This is a dress-up affair, so rush

that special something only you've seen before to the cleaners. We guarantee you won't be sorry! But don't delay - WE MUST HAVE YOUR RESERVATION BY FEBRUARY 6th !!! See details and reservation coupon on the inside back page of this issue.

### PARTNERS AUXILIARY - SAN JOSE

Our San Jose Chapter met on January 4th and a reasonable turn-out of wives/girlfriends formed a "Partners Auxiliary." Apparently the "partners" had an enjoyable time--judging from the laughing and giggling coming from their meeting room. Later the partners joined GGG/G members in refreshments and participated in a joint-session discussion. We hope that more wives, girlfriends and "significant others" will attend the "Partners Auxiliary," which will meet in their own separate room during San Jose Chapter meetings. Meeting others in the same boat can greatly help in learning to accept and understand a sometimes confusing and difficult situation.

## IMAGE IMPROVEMENT LECTURES

We reported in December that Dianna, our Image Improvement consultant, would begin her lecture/demonstrations in January. However, Dianna's program has been delayed in order to better coordinate and facilitate her planning schedule. We will keep you informed of latest developments via the Gateway. In the meantime, write or call GGG/G with your suggestions and ideas--they will be most appreciated and helpful in planning a successful and worthwhile program.

## REFRESHMENTS FOR MEETINGS

Our resident gourmet, Elaine (spelling changed from Alaine) has volunteered--she must be out of her mind!--to be responsible for the refreshments at our San Francisco meetings. Those interested in partaking of the "munchies" provided should contact Elaine with suggestions. We know many of you are on diets and don't want cookies, cakes, etc., so Elaine will try to

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and Female-to-Male  
Crossdressers and  
Crossgenderists

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come up with some "skinny-oriented" snacks. This is a great chance for all of us to exercise our Betty Crocker instincts--so how about it? Elaine would appreciate all ideas, donations of your secret recipes, and help in this undertaking.

(Carrot sticks and celery, anyone?)

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# Assembly California Legislature

ART AGNOS  
ASSEMBLYMAN, SIXTEENTH DISTRICT  
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October 4, 1979

Ms. Georgia L. Saunders  
Executive Secretary  
Golden Gate Girls/Guys  
681 Ellis Street, Suite 2507  
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Ms. Saunders:

Thank you for your letter requesting information on laws regarding transvestal dressing.

My administrative assistant, Mr. Rodney Johnson, has discussed the issue with several city and state agencies. It seems that the law is not explicit about cross dressing.

Mr. Donald Disler of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office could find no relevant local ordinances. However, Section 650.5 of the California Penal Code is a general section of the law concerning activities that "abuse decency". You may want to review that law to prevent it from being abused. No one has been charged in San Francisco in violation of this code in the last several years. I believe that this code section is constitutionally weak.

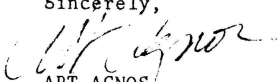
I am sending you a copy of Section 650.5 under separate cover.

Sgt. Ed Leggins of the San Francisco Police Legal Office (553-1511) is also checking for pertinent laws. Should he find any relevant information I will forward it to you.

I am enclosing an amended copy of AB 1 which will be before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee in January. You may be particularly interested in lines 11-14 regarding discrimination on the basis of business necessity.

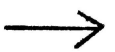
I hope this information is useful to your organization. If you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office again.

Sincerely,

  
ART AGNOS

AA:rjs

Enclosure



The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1413.5 is added to the Labor  
 2 Code, to read:  
 3 1413.5. (a) For the purposes of this part,  
 4 discrimination on the basis of "sex" refers to, but is not  
 5 limited to, discrimination based on or because of any of  
 6 the following:  
 7 (1) Male of female gender, including, but not limited  
 8 to, physiological characteristics of men or women;  
 9 (2) The refusal to grant sexual-favors for an employer,  
 10 business superior, client, customer, or fellow employee;  
 11 (3) Sexual sexual orientation, but not including  
 12 discrimination resulting from prohibitions of sexual  
 13 conduct which are uniformly applied to all employees  
 14 and for which there is a business necessity.  
 15 (b) "Sexual orientation", as used in this part, refers to  
 16 an orientation toward other adults, of either sex, as sexual  
 17 partners.  
 18 (c) "Business necessity", as used in this part, means  
 19 that the prohibition is essential to the safe or efficient  
 20 operation of the business and there are no available  
 21 reasonable alternative policies or practices which would  
 22 better accomplish the business purpose advanced, or  
 23 accomplish it equally well with a lesser discriminatory  
 24 impact.  
 25 (d) This section shall not apply to any religious  
 26 association, religious corporation, religious  
 27 school, or religious hospital, not organized for private  
 28 profit.  
 29 SEC.2. It is the intent of the Legislature that nothing  
 30 in this act is intended, nor shall be construed to:  
 31 (a) Limit the affirmative defenses available to an  
 32 employer under the California Fair Employment  
 33 Practice Act, upon a showing of a conviction of a  
 34 crime involving sexual conduct with a minor, and or a  
 35 showing that the conduct involved in such crime is job  
 36 related.  
 37 (b) Narrow any other protections against sex or  
 38 pregnancy discrimination provided by other provisions  
 39 of the California Fair Employees Employment Practice Act.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 7, 1979

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 5, 1979

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE--1979-80 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1

Introduced by Assemblymen Agnos, Alatorre, Bates, Berman,  
 Willie Brown, Kapiloff, Levine, McCarthy, Moore, Roos,  
 Rosenthal, and Torres  
 (Coauthors: Senators Marks and Sieroty)

December 4, 1978

Referred to Committee on Labor, Employment, and Consumer  
 Affairs

An act to add Section 1413.5 to the Labor Code, relating to  
 sex discrimination.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1, as amended, Agnos (L., E., & C.A.). Labor: sex  
 discrimination.  
 Existing law makes it an unlawful employment practice to  
 discriminate in employment on the basis of sex, among other  
 things, but does not define what such discrimination is.  
 This bill would delineate what constitutes discrimination on  
 the basis of sex, and would declare the intent of the  
 Legislature with regard hereto.  
 Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
 State-mandated local program: no.

1 (c) Permit the imposition of quotas, goals, or  
 2 ~~timeables~~ other affirmative actions as relief for  
 3 discrimination based on or because of sexual orientation.  
 4 (d) Prohibit an employer from discriminating against  
 5 those who choose to dress on the job in violation of  
 6 employer's bona fide dress codes.  
 7 (e) Permit a teacher or parole officer to  
 8 advocate or discuss his or her sexual orientation with his  
 9 or her students or parolees, as the case may be, during  
 10 normal working hours unless such discussion is work  
 11 related.  
 12 SEC. 3. In adopting the statutory definition of  
 13 discrimination on the basis of sex provided by this act, the  
 14 Legislature reiterates that the purpose of the California  
 15 Fair Employment Practice Act in general, and this act in  
 16 particular, is to ensure that employers treat employees on  
 17 an individual basis and judge them on their individual  
 18 merits, rather than on the basis of stereotypical  
 19 assumptions.

On January 15 the Assembly Ways and Means Committee sent AB-1  
 to the floor, where it is currently pending. However, on January 16,  
 an almost identical bill written by Senator David Roberti, D-Los  
 Angeles, was killed in the state Senate Industrial Relations  
 Committee, apparently ending chances of such legislation passing the  
 Legislature this year. Agnos said he plans to re-introduce the bill  
 "every year as long as I'm in the Legislature" until it passes.

# F E E D B A C K

Dear GGG/G:

When is the Directory of Services mentioned on page 2 of the November issue going to be available? How can I get a copy?

Interested & Anxious

We are currently gathering information for a National Yellow Pages covering much of the country and possibly some parts of Canada. We haven't as yet determined the cost, but plan to charge non-members of Golden Gate Girls/Guys and non-contributing groups a "per copy" printing and mailing cost. We don't plan to profit from them-- just hope to break even. We'll put an order coupon in 'The Gateway' so that you and other non-members can order the National Yellow Pages when available.

Dear Golden Gaters:

Just finished reading the November issue. Especially like the letter by "Outraged" on page 3 (Feedback). Talk about tongue-in-cheek!

I attended the Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo. It was great. Sure glad I spent the \$8.50 for the most enjoyable evening out that I had in a long time. Wish I could have gotten up the courage to go "dressed." The Ballet was far above average and certainly better than either of the "skits" you reviewed in the "On the TV" article.

Keep up the good work!

Mavis

Dear GGG/G:

In response to the letter from S. to wit that female transvestites can wear anything: Not so. I suppose he means women can wear jeans and plaid work shirts. But these aren't uniquely male clothes; they are uni-sex clothes. After all, men can wear pierced earrings, necklaces and cologne now-a-days. But that doesn't satisfy the male TV either.

Think about this scene: a woman in a short haircut, a Brooks Brothers pinstripe suit, tie, and solidly built black wingtip oxfords. No, she can't wear that just anywhere.

As a female-to-male crossdresser, I have been harrassed by the police and other men with all sorts of threatening, "dyke bating" actions, some of which could have become violent--"If you're goin' to dress like a guy, you better be able to fight like one."

Also, it is easier (tho not a snap) for a heterosexual male transvestite to find a woman who will understand and relate to him than it is for me to find a straight man willing to relate, sexually and otherwise, to me.

Emmon

Golden Gate Girls/Guys has sent letters to 49 of the 50 State Attorney Generals, asking for copies of any laws in effect within their area concerning crossdressing, specifically those laws currently enforced (if any) permitting or prohibiting crossdressing in public or private. To date we have received replies from 25 states. The consensus of opinion is "there are no laws in this State concerning crossdressing/wearing the clothing of the opposite gender/sex either in public or private." We felt that the reply from the clerk of the Vermont Law Library so priceless that it deserved special attention. It is printed here for your information. (A copy of the response from each State will be included in the next edition of GGG/G's Yellow Pages.)



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December 12, 1979

G.L. Saunders  
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Dear Ms. Saunders:

This is to advise you there is no law in Vermont regarding the wearing of clothing of the opposite sex. In todays uni-styles how could you tell the difference?

Sincerely,

*Vivian Bryan*

Vivian Bryan  
Law Librarian.

# IS FEMALE HORMONE THERAPY

## FOR YOU?

by *Karrie*



Every person, whether born into this world as a genetic male or female, has both testosterone (the male hormone) and estrogen (the female hormone) as part of his or her hormonal make-up. Only a slight imbalance in either direction will make us appear more male or female.

Estrogen and progesterone are the hormones that give us curves, make us less aggressive and cause breast enlargement. But hormone therapy can be dangerous to your health! High levels of estrogen are now thought by many experts to be associated with breast cancer, depression, benign tumors, strokes, anxiety, irritability, crying binges, etc. Continuous therapy over long periods may produce testicular atrophy, breast enlargement and loss of libido (sex drive). If you or your family have a history of cardiac or renal disease or epilepsy, the use of hormone therapy should be cautiously administered.

Side effects and adverse reactions to hormone therapy are as follows: nausea, vomiting, mild diarrhea, headache, edema due to salt retention, soreness of the breast or gynecomastia, vertigo, chloasma (skin discoloration such as liver or age spots), cholestatic jaundice, allergic rash, itching, mental depression ... just to name a few. So take note of any such reactions and advise your doctor. He will change the type of hormone or the dose until these reactions are under control.

Hormone therapy should be taken very seriously and only under the direct supervision of an endocrinologist or internal medical physician. The reaction to any hormone is dependent upon each individual and the type of hormone prescribed (see box). They are normally either estrogen or progesterone, but can be prescribed as an estrogen-and-progesterone combination, such as the normal oral contraceptive.

Each person's hormone level of estrogen is highly individual, so it does not mean that the greater the dose, the greater the results. I've heard everyone I've talked with who is on hormone therapy state, "I'm on a very heavy dosage." Only your doctor knows what dosage to start with and will increase or decrease the dose as needed.

Prior to starting hormone therapy, one should have a complete physical with a follow-up physical every six months, but no less than once a year. Nutrition is also important, because when nutrition is poor, the body's functions are impaired. The body's system must metabolize the chemicals the way nature intended. Make sure you discuss with your physician all aspects of the therapy and nutritional requirements.

Your doctor will advise you that during the first three months of therapy, you should note some tenderness or soreness of the breast that will develop. You should start to see some shift in the fatty tissue normally around the end of six months. At that time the skin starts to soften and loses that rough feeling. As time goes on, the breast will enlarge and become less sensitive, but since nature is in control of what size you will be, don't let any expectations about your bust size

concern you. You may end up a small A-cup, or it could be larger. Not to worry. After 18 months you will not normally increase any further in size, but there is always implants if you feel the need to be larger.

Things that do not happen with hormone therapy is loss of facial hair (that can only happen with electrolysis) or a change in your voice. While androgen (testosterone) will cause one's voice to deepen, estrogen will not make one's voice go higher. Your voice is yours and only training can help you to change its pitch or inflection.

How are estrogen or progesterone taken? Most are in tablet form, but injections can also be given. Injections run about \$30-40 each and are normally required every two weeks, while the pills run \$15-30 for a three-month supply.

Is the results of hormone therapy reversible? In most cases, yes, but not all. It depends on your body. If you were to stop taking hormones in about six months to a year, normally everything would be back to the way you started. Your sex drive should

return in about six months. This is a good point to discuss with your doctor before starting therapy.

For the transsexual, it must be noted that once you have had your sex-change surgery, you will have to take hormones for the rest of your life. Withdrawal from hormones will bring on depression and, in my own case, "HOT FLASHES." Something I do not ever wish to have again! Your body is not capable of producing the balance of female and male hormones it did prior to surgery. So you are in the same state as a woman who has undergone a complete hysterectomy.

Remember that hormone therapy is not something to be experimented with. It will not make you more feminine, only look more female. Before you start, have a long and deep look at your own identity--talk with a therapist who knows and understands the problems with gender identity. Then, if you must, seek out the best endocrinologist in your area for treatment--and watch your nutrition!

## F E M A L E                      H O R M O N E S

### Estrogens:

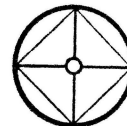
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## "The Adventures of Courtney Davis"

"The Adventures of Courtney Davis" is a platform in which readers of *The Gateway* can submit their own humorous, dramatic, unusual or just plain embarrassing stories. We have selected a neuter-gender fictitious name so our readers will be more willing to tell us their adventures under a cloak of anonymity. You need not identify yourself when sending us your story. So come on! We've all had our moments. Let's hear yours.



I have mostly been an indoor type of person, especially when it came to crossdressing. I mostly lounged around the house watching television. One day I said to myself, "OK, kid. Let's go public." So I got all dolled up and took off on a night I will never forget. It was my first encounter socializing as a female and all the glory that goes with it.

At first I couldn't get enough guts to go into any type of bar, so I proceeded to drive about town. Well, as luck would have it, I noticed a green pickup giving somewhat of an admiration for my car. Except it didn't turn out that way. The admiration in fact was coming from a very goodlooking blonde male. He waved and smiled, so I thought it at least decent to return the kindness. So for about ten minutes we played cat and mouse on the road, and I got this funny feeling that this guy wanted more than to just exchange waves and smiles. After making a few turns here and there, I found that my car had what seemed to be an addition in the shape of a pickup. I couldn't get rid of this guy. So I jumped on the freeway, giving him a healthy smile and a hardy wave goodbye. The feeling I got from this minor episode of affection was fantastic. So I proceeded to see what other sparks I could conjure up.

I went to a gay bar, thinking it would be the right place to socialize without any trouble. Still not too confident of my ability to pass, I just walked around the parking lot. While walking, I received various wolf calls, howls, and requests on plans I might like to make. Not wanting to be discovered, I made a swift but feminine getaway. However one does that in a car.

All that had happened played on my mind. If the regular public could accept me as female, then why not go to a regular bar? So I found my car leading me in the general direction of a bar I went to a couple times as a male. Much to my surprise, I was not recognized. A few looks of doubt, but no major problems. I sat at a table by myself and got a drink. I sat there for about fifteen minutes when this guy asked me to dance. Not having what you would call a feminine voice, I nodded and went to the dance floor. I danced in a female fashion as a male, so I had no problem as female. Afterwards he thanked me and returned me to my seat. Through the course of the evening, I guess I danced with maybe six guys. I was having the time of my life. But this one guy, Mike, kept coming back for more dancing. He finally decided to join me for some friendly conversation. You know the routine questionnaire:

COURTNEY DAVIS (continued)

your name, where you work, so forth. Trying to get or should say obtain a convincing female voice, I answered him the best I could. Well, Murphy's law: If something can go wrong, it will. And it did. He asked me if I would like another drink. My voice slipped and I answered him in a very embarrassing deep male voice. He asked what was with my voice. Being about ten shades of red, I came up with a very speedy answer, which he seemed to buy. I simply told him I was recently in an auto accident and my neck was thrown against the steering wheel, crushing my vocal cords. After the bar closed, he invited me out for breakfast. I went and had a wonderful time. Naturally he, being male, asked if I would like to be escorted home. I told him I appreciated the offer, but I didn't live far and did have to go to work in the morning. I wouldn't have known what to do if he insisted. I was careful I didn't come off as a loose girl, but a sensible-type female just going out for the night.

Needless to say, all of what the evening gave me made me feel very good inside. It also gave me the confidence on whether I was goodlooking enough as female. It gave me a lot of pride in being female. I intend on doing it again as soon as I have a good enough voice.

*Associated Groups:*

Shangri-La, c/o Nancy Watson,  
P O Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713

The popular Shangri-La event, a 4-day convention of transvestites (see "What's Goin' On!?" ), has been expanded to form a national club for male crossdressers who want to meet others like themselves. Its continuing emphasis is to provide for the social needs of its members (and their wives/girlfriends) within the framework of a fairly unstructured organization but with strict enforcement of security.

Dues are \$15/year which include: the quarterly newsletter FRILLY TALES; an invitation at a special membership rate to the annual event in Biloxi MS the week after Easter; an I.D. card for safety and reassurance; free mail-forwarding service; a directory of clubs, shops and restaurants that crossdressers may use en femme; a national directory of Shangri-La membership; and regional social events in different areas as the needs of members dictate.

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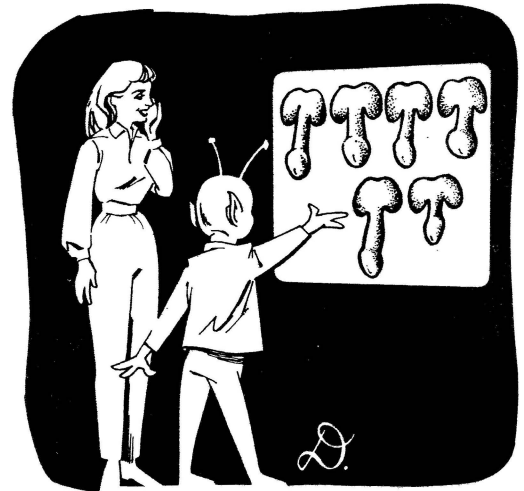


# A D R E A M   B Y   K A R L

Dreams are supposed to mean things, right? Well, I had a dream of a flying saucer landing in my parents' backyard. I walked up to it and the first question I asked was, "Do you do sex changes?" They replied, "Yes." Then I woke up. I often wondered what would have happened if I wouldn't have woken up. It might have went something like this:

I enter the spaceship. I see a man about 4'4" tall. I ask him to take me to the head surgeon. He replies, "This will cost you a buck." I pay the runt and proceed to follow him. I'm brought into this beautiful room. Lights aglow, martian music on full blast and nurses in waiting. WOW! "This is our hospital," said the runt. My eyes just about popped out of their sockets. The operating table was a baby blue, the lights flourescent yellow and the nurses were runts with humanly bodies. I was in awe. My mouth was hanging open. A nurse rushes up and puts a stick down my throat--"TONSILS OKAY--BLOOD PRESSURE ALRIGHT--REFLEXES GREAT--do you think I'm cute?" "Yes," I said. "Eyesight OKAY. Well, you're ready to meet Dr. Zook. Follow me please." "Anytime lady anytime." "Dr. Zook, your patient." "Ah, Karl. How are you? Please be seated. Would you like a cup of teek?" "Thank you, Dr. Zook." Teek tasted like a cross between a cola and penzoil 10W40. In other words, it tasted bad. When you burped, your whole body gets oiled. I don't need a lube job until 1982. BURP! "Excuse me, Dr. Zook. I've been wanting to be a man for a long time. Can you help me make my dream come true?" "Why I certainly can. I see you passed your physical, now to pass the head test." "Head test?" "Yes, to see if your head is together. Put these headphones on. Now relax. On this screen all your past life will flash by. By this procedure we can determine if you're emotionally stable, a T.S. or if you're nuts." BEEK-BEEP-BONK-ZONK-ZING-ZANG "WHAT A CHEST ON THAT ONE" PING-PANG-DONG-BONG-TING-TANG-TONG-BZZZZZZZZ. "well Bill, your past and my computer say one

thing. What are you doing having a woman's body? We must operate right away to correct this deformity. Before we prepare you for this operation, please come to the parts room." "Sure, Dr. Zook." We were outside the parts room. All the way there, I wondered what's a parts room? As soon as I entered, I knew the answer to my question. There were penises. All over. Big ones, small ones, in between, and they



were all pointing at me. Don't you know it's impolite to point? "Pick one out, Karl. What model do you want?" I looked around very business like, and yet I felt a cocky grin on my face. "I think I'll take the seven inches. I like its size and shape." "A very good choice, Karl. Earth women will have to watch out for you." The next thing I knew I was being prepared for surgery. I found out I would be awake through the whole process. They gave me a liquid called Quential which made my body numb, but not my mind. The first surgery was breast surgery. "Hey I don't feel a thing." The next step was the phalloplasty. You know, having a hysterectomy etc. and adding a bag which contains male hormones. No shots or pills to take. This implant makes all the hormones. The last step was adding number 7, and connecting them to the new implant. After I was done I said, "Dr. Zook, I'm just like a man except I can't be a father, right?" "Wrong, earthling. You can become a father. Our

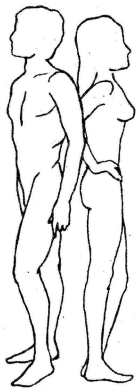
## A DREAM (continued)

techniques are much more advanced than yours. In other words, watch where you point that thing." We reached our destination and, as I walked off the ship, I looked at the card Dr. Zook gave me. It said in case of problems call 14U. I turned to wave goodbye. "Hey Dr. Zook, thank you. How much do I owe you?" "Nothing. It was my pleasure." Now we all know this is a dream.

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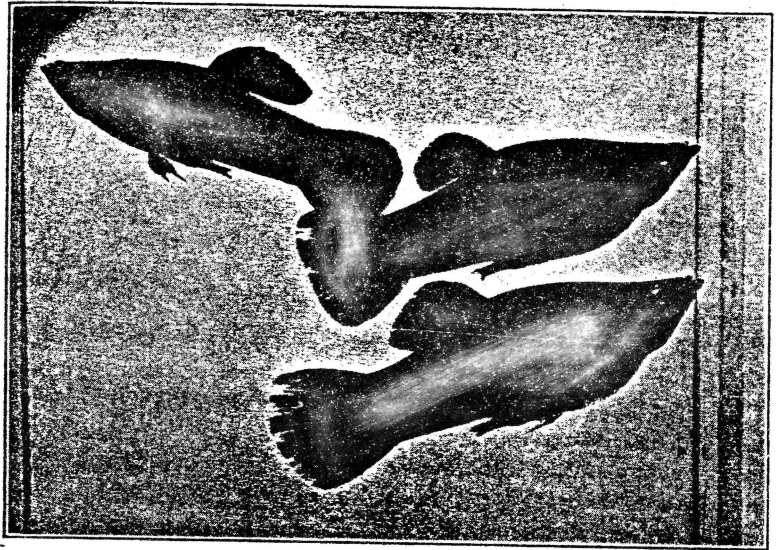
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### SEX CHANGES IN FISHES

Observations of sex changes in fishes are becoming more frequently recorded, especially among the live-bearing species. In the 19th revised edition of Dr. William T. Innes' *Exotic Aquarium Fishes*, Innes reports having bred orange-tailed *Mollienia sphenops* and, after sorting the young when they were  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long, Innes discovered that about 90% of them were female. The fish were fed heavily, grew rapidly and bred freely. In a year, most of the grown fish were males, and among these were two that appeared "loaded" (see illustration--the upper fish, an ordinary male with the usual male outline, is placed for comparison). The two "heavy" males were placed in seclusion and the next morning one was much more slender and a flock of baby black-spotted *Mollienia sphenops* were swimming about. The other one also lost much of its girth, but no more young were found. Ordinarily when the change takes place, the ova present in the female at the time are absorbed. There are numerous authenticated instances of *Xiphophorus helleri* changing sex after bearing young. None have been recorded in which a male became a female. Embryos in their early stages indicate that all of this species are for a time neuter, and when delivered are invariably female. While there is an average period as to when the anal fin of the female becomes the gonopodium of the male, it seems it's never too late for the transformation to occur. There are instances recorded of Bettas and Paradise Fish in which females spawned normally one year and the next season turned to males and functioned perfectly as such.

# WHAT'S GOIN' ON!?

Says Nancy Watson, Co-Director of Shangri-La 1980: "Shangri-La will be held from April 9-12 on the Gold Coast of Mississippi. Last year we sold out and had to turn away many who made late reservations. The event is fairly unstructured and permits crossdressers to live openly and without anxiety in an accepting straight community at a beautiful coastal resort. We dine out in public at the finest restaurants, shop and try on clothes, frolic on the beach and have many other fine activities. The cost of Shangri-La is very low and nobody makes any money on it for themselves or for any cause." Over the past few years we have heard only good things about this annual outing. Most attendees are 'returners' who attend faithfully every year. What better endorsement can there be? For additional information or reservations for Shangri-La, write Nancy Watson, P O Box 18202, Irvine CA 92713.

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On Saturday, February 9, San Francisco's Bisexual Center will conduct a Gender/Sexuality Workshop. "We will explore the interrelationships of gender feelings and sexual preference. We will look at the male and female sides of our personality and how we feel about those aspects of ourselves that differ from the stereotype. We will do some processes to determine the m/f aspects of ourselves and will explore about how we feel about them. We will discuss sexuality and whether we choose to play out the gender role assigned to us by society or whether we can shift to attitudes supposedly held by the opposite gender, if those feel good to us. We will deal with the issue of the TV/TS in transition and how sexuality evolves as gender role changes. We will attempt to present a summary of the fragmented and confusing information on gender and sexuality." Contact the Bisexual Center at P O Box 26227, San Francisco CA 94126, or call (415) 982-1858 and leave a message.

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Mexican dress designer Jaime Chavez, 46, was detained as a "suspected homosexual" by immigration officials, but "paroled" into the United States, allowing him to spend his 2-week vacation in San Francisco. David Ilchert, district director of the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, told reporters Chavez was detained because "he had the remnants of make-up on his face and he had two women's diamond engagement rings on his fingers." When customs inspectors opened his suitcase, they found dresses--clothes he had designed for the woman he was visiting. When asked what guidelines inspectors



Mexican tourist Jaime Chavez

used to determine if someone looked suspicious enough to be deemed a suspected homosexual, Ilchert replied, "A combination of mannerisms, cosmetics, make-up, clothes or jewelry or political buttons--any or all of those." The incident is the latest in a series of detentions of suspected

homosexuals in San Francisco by immigration officials, acting under a law Congress approved several years ago ordering anyone with a "psychiatric personality" and "sexual deviates" be excluded from entering the U.S. Chavez's attorneys said they will go to federal court "to stop this harrassment against gay people."



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We reported in this column last December the case of Lorraine Gibson, a clerk-typist at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. Lorraine's job was under fire after she began coming to work in women's clothing, a requirement for her sex-change trial period. We have learned that Lorraine was fired for violating the civilian dress code. Although there is no specification regarding cross-dressing, officials ruled that Lorraine has violated the stipulation of "reasonable" attire. Her case could go to federal courts.

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Belfast City Hospital in Northern Ireland now issues special identity cards to transsexuals and transvestites. Because of the troubles in that country, police and soldiers often mistake crossdressers for bombers or disguised gunmen. Identification is vital in Belfast, where there are regular body searches in the streets and going into shops. The card states the transsexual's real name and shows that they are with the Windsor House Unit, a clinic specializing in nervous illnesses. "I suppose not many people would think there was much wrong with our nerves," said one patient, "but it takes a bit of nerve to go around Belfast and to allow women searchers at security gates to search and frisk you top and bottom!"

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A 24-year-old man held San Francisco police at bay from his hotel room for almost 5 hours, claiming to have a bomb and hostages and demanding \$100 million and safe passage. By telephone, police hostage negotiator Dorothy Jorgensen established a rapport with the man, convincing him to surrender peacefully. Craig Orozco, wearing a skirt, blouse, pantyhose and make-up, was arrested and booked for felony extortion, resisting arrest and forcing the evacuation of a public building. During the negotiations, he referred to himself as Shearol (pronounced Cheryl). Orozco, who had arrived at the hotel the evening before dressed in male attire and carrying

6 pieces of luggage, had been given a medical discharge from the U.S. Army the week previous to the incident. He had not been in touch with his family in over two years.

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Western International Pictures has announced that they are searching for transsexuals, transvestites and female impersonators to play a leading role in their upcoming feature "Vera." They are also conducting a search for other roles in the motion picture, ranging from bit players, supporting players and extras to chorus personnel. WIP stated that the screenplay deals with the subject matter with empathy and is basically a "love story of the '80's." WIP wants to cast a transsexual because, "We believe that individuals who are of a certain persuasion can add the necessary dimension, depth and character to the role more so than an actor or actress not experienced in the lifestyle to play-act the role."

## ARTICLE REPRINT

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- #6. "The Penile Implant: New Hope for Impotent Men," San Francisco Chronicle, Jan. 7, 1980. Of particular interest to female-to-males!

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The first male ever to be elected Homecoming Queen on a college campus was finally crowned five years after the landmark student body election. Goldie Glitters, a former member of the performing group The Cockettes, received the promised homecoming queen crown from an ad hoc group from Santa Monica City College. Goldie was originally prohibited from receiving the crown in 1975 because of a bylaw within the college's student body constitution which stipulated an elected homecoming queen must be of the female gender.

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An apparently pregnant woman was being questioned by police at the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services office in Manhattan, Kansas, when she broke away, ran to a nearby house and held an elderly couple at knifepoint. The elderly man managed to grab the knife and police captured the escapee, discovering at that time that the woman was actually a man. Tim Price, 18, was charged with aggravated kidnapping, aggravated assault, aggravated burglary and attempted theft.

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Pacific Gas & Electric's monthly bulletin contained a brief summary of the life of San Francisco's famed madam of the turn of the century, Lillie Hitchcock Coit: "She beat the young men at poker while smoking cigars and helping polish off a bottle of bourbon. Back in the city, she sometimes dressed as a man and, with some of her male admirers, visited establishments where no women had been before." San Francisco's Coit Tower was built in Lillie's honor.

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Transsexuals in Denmark are issued permits that entitle them not only to dress in the clothes of their desired gender, but also to use public bathrooms of that sex when so dressed.

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What do the stars tell? GGG/G has been contacted by Robert H. Watson, an astrologer with 20 years experience. He is interested in doing an astrological chart on a no-fee basis for any post-operative transsexual who contacts him. (He insists the individual be post-operative since they have made a difficult decision and have followed through with it.) Mr. Watson will also give a person-to-person reading if desired, giving as much practical information as possible. Those who qualify and are interested should send the following information concerning their birth to Robert H. Watson, 2900 57th Ave, Oakland CA 94605: day, month, year, time, place and present gender. He suggests the information be taken from the birth certificate rather than trusting to memory, since all is vitally important in doing an astrological chart.

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Mark Brown, the former Community Softball League Commissioner, has been accepted as a candidate for the upcoming Empress de San Francisco campaign. "Jocks" in the gay softball league were taken completely by surprise when their former leader announced his intention to compete in the drag contest. However, the general attitude appears to be one of interest and support for an endeavor that can go a long way in bringing the jocks and the drags closer together in thought and action.



(photo by Tom Houck)

Mark Brown as "Bubbles"

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# Surprise!

## Abigail Van Buren

**DEAR ABBY:** At 16 I married a 21-year-old man I thought I loved. We had a son a year later, but the marriage didn't work out, so we were divorced when the boy was 6. I'm now married to a wonderful man who adopted my son.

Meanwhile, my ex dropped out of sight for three years. Yesterday, out of the blue, he called saying he had something very important to tell me, and would I meet him — alone.

When I met him, I nearly fainted dead away! He was dressed like a woman. He said he was a transsexual who had been living as a woman for two years and was scheduled for a sex change operation next month! He said his name is "Anita" now, and he's in show business. Abby, he looked like a beautiful woman! This was a great shock to me because he was all man when we were married. Our sex life was normal, and I never dreamed he had these tendencies.

My problem is how to tell our son. Or should I tell him at all? (He's 9 now.) I am so afraid someone in this little town will find out about this and blab it around. What should I do?

### SMALL TOWN MESS

**DEAR MESS:** A 9-year-old is too young to comprehend what transsexualism is all about, so hold off telling him. But prepare to tell him one day by educating yourself now. Write to The Janus Information Facility, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas 77550 for enlightening, up-to-date literature. They are a legitimate, non-profit facility, dependent on private donations, so send \$5 to cover literature and mailing.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I've got a problem I have lived with for about as long as I care to. I am a 21-year-old male who is considered good-looking by many people, but I have a problem that is really giving me a bad complex.

When I was about 13 or 14 I started to develop breasts like a girl's. Not really big, but big enough so that I was constantly aware of it and very much embarrassed. All through high school I was ashamed and tried to hide

it the best I could. I wouldn't even tell my parents about it.

Well, I finally went to a doctor when I was 18. He said it looked like I had a hormone imbalance, but he couldn't help me. I pointed out that I had practically no facial hair and wondered if that couldn't be a related problem. All he said was, "If you FEEL like a man, then LIVE like one."

I've got to find out what's wrong with me. Please tell me where to go.

### GOOD-LOOKING FREAK

**DEAR GOOD-LOOKING:** I don't know what kind of doctor you went to, but you should see an endocrinologist. Contact your county or state medical society and ask them for a recommendation, and good luck. I'm sure you can be helped.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Last summer my sister and her two sons (9 and 11) visited me. The boys found a closet full of clothes which I had stored away, so they put on a "fashion show" for their mother and me. It was cleverly done and both boys made beautiful models.

I was recently informed by my sister that her 11-year-old had taken home one of the gowns he had modeled, as well as a pair of my high-heeled shoes! She found them in his guitar case. This same boy used to wear his mother's clothes when he was 4 and 5, but she thought he'd outgrown it. My sister is a strict disciplinarian. "Grounding" is her choice of punishment. What would be your recommendation for correcting such tendencies?

### CONCERNED AUNT

**DEAR CONCERNED:** Your sister should be counseled by someone who is familiar with tranvestism, and learn more about it. She also should keep the channels of communication open with her son so that he will feel free and unashamed to share his feelings and tendencies with her. Grounding him for something about which he may be compulsive is exactly what she SHOULD'N'T do.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm engaged to a terrific gal, but Suzie and I don't see eye to eye on one small matter.

Last Saturday we had a date for a formal dinner dance at a private club. I rented a tuxedo, and Suzie said she was surprising me with a neat new outfit she bought for the occasion.

When she came to the door, I was surprised, all right! Abby, she was wearing a TUXEDO — exactly like mine! I was speechless. She asked me how I liked it, and I told her I liked her better in a dress. I knew she was hurt, but I had to tell her the truth. I knew she wanted to wear the tux, so I didn't ask her to change into a dress.

Well, we went to the dance looking like a brother and sister act; she was the only female there in a tuxedo. I was uncomfortable all evening, but she thought she looked great.

Am I old-fashioned? I wonder how many other men feel as I do.

### ONE TUX IS ENOUGH

**DEAR ONE TUX:** Some women look great in tuxedos, and it's fashionable, but I'll wager that most men prefer a more feminine look for a formal affair.

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Ann Landers

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## Sex change expensive, but worth it for some

**D**EAR ANN LANDERS: I read that Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, where they pioneered sex-change operations in this country, has stopped doing them. Follow-up research apparently failed to prove the operation showed justifiable improvement in the lives of the patients.

A few days later I read that sex-change operations are a legitimate and necessary expense and should be covered by standard employment-medical insurance. That decision was handed down by a New York appeals court judge.

The insurance company lawyers took the position that such surgery was "cosmetic," but the court decided that for the person to live a normal life, sex reassignment surgery was imperative.

Where do you stand on this question? Do you dare say?

— *Vitally Interested In Windsor, Canada*

**DEAR WIN:** Twenty major medical centers across the country now offer this operation, plus hormone treatments and counseling. The price runs from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and up.

Anyone who would go through the pain of surgery, and spend that sum of money, must want the gender change desperately. These people truly feel as if they are a member of one sex trapped in the body of another.

Even though the Johns Hopkins research indicates that those who have been changed over surgically have not achieved the level of happiness they sought, I feel that those who want the surgery should have it. Moreover, it should not be classified as an alteration since it produces relief from an excruciating psychological problem.

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