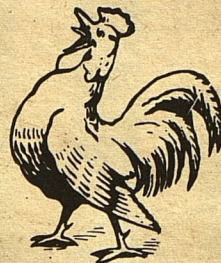




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"The Center for Special Problems," funded by San Francisco, has been providing services to Bay Area residents for over a decade. They deal with all aspects of living from employment, housing and sexual attitudes, to alcohol and drug abuse. Their services, offered on a sliding scale and free to those who can't afford to pay, include psychiatric testing, art therapy, counseling, and hormone treatments.



It seems, however, that the hormone they administer to transsexuals, Diethylstilbestrol (DES), is unsafe in many circumstances. Although the Food and Drug Administration has recommended it not be used for livestock, DES is still in use to fatten cattle and poultry.

Dr. Jack Leibman, the Director of the center's transsexual program, stated in January that improved hormones would be available "soon."

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