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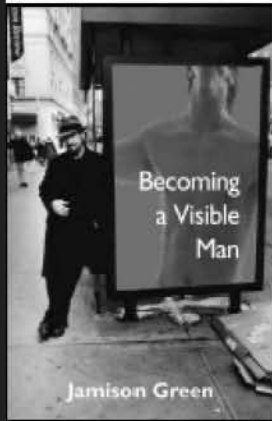
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Dear Members and Readers
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By Rabbi Levi Alter

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Warmly, Levi Alter, President, FTM International

San Francisco News

San Francisco Transgender, Empowerment, Advocacy & Mentorship (SFTEAM) will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Female-To-Male (International). SF TEAM is proud to celebrate this local organization's 20th anniversary with a fancy dress ball and 50/50 benefit fundraiser to be held in the Rainbow Room of the San Francisco LGBT Center, 1800 Market St., San Francisco CA 94102, from 6-9pm Thursday, October 26th. For more information on SFTEAM and the local FTM International group visit www.sfteam.org or www.ftmsf.org.

In other news the FTMiSF group added a support group to replace the Connections/New Men's Group that is now defunct.

Transitions - Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Check <http://www.ftmsf.org> for location details. The new monthly peer-led networking and resource meeting for those assigned female at birth, who are in their first 3 years of Testosterone HRT (T), and want to learn more about the changes that T brings (emotional, sexual, mental, physical, relational, etc). Partners, parents, friends & allies are welcome to come on odd months.

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San Diego News

FTMI San Diego Padraig Hall Chapter is very happy to be joining with FTMI as a chapter group. Our FTM group has been meeting since the mid 90's as a support and social network for San Diego Transmen and their SO's. San Diego has a great network of people who are always there for help and support. We recently participated in the San Diego Pride Celebration July 28 through July 30th. We joined together with other San Diego Transgender groups marching in the Parade and also working at the Festival booth. We had a great response at the booth, passing out literature and educating those who stopped by to visit. September 23 was our San Diego Transgender

Picnic at Balboa Park. Great fun and lots of food and getting to know each other. We are in the process of planning the Day Of Remembrance along with other Trans groups. Our group is planning a paintball day of fun and movie night in November. This years focus will be information and educating others about our community and on Transgender discrimination.

We recently voted to become a member of FTMI and at the last meeting elected the following officers.

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FTM Near East

*Then: **Pharaoh Aahhotep I** of Egypt led armies against Thebes, which united Egypt under one rule between 1570 and 1546 BC.*

*Then: **Pharaoh Hatshepsut** of Egypt (1472-58) wore male clothing and was depicted shirtless as having a male chest and masculine physique. He came to the throne about 1512, was crowned as pharaoh and adopted a Horus name (a royal name limited to kings) and the full pharaonic regalia, including a beard, also traditionally worn only by the king.*

*Then: **Si Mahmoud Essadi**, also known as Laila Mahmuda, was born Isabelle Eberhardt and lived as a nomad in the late nineteenth century in Arabia and wrote *Departures*, *The Oblivion Seekers*, *Prisoner of Dunes*, *The Passionate Nomad* and *In the Shadow of Islam*.*



Sheik Taff al-Khalifa, FTM Prince

at Sandhurst. Ordered to return to Bahrain, he was identified during roundups of the gender community by the police. The pressure to marry forced him to escape and request political asylum in the UK, where a kidnapping attempt failed. He cannot return to his home, since Islamic law can condemn to him to death, so he lives in exile.

FTM Bahrain

Now: **Taff al-Khalifa** is a member of the royal family of Bahrain, nephew of King Hamad bin Isa al Khalifa. He grew up as the Princess (Sheika) Latifa of Bahrain and was educated at the prestigious Weston Birt girls school in Gloucestershire UK. He returned to Bahrain at age 16, announced his decision to enter the army, and entered the British military academy

new male identity. "She cannot physically have children, all her hormones are male and she even has a voice like a man. She has undergone blood tests in Jordan. At first her family did not agree, but now they support her decision. She feels difficult when she goes outside and wears the Abaya as people say: 'Why is a man wearing the black dress?' The lawyer, who is a member of the Bahrain Bar Society, won a landmark case of a similar nature last year when the Bahrain courts agreed to another Bahraini, aged 30, being legally recognised as a man. She has 11 reports from the Al Khalidi Medical Centre in Jordan and one each from the Al Nafees Hospital and Shifa Al Jazeera Medical Centre in Bahrain to support the sex change decision. "A lot of people called me and said we have the same case. But they do not have money for all the tests and reports and the operations. People have to travel outside for treatment." The Quran permits the operation in the right circumstances. "The case is very difficult in the Gulf," she said. "In Kuwait there have been nine cases and all were rejected. They also have cases in Saudi Arabia and Dubai, but the law does not agree with it. Maybe outside (Bahrain) it is easier to change, but we are Muslim people." (Bew, Geoffrey. Sex op woman's fight for identity. Gulf Daily News, 12 June 2006)

FTM Iran

Iran, Tehran — 30 year-old estate agent Milad Kajouhinejad is a practising Muslim. "I never used to go to the mosque. I did not want to have to wear a chador. Now I never miss prayers," he says. Milad gives thanks to Allah five times a day and, while doing so, always offers a special prayer to the late Ayatollah, "without whom," he says, "every trans would have had to leave Iran. He was the first to issue a fatwa author-



Milad Kajouhinejad, FTM Real Estate Mogul

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Cornet Alexander Vasilevich Alexandrov FTM Russian Hero

Then: **Cornet Alexandrov** Alexander Vasilevich, born Nadezhda Durova, joined the Russian cavalry at 23, where he served with distinction as an officer for more than nine years. He was awarded a silver St. George's cross for saving a wounded officer at Guttstadt in 1806 by Emperor Alexander I who ordered him to St. Petersburg in male uniform and after meeting him, approved his continued military service in the Mariupol cavalry regiment. At the 1812 battle of Borodino he volunteered to serve as Field-Marshal Kutuzov's orderly. "What's your name and how old are you", Kutuzov asked the youthful-looking officer with a high voice and no beard. "Cornet Alexandrov", he said. Kutuzov stood up, hugged the cornet and said that he had heard a lot about him and was glad to meet him. Two



Haris Kamalov, 78 year old Russian FTM

decades later he wrote his famous memoir *The Cavalry Maiden*, Russia's first autobiography.

Now: **Haris's** original name was Kadicha. He was born as a girl in 1926. The little girl was born having both women's and men's anatomy. The parents decided to register their child as a girl. "I did not act like a girl. I fought with other kids, played football," Haris remembers. The girl's breasts started growing together with male puberty during the adolescent phase. "After that I decided that I had more male character traits in me. I cut my hair short, we gave away my women's clothes to our neighbors. Finally, I told everybody that my new name was Haris. I decided to be a man. I got the true men's profession too - I drove a tractor." Nurgalam Gilmetdinova moved to Haris's town soon after that. "I liked him a lot indeed. But when people told me about his secret, I was really scared. I decided to stay away from him for a while. I realized that I could not live without him. My father blessed our marriage," Nurgalam said. Haris and Nurgalam could not register their marriage, though, because Haris was officially registered as a woman. "I am still listed as a woman," Haris says. "When he was young, he was very good as a man. He had women's bosom, yes, but it did not bother me. Nobody has seen it, but me after all. We cannot have children, it is true, but this is the will of Allah," Nurgalam said. (78 year old becomes a happy family man. Pravda Russia, 21 October 2004)

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Daide Tolu wrote the FTM novel *Il viaggio di Arnold. Storia di un uomo nato donna* (2000). <http://ilviaggiodiarnold.interfree.it>

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FTM China

Then: Hua Mu Lan, also known as Fa Mulan, joined the Chinese army and fought for twelve years in the fifth century in China, so impressing his commanding officer that he offered him his daughter in marriage. Hua Mu Lan is celebrated in plays and poetry and was the subject of an animated film by Disney.

The Chinese term for FTM is Bian xing ren (change sex person). The availability of SRS in China since 1983 led 'Kam' (FTM) to tell his story in the South China Morning Post (9th Jan. 1994 Living life as husband and wife. South China Morning Post, Reporter Ruth Mathewson)

A-gang, the first Chinese FTM to have phalloplasty surgery, received a marriage certificate from the government, the Xi'an Evening Post reported. The 29-year-old was married to Xiaoli in a ceremony in Chengdu, Southwest China's Sichuan Province. The couple had been living together since 2001 but could only wed after A-gang's phalloplasty at a Shenzhen hospital in 2003 so his identity card could be changed. At the age of 17, he left his home in Neijiang, Sichuan, when people started gossiping about his gender. A-gang went for an operation at a Shenzhen hospital in April. The operation was a

success and he was discharged from the hospital on May 31. Then he applied for a gender change on his identity card and residence record and got the approval several days later. He waved the card to Xiaoli, saying "I am your man now." (China Daily, 2 January 2004)



Geng Zi, Chinese FTM

Gengzi, a 31 year old graphic designer from the Ningxia Hui region had phalloplasty surgery in Guangzhou, the Southern Metropolis Daily reported. Gengzi already had mastectomy and hysterectomy in Fujian Province. (Gengzi's Story. Shenzhen Daily, 19 July 2005) China Zhongshan Hospital, Xiamen, east China's Fujian Province. Geng Junlan, underwent four operations in a year to successfully become a man, now called Geng Zi. Dr Xiu Zhifu, chief of department of orthopedics at Zhongshan Hospital, claimed that Geng Zi has already been recognized as a true man, the Southeast Express reported. Geng Zi said, "My parents applied for a new identification card on my behalf." Nan, Y. (Girl went under knife, becoming a man. China Daily 31 March 2006)

China -- Chen Huanran is a doctor in the plastic surgery department at the

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Then: Professional athlete jockey Bill Smith rode on North Queensland bush tracks for many years. He retired to Innot Hot Springs, near Mount Garnett. In 1975 Smith became ill and was taken to Herberton Hospital, near Cairns and when he died an inquiry revealed that W. Smith had been born in Sydney in 1886 as Wilhemena Smith, had been orphaned early in life and spent time as a seaman and as a miner.

Henry Shawcross is a 26 year old with an A B.Arts at UWA writing his PhD titled "Self-made men: the masculinity of FTMs" Henry Shawcross, Torque, 3(5), October 2003.

Alex MacFarlane, an intersex activist from Perth has become the first person in Australia - and probably the world - to hold a passport acknowledging that not everyone is male or female, reports Queensland Pride. Alex MacFarlane, 48, is intersex and wanted a passport recognising this medical fact. Alex is 47XXY, a form of androgyny shared by at least one in every 1500 to 2000 babies. Alex's birth certificate, issued in Victoria, says "indeterminate - intersex" with an "X" in the sex field. (Queensland Pride No. 167, 24 January 2003)

As many as 40,000 Australians don't have standard chromosomes. Tonight on Four Corners, new and challenging science on the question of gender. Associate Professor Vincent Harley is looking at a further 54 genes that have been discovered since SRY. Ten years ago, at 29, Kevin heard for the first time about gender re-assignment surgery. Kevin started hormone treatment. Two years later, he had chest surgery followed by a hysterectomy. Jennifer and Kevin received an email from an officer in the federal Attorney-General's Department. It warned if they got married, Kevin was liable for a penalty of up to two years jail. Rachael Wallbank decided to fight the case. Justice Chisholm determined that Kevin at the time of his marriage was a man and therefore the marriage

was legal. The appeal went to the full bench of the Family Court. It also decided in Kevin's favour. Kevin and Jennifer are now happily married, living with their two children in suburban Sydney. (Cohen, J. The Gender Puzzle. 4Corners - ABC TV, 25 July 2005)

The Family Court of Australia authorised administration of hormonal therapies for a 13 year-old known as "Alex" that had lived as a boy from a young age, shunning dresses and dolls for tanks and swords. The child's primary school principal said that the child had worn nappies because he refused to use the girls' toilets. "When he went on grade six camp, (he) did Indian arm wrestles with all the boys and, of course, beat everybody," the principal told the family court. He joined the cricket team and refused to line up with girls at school assemblies. The application was supported by Alex's treating doctors, family members, the schools that Alex has attended, and by psychiatric specialists working in the field of gender identity dysphoria. The Court authorised the staged administration of the hormonal treatment recommended by the experts until Alex is 18 years old. The implementation of the treatment will be in the hands of Alex's treating doctors and Alex himself. The Court's orders allowed Alex to enroll in school under a male first name. It also gave approval for an application to make the same change to the name recorded on his birth certificate. (Family Court of Australia. Media Release 13 April 2004. www.thewest.com.au)

Melbourne, Victoria -- A 15-YEAR-OLD Melbourne girl who lives life as a boy, would be one of the youngest sex-swap patients in Australia if she has her wish. The family were referred to Kew surgeon Simon Ceber by Monash Medical Centre's gender dysphoria clinic. The girl dresses, speaks, and is treated like a boy and has long since used a boy's name.

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Only family and a few close friends know the truth. (Kelly, J. 23 December 2003 15 year old Seeks Sex Surgery. Herald Sun)

Craig Andrews had hormone therapy and surgery at 35. Since setting up a support and advocacy group called FTM Australia, he has talked to many men. "The startling thing is they have never been in touch with anyone else [like them] before, and they all say, 'From my very first memories I thought I was going to be a boy.'" Melbourne psychiatrist, Dr Herbert Bower instigated the world's first search for genes linked to gender several years ago. Bower has treated more than 1000 people with gender identity issues. Those who attend the Melbourne clinic have donated blood for an expanded gene hunt being carried out by Associate Professor Vincent Harley of Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne and Professor Eric Vilain of the University of California. (Deborah Smith, SMH April 17/18, 2004)

Men's Ts Resources in Australia

FTM Australia

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Sydney (pop. 3 million)

Men's TS Resources in Australia (under the name FTM Australia since 2001) coordinated by Craig Andrews assisted by Men's Health Information and Resource Centre from University of Western Sydney at Richmond NSW had 209 Members and held 11 meetings. In April, Home Grown held a workshop on making prostheses. New-T group ran from late August to early October. During

April, Stephen Whittle was in Australia and spoke to the group. 6 editions of Torque were sent to 220 on the mailing list. PO Box 488, [redacted] <http://www.mtra.org.au/> [redacted]@mtra.org.au [redacted] OzGuys online community <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ozguys/> also includes Adelaide (pop. 1 million), Brisbane (pop. 1 million) and Melbourne (pop. 3 million) men

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FTM Africa

Then: William Brown, African American Naval Officer. A newspaper report in September 1815 mentioned "a female[-bodied] African who had served in the Navy for upwards of eleven years" before being discovered. He was named William Brown and held the responsible position of Captain of the Foretop. He is described as being about 32 years old and 5'4" tall." In spite of the press reports Brown rejoined his ship later that year and was appointed Captain of the Forecastle.

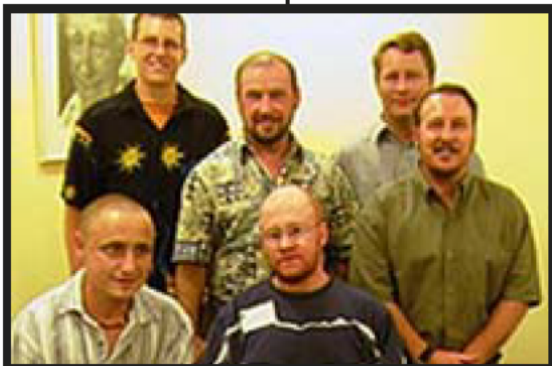
Now: James Johnson Nigerian athlete Former Super Falcons player, Iyabo Abade, has successfully undergone a sex change operation in the United States. Abade, a confirmed hermaphrodite, left Nigeria for the operation early last year after a series of failed attempts to correct the abnormality that led to his being dropped from the female national team. He now bears the name James Johnson. The Falcon player did the final operation at Midway Hospital, San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. A senior consultant to the hospital, surgeon, Dr Gary Alter, was the leader of the team that operated on the Nigerian. Johnson spent four weeks in the hospital after the operation and three more recuperating. The player had undergone a series of tests, revealing that there was a preponderance of male hormones. The surgery was funded from Nigeria. \$29,200 was given to Johnson for the surgery. The Municipal Affairs Department of the Ministry of Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, provided 100 per cent for the treatment of the former Falcons player. With the final operation completed, the 19-year-old player is expected to live a normal life as a man. Salami, A. (11 February 2005) Falcons player changes from woman to man. Punch (Nigeria)

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A Book Review By Levi Alter



Both Sides Now: One Man's Journey Through Womanhood by Dhillon Khosla. Tarcher (March 16, 2006) ISBN: 1585424722

On the way to rebuilding the temple that is now his body, he stumbled upon his soul . . .

Both Sides Now is a vivid and compelling account of one man's search for wholeness, leading through multiple, complex, and life-threatening surgeries that not only transformed him physically, but emotionally and spiritually.

In this spellbinding memoir Dhillon shares his extraordinary journey to reclaim his manhood – a journey that would ultimately lead through fifteen surgeries, one of which almost claimed his life. This is a book that no one can put down until it's finished. The gripping story cannot be stopped until it finally reaches its conclusion.

Dhillon was born in Belgium to an East Indian father and a German mother. After spending his childhood in Europe, Dhillon completed his education in the United States, earning degrees in psychology and law. Shortly after turning 28, he came across an article about men who were born female-bodied and had undergone surgeries to reclaim their male identity. As soon as he began reading about surgeries, Dhillon knew he was not alone.

Dhillon dedicates his book to FTM David Reimer and thanks past FTM International president James Green in his acknowledgments. Although *Both Sides Now* misses the depth of conveying the transition experience of FTMs revealed by reporter John Colapinto in *As Nature Made Him: The Boy Who Was Raised as a Girl* or the breadth of demonstrating the diversity of the FTM community displayed by professional writer James Green in *Becoming a Visible*

Man, Dhillon propels the reader forward relentlessly with vivid descriptions of his surgeries.

Part 1:

Excavating the Boy begins in July 1997 at age 28 when he is in the female body of the beautiful high-powered attorney, Asha. He starts attending FTM International meetings and calling the FTM International help line. FTM International gives him the road map that he needs to navigate his transition journey. He then begins the road journal of his suspenseful trip month by month.

Green light:

The next month (chapter) he begins therapy to get his hormone and surgery letters and discloses at his work.

Warm amber light:



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The following month he discloses to his family, who are supportive but have never been able to give Asha, who now names himself Dhillon, all he craves from his relationship with them. In this chapter he writes, "Until I was able to express my true self, there was always a sense that the love that came my way was not truly meant for me." Dhillon is certain that he must have hormones and surgery to become the man he knows he has the potential to be.

Dangerous curves ahead:

The next month we careen with him through the perilous interview where he almost loses control at the wheel as a therapist tries to deny him autonomy and withhold the hormone and surgery letters he was promised. Dhillon calls upon all the negotiating skill at his command as an attorney and maneuvers past all obstacles in his way in this harrowing encounter that looms with disaster. Dhillon recognizes that less skillful (less highly educated) FTMs would not have been able to overcome the odds as he writes, "My God, I have a degree in psychology, have worked as a counselor, and I am an articulate lawyer. I have all the hallmarks of a functional member of society. And yet I almost didn't make it in there." Later in his journey Dhillon meets competent professional therapists who are helpful to him who are trans themselves and are experienced in working with surgeons.

Part 2:

Building the Temple begins the next month as with hormone and surgery letters in hand, Dhillon shapes his male body with chest surgery like the photos he saw in Loren Cameron's book *Body Alchemy* by San Francisco surgeon Dr. Michael Brownstein. He perceptively notes how his physical body looks determines how he is seen and how that in turn affects his partner as he writes, "I found it interesting that based on who they thought I was, she was either demoted to "friend" [when he was seen as Asha the woman] or promoted to "wife" [when he was seen as Dhillon the man]. And none of it had anything to do with her."

Tunnel:

Throughout his long journey Dhillon shares again and again how vital it is to him to have the men of FTM International helping him. But the roadmap of his journey diverges when Dhillon, as a successful post-transition attorney, cannot tolerate listening to issues other than his own driving need for surgery. He reads about the experiences of incarcerated transmen of color and abruptly cancels his FTM International Newsletter subscription. He contrasts his own brand of manliness with "butch" masculinity, "effeminate" gay transmen, "pear shaped" men who do not have the lean physique he prizes and transgender men who cannot afford the expensive

surgeries he feels are necessary to be a man. He admits, "I had to face the realization that I had spent so much of my life unloving and unkind to myself in a most profound and fundamental way," and "In keeping myself hidden for so long, I, too, had been blind. I had never really seen the world was filled with so much love," and yet he is unable to appreciate the diversity in the world of men of FTM International as he focuses single-minded on his over-riding goal to have surgery at all costs.

Detour:

Dhillon is convinced that the body makes the man and relentlessly pursues lower surgery. Even his dreams are haunted with his quest for surgery as he writes, "I got a strong visual image of myself as a fetus in the womb. And I had this tiny penis.' And my mother said, 'It reminds me of when handicapped people talk about how in their dreams their limbs are always normal and they are walking--you know, when we dream, we see ourselves as whole.'" He reluctantly settles at first for "a tiny penis" with metadoioplasty with Dr. Donald Laub.

Red light:

Dhillon's lower surgery completely fails. He is left with a stub where his urethral lengthening through his penis failed and two deflated, empty pockets where both of his testicular implants became infected and were removed.

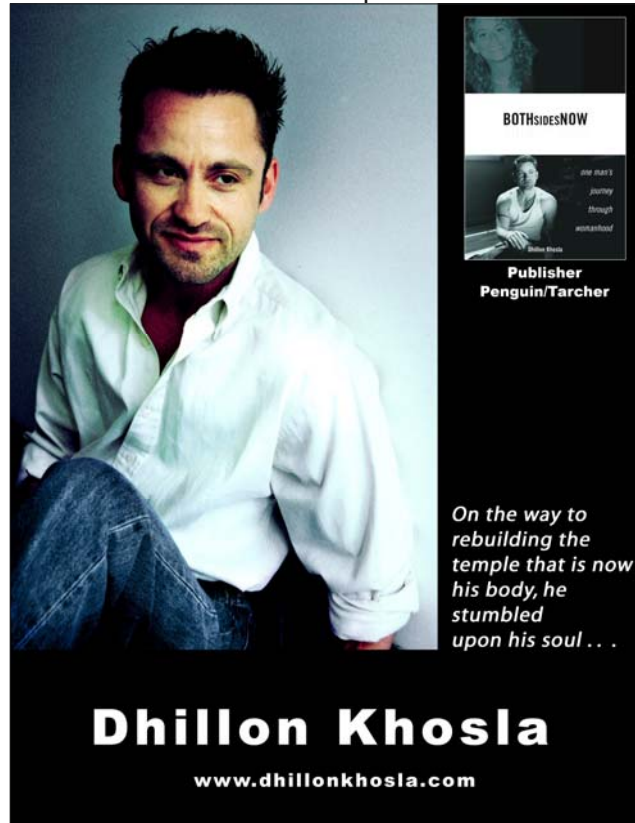
U-turn:

This is where Dhillon amazes the reader. He bravely strikes off in another direction. Dhillon's journey and his book end in April 2001 with his final radial forearm phalloplasty (Dr. Pierre Brassard \$34K). He finally reaches his

destination as he poignantly writes, "I had a dream about having to get an EKG for my penis. I mentioned the dream to a close friend, saying, 'Isn't that ridiculous? --I mean, an EKG for my penis?' I was laughing. But my friend wasn't laughing. Her eyes were wide open as they looked into mine. 'It's not ridiculous. It's a symbol. You're getting your heart.'"

Finish line:

Dhillon's odyssey to reclaim his manhood is an edge-of-the-seat roller coaster ride through the twists and turns of transition, dizzying highs of successful surgeries and terrifying low of failed surgery, until finally through hormones and surgeries Dhillon's body is complete and he is at last the man he knew that he had the potential to be. Highly recommended especially for readers contemplating surgical options in transition. □

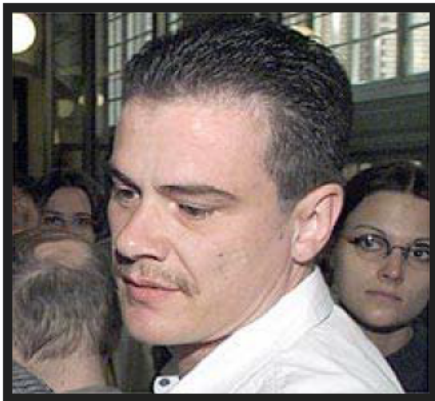


FTM Germany

Then: *St. Joseph of Neuss, born as Hildegund, was the child of a German knight who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem with him dressed as a boy, Joseph. After his father died Joseph had many narrow escapes but successfully traveled home to Germany where he lived the rest of his life in the Cistercian monastery of Schoenau near Heidelberg. After his death in 1188, Joseph was discovered to have female anatomy.*

Then: *Saint Uncumber was an intersex saint who was born with female anatomy who had a beard. St. Uncumber or Wilgefortis is celebrated on feast day July 20th of the Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches. Also known as St. Liverade (France), Liberata (Italy), Liberada (Spain), Debaras (Beauvais), Ohnkummer (Germany), and Ontcommere (Flanders), this saint was represented as a bearded man with female anatomy on a cross.*

Then: *1882 Herman Karl (born Sophie Hedwig) was the first FTM to undergo gender confirmation surgery (phalloplasty). (Zachary I. Nataf, Ls Talk Transgender. London: Scarlett Press, 1996. p.10)*



Andreas Krieger was 1986 European women's shot-put champion as Heidi Krieger then had gender surgery in 1997. He married Ute Krause, a former East German swimmer, in 2002. *Marech, R. Andreas' Story. San Francisco Chronicle, 8 February 2004*

Andreas Krieger

Erik Schinegger was born as Erika to a prosperous farming family in Austria's Kaernten mountains June 6, 1948. He was a powerful skier who clocked times better than the



Erik Schinegger

men and had a deep voice. At Sun Valley in 1965, Schinegger won a downhill. In 1966 Schinegger won the

World Alpine Ski Championships. Austria named Schinegger Athlete of the Year. Schinegger had never menstruated nor developed breasts. Before competing in the '68 Olympics in Grenoble, France, athletes had to undergo a gender test. A shocked Schinegger entered an Innsbruck hospital for X-rays. An abdominal incision confirmed that he bore male sex organs inside. After months of painful surgery, Schinegger emerged from the hospital in men's clothes. And had a new name, Erik. Erik resumed racing on the men's Europa Cup tour and won three races in the winter of 1968-69. Erik, 21, became a ski instructor. He married in 1975 and wrote the autobiography *Sieg über mich: Erik/Erika Schinegger. Der Mann, der Weltmeisterin wurde* in 1988. Today, Erik Schinegger is a father of two and happily operates a ski school in his home village of Agsdorf. A documentary of Erik's life story was made in 2005. (Fry. J. (2005). *Women's Champ Was Male*)

FTM Germany

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Red and Logan at the former FTMI Office



Cole and Zander at the FTMI San Francisco Picnic



Red and Andrew at the FTMI San Francisco Mothers Day Picnic



Sam and Barbara at the FTMI San Francisco Mothers Day Picnic

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Zander Keig

For the past 20 years, Zander has been an active participant in several queer speakers bureaus, several queer political organizations and several queer national conferences. Zander has been involved with FTMI since July 2005, when he moved back to the Bay Area from San Diego (Zander attended graduate school in Berkeley, 2002-2004). Zander is endorsed by Martin Rawlings-Fein.

Deborah Serval

I have been in sales and marketing for the last 22 years. During that time I have been developing and refining my people skills. This has also helped in my volunteer life as well. When it comes to the people I love and what I believe in, I find the time to get involved. I feel that way about FTMI.

Changed wording in BYLAWS through Consensus Vote of Board:

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ising a man or woman to change their sex." Iran now has one of the world's largest populations of trans, and the fatwa itself has become the stuff of legend. "All the restrictions that women in Iran are subject to applied to me," says Milad, born Mahboubeh. "I wasn't allowed to go out, let alone consult a doctor about my problems, and of course I had to wear the veil in public. I used to hide boy's clothes in my satchel to play with the kids in the street after school. First I saw a state doctor and then, for a year and a half, I was passed between experts and psychiatrists. I was given hundreds of tests, a brain scan. In the end, a clerical judge gave permission for my operation. My family threw me out. I drove a taxi from six in the morning to midnight. The rest of the time I slept in my car." The procedure took years and cost thousands of pounds, skin grafts, nerve grafts, muscle grafts - he has had 23 operations in three years and will have the last one before the end of the year. "My surgeon, Dr Khatir, has done such a good job that soon a woman won't notice a thing," he says. "He is a pioneer. He was doing this before the revolution. I am the only person in Iran, and perhaps in the world, to have gone as far, medically speaking. The last operation was the hardest..." Two bouts of four hours at a time on the operating table; his friends crying in the corridor, him thinking he was dying, saying his final prayers, a scarf clamped between his teeth to stop him screaming, and which he only took out to tell Dr Khatir, "Go on, I'd rather die than stay a woman." Milad still saves all his money to spend on removing his unwanted femininity. "My birth certificate, my identity card and my driving licence were changed when I stopped being a woman, in 2001. For the deep voice, the build, the beard, there are the hormones. I'll be taking them all my life. When I've finished all the operations and I have enough money, I'll think about marriage." (Mangez, C. 13 November 2005 Iran's trans revolution. Independent News)

Amin, 28, formerly Milad's best friend at school, has also undergone a sex-change operation, at age 25. He is a respected member of the Guardians of the Revolution, who do not know his former identity. "Since my two sisters learnt that, under sharia law, as the only male heir of the family I was entitled to twice their share of the inheritance, they have refused to see me." But legal recognition is not the same as social acceptance. Transsexuals in Iran continue to suffer not just ostracism, but physical attacks. Iran's Muslim clerics discussed the issue at a conference in Tehran in June that drew officials from other Persian Gulf countries. One cleric, Muhammad Mehdi Kariminia, is writing his thesis on trans at the religious seminary of Qum. So far, Amir has spent \$12,000 on medical procedures. Dr. Bahram Mir-djalali, one of Tehran's few reassignment surgeons, said he had to fight on many fronts to help more than 200 patients who had consulted him in the 12 years

he had performed operations. (Fathi, N. Repression in Iran Lifting. The New York Times, 2 August 2004)

FTM Israel

Tal Isaac appears in a popular television show in Israel. He is a veteran of the Israeli Defense Forces in which he served after his transition.

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FTM Turkey

SRS is legal in Turkey. After SRS TGs obtain a legal status consistent with their chosen sex. They can marry a member of their original legal sex. (Yueksel, S., Kulaksizouglu, I., Tuerksoy, N. and Sahin, D. (2000) Group psychotherapy with female to male transsexuals in Turkey. Archives of Sexual Behavior, 29, 3, [redacted] S., Yucel, B., Tuekel, R. and Motavalli, N. (1992). Assessment of 21 transsexual cases in group psychotherapy, admitted to hospital. Nordisk Sexologi, 10, 4, 227-235.)

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FTM Belgium

Then: M. Schellinck, a seventeenth century Belgian soldier, received the French Legion of Honor and a military pension in 1808.

Daniel van Oosterwijck is an attorney. He wrote his autobiography *IL* in the 1970's. He was one of the first to petition to change his name and gender before the European Court of Human Rights in the case Oosterwijck vs Belgium.

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Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences that specializes in SRS surgery.

"As many as 3,000 people come to us every year," Dr Chen told China Daily. The patients have to go through a lengthy process of psychological counseling and physical checkups before a decision is made. So far, about 500 people on the mainland have undergone surgery. The medical bill starts at 80,000-100,000 yuan (US\$9,670-US\$12,000) for FTM SRS. (23 November 2003 Transsexuals come out of the closet in China People's Daily Online)

FTM China

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FTM Hong Kong

The majority of applicants for sex reassignment surgery are FTM. The first HK SRS operation was in 1981. In 1986 a Gender Identity Team of psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, gynecologist, endocrinologist, urologist, medical social worker and lawyer, was established in the Sex Clinic. A private sex clinic manned by a senior psychiatrist was also launched in 1995. Government financed SRS is available to those judged as suitable assessed through psychiatric evaluation, counseling and real-life test. A group called Civil Rights for Sexual Diversities (CR4SD) is working for change. After sex reassignment surgery, FTMs can change their name by deed poll at a District Administration Office. However, the name on one's birth certificate stays the same (and cannot be altered). The Immigration Department will change his identity card if he has sex reassignment surgery. A medical certificate and a sworn statement are required. A new identity card will be issued, showing new first name, sex ("M") and photograph. However, a "B" is included after the identity number, to note the fact that the ID card is different from his birth certificate. After receiving a new ID card, FTMs can change driving licence, credit cards and bank accounts. Hong Kong law provides protection against discrimination and harassment in employment on the grounds of disability for the purposes of the Disability Discrimination Ordinance. Once an FTM has received a new identity card, he or she can apply for a replacement Hong Kong SAR passport. It is not possible for FTMs to marry in Hong Kong. On entering into a new insurance contract after sex reassignment, a TS must disclose his previous sex. (Ma, J.L.C. (1999).

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FTM India

The term for FTM in Hindi is Sadhin. Humes, C. (1996). *Becoming male: salvation through gender modification in Hinduism and Buddhism*. Ch. 8 in Ramet, S. (Ed.) *Gender Reversals and Gender Cultures*. London: Routledge.



Dhillon Khosla, Esp. Indian FTM Author

(Live)

Phool Chand Yadav of Lucknow, India was raped and murdered March 17, 2005 when the murderers discovered that he was biologically female. (Hindustan Times, March 18, 2005)

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FTM Indonesia

The terms for FTM in Indonesia include Calalai' ('false men')

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in Bugis of South Sulawesi. FTMs are also called 'tomboi' or 'hunter'. (Graham, S. (2001). Negotiating gender: 'Calalai' in Bugis society. *Intersections*, 6)

FTM Indonesia

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FTM Japan

The term for FTM in Japanese is Newhalf. Sex reassignment surgery has been available since 1998 in Japan.

Ako, T., Takao, H., Yoshiharu, I., Katsuyuki, K., Osamu, I., and Yutaka, U. (2001). *Beginnings of Sex Reassignment Surgery in Japan*.



Hiromasa Ando, Japanese FTM Athlete

want to give it my best as a male racer to thank the fans for all their support." Connell, R., *Mainichi Daily* 4 April 2002

Kobe, Japan In a rare move, a 7-year-old diagnosed as suffering a gender identity disorder has been enrolled in a public elementary school in Hyogo Prefecture. The child underwent an examination at an Osaka hospital where an expert officially diagnosed him as suffering a gender identity disorder. The parents then submitted a medical certificate recognizing the child as a patient with a gender identity disorder to the school. (Boy diagnosed as suffering gender disorder enrolled in elementary school. (*Mainichi Daily News* May 18, 2006)

TOKYO -- Takafumi Fujio is a typical, middle-aged salaryman. But until four years ago, when the food company worker started on a range of hormonal treatments, he was a woman, a housewife and mother of two. Fujio is one of an estimated 10,000 Japanese trans. Japan's first sex-change operation was performed in 1998, and its first trans politicians were elected to public office in 2003. A groundbreak-



Takafumi Fujio, Japanese FTM

"The transsexual community had a great dilemma. If we spoke out, we risked our jobs, our livelihoods. But by staying silent, nothing would change," said Aya Kamikawa, Japan's first trans politician. Since 2003, Kamikawa has played a key role in lobbying for changes at both the national and local levels, including the sex-change law. She has also successfully lobbied to eliminate unnecessary mentions of gender in public documents.

Under the 2004 law, only unmarried, childless applicants can change their official gender. Applicants also must have had a sex-change operation and been diagnosed by two doctors as having so-called gender-identity disorder. A mere 151 people in Japan officially changed their sex when the law went into force. Fujio himself isn't eligible to change his official sex because he has children. His ex-husband's family has allowed him to see his children only once since the divorce four years ago.

"Of course it's tough. We have to first get the public to think, 'It's OK to live that way of life,'" he said. "Then, maybe I'll get to see my kids -- maybe in 10 years." (By Hiroko Tabuchi - *Associated Press* 8 May 2006 *Out of the closet: Japan's transsexuals gain freedoms, but still face barriers*. *Mainichi Daily News*)

SAPPORO Two people suffering from a gender identity disorder have successfully undergone sex change operations at Sapporo Medical University, marking the first such cases in Hokkaido. The two patients underwent the operations on June 28 and July 11, respectively. Both patients are 42 years old and from Sapporo. The patients were released from hospital after recovering for two weeks. (July 25, 2006 *Mainichi Daily News*)

FTM Nippon

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FTM Korea

ing legal reform allowing some trans to change their officially registered sex took effect the following year.

"These changes have been way overdue," Fujio said at a recent interview in Tokyo. "I think the law got people thinking, 'If the country has recognized these people, they must be acceptable after all.'"

"The transsexual community had a great dilemma.

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The Korean term for FTM is Tou-ran-sou-jen-der (transgender) The first SRS operation conducted by Dr Koo Sang-Hwan in 1989.

South Korea -- Thursday's milestone Supreme Court ruling allowing a female-to-male transsexual to legally change gender on the family registration record is expected to bring many changes in laws and regulations. Trans who are permitted to change gender on family registration records can change their resident registration numbers. The 13-digit number starts with "1" for men, and with "2" for women. Many who have difficulty getting jobs have worked as non-regular workers without benefits such as medical insurance. (Rahn, K. 24 June 2006. Transsexual Ruling to Bring Changes. The Korea Times)

Korea -- Prof. Kim Seok-kwun of Dong-A University's College of Medicine in Busan has some 220 gender reassignment operations under his belt and is Korea's leading authority in the field. In the wake of the Supreme Court's decision that transsexuals can change their official sex in the Family Register, the Chosun Ilbo asked the professor's opinion. - You are a Christian. Have you ever thought that changing sex the God gave goes against Christian doctrine? "A minister in my church at first opposed my performing sex change operations. But God does not always create normal people. Some are born with six fingers or a harelip. I think treating those with problems with their gender identity is the same as doctors treating those born with deformity so they can have a normal life. They should not be viewed as abnormal or controversial. They are a minority. A mature society should respect and protect minorities." (3 June 2006 Gender Reassignment Expert Talks Out of School. The Chosun Ilbo & Digital Chosun Ilbo)

FTM Korea

Seoul (pop. 11 million) FTMI chapter in formation:

Korean Sexual-Minority Culture and Rights Center (KSCRC), Korea. <http://www.kscrc.org>

FTM Malaysia

The Malaysian term for FTM is Pak nyah (pak=father), also called abang (brother man) and tomboy. Four genders in Islam: male, female, khunsa (hermaphrodite) and mukhannis (cross-gender identity) / mukhannas (cross-gender behaviour only). Islam intolerant towards cross-gender behaviours and identity. While a khunsa can take action in relation to his condition, the mukhannis or mukhannas is forbidden to. In Malaysia cross-dressing is illegal. The Hadith in Sahih Bukhari, Volume 7, Book72, Number 774, states that: Narrated Ibn 'Abbas: The Prophet cursed effeminate men and those women who assume the manners of men, and he said, "Turn them out of your houses." The Hadith in Sunan Abu-Dawud, Book 32, Number 4087, states that: Narrated Abu Hurayrah: The Apostle of Allah cursed the man who dressed like a woman and the woman who dressed like a man. Trans who want to add a new name of the opposite sex to their original name must prove that they have undergone a sex change operation. They must get a letter from a doctor in a government hospital to certify that they have undergone the operation. Letters from private hospitals or

clinics will not be acceptable.

Malaysia I feel that as a researcher in this area, I should speak out. As a researcher, there is already enough scientific research in the area of transsexualism to convince my colleagues and I that transsexualism refers to a biological phenomenon. This research is published in reputable journals as well as on the Internet. The debate on this issue goes on because people, especially those in authority, refuse to accept these scientific findings.

MCA's Wanita chief Dr Ng Yen Yen did speak as a medical doctor once in support of transsexuals' rights sometime back because she is aware of these scientific research. My research on 507 transsexuals in 2001, which has been peer reviewed internationally and accepted by the international academic community, shows transsexuals start feeling different at a very young age, some as young as four or five years old. They have both brothers and sisters as their role models. Concerning religion, I have spoken to an ustaz at Jakim (Jabatan Kemajuan Islam) and he said that if transsexualism is a biological factor, then Islam will have to reinterpret the matter. In Iran, the government has

accepted the existence of transsexuals and pays for the sex change operation as they believe that quality of life is important to this community <<http://www.atsnn.com/story/182797.html>>. Dr Teh Yik Koon (Koon, TY. 25 January 2006 Transsexualism a biological phenomenon. Mkini Dotcom Sdn Bhd)

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FTM SRS in the Philippines in a hospital in Mandaluyong City and Dr. Jaime Jorge MD in a hospital in Manila. Dr. A was trained in John Hopkins University while Dr. Jorge was trained by Professor Atman in Singapore. Dr. A's requires diagnosis that the patient is 'transsexual' from three (3) psychologists while Dr. Jorge needs only two. Dr. A testified in court 20 patients and in all of these cases it was granted. Dr. Jorge had two patients who had a successful legal change of sex.

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SRS available in Singapore from 1971. Since 1996 post-op TGs are regarded as legally belonging to chosen gender for purposes of marriage. (Tsoi W.F. (1992) Male and female transsexuals: a comparison. Singapore Medical Journal, 33, 2, 182-185 Tsoi W.F. (1993) Follow-up study of transsexuals after sex-reassignment surgery. Singapore Medical Journal, 34, 6, 515-517 Tsoi W.F., Kok L.P., Yeo K.L. and Ratnam,S.S. (1995) Follow-up study of female transsexuals. Annals of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, 24, 5, 664-667)

An FTM from Singapore

I spent 20 years of my life in Singapore where majority of the people are of a Chinese heritage. Through years of socialisation, I have learnt not to share much with others unless I am ready to accept the fact that this might lead to the whole school (or country) knowing about me. I guess it doesn't help that Singapore is only that small an island and everybody is connected to everybody else in some way or another. Because of some incidents in the past, I am terrified of people finding out about inner thoughts that I might have confided in one but that person let it slip to another and hence it sparked a fire.

I guess what I am getting at is that the Chinese culture does not applaud differences. In fact, I feel claustrophobic, as there isn't any space/place for me in this culture that I have to pretend I am like the rest when I am not. I have learnt to play a convincing role. I am not sure if my other Singaporean counterparts feel the same way but this is what I feel about the society and how I fit in (If I do fit in at all). Fast forwarding to the present, I am currently in the early stages of transition. I am still a prisoner of the culture where I spent most of my life living in. Perhaps time can change that. Or maybe transition where I can finally embrace myself and project what's on the inside to the outside. (Nathan, Australia Invisible Man. Torque, 5(1), February 2005)

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July -Vietnamese authorities acknowledged the domestic demand for gender reassignment surgery. As regulated in the Civil Code, people have the right to identify their own sex. After having a sex change people should submit their files with confirmation from clinics to their local commune People's Committees to change their birth certificates. This paper then will be used to change all other necessary papers for their personal identification such as, passport, ID, residential permits and so on. The right to live with their true gender has been ensured by law. People should not suffer from gender problems. Only clinics permitted by the Health Ministry can carry out such operations, such as Viet Duc Hospital. (17/07/2006 Tuoi tre cuoi tuan Youth Weekend)

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Belgium-- The book *Both Sides Now* tells the story of Asha Khosla's transformation into Dhillon Khosla. He is Belgian by birth. (Bhattacharyya, A. (2006) Making of a man. IBN Live)

FTM Belgium

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FTM Hungary

Then: Count Sandor Vay was named Sandor by his father and raised as a boy until age twelve, when his mother attempted to turn him into Countess Sarlota Vay. Sandor said he "had an indescribable aversion for female attire, indeed for everything feminine, but only in as far as it concerned me." He had many affairs with beautiful young women and married a woman. He had a masculine, hairy body and wore a prosthesis. When his wife's family discovered at last that he was anatomically female, they sued him, but he was acquitted by the courts due to "congenitally abnormal inversion."

FTM Lithuania

Then: Captain Emil Plater-Zyberk was born in Vilnius Lithuania in 1806. His bravery in battle was rewarded with a promotion to Captain of the 1st regiment of Lithuania. Caught in a Russian ambush he died in 1831. He was immortalized in the poem 'Death of a Colonel', and his portrait is on his country's \$20 bill.

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Oslo (pop. 1 million) Les hommes du Nord www.welcome.to/transmannorden LFTS <http://www.lfts.no>

FTM Poland

Then: Michal Smok (1843-1881) was born Anna Henryka Pustowojtowna. He enlisted in the Polish army in the 1860s.

FTM Sweden



Lukas Romson, Swedish FTM

Then: King Christian of Sweden was born in 1626, treated as a son and given the education of a prince. Christian began to rule on his eighteenth birthday and negotiated an end to the Thirty Years' War. Christian, who had a man's haircut and clothing, was welcomed by the pope himself when he arrived in Rome. When Christian died in Rome in 1689 the pope arranged an elaborate ceremony. Throngs lined the route as a large procession of clergy and leading scholars brought him to St. Peter's Basilica for interment in an ornate tomb.

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Stockholm (pop. 1.5 million) TS-Brotherhood

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