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Hi Girls:

It was a very surprising night to me last night as I thought that with the Fantasia Affair on that a lot of the girls would be there., and our group will be a small group. But I was wrong as we had a group of twenty three girls here to enjoy one another's company. This second month in a row that we have had a visitor from Canada. Barbara came as a guest with Dee Dee and Vi from Conn., They made Barbara a welcome guest in their home forma short stay. I am really glad to see that some of the T.V.'s lend a helping hand to some of the sisters who happen to be traveling their way. You who do are fortunate as you are able to meet these sisters and have a large variety of friends. I know that it is hard for those of you who do not have an understanding wife to help you in the desire to meet some of the friends that you had who were cross dressers the same as you were. But let me tell you girls are always welcome to visit when you are on a trip or vacation where you know that some T.V.'s live. If you are a member you have the directory with the names of those gals who you could call or write to when you plan on being in their neighborhood. I know that Wilma & I have invitations to visit with the girls when we are traveling through their town. Right now I am still working and not able to do too much traveling, but come the beginning of 1984 I will be retiring, unless Reagan puts his two cents in and makes us work longer than 62 for early leave. I want to say this that if any of you girls do have a visitor don't feel that you have to have a group in to entertain them. You can offer them a drink or just coffee and sit and chat with them and I am sure they will appreciate that as much as a party. I know that Wilma and I would not want anyone to go to any bother to entertain us as we enjoy just seeing them.

The girls who were here last night were: Eileen and Pricilla from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Yvonne and Vickie from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Sue from Albany, N.Y. Vonda who was a guest of Sue's, Holly and Martha from Troy, N.Y., Cynthia and Sonya from Ancramdale, N.Y., Dee Dee and Vi. from Hartford, Conn., Michelle Ann and Dennie from Somerville, Mass., Sheryl from Troy, N.Y. Renee from Stratford Conn., Elanda from Rome, N.Y., Alice from Colonie, N.Y., Karen from Saratoga, N.Y., Jo Ann from Monroe, N.Y., Barbara from New Brunswick, Canada., and Wilma and I. We had five others that made reservations but for some reason couldn't make it.

The meal for these girls was: Baked turkey Ham, mashed potatoes, corn, fresh yellow beans, butternut squash, sliced tomatoes, rolls and butter, cake and coffee.

This recipe is for the swedish meatballs that some of the girls had asked for. 2 pounds ground beef, 2 cups soft bread crumbs, 2-3 ounce packages cream cheese, 1/4 cup dry onion soup mix, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg, 2 1/2 cups milk, 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour.

Thoroughly combine the meat, bread crumbs, cheese, soup mix, salt, nutmeg, and 1/2 cup of the milk. Shape into about 40 small balls. Brown lightly in large skillet, shaking skillet to keep balls round. Cover and cook 20 to 25 minutes or until done. remove meat; drain off excess fat, leaving 1/4 cup fat in skillet. Blend flour into fat; stir in remaining milk all at once. Cook and stir till thick and bubbly. Return meatballs to skillet; cover and cook till heated through. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Hope you girls that asked for this recipe enjoy it. I want to thank Dennie for her help in the kitchen helping me prepare the meal and all the rest of the girls who served and cleaned up.

Dont forget the Christmas Party those of you who plan on coming let us know early, as most of the girls signed up last night, and we can only accomodate thirty. We always seem to have a good time at the party, and it gets us in the mood for Christmas.

Some of the girls were talking about having a Halloween Party next year as it is too late this year, if any of you girls think it would be a good idea to have one keep it in the back of your thoughts, and I will bring it up again in the coming year. I know some of you are going to party's this Halloween, have fun and enjoy yourself but be careful.

Well I'll say goodnight for now and God Bless you all and keep you healthy and happy untill we see you again, maybe Nov. or Dec. or 1983.

Love to all
Helen.

YOU ARE VERY DANGEROUS!

Had you ever thought of yourself that way? I hadn't, but a few months ago talking to a psychiatrist friend on the phone who is doing some research into this matter of gender role, telling about some aspect of gender and feminine expression in the male. He interrupted me to tell me that I was a very dangerous person, that in some societies I would be tarred and feathered.

He went on to explain that the ideas, conceptions, taboos and prejudices concerning the proper role of male and female and the proper expression of masculinity and femininity, and are so solidly built into the culture and form such a fundamental part of its structure that attempts to move or alter them is like trying to tear down the structure of society. As I paraphrased it to him, any non-conformist is dangerous because he questions and wants to change established patterns and rules. Society has an enormous inertia to it, largely due, I feel to the fact that the overwhelming majority of people are just heard. From lack of economic resources they lack education, from lack of education they lack knowledge and curiosity to question that which is in front of them-the established facts of existence. Only a ~~NATIVE~~ relative few in any society have the nerve and ability to question the obvious. These persons have always been dangerous. Christ was the most dangerous of them all, but there have been many others-Socrates, Galileo, Pasteur, and so on. the way the culture and society of their day punished them, and still punishes them today, varies greatly, but he who questions always has to take it on the chin. And he who innovates gets even worse.

Yet somebody once wrote a book entitled "Be Glad You're Neurotic" and his thesis was that only those that had enough imagination to amount to anything ever got to be neurotic. And conversely, almost anyone who ever contributed anything worthwhile to society could be considered and usually was neurotic. being a human vegetable and being a nice quiet conformist, keeping your nose clean may be the safest way to live, but it is also the least exciting, challenging and satisfying. Only those chickens who cross the road ever find out what's on the other side, be it better or worse. So while I don't consider myself "chicken" in the teen age sense, I am not ashamed. I am proud to be a chicken of the type that is willing to cross the road to see what may be ~~KN~~ there, to learn, experience and exploit what I find. I don't mean exploit in the sense of taking advantage of someone but in the sense of developing and utilizing.

So TVs are dangerous - dangerous in that they question and fly in the face of social precedent. But what is not always apparent even to TVs is that the dangerous thing is not that they are anatomical males wearing dresses-this is never likely to become standard practice, but that they are males who are willing not only to admit, but to be proud and more or less open about the fact that they have a quota of femininity within them. This is the dangerous thing, because it challenges the whole structure of the male ego which feels that it is superior to the female, and that it must be so. To have males question this assumption and go on to defy it by participating in, enjoying and acknowledging the fact that femininity is not just the way of life for the lower half of the human race, but that its merits are on a par with masculinity--well!

"We had better do something about these heretics, these wolves in sheep's clothing, these traitors. We can't have them selling that line around town, what if our wives got ahold of that idea then where'd we be? Not only that, but I can hold my own with the boys down at the pool hall, I can be as crude, coarse, belligerent and dirty as they can, but I wouldn't quite know how to contend with a man who was gentle, refined, passive, clean and happy in it. No, I'd feel out of place with him and I'm damned if I want to feel uncomfortable with any man, so the thing to do is get rid of him. I'll start by punching him one and call him a god-damned queer and after that we'll organize a necktie party. Guys like that are a menace by golly, they're about as dangerous as you can get."

"Calling all Dangerous Men--you are wanted in the boudoir.....

THAT'S THE ARMY:

Before my son enlisted, I assured him the army would make a man out of him. Not long ago, I received this letter from him:

Dear Dad,

I have learned to make a bed with the best of them. I do my own laundry, ironing and mending. Every morning I sweep and mop. And once a week, we house clean, wash walls, and windows. Between times, I peel potatoes, set tables and wash dishes. Are you sure the Army intends to make a man out of me.

FATHER & SON:

A wife of a well-known film producer was entertaining a number of guests one evening when her ten-year-old son filtered into the room, ~~arrayed~~ arrayed in a strapless black evening gown, lips smeared with lipstick, high heeled suede shoes on his feet, and a feathered hat on his head. Quite naturally, the woman was stunned.

"Sam!" she cried. "Yoy naughty, naughty boy! Go upstairs and take off your father's clothes before he comes in and catches you!"

Placard in a lingerie shop advertising a new bra: "This is the REAL DECOY."

PARTY DATES :

Please note that there is a change in the December party date. From the 3rd Saturday to the 2nd Saturday.

Party Dates - November 20th - December 11th - January 22nd.

TVIC's 11th Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 11th. Unfortunately we can only accomodate a MAXIMUM OF 30 PEOPLE, so reservation are required well in advance. Come and share with us a beautiful evening and don't forget to play in our BIG GRAB BAG GAME. It is a lot of fun for non players as well as players!

NEW MEMBERS :

I am pleased to announce the enrollment of FOUR new members this month.

HOLLY H.	TROY	N.Y.	ALICE R.	GREEN BAY	WISC.
ELAINE W.	FREEPORT	N.Y.	ELAINE W.	ANN ARBER	MICH.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOO

November

2	Arlene	[REDACTED]	17	Bobbie	[REDACTED]
2	Reberta	[REDACTED]	19	Flo	[REDACTED]
6	Micheline	[REDACTED]	20	Joan	[REDACTED]
10	Paula	[REDACTED]	22	Michelle	[REDACTED]
11	Linder	[REDACTED]	24	Leslie	[REDACTED]
13	Elaine	[REDACTED]	27	Dennie	[REDACTED]
17	Helen	[REDACTED]	30	Alice	[REDACTED]
17	Howard	[REDACTED]			

All adress should be in your directory, if not write to me and I'll send it to you.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TOO

November

22 Mr. & Mrs. J. [REDACTED] and 25 Mr. & Mrs. j [REDACTED]

SPECIAL THANKS

TOO Elyane [REDACTED]-Don [REDACTED]-Rennee [REDACTED] for the extra \$ sent in to help with the postage

TOO Mariyln [REDACTED]-Alice [REDACTED]-Don [REDACTED] for the newspaper articles.

TOO Florence [REDACTED]-Carroll [REDACTED]- for the lovely pictures sent in for the TVIC club album.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH :

Asked by JANET [REDACTED]---East Rockway***N.Y...

"IN YOUR OWN WORDS WHAT DO YOU THINK A WOMEN IS?"

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CORRESPONDENCE WANTED :

L. [REDACTED] R. [REDACTED] Valari [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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BEAUTY HINTS :

A LITTLE DARK DRESS. You probably thought the classic little black dress would come first! This year you can have it in black, or navy blue, if you want to be a bit different, in dark brown or even a deep purple. It can be a brief skim of silk crepe or jersey; it can have long flowing sleeves or none at all and cover your neck or show a plunging V. If your current little black dress is still perfectly good, give the good old circle-pin routine a rest, and experiment with something new like a stunning wide belt in fabric, leather or metal links, a vivid scarf, ropes and ropes of pearls or chains, or a white collar. You can revive a useful old-timer by thinking of it as a background for an exciting up-to-thr-minute ~~xxx~~ accessory or two which will put you in the limlight.

CAREFULLY APPLY LASH MASCARA: Avoiding made-up unnatural looking eyelashes calls for careful application of mascara...FIRST, all old mascara should be completely removed. Witch hazel pads are ideal for this purpose. New mascara should be applied, beginning at the base of the lash & rolling the wand to the center of the lash. A2nd application should begin at the center of the lash & be rolled outward to the tip. Separate any clinging lashes with the fingers.....

VITAMIN E. is good to help grow long nails - stops splitting & breaking.

Dear Wilma and Helen:

Thursday September 23, 1982

Yes indeed Labor Day has come and gone and the Honored Son has returned to the North Country to go back to school. Yes, indeed, the tables are now being turned and Fran now rules the roost all day long. Oh i let Robt go in town each day to do his errands BUT you'd be surprised at how much of me goes along with him. Yes, Mea'am, after being able to dress and be myself only three or four times during the whole Summer except when Robt would come home in the wee hours of the morning and I got to put on my nightie only to have to tumble into bed and miss six hours of being me until the alarm went off and I had to give in and let Robt and Jim rule the roost, I'm telling you I am squeasing out every second I can to be me. Even now All Day and Night too still doesn't seem enough.

In todays Mail I got my copy of the TVIC Journal. Already I have read it from front to back, even the adds. As some of the galssaid in their letters there is a good years supply of thoughts and questions. This is the reason I enjoy the Journal so much. As one reads the various letters and editorials, she first smiles in agreement over some point and then before long she isshaking her head in disagreement. It is surprising to find how much soul searching questions answers and opinions bring about. I for one have learned so much. I could go on for pages giving reasons why #1 I am a TV; #2 why I wil go on and on as a TV in the feminine clothes I love; #3 why my refusal to change my equally split sexual identity makes it impossible for me to leave the world of TV and become a TS.; #4 why I am happy being born the way I was as the problems are a small price to pay for such enjoyment; #5 why I'd never take a cure for the Joy, peace and contentment I find being able to sit here dressed as a woman writing down these words; #6 why as a TV I call myself straight as I most definitely have sexual preference for the female sex.

Now for the question of the month, as it is a question close to home right now. I have every suspicion that my son is tinkering around with the world of TV. He is the only one of the family I have told of my desires of crossdressing. If you couple that with the words of wisdom I have so often used, "As a parent I am on this earth to try to teach you right from wrong. I stress the fact don't do as I do but as I say. Then when you are of age it is up to you to decide what is right and what is wrong." From my own past if I should say that he couldn't dress, he would anyway. Also being an avid TV how could I deprive him of the same joy, peace and contentment I enjoy myself. I would much rather have him home dressed as a girl than have him out in some back road mixed up with alcohol and drugs.

In passing ond in a more humorous manner I thought I'd pass on a couple of things that have happened to me today. Maybe you could classify them as problems of a TV. While I was reading the Journal a short while ago, I realized that the fire needed some wood. As I reached into the woodbox I found that there was none there. I wasn't about to surrender to Robt just to bring in a few sticks of wood. When I arrived at the wood pile I found that I was going to have to split what ever I needed. It must have been quite a sight seeing Fran dressed in all her finery swinging a splitting maul. Robt said it was hilarious to watch Fran's bra inserts first land both on one side then the other and even landing up both in the middle. Well any I'll have you know that despite my finery, robt and my roving bra fillers I have a good supply of wood down by the fire. So there!

Rather than carry a purse around the house to take the place of the lack of pockets in which to carry smoking materials and not about to give up smoking I have place ten or a dozen packs of smokes all over the house along with a lighte and wouldn't you know a little while ago the pack here by the typewriter ran drv and as I made a tour of the house so had seven or eight more. So I guess the point of the story is for Fran to spend a couple of bucks extra for her skirts and dresses and get ones with pockets i them.

Well Girls I can't stand Robt's griping any longer. I will admit that I have tied up the typewriter long enough. Then again, a two hour lunch break isnt too much to ask for or is it? So as I close I will add that by the next letter I may have all sorts of good news about Robt. Until then I do love the Journal. Keep up the good work.

Love Fran Vox

Dear Wilma:

Nice talking to you on the phone and do appreciate your limited time and burdens that you have taken on... Reading over your material and your analysis of problems posed to you for assistance is really something. I had no idea... As to the 15/16 velvet type members I would with your concurrence pursue my interest with them not only as a mutual interest but further into other avenue that they may suggest or express. So...if you can assist me along on this matter it would be greatly appreciated.,,, In general...I like your news letter, your wisdom, and your personality and would say that yours is the highest caliber of a group I have communicated with so far... Keep up the good work and good help. VELVET G..STAMFORD,,CONN.
(ED. NOTE: Any one interested in writing to VELVET on this subject, let me know & I'll send you her address. WILMA)

Dear Wilma:

I have tried, for the better part of a month, to answer your question of the month. "IF A PILL WHICH WOULD REMOVE MY DESIRE TO CROSS-DRESS WERE AVAILABLE, WOULD I TAKE IT?" But I found it very difficult to express my thoughts. Perhaps it is because I found it difficult to come to an answer in my mind. At times I have felt that cross-dressing was a curse, a living hell. Other times it has given me intense pleasure and a warming inner satisfaction greater than anything I have ever experienced. It has varied in my mind from complete absence of desire to an uncontrollable urge to dress as a woman - an urge perhaps equal to an addict looking for a fix. And every degree of desire, control and fantasy in between these two extremes.... Had the question been asked 30 years ago, I would have taken the pill without the least bit of hesitation or regret. At the time, about age 20, I did not understand what was happening. I knew I felt good when I dressed in mother's clothes (unknown to anyone). I looked enviously at the dress ads in the newspapers etc. I thought it was a passing phase. When I got married, I thought, the whole thing would disappear, as if by magic... Well, I was partially correct. I had no desire to dress in women's clothing after I got married. I felt great. But the desire returned, with a vengeance, a year later, I dressed in my wife's clothes. I stayed up half the night looking at the Sears catalog. I had fantasies that would make Freud blush. I finally told my wife about it, and the roof fell in. The hostility was worse than I had ever imagined. Compared to the feeling, the Nazi guard and Jewish prisoner were having a love affair. We ironed out our "problem", I went to a shrink and stopped dressing. Oh how I wish I had the pill... We managed to raise 5 children. All healthy, and hopefully well adjusted. However, it was not the last. I could no longer subdue my desire to dress and my wife caught me. .. Four years later she asked me why I had married her when I had this "problem," I replied that "I loved her and I did not understand my emotions." Two weeks later, she committed suicide. Oh, if I had the pill, she'd be alive today... But yesterday is gone, today is to live, and tomorrow is to plan and dream for, Since July 20, 1978, I have undergone a change. I have purchased a complete feminine wardrobe. I have achieved a freedom and understanding of myself which I never had before. I have positive feelings about wearing feminine clothes. But I still have my doubts. My guilt, my desire to lead a "normal" life... Also in the past 4 yrs, I have met many other TV's; in Boston, in Hartford and in Albany. For years I thought I was alone. But I am not alone. There are many fantastic TV's out in the world... Taking all things into consideration - I would not take the pill - if offered today.....

FLORENCE H.....W.PATERSON.....N.J.....

Dear Wilma :

I loved being a TV and hate being a TS! I have been both. My Swedish doctor did a second TS operation on me which was again to help me live longer, and that was what I wanted - foolishly to live longer not realizing the bitter consequences, both physically and emotionally. Now I am a complete invalid flat on my back. I don't want to discourage or encourage anyone who wants such an operation. People who are large, big boned get along pretty well, but small people like myself, either come out invalids or mentally deranged for life. Again, I do not wish to encourage or discourage anyone, - merely to tell it as it is, - the truth. I keep getting phone calls from TV's and TS's. One call shocked me so I dropped the phone. A TV friend called me to tell of a beautiful young person (male) in good health as I was, but who had the TS, operation at the age of 22, and was now in a back ward of a state mental hospital for life. Yet both my new Swedish doctor, and the Massachusetts General Hospital stressed to me the importance of these operations, saying without them many were so depressed, mentally they would commit suicide - for mental pain was far worse than physical pain. What all these doctors don't know is, that physical pain can be so intense, it can cause mental pain - even insanity. I was born a bearded lady, what the medical profession claimed was a female androgyn, which technically was a sermihermphrodite, the suprarenal, and thyroid glands did not function right. I tried all sorts of experiments on myself first, then on others. It can be controlled with hormones and will power,*- also imagination, and even surgery, but all this does not always make for happiness. I lived two lives, as a TV independantly, and was real happy. As a TS I lived as a full woman and made myself content, but that is hardly happiness. Dressed as my male self, I went abroad everywhere, to restaurants, lectures, meetings, to the beach, parks, and travelled in the M.T.K. and busses. No one ever bothered me. A few women and men asked me if I was a man or woman. I told them, both. I was used to this, as the bearded lady. Dr. Nelson nurse Tina, used to give me appointments when all the TS & TV and gland cases came in. His waiting room was like a TV - TS party except for one thing. These people thought happy at meeting each other, all told of their troubles, very freely. But it made me very sad to hear them. One small boy came in one day with a masculine stride, sat down to wait his turn, tapping, and puffing his cigaret like a man, and making tough faces, as he told his story. After a sex-change operation, he had to have 9 other operation, one was something to do with the liver. As soon as I was called in, and ready to leave the operating room, I saw Tina setting up the table again, and sterilized instruments for the next patient, the same as what I had just had done for dilation. "My God, Tina, is he going to have done what I just have had done by Dr. Nelson?" "SHE," Tina

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corrected me, then "yes", she said. But how awful, this person was so young, and would have to go through this like me, for the rest of her life. Some of these folks don't mind, but I think it is terrible! Now as a TS I live one life, and I am not happy. I feel a whole half of me has gone forever. I no longer am a complete human being of either sex, I miss my other half. A TS not long ago confessed this feeling to me. I told her I knew exactly how she felt. I was in the same boat. I heard of a case in a mental hospital for life, "Lou," only 26, retarded, and a true hermophrodite, behind bars, who cried because she couldn't get out. I phoned my endocrinologist about "her." Now if one side or half of her brain is retarded the other side or half should be over-bright, to make up for it. Nature's law of compensation; right? My endocrinologist said I was exactly right. With that I went ahead, and worked every day for a whole summer, on the head doctor through her doctor, to have her released on her own. Finally, she was put on parole. She came from a rich, French & Irish family. She got herself a job driving a truck, and moved into a small apartment near me. I was proud of her, but people criticized me for letting her dress one day as a lady, and the next, as a man, and going about in the street this way. I watched her out of my window, and told my friends to shut up, she had to find her identity for herself, this way. I said the next step should be marriage, and it was. I encouraged her to marry a doctor who was a Hindu, because I knew the Hindus treat a person of both sexes, like a god, or goddess, and so it was. This was 3 years ago and they are both very happy. He treats her like a goddess whom he worships, yet at some time, treats her tenderly, and with sweet compassion. How she got my picture, I don't know, but she's told people she will not give it up, because I saved her life. She only saw me a few times at my window. Well, there's one happy solution, I like to help folks whenever I can, to happiness. The Celiane Louis case was too complicated for surgery anyway. The Hindu doctor gave her superior hormones from India, to make her more woman. LESLIE [REDACTED]

Dear Wilma & Helen:

The September question is really thought - provoking! WHAT WOULD I DO IF I FOUND OUT THAT MY SON WANTED TO WEAR WOMEN'S CLOTHING? First I would reassure him that God loves him and that this is more important than anything else. Secondly, I would reassure him that I still love him just as much as ever. Then I would tell him that, since society frowns on male transvestism, he would be well - advised to keep his desire a secret. I would help him understand that he is not alone and that there are books and self - help groups he can turn to. If he is planning to get married, I would tell him to gently let his bride-to-be know of his interest and to let her read some of the books and to meet with some of the sympathetic wives of TV's... While giving all this support, he would surely guess That I, too, desire to wear womens clothing. So, since my wife doesn't know, and thats the way it must remain, I would advise him not to tell his mother. Of course, if his desire is so deeprooted that he wants to go TS, then his mother would have to be told. In this case, he would need the love and support of both parents and of his two younger sisters and I would do everything I could to bring about this support.

DONA [REDACTED] *****

Dear Wilma, Helen, & Girls of TVIC:

Just a few lines to say a special thanks too all of you that sent me cards while I was in the hospital. Plus all that had called when I got home. To date I am doing very well. Very happy that it is all over with. I cannot express my happiness and peace of mind. Do hope to be able to see all of you later in the fall, Again thank you all...RACHEL ANN ADAMS..300 SCHOOL ST.,SYRACUSE,N.Y. 13204 *****

Dear Wilma:

In response to your question of the month: WOULD I TAKE A PILL TO ELIMINATE ALL CROSS-DRESSING DESIRES... I would say No...My reason is that in growing up like one of the girls in my family. If I took that pill I wouldn't know who I was....JANET F.....EAST ROCKAWAY....N.Y..... *****

Dear Wilma:

I have never achieved cleavage. How can I do this. R.B...N.CARALINA

Dear R.B. :

Some people tape under the arms and across the chest drawing the pictoral muscles together, making cleavage that shows above the bra line. WARNING: If you are not careful you will be very sore if you try this and do it incorrecly. *****

Dear Wilma:

After a serious accident some years ago I was denied the use of my male capacity. Would being a transvestite help?... F. G..... NEW MEXICO.....

Dear F.G. :

The only way to find out is try it. Generally TV's cross-dress due to the therapeutical effect of female clothing. If it does not have a psychological effect, DROP IT... *****

MISERY is when a TV decides to go to a Dress Ball as a bubble dancer and finds out your date is going as a porcupine... MISERY is when you chase your secretary and then finding out he is a TV and you cant do anything about it.....

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Dustin Hoffman in "Tootsie," following in high-heeled footsteps of Curtis and Lemmon (top) and Jack Benny

Actors In Drag

A stock ingredient of costume comedy is the "male in drag," a quintessential masculine star wearing women's clothing and too much makeup.

Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon in "Some Like It Hot," Jack Benny in "Charley's Aunt," Bing Crosby in "High Time," George Sanders in "The Quiller Memorandum" and Robert Preston in "Victor/Victoria" are a few that come quickly to mind.

This Christmas you can add to that list Dustin Hoffman in "Tootsie," a film that the diminutive 44-year-old actor recently completed in New York and New Jersey. Hoffman plays a struggling actor so badly in need of work that he dresses as a woman, calls himself Dorothy Michaels and obtains a job in a soap opera. As a young actress, he does well with men and adapts himself to his femininity until his male hormones take over and he falls in love with an actress on the TV show, played by Jessica Lange.

Columbia Pictures reportedly paid Hoffman \$5 million for his "Tootsie" role, which called for him to spend three hours a day having his "breasts" fitted properly, his eyelashes mascaraed and enough rouge and powder applied to his face to cover his naturally dark beard. He also had to learn to maneuver in high heels.



Did you know that WILMA'S favorite drink is a French eggnog—two eggs yolks, two teaspoons of sugar, and 4 jiggers of cognac in a tall, warm lass. **ELANDA MERZ**



Lord Cornbury flaunts his finery before unappreciative New Yorkers

The Transvestite Governor

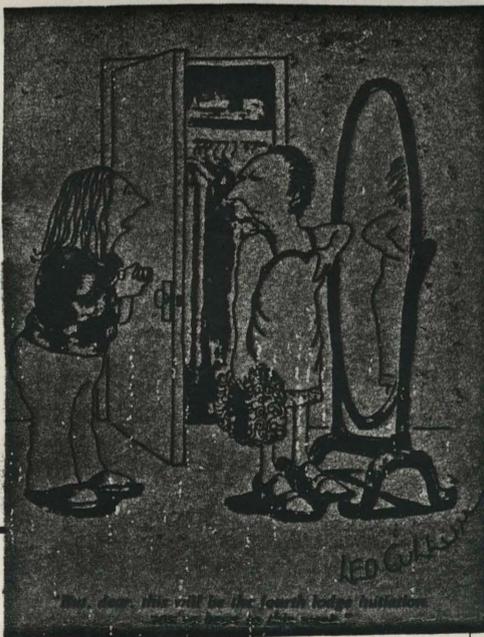
In 1702, Queen Anne of England gave Lord Cornbury, her spendthrift cousin, a choice: Either go to debtor's prison or become governor of Colonial New York and New Jersey. Off to the Colonies he went.

Asserting that he wanted to literally represent the queen, Cornbury was usually seen about town wearing the most elegant dresses. The well-groomed transvestite governor shocked his constituents from the beginning. Addressing one assembly, he resisted speaking of politics and instead delivered an ode to the beauty of his wife's ears. Each gentleman present was then invited to feel their shell-like contours. During his tenure, Cornbury could also be seen sneaking up behind unsuspecting men and pulling their ears.

As a governor, Lord Cornbury was

a disaster. Nonpartisan corruption flourished as he freely took bribes from all sides in political disagreements. At home, he wined and dined extravagantly and ignored the debts piling up. His finery must have cost a fortune, although some of the gowns were gifts from the queen herself.

Finally, the colonists could tolerate no more and complained to Queen Anne about this "peculiar, detestable maggot." She obligingly removed him from office in December 1708, whereupon he was immediately seized by his irate creditors. In jail, Cornbury was saved when his father died, leaving him the earldom of Clarendon—and thus immunity to prosecution. With debts unpaid, he returned to England and a comfortable political career, courtesy of the queen.



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Drag racing's still out, but racy drag's OK

SAN BERNARDINO — Here it is fellows. It's OK now to wear your high heels, silk stockings and bras on the street.

The City Council Monday scrapped its ordinance making it illegal for persons over 16 to impersonate a person of the opposite sex in public places.

A similar measure in Los Angeles had been declared improper by a state court of appeal, which held that the state Legislature has totally preempted the field.

Next new role after sex change

Christine Jorgensen, who made world headlines 30 years ago by becoming a woman in a sex-change operation, is about to embark on an acting career, playing the lead in *Hello, Dolly!* in San Diego and San Francisco this summer, the *New York Daily News* reported Sunday.

"I've seen Carol Channing and Pearl Bailey in *Dolly* — they're good friends — but I plan to play a more flamboyant character," said Jorgensen, 56, who underwent the sex change operation in Denmark in 1952.