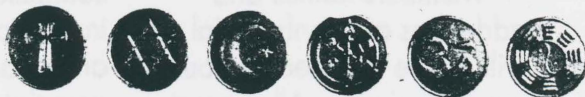


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THE LOVE AND GOOD
THAT COME WITH PEACE
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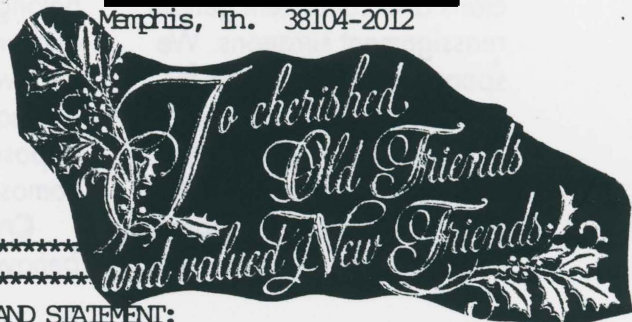
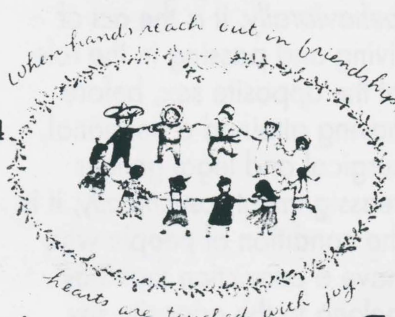
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of the special people
in our lives
brighten the season
and warm our hearts.*

*From our
home to
yours...*



The National Gender Dysphoria Organization

Nature:

The N.G.D.O. is a non-profit, support/anti-discrimination organization for the gender dysphoric community, cross-dressers and transvestites. The N.G.D.O.'s target group is the gender dysphoric male and female. The N.G.D.O. is your *Key To Freedom*. Together we stand, divided we fall.

Services:

The N.G.D.O. publishes a newsletter, **Key To Freedom**. We offer referrals to compassionate psychiatric social workers, psychologists, endocrine management physicians and competent gender reassignment surgeons. We sponsor support groups for gender dysphoric persons, cross-dressers, transvestites and parents. The N.G.D.O.'s support groups are separated as to sexual orientation. We

also offer an anti-discrimination committee, with referrals to an attorney.

Members names and addresses are confidential and will not be released without your permission. All support group meetings are held at a safe location.

Definitions:

Gender Dysphoric – behaviorally, it is the act of living and passing in the role of the opposite sex, before having attained a hormonal, surgical and legal gender reassignment; *psychically*, it is the condition of people who have a conviction that they belong to the opposite sex and are driven by compulsion to have the body, appearance and social status of the opposite sex. They are not homosexual persons.

Crossdresser – behaviorally, it is the act of

dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex; *psychically*, it is the condition of feeling compelled to cross-dress, often in relation to sexual arousal and attainment of orgasm. An associated feature may be the presence of Sexual Masochism. This disorder has been described in heterosexual males and females.

Transvestism – behaviorally, it is the act of dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex; *psychically*, it is the condition of feeling compelled to cross-dress, often to have sexual behavior with members of the same sex. They are homosexual males and lesbians, and don't have a compulsion for gender reassignment surgery.



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GENDER DYSPHORIA AND COURAGE

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It seems as though I have always had this dilemma, though uninvited, of doing things in the feminine way it just came naturally. My first recollection of a difference between me and other little girls came at about 3½ years of age, I was going pottier in the out house, we didn't yet have indoor facilities, and one of the neighbor girls was over and we were playing with our dollies, when, I had to go before I could finish she had to go so not thinking anything about it I let her in and finished going myself but as she took down her panties I noticed that she was different from me, that night I asked my foster mother why Suzie was different from me and she told me because I was a boy and she was a girl. I went to my room and got to thinking about that, it seemed very strange to me we wore the same kind of clothes, panties, tank tops, and shorts with slip on shoes. See all my clothes were hand me downs from older cousins who were all girls, and then too we played with the same kinds of toys I had my favorite doll and buggy. My mother would take me some where and the things said to and about me were what a cute daughter you have, well it didn't take very long for my mother and father to stop taking me with them they always said I didn't want to come along or I wasn't feeling well. So as I grew older my life became more and more secluded and each time I stepped out of that way of life I got hassled so I just refused to be very social and stayed to myself as much as I could even going out of my way to do so, I continued this all through grade school. When I got to high school I was by then the lady of the house if things got done around the house it was because I did them see mom went to work in the hospital and just didn't have time to do things so I did them. I would answer the phone and the party at the other end would say usually well girl is your mother home or the other most common was are you the lady of the house. Now as a freshmen in high school I decided that I would go out for track and chose the mile run as my event, in this way I figured I would in the future not get geered at anymore and my dad might have a little bit of praisic for his son that he did not understand. It worked but I had to be the best miler to come along, and in that schools history I was.

Now I am 14 years old and jsut getting tired of the surroundings and also was wanting to see if there was anyone else like me. So I started running away at first for just a short period of time a day where nobody knew where I was. Then a weekend in Chicago as a girl and I found that dressed as a girl I was more accepted for me then I was as a guy.

There never was any sexual gradification gotten from the wearing of girls or later on women's clothing, it just seemed natural and when I wasn't thinking just browesing I found myself in the women's clothing section.

With hinh school past it became important to keep the favor of my dad so I then joined the army by that just didn't work out. I began to realize that it was not how you thought that counted but what you looked like, and to my dismay I looked like a guy.

After getting out of the Army I tried marriage and things went along fine until one night she came out to the barn where I was doing courses and she caught me wearing a bra under my shirt which were all pull overs well she and I both started drinking heavy and a short time later I left for parts unknown and 3 years later I called from Canada and then returned to get our diviorce finalized and then I split again. I might say here that all 3 years in Canada I lived as a woman, the problem was that when some guy wanted what I couldn't give him I split to some where else.

In August of 1973, I'm 29, my problems started all over again as I had to start living with my foster parents. The first councetation came when my dad saw my winter boots, they were a size 6½B ladies zip up boot, well need to say that no expanation was good enough. I told them that mens boots were just to big and boys boots were either to long or to narrow, but to no avail so I then decided that nomatter what I had to leave and this time for good. I went to California and found a student who had access to female hormones and for cash was eager to get the supply I needed. In 1975 not thinking any thing about it I left for Oregon and Sokane and in 1978 to Montana with the intent now to save as much money as I could so I could resume my hormones and see if I could find someone with the same problem I had, that of I wasn't knowledge-able as to want my problem was called I just knew that as a woman I was happy and very sure of myself. But then in the spring of 1979 I made another big mistake and got married to a very nice woman in Missoula, Mt. In a short time were not seeing so much as to who was to wear the pants but who was to wear the skirt in the family. We both worked and it become apparent that if the house was going to get cleaned and the dishes done I was the one who was going to have to do that, well, in a short time of trying to keep 2 jobs and the house for both of us I moved out. I found out about a month later that she was pregnant, we were now about 2 months divorced so I went out in search of some kind of insurance plan that would cover the birth and first few months of the childs life.

I at this time started drinking again heavy, I now had 3 jobs which took about 20 hours of my day and in order to get some sleep some times on weekends I would get a bottle and proceed to get myself drunk enough that I would pass out and sleep. The night of August 3, 1979, a Friday night, anouther week in but a reason to celabrate I had \$12,000 dollars up with my 5 outstanding pay checks, so I did, I bought 2 bottles of wine and partied and blacked out but instead of being some of the night where I woke up I went on a rampage, and raped a innocent woman, and then woke up on my couch at 4:30 A.M. with the intent of getting the one apartment building checked and then going fishing.

The police and D.A. first never heard what I was telling them and then distort ed what I did say to paint a picture that was not true, as a result I got 30 years.

I am not putting the blame on the booze as nomatter what or when or where I and only I am responsible and accountable for all my actions, I can't handle acohol so therefore in the future I must refrain for putting it into my system and thereby not getting in the situation as to be motivating only on the sub-counious level, but rather sober and with all my facalties in check and balance and being able to monter all thought parterns as they start to occur, for in doing so thought patterns that are of things that are not with in the limits of the law have to be changed for if they are not that which is being thought about repeatedly will come to pass.

Then I got to prison and 3 ytears have passed and someone wanted something I was not going to give them and I, excuse the expression, kicked some ass, 5 in all and I got locked down, for fighting, all I was doing was defending me and my right to exist even in an alien society.

It was at this time that I really came to terms with myself and my life, as to where it had gone straight to the dogs, where I wanted it to go in the future.

On Christmas Eve 1982 I was locked down in maximum security, with only myself to talk, and for the first time really realized that there was like two of me, one when I was sober and another total opposite when I was drunk, so I started then to analyze my life. Over the period of the next two years I went over my life to that point with a fine tooth comb. I discovered that one little part of me was male and reenforced with acohol I became a macho little male and the things he wanted he took. See I stand 5'2" and weigh 120 lbs. Now sober I am a woman maybe some times a little shady lady, but still a woman. I tell you that in every sense of womanhood that I am a woman that is trapped in a man's body.

I now ack as woman like as I know how to each and every day. I know can look at the girl in the glass and know that I'm not fooling myself, or lieing to me any more. If I don't lie to myself then it is no longer part of my nature and then I would not lie to anyone else.

Today if hormones were available I would take them without any hesitation and when developed I would request my transformation operation, without any chance of reservation that I might not be satisfied with the out come. My first goal will then be complete, that is to be a woman in mind, in spirit and in body.

This girl is going to correspondence school to get a degree in psychology, so I will be better equiped to help someome with problems coping with daily life.

This statement is true and correct to the best of my ability to express the things contained here in.

Ms. C [REDACTED]
aka C [REDACTED]

MAY YOUR HEART
BE FILLED WITH THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS,
YOUR HOME BE FILLED
WITH THE WARMTH OF CHRISTMAS,
AND YOUR LIFE BE FILLED
WITH THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

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*aegis (e'jis), n. 1. in
Greek mythology, a
shield or breastplate
used by Zeus and later,
by his daughter Athena;
hence, 2. a protection.
3. sponsorship; auspices.*

About two years ago, Reuters News Service released a bulletin about a Chinese physician who had transplanted testicles into genetic females and ovaries into genetic males. The article was short, little more than filler, and contained a mistranslation that made the entire release seem dubious. Reuters reported that in the male-to-female transsexual persons who received ovarian transplants, vaginas lined with leather were also created. Unfortunately, the word skin was mistranslated as leather. Subsequent communication with the surgeon has confirmed that he used the standard penile inversion technique.

At the urging of Phaedra Kelly of the International Gender Transient Affinity, we have been in communication with Zhaoji Xia, M.D., one of the physicians who has done this work, and we have received from Ms. Kelly abstracts of articles submitted to medical journals by Dr. Xia and Dr. Chuanmin Wang, describing their work and the procedures they used. Additionally, Ms. Kelly has traveled to the People's Republic of China and met Drs. Xia and Wang and some of the patients who have had this transplantation procedure.

Although the gonadal transplantation is but sketchily described in the abstracts and remains unreplicated, we believe that the work of Drs. Xia and Wang is of significance and deserving of wider recognition than was achieved by the mistranslated Reuters report. The purpose of this release is to bring their work to the attention of the press, medical researchers, and the transgender community.

Organ transplantation is a technically difficult and dangerous procedure, and it is highly unlikely that the transplantation of gonads and other sexual organs will become commonplace in the foreseeable future. We once again stress that the experiments of Drs. Xia and Wang are unconfirmed and unreplicated. Nevertheless, their work may well to be a breakthrough, just as was the radial forearm skin graft technique, which also originated in the People's Republic of China.

We commend Phaedra Kelly for following up on what initially seemed to be a fallacious report, locating Dr. Xia, and bringing this important information to our attention.

The Application of Human Ovaries and Testes Cross Sex Transplantation on Sex Reassignment Surgery of Transsexuals

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ABSTRACT

In order to avoid the complications that caused by inappropriate application of exogenous sexual hormones, we have successfully done the operation of cross sex sexual organ transplantation in four patients since 1992. There are two female to male and two male to female and total three testes and four ovaries involving in those procedures. Operation was carried on under spinal anaesthesia. Blood supply of the grafts was reconstructed by end to end anastomoses of graft artery and vein to recipient inferior abdominal artery and vein separately with interrupted 9-0 nylon sutures. After reestablishment of blood circulation all grafts were satisfactory with blood supply except one ovary with severe blood stasis in vein. All patients were under regular immunosuppression treatment. The levels of testosterone (T), estradiol (E₂) and follicle stimulation hormone (FSH) in serum were assayed by radio-immuno-analysis method. The results appeared that: all grafts were alive after operation. The mean value of T in female to male was 7.29 ng/dl preoperative to 288 ng/dl postoperative. The mean value of E₂ in male to female was 3.24 pg/ml preoperative to 50.6 pg/ml postoperative. The values of FSH were slightly increased in all postoperative patients. Follow-up the operation, at the end of three months postoperation an acute rejection was developed in a female to male patient with one testis transplanted due to stopping immunosuppression treatment by patient himself. About one litre of secretion was eliminated each day from the incision under which the graft located. After three days' large amount of immunosuppressant assault treatment the rejection disappeared, but the testis was damaged severely. With follow-up observation the testis was fibrosis and became hard and small gradually. At the same time its function disappeared. The other grafts in one female to male and two male to female patients are still alive and function well. Up to present the longest survival time of transplanted ovary is one year and the testis is nine months. Without application of exogenous sexual hormones patients trend to developing themselves to their desired gender by the endogenous sexual hormones of the grafts. As the follow-up time is short and rejection is still a major problem, it is too early to make a decisive conclusion of the practical use of this operation in Sex Reassignment Surgery.

BASICS

TRANSSEXUALISM: SEX AND GENDER DILEMMA

TRANSSEXUALS ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE GENDER IDENTITY (PSYCHE, MIND, OR FEELINGS) OF ONE SEX AND THE BODY OF THE OTHER. THE TRANSSEXUAL STARTS FROM DAY ONE APPEARING AS MEN OR WOMEN; BUT INWARDLY THEIR FEELINGS ARE IN TURMOIL.

TRANSSEXUALS OFTEN HIDE THEIR TORMENT, BUT ULTIMATELY THEY MUST CONFIDE THEIR INNERMOST THOUGHTS TO SENSITIVE PEOPLE WHO CAN PROVIDE USEFUL ADVICE, GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION.

- * EMPATHETIC FRIENDS
- * OTHER TRANSSEXUALS
- * TRANSSEXUAL GROUPS
- * GENDER IDENTITY THERAPISTS

IN ADDITION, TRANSSEXUALS TRY TO GAIN INFORMATION ABOUT GENDER IDENTITY FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES:

- * MEDICAL LIBRARIES OF MAJOR UNIVERSITIES (E.G., STANFORD, JOHNS HOPKINS)
- * PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND GENDER THERAPISTS
- * NEWSPAPER LIBRARIES OF MAJOR NEWSPAPERS
- * PUBLIC LIBRARIES: USING THE READERS GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE OR BOOKS IN PRINT WITH "TRANSSEXUALISM" OR "CHANGE OF SEX" LISTINGS
- * NATIONAL AND LOCAL RADIO AND TELEVISION TALK-SHOW PROGRAMS ABOUT TRANSSEXUALISM
- * HAIRDRESSERS, WIG SHOP SALESPERSONS, AND ELECTROLOGISTS

THINK ABOUT IT !

SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY IS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT. BE VERY SURE BEFORE YOU TAKE THE FINAL STEP. CHANGING BACK IS NOT SUCCESSFUL. BE WILLING TO SPEND THE EXTRA DOLLARS FOR THE BEST AVAILABLE PROFESSIONAL HELP.

BEING A TRANSSEXUAL IS NOT EASY

TRANSSEXUALS MAY BE LEGALLY OPPRESSED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, FROM RESTROOM USAGE (A THERAPIST'S LETTER IS VERY HELPFUL HERE) AND JOB DISCRIMINATION TO TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTION (FOR JUST WALKING DOWN A STREET). A TRANSSEXUAL COULD BE CITED FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE IF SOMEONE STARTED A FIGHT WITH THE TRANSSEXUAL JUST BECAUSE THE TRANSSEXUAL'S ORIGINAL SEX HAD BEEN GUESSED.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

HAVE YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, CREDIT CARDS, AND INSURANCE PAPERS CHANGED TO YOUR NEW NAME BEFORE YOUR REASSIGNMENT SURGERY. CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND LAWYER FOR HELP. HAVE A DOCTOR'S LETTER EXPLAINING WHY YOU ARE LIVING FULL-TIME IN YOUR CHOSEN GENDER. ALL OF THESE MEASURES SHOULD HELP WITH RESOLVING YOUR DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS.

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For All Those Born Before 1945

WE ARE SURVIVORS! CONSIDER THE CHANGES WE HAVE WITNESSED!

We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees, and the PILL. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ball-point pens. Before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes . . . and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of." Bunnies were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and Outer Space was the back of the Riviera Theater. We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy, and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electronic typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness . . . not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't even a word.

Back then, "Made in Japan" meant junk, and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, McDonalds, and instant coffees were unheard of. We hit the scene where there were 5 & 10 cent stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. Sanders or Wilsons sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a Soda or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600 . . . but who could afford one? A pity, too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon!

In our day, grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink, and pot was something you cooked in. Rock Music was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office. We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before the sex change. We made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused, and there is such a generation gap!

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A SHORT NOTE TO SAY A SINCERE THANK YOU TO VANESSA; REV. PROWETT;
RONI; A. BEYER & DEE FARMER AND ALL OTHERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED
AND HELPED US IN THE WORK OF T.I.P. RESPECTFULLY; PATRICIA FISHER..



PROFESSIONAL ESSENTIALS

ELECTROLYSIS (USUALLY FOR THE MALE TO FEMALE TRANSSEXUAL)

ELECTROLYSIS IS THE DESTRUCTION OF HAIR ROOTS WITH AN ELECTRIC CURRENT, AND IS PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED ELECTROLOGIST. TRANSSEXUALS USE THIS METHOD TO RID THEIR BODIES OF UNWANTED HAIR (E.G., ON THEIR FACES). THIS HAIR REMOVAL PROCESS TYPICALLY REQUIRES 100 OR MORE HOURS. TO FIND A QUALIFIED ELECTROLOGIST, SEE THE TELEPHONE BOOK, YELLOW PAGES, OR ASK A FRIEND OR THERAPIST TO RECOMMEND ONE.

THERAPY

THERAPY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF RESOLVING TRANSSEXUALS GENDER IDENTITY DILEMMAS. TRANSSEXUALS SHOULD CHOOSE THERAPISTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH TRANSSEXUALS, AND WHO FOLLOW THE HARRY BENJAMIN "STANDARDS OF CARE." THESE STANDARDS REQUIRE:

- THREE MONTHS OF THERAPY BEFORE REFERRAL TO A PHYSICIAN FOR THE BEGINNING OF HORMONE TREATMENT
- ONE YEAR OF WORKING AND LIVING 24 HOURS A DAY IN THE GENDER ROLE OF YOUR CHOICE

IF NECESSARY, THERAPISTS REFER THEIR CLIENTS TO OTHER PROFESSIONALS. THROUGHOUT YOUR TRANSSEXUAL TRANSITION, YOUR THERAPIST LISTENS TO YOU AND CARES FOR YOU. THE COST OF USING A THERAPIST IS GENERALLY DETERMINED BY THE AMOUNT OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE THAT A THERAPIST HAS. A P.H.D. GENDER THERAPIST IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN A MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST, BUT HAS FAR MORE EXPERIENCE TO DRAW FROM.

HORMONE TREATMENT

HORMONE TREATMENT IS ANOTHER INTEGRAL PART OF MAKING THE TRANSSEXUAL TRANSITION. HORMONES CHANGE YOUR BODY'S CHEMISTRY, AND MUST BE ADMINISTERED UNDER CLOSE MEDICAL SUPERVISION. FOR THE TRANSSEXUAL, HORMONES ARE A LIFELONG NECESSITY-- EVEN AFTER THE REASSIGNMENT SURGERY, HORMONES WILL FEMINIZE OR MASCULINIZE YOUR BODY. YOUR HEREDITY FROM PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS DETERMINES THE AMOUNT OF SUCH CHANGE.

WARNING: USING BLACK MARKET HORMONES CAN BE DEADLY!



TRANSSEXUAL HOT INFO

- THE REASSIGNMENT SURGERY WILL NOT SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS--LIFE STILL GOES ON
- SET REASONABLE GOALS--DO NOT SET INFLEXIBLE TIME SCHEDULES
- THE EMOTIONAL PAIN IS FAR WORSE THAN ANY PHYSICAL PAIN INVOLVED
- REJECTION BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS IS VERY, VERY, PAINFUL! TRANSSEXUALS HAVE LOST THEIR FAMILY OR FRIENDS OVER TRANSSEXUALISM
- LOSING YOUR JOB IS QUITE POSSIBLE
- YOUR GOAL IS TO BLEND IN WITH THE REST OF SOCIETY
- YOU MUST UNLEARN MANY MALE OR FEMALE CHARACTERISTICS--THIS TAKES TIME, EFFORT, AND HELP FROM THERAPISTS, VOICE COACHES, AND OTHERS
- MALE TO FEMALE TRANSSEXUALS EXPERIENCE SOME 2ND CLASS STATUS AS A WOMAN
- FEMALE TO MALE TRANSSEXUALS EXPERIENCE GREATER AUTHORITY, AND SOME SURPRISE AS THEY ARE SUDDENLY LISTENED TO!

PREPARATION FOR SURGERY

- * BE IN VERY GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
- * LIVE IN THE GENDER OF YOUR CHOICE FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR FOR 24 HOURS A DAY
- * YOU NEED AT LEAST 2 REFERRAL LETTERS FROM THERAPISTS IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE REASSIGNMENT SURGERY
- * STOP HORMONES 1 WEEK BEFORE SURGERY IF YOUR DOCTOR ADVISES IT
- * IF POSSIBLE, MAKE PLANS TO STAY WITH A FRIEND FOR YOUR RECOVERY FROM SURGERY
- * IF YOU ARE MARRIED, THEN A DIVORCE IS REQUIRED BEFORE SURGERY--CONSULT A REPUTABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ATTORNEY



THE REASSIGNMENT SURGERY

- * THE SURGERY IS NOT A CURE ALL FOR MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISORDERS
- * IN THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE, THE OPERATION IS PERFORMED BY EXPERIENCED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PRIVATE SURGEONS AND CLINICAL SURGEONS. AS YET THEY ARE STILL QUITE FEW IN NUMBER

COSTS

- MALE-TO-FEMALE SURGERY RANGES FROM \$4,000 TO \$16,000 FOR THE SURGERY ALONE. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE UP TO \$5,000 FOR ELECTROLYSIS AND THOUSANDS MORE FOR THERAPY, VOICE SPECIALISTS, AND CLOTHING FOR YOUR NEW SEX.
- FEMALE-TO-MALE SURGERY IS MORE COSTLY, AND RANGES FROM \$10,000 TO UPWARDS OF \$20,000.
- * NEITHER SURGERY GUARANTEES COMPLETE SEXUAL PLEASURE IN YOUR NEW SEX.

* MALE -TO- FEMALE SURGERIES INCLUDE:

- PENECTOMY: REMOVAL OF PART OF THE TISSUE OF THE PENIS, REMOVAL OF THE TESTICLES, AND CASTRATION
- VAGINOPLASTY: CONSTRUCTION OF A VAGINA
- SKIN GRAFTS FOR A MORE AUTHENTIC FEMALE APPEARANCE

* FEMALE-TO-MALE SURGERIES INCLUDE:

- OVARIECTOMY: REMOVAL OF THE OVARIES
- HYSTERECTOMY: REMOVAL OF THE UTERUS
- MASTECTOMY: REMOVAL OF THE BREASTS
- PHALLOPLASTY: CONSTRUCTION OF A PENIS

