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Editor's Edict
by Lana Morris

Bah! Humbug! The Holidays are finally over. What a relief! All those parties, all those drinks, all that food. Turkey dinners topped with cookies, chocolates and pies. My waist chincer will be working overtime for weeks.

Then there's all those impolite shoppers, rude drivers and traffic jams to contend with, not to mention the nasty weather. I am just now beginning to regain my sanity.

Actually I'm just being a little sarcastic. I had a wonderful holiday season and I hope you did too. There is one thing that makes all the quandaries above worth while, as our dear friend, Cathy from Cincinnati, points out in the December "Inner-View" :

" 'Tis the season to be buying things that you can wear and say it's for your wife. Yes, it's the easiest time of the year to shop for those dainty things. No one looks twice at a man in the lingerie department during the Christmas season, even if he is buying a size 3X... Just remember that when a clerk asks you if they can help you, try to avoid saying 'I'd like to buy something for my wife who is the same size as me, but I don't know what size I am.' "

As we commence on 1992, we put another year behind us and look forward to a promising new year. I'm sure many of us have made some *New Years Resolutions*. If anyone's resolution was : *"to become more active and contribute more to the club"*, then here's your chance!

Elections for club officers are to be held during the February Meeting on the 22nd. Any member wishing to run for a position on the board must submit their name by January 25th.

I have decided to run for a second term as your newsletter editor. I will not be able to attend the February meeting when the elections will be held, so I am asking for your support now.

holiday meal complete with turkey, ham, cranberries and all the fixin's.

After dinner we had the gift exchange. We played a game where the first person picked a gift from under the tree. That person could either keep the gift or pass it to someone else, who in turn would pick out a gift and do the same.

Speaking of IXE, two of our sisters from out west, *Dana* and *Elaine* trekked the long journey along I-70 to be with us. *Diane* from CrossPort also attended for the second year in a row.

There is one item that I've been wanting to mention and every month I forget. About a year ago *Mary Ann* gave me approximately 50 name tag holders. She said she scarfed them from a convention that had plenty extras.

I had planned to design some name tags to be printed for these clear plastic holders. I apologize for not getting these out before now, but quite frankly, as Steve Martin used to say was a perfect excuse for not paying taxes, "I forgot!"

With some help from *Jennifer G.*, I'll do my best to get these name tags produced and to you by the February meeting.

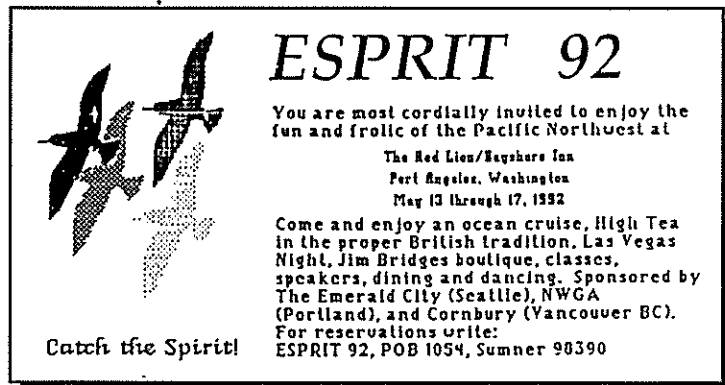
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People who have thrown their wig into the ring.

For those of you who could not attend the Christmas Party, you missed a great time! Thanks to *Rochelle, Marilyn, Lynda, and Carol* volunteering their time and efforts. A special thank-you to *Luana*, who found a place to have the party after our original plans to have the party at *Herby's* fell through.

There were approx. 30 people in attendance. We mixed and mingled for a while, then we sat down for a delicious



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Catch the Spirit!

So... You're Thinking About Electrolysis

There are many things to consider before you embark on your journey into the wonderful world of permanent hair removal.

by Kathleen Prentice
form CDforum

I thought I would contribute a few comments about electrolysis. In my wanderings in the last 6 months, I have learned a lot about electrolysis. Not to mention undergoing a good deal of it and I have found that there are many myths and many poor electrolysis clinics. So here are a few comments to possibly help people avoid some problems.

There are two kinds of processes practiced under the name electrolysis, thermolysis and true electrolysis. Both involve inserting a needle into the hair follicle and then applying a current.

In thermolysis, the current heats the hair follicle and attempts to kill the follicle by burning it. In electrolysis, the current creates a chemical reaction to produce sodium hydroxide which then kills the follicle.

The vast majority of electrolysists use only the thermolysis method because the machines are cheaper and the technique is easier to learn. However, it is not a very successful method, often resulting in about 75% hair regrowth.

The best techniques use what is known as "the blend". This technique came out of California and has been largely limited to the western United States, though it is now finally being adopted nationwide. The blend involves using two different currents to produce both thermolysis and electrolysis and reduces hair regrowth to about 15%. This technique is preferable not only because it minimizes regrowth, but it also minimizes skin damage.

Having to perform thermolysis 3 or 4 times on the same follicle can cause

severe skin damage, even if spaced over a year or so. Correctly done, there should be **no** permanent skin damage in electrolysis. You should not be able to tell you ever had work done on you a week or so after the procedure.

Thermolysis can be easily distinguished from electrolysis by whether you hold an electrode in one hand during the procedure. Since thermolysis involves burning the follicle by heating of the needle, it is unnecessary to induce a current in your body. However, electrolysis does require current to pass through the follicle, so you have to hold an electrode in one hand to produce a conduction path.

Finding a good electrolysist is a hit and miss proposition. The best way is word of mouth. A very few states have certification for electrolysists, but most states do not. In most states, anyone with an electrolysis machine can open a salon and go to work. If there is any regulation, it is generally by a cosmetology board who seldom has the expertise to judge the worth of a particular electrolysist. There is a national electrolysis association, but anyone with \$75 can join, so it is not a reliable indicator of someone's expertise.

Short of a recommendation, I would suggest the best way to find a good electrolysist is to call several and talk. Ask them to explain their procedures and see if they give you the feeling they have a good deal of experience, are not trying to snow you, and generally whether they seem knowledgeable and trustworthy. Be sure to ask them about their hygiene practices as well. Make certain they sterilize their needles before use and that they wear rubber gloves.

The chances of disease transmission in electrolysis are not great, but it is a form of microsurgery and the needle does make contact with your blood now and

then, so you need to make sure that the salon is performing good sterilization and hygiene.

One thought for getting a recommendation is to call some dermatologists and ask them who they send their people to. You might call a university medical school dermatology department for such a recommendation as well.

Also, see whether the salon knows about and uses the blend technique or not. The fact that they use the blend does not make them a good electrolysist, but I wouldn't even consider going to one that didn't use it.

I would also avoid the less expensive places, you get what you pay for. I pay \$63 per hour, which is on the high end. When you do go, start with a short session, say, 15 or 30 minutes, and then wait a week before returning.

The area that was worked on should no longer be swollen and you should see no marks whatsoever. If you see black heads, small white scars, pits, a persisting rash, or if the area is swollen, then stop going immediately!

These are signs of poor technique and they can cause permanent skin damage! Some swelling or white heads are not uncommon a day or so afterward. I find my face stays swollen for several days after four one hour sessions, and even up to a week later there will be a very minor amount of swelling, but not much. It's not enough to see, but you can feel it because your face will seem a bit stiff.

If you have electrolysis on your beard, you will find what they call tombstones. These look at first sight like a blackhead, but in fact are dead hairs under the skin.

In order to be able to tweeze out the

hair during electrolysis, the hair must be long enough to grasp with tweezers. So you must let your hair grow out a bit before an electrolysis session. This means on your face that you should not shave for a few days before a session.

Often a follicle will have more than one hair growing out of it. One hair gets tweezed out by the electrolysisist, but the others are beneath the skin. They will be pushed out in a few days. You can usually tweeze or squeeze them out when they appear. They are nothing to get worried about.

I have heard of TS's who started electrolysis with nice skin and ended it with skin that looked like a sponge. Correctly done, there will be no permanent skin damage, so don't compromise!

Another way to tell whether you are getting good care is that when done correctly, the hair should come out of the follicle **without** pulling on it. So if you find the electrolysisist is frequently having to pluck hair, then they are doing it wrong. Not only can this cause skin problems, but it means the follicle is not being killed and the hair will come back in a month or so.

Different size hairs require different size needles as well as different currents and current blends. Your electrolysisist should be able to explain to you what needle sizes they use where and what current blends they use for different parts of your body. If they can't or won't explain, then find a new electrolysisist.

To remove a mustache takes about 16 to 18 hours on the average male, spaced over a minimum of about 6 months. After the first 10 or so hours the upper lip should be getting pretty smooth. Their will still be some whiskers, but the thinning should be **dramatic!**

There will still be hair that will grow and will require more work later on. At any given time, some amount of your hair is dormant and it takes about 6 months

for this dormant hair to become active again. So you will have to go to electrolysis for at least that time (and more likely longer) to achieve complete removal of the hair on any part of your face in particular.

To remove a complete male beard takes on average about 200 hours and will take probably 1 to 2 years, depending on how much electrolysis you have at a sitting. Don't ever do more than an hour or so on any one part of your skin. You can do say, one hour on one side of your upper lip, and another hour on the other side. Much more than one hour on the same area of the skin significantly raises the possibility of permanent skin damage.

I do about 4 hours a week, a hour at a time on different parts of my face, for example. After an hour session, you should see definite thinning on the region.

Electrolysis is painful, though I found it was not nearly as bad as I had imagined. The most painful area is probably the upper lip, right under the nose.

In general you will find that electrolysis is a bit more painful along the frontal axis of symmetry of your body (i.e., right down the front of your body). The nerves in your skin are broken into nerves for the right side of your body and nerves for the left side. Along the center of your body, the two sides overlap, so you have twice as many nerve endings along the center axis of your body. Skin in this area may be more sensitive to pain during hair removal.

The pain is not that bad and will vary from individual to individual. I even find it varies with me, depending on whether I am in good spirits or depressed.

After having electrolysis, you have to be careful with your skin for at least a couple days. Avoid lots of sun and try to avoid sweating heavily for a day or two. Don't put makeup over an area that has been worked on for a day or so, and don't even think of shaving over it for

at least a day. Even then I would recommend being careful and using an electric razor to minimize the skin irritation.

You should swab the area worked on with Sea Breeze or some other type of antiseptic astringent. This will keep the now vacant hair pores clean and free from infection. After a couple days, the pores will close up and this will no longer be necessary.

You should also apply some sort of moisturizing lotion over the worked on area for a few days. I highly recommend using an Aloe Vera gel since it will help the burn heal. Be sure to avoid anything with perfumes or other things than can cause irritation.

I would avoid home electrolysis kits or the kinds of "permanent" hair removal devices you see in magazines. You can do home electrolysis, but you are more likely to damage your skin than anything. Get a professional to do it or don't do it all. Having hair is better than having scars or pits on your face. As for all these other devices that promise permanent hair removal, they are a rip off. You are not going to be able to permanently remove hair with a \$25 device. I am sorry to say that there is no medically known way to permanently and safely remove hair other than to have real electrolysis performed. These devices may kill a hair for a month or so, but it will return. Save your money and save your skin the wear and tear.

Well, that is my core dump on what I have learned about electrolysis. The bottom line is be informed and don't be afraid to change electrolysisists if you are dissatisfied. Correctly done, it is a safe and effective way to permanently remove hair. But it does have to be done correctly and there are a lot of poor electrolysisists out there. So just be careful, look for experience, and be an informed consumer. It isn't any different than choosing a doctor or an auto mechanic.

I hope this stuff is useful.

A Negative Situation

by Mike Harden
Columbus Dispatch Columnist

I Didn't have to glance twice at the snapshot from last month's vacation to the North Carolina Outer Banks to realize that the moon rising over the largely deserted Nags Head Beach at dusk was not celestial, but anatomical. Apparently on a dare, my 16-year-old son decided to taunt his older brother (holding the camera at the time) by showing him what comedian Dan Aykroyd once made Famous on *Saturday Night Live* as the "workman's smile."

Adolescent irreverence notwithstanding, my son might not have committed posterior to posterity had he thought about the 26-year-old Tampa, Fla., secretary who, some years back, permitted her boyfriend to photograph her in "various states of undress" only to have copies of those photos (which she later regretted and destroyed along with the negatives) show up at a party in a photo album alleged to belong to an ex-employee of the photo processor who developed her film.

Wendy Ellingson, the subject of those photos, now has sued that former employee, two of his co-workers, and the Jack Eckerd Corp, parent company of Eckerd Express Photo, the outfit that developed her pictures.

The photo album that was believed to have been the hit of numerous parties is said to contain pictures of more than 100 women, some of them totally naked.

It is an almost universal standard throughout the photo-processing business that the copying of a customers photos by an employee is the grounds for immediate dismissal.

Bill Pfeiffer, business manager of Cord Camera & Video, which operates 17 photo-processing outlets in central Ohio, acknowledged that rule but said his company has rarely had to use it.

Over the past four years, he allowed, "It seems there was an incident where a person was found with some prints on them and had to be let go."

"As for risqué," he said, "we get a lot of them that come through the lab. If it is just slightly off-color, or there is a degree of nudity, you can censor it. We don't have near the trouble of people trying to slip pornographic things by on us that we did years ago."

What photo processors do see, however, to hear a few of them talk about it, may not be criminal, though it suggests a fundamental lack of understanding by consumers that other human beings -- strangers -- will be staring at what the camera shutter only winked at.

"You wouldn't believe it if you saw it," maintained Kris Gross, for six years a photo processor in both Cleveland and Columbus. "We're talking nudity. When I worked at the Cord at Reynoldsburg, there was a dentist who regularly brought in photos of his wife naked. She'd be setting the table, talking on the phone, taking out the garbage, and *that* was taken outside.

"We had one guy who was trying to do gay pornographic greeting card covers. It was a crotch shot over a birthday cake... We had a man and a woman who made love in his office, or maybe it was her office."

She recalls one particular roll of film that really stopped her in her tracks. On the negative it resembled some form of mayhem or mutilation. She remembered, "I'm printing this roll of film, and I'm looking at this negative going, 'What the hell is that?' It sort of looked like it might be murder or something. When it came out (in print) it was a pig."

A group of revelers at a pig roast apparently decided that before they put the splayed and gutted porker on the spit, it might be kind of neat to photograph it sitting on the toilet. "They were putting hats on it," Gross, incredulous, she remembered.

"We've had nude shots of different types," said Jodi Wolfe, manager of Sunbury 1-Hour Photo. A male acquaintance of Wolfe's from high school recently brought a roll of film into the shop and asked specifically that Jodi process it.

What was it?

"Him naked," she wearily said.

The strangest thing she has seen lately, though, was a roll of film brought in by a football coach. The first half of the roll depicted the coach going about his duties. Nothing unusual. But of the remainder she said, "the other half of the roll had him dressed up as a girl, pantyhose and all."

A few depicted him in full drag; others, she added, showed him in nothing but a bra, panties and pantyhose.

It sort of makes a photo of a half-moon on the beach at Nags Head seem as pale as it was when the camera clicked.

Who sees
and shares
your
'personal'
photographs?

["A Negative Situation" - originally appeared in The Columbus Dispatch on September 4, 1991. I thought it was pertinent to our club for several reasons.

First of all, it reminds us that we must be discreet about getting photographs developed, Lord knows we take just a few! Unless you are ready to go public about your "hobby", you might want to be sure not to use half of a roll wherein the opposite half reveals your other identity.

Another precaution would be to take the film to a photo processor different from the one close to home where you take all your "regular pics" to be developed. You just can't be too careful, because when some people discover your little secret, they may think it's bizarre and can't keep quiet about it. Which brings me to my second point.

Sad to say, Although we've made some strides in the past few years, the general public does not seem ready to accept crossdressing (especially M 2 F). Not when a photo processor, who has probably seen it all, thinks a football coach in drag is stranger than a gutted pig on a toilet or a woman taking out the trash in the nude while her husband the dentist takes pictures of her.

This just emphasizes our need to educate the public about transgendered issues and let them know what we're all about. That is one of the main purposes of The Crystal Club and other such support groups. Hopefully, someday we won't have to be so clandestine about our activities. I.F.G.E. (The International Foundation for Gender Education), has been a driving force in this direction.
-- Lana.]



TV Dinners

by Adrienne

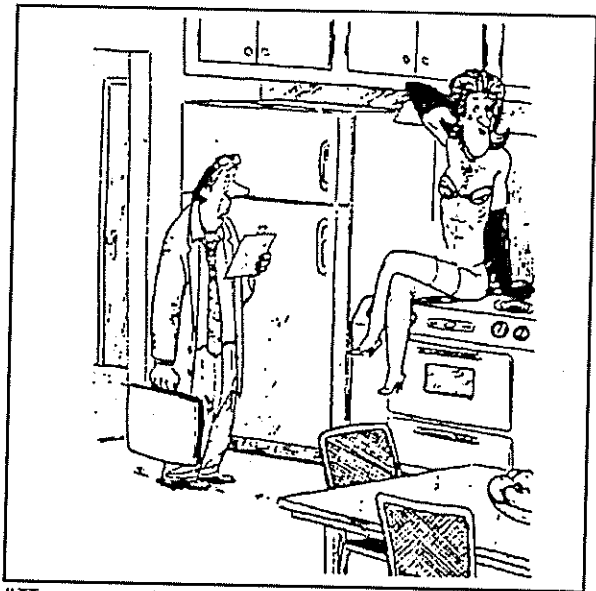
Have you been wondering about where you can go out to eat enfemme, be treated well, have good service, and good food? The inspiration for this column came while Rochelle, Eden and I were having dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse several weeks ago. Several of us have been going out to eat (and to other events) on a fairly regular basis, so it occurred to me that we ought to provide the benefits of our experiences to all of the membership and provide a dinning guide for cross-dressers. I hope that any club member who dines out while dressed will provide us with her own review of her experience, or relay it to me and I will write it up.

Earlier this summer Rochelle, Eden, Karen and I went to the rebuilt Chi Chi's on 161. We arrived about 6:30 to a very crowded parking lot, but were seated promptly. the waiter was absolutely wonderful. With a smile on his face he treated us all like ladies, and apologized for the hour long wait for the food. We were the subject of conversation for at least one table, but it was great time other than the wait for the meal. Moderate price and the food was good (I do not have much of a Mexican palate) and a generous tip was left for a very deserving waiter.

As mentioned at the beginning, we recently went to the Spaghetti Warehouse, where you can get very reasonably priced Italian fare, generous portions, good taste, and my very favorite drink, a "Velvet Hammer" which is really a liquor milkshake. The service was not as stellar, but still good, and there were no stares.

Finally I need to mention the "Grapevine" where most of have all gone for our first dinner "out." Here the owners, bartenders, waiters, and most everyone there welcome us and go out of their way to make us feel accepted. For that reason alone they deserve our patronage, in the past you could obtain a good dinner, but they have had some changes in the last few months and now it is more like a bar where you can get a sandwich, bowl of chili or a salad. We still get looked at as most of the time we are overdressed compared to rest of the clientele.

All these reviews will be kept on file in our library and I will condense them into a table which we will periodically print and make available at meetings. Please send be any of your own reviews, care of the club address.



"Honey, staying at Mother's, Left you a TV Dinner on the stove. Love Babs."

Meet Dana

Hiya...!!! I am Dana 1. I am 38 years old, stand 5'10" tall and weigh more than I would like. If one wants to install me into an identifying gender box, I would least resist the transsexual label. I am telling you this so that my physical likeness will be implanted in your mind for future articles. For the next 12 months, I will be writing a series of articles, to let everyone know where I have been, what I have done, and what I have accomplished while on my gender identity search.

I belong to the gender group here in Columbus, known as *The Crystal Club*. I am also a member of the Cincinnati gender group, *CrossPort*. I live in Indianapolis where I am "home based" with the group there called *IXE*.

It is my life's desire for Sexual Reassignment Surgery. I will be seeking SRS within the next two years, but **only** when I have all present and future monetary bases covered. I have read newsletters from all around the country and one subject is always overlooked. It is the most important of all subjects. The subject is **money**. When I say money, I don't mean how to spend it, geeeeeessh.... we all know how to do that...!!!! I mean how to make it. My point is that to be able to afford anything in life you have to have money.

Here are some basic things that everyone needs to survive. You need a place to sleep, be it an apartment, house, barn, dog house or light pole. There are no exceptions. What are you going to do, stay awake for the rest of your life...?? Whether you make a house payment or a rent payment it all costs money.

You need heat, electricity, and water for your housing. Unless you are very cold natured, have nothing that requires electricity, or use an outhouse for your morning bowel movements, you are going to need water and this too costs money.

You need food. You cannot go without eating for very long without dying. Food also costs money. Therefore, the very first thing you need is a job or some type of steady income. Without

some kind of income one can not meet even the most basic of needs.

The reason any of this is important, is that if one wishes to buy new blouses, dresses, makeup, new shoes, or the most expensive purchase of them all, Sexual Reassignment Surgery, they all cost money. Everyone has to live, before and after any new clothing purchases or anticipated reassignment surgery. Of the transgendered people who I have heard from, most of them do not even have a clue about how much SRS costs, not to mention how to make the amount of money required for this very expensive surgery. Their only thought is of the end result.

In an effort to determine the sincerity of these transgendered people I like to ask them how much money they have saved so far and how they will be able to afford SRS. If they tell me that they have a substantial income and a definite financial plan and are working toward their goal, they will more than likely succeed in their quest. If they answer that they are working at the local fast food place, it is safe to assume that they will be making a minimum wage. With those minimal earnings, it is almost impossible to afford even the basic human needs, let alone anything else that they may dream about.

Yes, they may have all the desire in the world for SRS, but without the money, it can **never** happen. You do not work for free, I do not work for free and SRS surgeons do not work for free either. It all takes money and a lot of it...!!!

This article was originally the cover story in the January '91 IXE newsletter.

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

-- Dolly Parton

"The great tragedies of history occur not when right confronts wrong but when two rights confront each other."

-- Henry A. Kissinger



What's this? Time for another one of those periods of insanity known as the *Texas "T" Party*? Yes folks, those poor old lonesome gals down Texas way are a'hankering for y'all to head old Betsy down our way for some good old Texas fun and hospitality. Since this is our fourth "T" Party, we want All of our friends back again to San Antonio for it. And to all of you out there that have never been to a "T" and are mumbling to yourselves, "Well, it's their fourth one, Surely they've got it right by now", you're right! (Now, if we could just figure out how they make money on these things!) We promise you more fun than you've had since the "Leggs" truck overturned in front of your house. A new hotel, a wonderful place to shop right across the street (a place we S.A. girls refer to as "the best 'passing mall' in town"), and new programs designed for YOU. Unfortunately, you will still have to put with the same nuts running this affair, since no one has alerted the asylum that they are still on the loose. So of course, the same stupid rules will apply.

WARNING

Anyone caught in a dress at our party will be expected to have fun! We will still allow no seriousness. (we are quite serious about this!)

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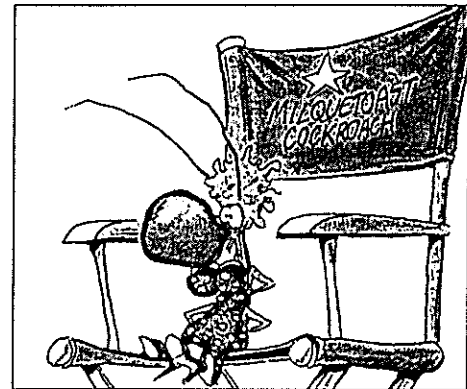
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- the Texas sun and warm weather
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England, France, Germany, South Africa and the USSR. Articles in the first issue include an article on the realities of living full time, one on cross-dressing in Germany, a "how to" on doing your eye shadow by Jim Bridges, the beginnings of TransEssex in England, and several more.

If you are interested in this publication, contact Creative Design Services, PO Box 61263, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1263.



Scandal on the set of Opus and Bill's 1st Christmas Special!!

Last month in TV Guide, Berkeley Breathed, creator of *Bloom County* took a Tongue-in-cheek look at the hassles of bringing America's favorite penguin and lobotomized cat to TV.

Universal Cartoon Studios and Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment produced the special, which they felt was the spiffiest animation ever created for television.

News from CrossPort

by Cathy

Creative Design Services out of King of Prussia, PA sent us a copy of the first issue of their new magazine, *International Transcript*. They plan to publish six times a year, with the per issue price being \$8.00 and an annual subscription being \$40.00.

The scope of this magazine really seems to be international in flavor, as they have associate editors in Australia, Canada,

There were, however, six snoopy stories surrounding the production that threatened to eclipse the broadcast on Wednesday, Dec. 18 on CBS. The first supposition was that Julia Roberts was nearly killed doing the kissing scene with Opus. The next hearsay was that Roseanne Arnold was to play Santa Claus. The rumors were listed in order, each one more outrageous than the one before. Breathed deflated them one-by-one.

The sixth and final defamatory, overblown allegation was that the show featured a Cross-dressing cockroach wearing a chartreuse, polka-dot summer dress padded with two Milk Duds which wasn't even acknowledged with a response. Except as Winnie the Poo would say, "Oh, bother."

Calendar of Events

2-6	IXE	Meeting	Indianapolis
2-14	Crystal Club	L.N.O.	Columbus
2-9	G.I.C.	Meeting	Chicago
2-12	Crystal Club	Business Meeting	Columbus
2-15	Paradise	Meeting	Lakewood Oh.
2-20	CrossPort	Meeting	Monroe Oh.
2-22	Crystal Club	Meeting	Columbus
2-28	Boulton & Park Texas T Party		Bulverde Tx.
3-(TBA)	5th Annual Night of 1,000 Gowns c/o Ben Freeman 200 E. 16th St. suite 2M NYC NY 10003		
4-6/12	IFGE	Coming Together	Houston Tx.
4-29 to 5-3	CrossTalk Powder Puffs	California Dreamin'	Anahiem California
5-13/17	Port Angeles	Esprit 92	Sumner Wa.
May	Creative Design Serv.	Paradise in the Poconos	King of Prussia Pa.

Other Support Groups

Cross-Port
P.O. Box 12701
Cincinnati, OH 45212
(513) 851-6174

Alpha Omega
Ohio Tri-Ess Chapter
P.O. Box 954
Elyria, OH 44036

Transpitt
P.O. Box 3214
Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Paradise Club
P.O. Box 29564
Parma, OH 44129

IXE
Box 20710
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Crossroads
Box 1245
Royal Oak, MI 48068-1245

Trans West Virginia
P.O. Box 2322
Huntington, WV 25724-2322

St. Louis Gender Found.
P.O. Box 9433
St. Louis, MO 63227

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I DID fight like a man, but so did SHE."

THE FAR SIDE

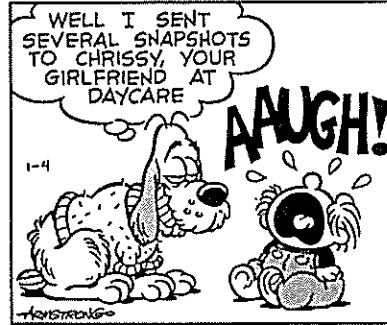


"I tell ya, Ben — no matter who wins this thing, Boot Hill ain't ever gonna be the same."

MARVIN



REMEMBER ALL OF THOSE PICTURES YOUR DAD TOOK OF YOU WEARING THAT BAPTISMAL DRESS?



Read Marvin in The Sunday Dispatch

