

## TRANSEXUAL ACTION ORGANIZATION

# Moonshadow

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Membership in the TAO is absolutely restricted to pre-operative transsexuals under hormone treatment and post-operatives, both male-to-female and female-to-male. Membership/identity cards can be obtained from any TAO officer or from the Transsexual Counseling Service office in San Francisco, and by mail by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with proof, such as medical or legal statements. There are no dues, fees or charges.

Transvestites who wish to become associated with the TAO's Transvestite Unit should write to Leslie Lyndon at our mailing address.

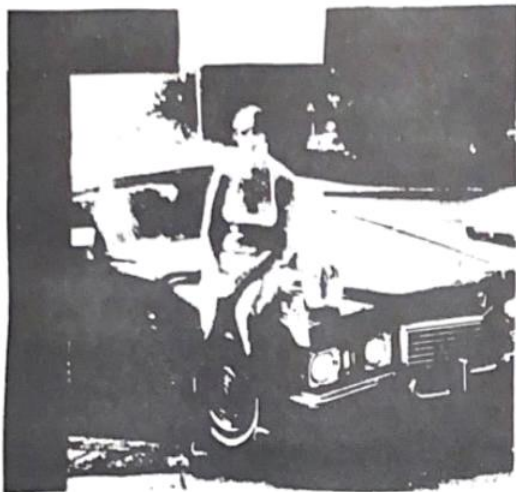
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AUGUST

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Angela Keyes Douglas, president  
Colette Goudie, vice-president  
Cynthia Platt, secretary  
Tara Carn, presidential Assistant  
Leslie St. Clair, west coast director  
Wendy Davidson, west coast director

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TAO member Barbara

The cost and difficulty in obtaining sex change surgery in the USA led a Dr. Len to appeal to the Soviet Union to accept USA transsexuals for surgery but the appeal was denied by the USSR.

Some doctors estimate there are now at least 100,000 pre and post-operative transsexuals in North America.

Dr. Hamburger performed the sex change operation of Christine Jorgensen over 20 years ago in Denmark. Such surgery in Denmark is now limited to Danish citizens only.

Dr. Harry Benjamin coined the word "transsexualism", which is also spelled transsexualism and transsexualism.

"TS" is slang for transsexual or transsexualism; "TV" is slang for transvestite or transvestism.

The synthetic female hormone diethylstilbestrol, also known as DES and stilbestrol, has been banned for use as a food supplement to cattle by the Food and Drug Administration, as it is suspected of causing cancer. Ranchers use it to help fatten cattle and make them docile. It is also taken by thousands of transsexuals daily.



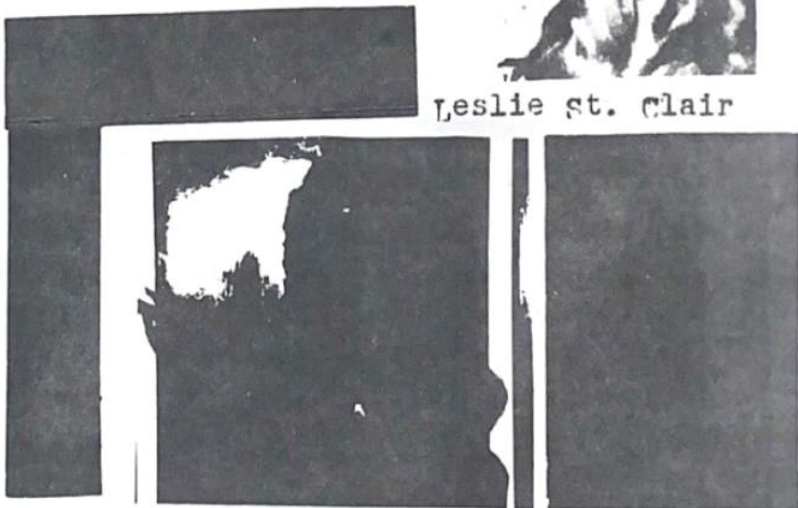
TAO member Melanie

The Transsexual Counseling Service originated around 1967 as a group effort of transsexuals under the name Correct Our Gender, then became the National Transsexual Counseling Unit directed by Wendy Kohler, later by Janice Maxwell and Sue Cooke. The NTCU became the Transsexual Counseling Service in 1972 under the direction of Leslie St. Clair and Wendy Davidson.

Assisted by the Erickson Educational Foundation and San Francisco Police Community Relations officers, including Elliott Blackstone, this effort has assisted thousands of transsexuals with information, counseling and legal and other help. Its new office is located at 121 Tevenworth St., San Francisco, Calif. 94102. Leslie St. Clair and Wendy Davidson became TAO members recently and were appointed West Coast TAO directors by TAO President Angela Keyes Douglas.



Leslie St. Clair



TAO member Peaches Del Monte

The brilliant scientist/writer Dr. Isaac Asimov feels transsexualism is "gruesome" according to President Douglas.

# PROTEST

All photos by Jane Bond unless noted.

There are many transexual, transvestite and combination organizations, but few are public. Street Transvestites Action Revolutionaries can possibly be reached in the village area of New York, and Queens Liberation Front can be contacted through Queens publications. As to the secret organizations, we will, of course, respect their wish to remain out of view of the general public. The following organizations and efforts are relatively well-known, and provide assistance to transexuals of various types, mostly information.

Transexual counseling service, 121 Leavenworth St. San Francisco, Ca. 94102  
Erickson Educational Foundation, 41 Fifth Ave. Suite 4-e, New York, NY,  
and at 4047 Hundred Oaks, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Transvestites-Transexuals, c/o Rose-Ann Prowett, TV-TS Director, Gay  
Community Services Center, 1614 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90017  
Gender Dysphoria Program, Rehabilitation Surgery, Stanford University  
Medical Center, Stanford, Ca. 94305

Queens Publications, Box 538, New York, NY 10009

Academy of Medical Science, Institute of Experimental Endocrinology  
and Hormone Chemistry Research, 12 Solyanka, Moscow, J-240, USSR

Transvestites-Transexuals, All Saints Church Vestry, Clydesdale Road,  
London, W. 11, England

In 1970 the TAO was instrumental in placing a transexual rights demand in the platform of the California Peace and Freedom Party-- "The right to determine the uses of one's body, as in sex change operations and others." The TAO also contacted various Presidential candidates in the 1972 rigged elections, but received little support from any of them, including Shirley Chisholm.

Transexuals involved with women's liberation are warned that many feminists will exploit and use transexuals for the feminist cause, but will not help transexuals in return.

There are many transexuals now associated with women's liberation, and we will help support any transexual who runs into difficulty, such as the courageous Beth Elliott. We urge transexuals to organize with each other rather than get involved in women's liberation, however.

# TAO

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The following prices concern sex re-assignment surgery for the male-to-female transexual, and are representative of the costs for such surgery in the United States. Some clinics charge more or less depending on the abilities of the surgeon. In some European nations having socialized medicine systems, sex re-assignment surgery is free or at very low cost to citizens of the particular nation. There is little, if any, recourse for the American transexual who cannot afford the costs because of the controversiality of the surgery...and governmental health agencies have avoided the problem in general, although a certain amount of medical assistance has been made available. A recent newstory about a male-to-female transexual in Illinois exemplified this aspect of the problem: public health services provided part of the surgery, breast implants-but balked at the rest of the surgery, leaving the person in sexual limbo, neither male or female. Unfortunately, if persons in such conditions are arrested for any reason, they are generally placed with males.

Sex re-assignment operations are fully legal in the United States.

California Clinic

1. Evaluation by surgeon		100
2. psychiatric evaluation		100
3. Endocrinological evaluation		175
4. Development clinic		no charge
5. Vocational rehabilitation		no charge
6. Legal consultation		80
7. Surgery		1000
8. Hospitalization 6-9 days		1200-1500
9. optional surgery		
a. Rhinoplasty	350	
b. Blepharoplasty	250	
c. Mammoplasty	235	
d. Mammoplasty implants	165	
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	Total Costs	2655-2955

New York Clinic

1. psychiatric evaluation		75
2. surgery		2000
3. Hospitalization		1200
4. Anesthesia		150
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	Total Costs	3425

Electrolysis can cost up to \$1000. also. Hormone treatments cost about \$20-30 per month.



The TAO commends transvestites Lee Brewster and Sylvia Rivera for the actions they took on June 24 at the Gay Liberation parade and rally in New York City. Brewster, who founded Queens Liberation Front in 1969 and publishes *Prag* magazine, spoke at the rally to several thousand homosexual liberationists and denounced the Gay Liberation movement for its repression of transvestites and transexuals. Brewster reminded the gays that queens were the ones who actually did the fighting at the Stonewall Rebellion, the event that tens of thousands of gay men and women were celebrating with parades and marches on June 24 of this year as they have since 1970.



Lee



Brewster

Star



Sylvia Rivera, leader of Street Transvestites Action Revolutionaries which organized in 1970, fought to the speaker's platform later, and also denounced the Gay Liberation movement. Leaders of the gay parade had earlier tried to have Rivera arrested when he got into an argument with some of the parade's organizers. Rivera spoke about the oppression of transexuals and transvestites in prison, among other things. STAR has clashed violently with a number of organizations, including the American Communist Party.

Liz Fden, a post-operative transexual, marched with the women's contingent.

pre-operative male-to-female transexual Beth Elliott was denounced by feminist/writer Robin Morgan some time ago at a lesbian conference in California for being associated with women's liberation. Elliott had served as vice-President of the Daughters of Bilitis, a lesbian rights organization, for a year, and has been an active feminist for several years. Morgan also attacked transexualism and transvestism in general. Elliott later described the experience as like being on trial before Pope John the First. Feminist/writer Kate Millet disagreed completely with Robin Morgan, and Morgan was also challenged by many lesbians as Morgan is a heterosexual.

A TAO justice committee convicted Morgan of fostering the genocide of transexuals and placed a voodoo curse of education and restraint on her, then discovered Morgan had identified herself as a witch at the conference and spoke about the persecution of witches. President Douglas said Morgan's views belonged in the Dark Ages, and she was no better than the people who executed Joan of Arc, a transvestite.

Dallas Pee, a pre-operative male-to-female transexual, said she visited the prison chaplain while at Los Angeles County jail and he told her if she cut her hair she'd be more accepted by society. Dallas sometimes works as a topless dancer.

DENMARK  
FRANCE  
GERMANY  
GREECE  
HAWAII  
ISRAEL

ENGLAND  
CANADA  
IRELAND

The word is getting around.

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SWEDEN  
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TAO secretary Cynthia Platt

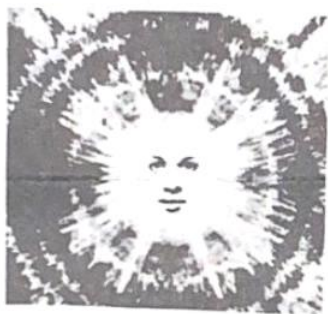
Klinefelter's syndrome is a genetic condition where an extra female chromosome is in the genetic composition of a person born male. As they get older, they transform partly into females. A genetic analysis is available at universities for around \$ 100.

Wilen rohn in New York News magazine say that a male leader of the Ogala Sioux Indians who took over wounded knee said he had planned to capture a rival Indian leader, shave his head, force him to put on a dress and run him off the land. He said it was the worst insult his tribe could give. Some Indian tribes exalted transvestism and it was common for shamans to be transvestic.



TAO Presidential Assistant Tara Carn

Seaweed are the sex changes of the undersea world, according to an article in a Miami newspaper. These members of the sea bass family normally change sex from female to male as they get older.



TAO president Angela K. Douglas

Cynthia Platt has been appointed TAO Secretary to replace Nancy Ramey, who left the Miami area. Tara Carn now fills Cynthia's old office.

Colette Goudie, Cynthia Platt and Tara Carn were among six persons arrested July 20 on disorderly conduct charges during an altercation at the 21st street beach. Carn and Goudie reported they were treated well by police but Platt had some complaints.

Morris Right, a member of the Board of Directors of Los Angeles' Gay Community Services Center, wrote to the TAO and said it was high time that transexuals organized and did something about their oppression.



TAO member Wadelyn



Robin Morgan



Technological witchcraft

# FREEDOM AND DIGNITY

Secretary Cynthia Platt-"Looking Towards the Future"

"As TAO secretary I would like to discuss how a transexual should approach life-both before and after surgery. Firstly, the transexual must give some thought to the future, and what kind of a life the person wants to live. Most pre-operatives and many transvestites want to have surgery, but being a "post-operative transexual" alone isn't all there is to it. It also means trying to find acceptance in society as a normal happening-a member of a true third sex. We must all work towards improving the legal aspects of our lives, and try to end the attitudes which will not permit us to be teachers or nurses. Someday we will have more access to the political structure and take part in it as candidates and seek elective offices.



In order to do all of this, we must co-operate with each other, and not turn against each other in our desperation. The TAO is one of many organizations helping all transexuals and transvestites, and if all of us can join together these goals will be accomplished sooner. We should also reach out to non-transexuals so they can understand us better.

The reason so many transexuals become drug addicts and suicidal is not only because of the rejection by society but that government services are also often denied to us-help of any kind. There are government programs for addicts, alcoholics, mentally retarded, physically handicapped, but really none for us and some of us need help. Transexuals and transvestites have a lot of talent which society has lost because society will not let us really use these talents and our minds. Such as I would like to take part in political affairs, but prejudice denied me a complete education-and the super-discrimination against us is far worse than that against people because of their race or religion. It might seem impossible that we will ever overcome these prejudices. I hope that in the near future there will be many collective efforts for those who would like to achieve greater status in society and we can help build one to provide many services for our people."

President Angela Keyes Douglas- "Defend your Rights"

"Tara and I are both Piscean, and a horoscope told us to defend our rights, which is marvelous advice for all of us. But to mensurate the amount of rights we have with punctilious accuracy might require at least three or four million-seconds, as we seem to have all been disenfranchised of them somewhere along the paths pioneered by Christine. They seem to have faded like the chords of a guitar vanish into coruscating memory and anticipation...but away from the astral audits and into the reverent season of August and the blithe dissemination of our paeans.

Our exiguous bevy of transexualists is not as frangible as some might wish, and is now continental and soon to be international. The TAO is ubiquitous and is an oligarchy, because of the nature of our situation and struggle-and it is also nonpareil.

I wish to adduce the warmest of welcomes to all new members, and I hope you will find your association with us of memorable and valuable benefit. I also wish to express my appreciation to everyone assisting in the development and agglomeration of the TAO, so that we can palliate and abrade the negative life conditions so many of us are experiencing. Let's get it on in love, unity and collective courage, obtain our rights, and defend them well."



OF COURSE! WHAT A WOMAN  
DOES WITH HER BODY IS HER  
BUSINESS!

I know that  
you believe you  
understand what  
you think I said  
But  
I am not sure  
you realize that  
what you hear  
is not  
what I meant

The Transvestite-Transsexual Branch of the Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles provides, legal, job, housing and other help to transsexuals and transvestites.

Black transsexuals and transvestites were the target of a demonstration by the Congress of Racial Equality a few years ago. ~~They~~ picketed the Apollo Theatre in New York, forcing it to close temporarily, objecting to the show as it "offended Black manhood."



TAO Transvestite Unit member HOT (Chocolate (Lollipop) who performs at the Stonewall in Miami Beach.



TAO Transvestite Unit Director Leslie Lyndon

The TAO picketed a theatre in Hollywood, Calif. in 1970 which was showing the film "Myra Breckinridge". We felt that actual transsexuals should be used in such films, instead of impersonators like Welch.

(Excuse us if some of the photos didn't reprint very well. Please send only high-definition black and white photos to us.)

President Douglas met Robert M. Grimston, founder of the Process religious movement, and discussed transsexualism at length with him. An article of hers on the subject may appear soon in the Processean magazine.



TAO member Melanie Montes feels very strongly about transsexual liberation, and said "I am very happy that the TAO has organized and is a growing organization. I really think that all of us, transsexuals, should get together and help out a little more for our cause, everyday, plus I truly wish that instead of fights among ourselves there will be more peace and co-operation on our parts to get our goals fulfilled. This will mean more love for each other, more help when one of us is in need, and never to forget, that when one of us is in trouble the other, instead of walking away, should stand up for each other. There should be less hate between us and less envying of each other, because we should all remember that we are in the same boat and none of us is really any different from the other. I feel that if we get together and stay together everything will work out better for all of us, and eventually, the TAO will become a more effective and worthwhile organization."

Melanie Montes is the TAO "member of the month."

# PROTEST

FOLLOW YOUR DREAM 



August 26 will be the 53rd anniversary of women's suffrage and will be celebrated in many ways by the National organization for women. The TAO urges all transexuals to phone the NOW office in their city and congratulate them, and to also request that NOW publicly recognizes the efforts of transexuals to end their oppression and obtain self-determination.

Transexual or transvestite: A transvestite is a person of either sex who wears the clothing of the other for purposes of self-enjoyment or expression, and is also known as a cross-dresser or a drag queen—in the case of male homosexuals who wear feminine attire. A transexual is a person who wishes to change their anatomical sex, and feels that his/her psychospiritual composition is one sex and the body is of another. Persons undergoing the transformation are known as pre-operative transexuals, and persons who have completed it with surgery are known as post-operative transexuals or changlings.



Candy La Marr says she is proud to be a member of the Transexual Action Organization.

Candy La Marr (Franki Greenwell) is one of South Florida's active transexuals. Candy attempted suicide last year, but bounced back to play the Mary Magdalene role in the production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" by Hallandale's Peoples' Community Theater.

Candy also says she was promised a free sex change operation by local health services, but that all it turned out to be was a way for the medicos to get Candy to keep returning for treatment. This is a common complaint of many transexuals, and is an indication of how unethical many psychiatrists and psychologists are--some of the worst enemies of transexuals and gay people and women. Candy also says that she was arrested here recently for indecent exposure, but the case was thrown out of court as a false arrest--and that police later told her they'd try to arrest her on anything, as she "looks too feminine for a boy." Candy hopes to file false arrest charges eventually.

The transvestite information service (TWIS) can be reached at Spencer, North Carolina 28139, and sends information on transvestism and transexualism to its members. Membership costs \$ 10 and a card identifying the member as a transvestite is sent.

The Transexual Action Organization hopes that you enjoyed this issue of Moonshadow. It will be better with your help--artwork, short articles, information, newsclippings--send them to us. We will continue to provide Moonshadow to transexuals free of charge as one of the TAO's services.

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AT THIS TIME, PASSENGERS ARE REQUESTED TO FASTEN THEIR SEAT BELTS...

THIS IS EVEN BIGGER THAN THE BEACH AT THE FONTAINEBLEAU!

YOU NAME IT, I'LL DO IT!

'S MATTER, DOC, CAN'T YA SEE?

YEZ, I KNOW ALL AND SEE ALL.

866-337

LOOK UP IN THE SKY!

HEY! WHAT DID YOU CALL ME?

OH, BUTCH, YOU ARE AN INTELLECTUAL AFTER ALL!

I'LL GO FOR BROKE

WE NEED YOU!

IT'S NICE TO BE BACK!

WE'RE HERE... BECAUSE WE'RE HERE... BECAUSE WE'RE HERE... BEC...

I DETECT IN YOU ALL OF THE CLASSIC BEHAVIORAL ANOMALIES CHARACTERISTIC OF THE SCHIZOID PERSONALITY!

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE IN

The

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