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The Crystal Club is a non-profit support group for TV,

TS, TG, FI, and others who assume a complete trans-gendered identity. Spouses and significant others are welcome and are encouraged to participate. Both Male-to-Female and Female-to-Male are welcome. Also, members from related organizations, helping professionals, and approved guests are welcome when cleared through a Crystal Club elected officer.

Meetings are the fourth Saturday evening of each month unless a special event is scheduled that takes the place of the regular scheduled meeting. The location of the meeting or event(s) are only released to members or others with the approval of an officer.

New prospective members must be screened by the Member Representative or another delegated representative of the Crystal

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The Crystal Club membership fee is \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a couple (member and a significant other/spouse). The start of a new membership is pro-rated in coordination with the Crystal Club fiscal year end of 30 June, in quarter increments (4 months) to the nearest \$5, in advance. Additional consecutive years consist of the standard membership fee, in advance. Meeting fees are: \$15 for a single

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President's Column

by Rochelle Richards

Ladies, a lot has happened in the last year and I can see even more happening in the year to come. Our elections will be held on Feb. 22nd and urge each and every member to show up and vote. This is the only way to have a say in who is to run the direction in which the club will go. The ballots are full of good people running for each office. Choosing may be hard for the new members but just attend the meeting and hear what each candidate has to say in their behalf. We will also allow the membership to ask two questions of each candidate before voting takes place. Again this is your chance to help head the club in the direction of your choice.

I'd like to take a few minutes to thank a great group of friends that a person could have. Thank you Crystal Club Members for voting me as the member of the year. I was surprised when at the Christmas Party I was awarded the plaque for member of the year. I feel that this award belongs to all of those that have helped me over the last three years. "NO" one person can take the credit for how far the club has gone, it's been a group effort all the way. Three different boards as well as long term members caring about what happened to the club. I had plenty of help and I'd like to thank each and everyone of you for it. I know that you will support the new officers in the coming year.

As I leave the office of Crystal Club President, I can only say that it has been a pleaser to along some mighty fine people in the last three years. You know who you are and it was great working along side of you all. I hope that you will allow me to help you in the future as you have helped me in the past. I'd like to help if you ever need me. So long and good luck to all the new officers.

Editor's Edict

by Lana Morris

Keeping a sense of humor

I was reading another club's newsletter and there was a short piece about a Timex watch commercial. You've probably seen it. The commercial features a "woman" so ugly that glass breaks wherever "she" goes, except, of course, the Timex watches, which take a lickin' and keep on tickin'. The ugly woman is obviously a man in drag. The writer of the newsletter article asks, "why don't they grow up."

I don't think that Timex meant to poke fun of crossdressers. They probably didn't want to offend any actress by portending that she was so ugly she would break glass.

On the other hand, TV Guide has been running a promotion spot where they parody the talk shows. The commercial features a group of men who are compelled to dress as clowns and the women that love them. They are on the stage of a Geraldo-type show. An accountant says something like, "I did it as a joke at the company picnic and it was wonderful... all my life I've been suppressing the clown inside me that's been struggling to get out!"

I think this could easily be seen as a little "jab" at crossdressers. My female side was slightly offended at first, but my male ego thought it was kinda cute. At least they didn't come right out use men in drag. The added twist of changing it to clowns was creative and brings up an interesting analogy. How many of us have at one time or another felt a little like a clown? On your first few times out with all that make-up and colorful clothing? What if someone really did feel like a clown on the inside and wanted to express it openly by dressing that way in public? Would you think it was silly? Would you

laugh at him\her? Maybe.

By turning it around and thinking about it this way we can imagine why some people treat us the way they do. Considering that many people are frightened by things they don't understand they will probably react in one of two ways. They will either be scared or amused. I have found that when first confronted with a crossdresser most want to laugh, but out of courtesy are afraid to, and this makes them uncomfortable.

We might as well understand this and show them that we are big enough to laugh at ourselves. And that it is ok for them to smile and acknowledge the humor in it. After all, let's face it, there is something quite amusing about a man in a dress. Flip Wilson, Melton Berle, Jack Benny, Johnny Carson, Johnathon Winters and the entire cast of Monte Python have known this for years.

Sometimes I think we, the "Gender Community", tend to take ourselves a little too seriously. Renaissance and Cross-Talk spent most of last year chastising IXE for printing two humorous but phony articles in their newsletter. Humor is a healthy emotion especially when it is kept positive. The world is full of problems and the last thing people want to deal with is a yet another complaining oppressed minority.

I don't mean to trivialize gender issues. They are a serious matter and the insight we have to offer society is very important. However, we must keep a sense of humor and show the world that we are comfortable with ourselves. It is only then that they will be comfortable with us and the path towards of acceptance can be paved.



Secretary's Report

by Adrienne

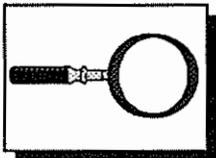
Business Meeting - January 16, 1992

Members present: Rochelle, Eden, Marilyn, Adrienne, and Jennifer G.

First issue that was discussed was ballots for the election in February. It was decided to mail ballots to all members and to vote, they will either have to bring them to the meeting or else return them by mail, post-marked no later than 2/20/92.

Second issue which was discussed was club finances. Expenses are not currently being covered, membership dues do not even cover the cost of preparing the newsletter for a year. Several different options were proposed regarding changing membership fees; from increasing to \$20 per year; \$75 per year, which would also cover meeting fees; \$50 per year with a smaller meeting fee. There was not enough information to adequately appraise all the alternatives, it was moved by Rochelle to raise the fees to \$20 per year effective with March 1992. This proposal passed 3-1. We also decided that this is not a closed issue, and at the February business meeting it is hoped that some specific alternative proposals will be presented.

A discussion was also held to obtain ideas on how we might be able to better assist the newsletter editor in preparing the news letter. Suggestions were made to reduce the size, publish bi-monthly, create an "editorial board" or have an assistant position. Nothing definite was decided, it was felt that we needed direct input from the editor herself to properly address
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issue.



Election News

You should have already received an election ballot in the mail. All ballots are numbered and only one is given to a member. You may vote at the meeting or by sending your ballots in by mail. We ask that if you vote by mail that you please not put a return address on it. This way nobody will know who voted for whom. If you come to the meeting and plan to vote there you must bring your ballot with you for there will no ballots handed out at the meeting.

Here are some brief commentaries from some of the candidates:

Presidential Candidates

Adrienne:

Almost two years ago I joined the Crystal Club, and since then my life has been opened to new possibilities, my person is whole, I now present myself in public as the lady I am. I want to ensure that these possibilities remain open for those friends we have not met yet. As president I will work towards stabilizing and increasing membership, establish and follow a budget, and provide programs at our meetings that are responsive to the desires of the membership. We also need to support nation education efforts by establishing ties with IFGE and other national groups.

Jennifer G:

While thinking about the reasons why I'm interested in running for the clubs presidential position, the over riding reason that came to mind is because I care about the club and I hope that you do to. The benefits I've received are countless and I want to offer something back. This something is positive and severely needed

from the feedback I've been receiving and observing.

The Crystal Club has offered it's support to a lot of individuals that can use it's services. However, the club is shrinking rather than growing. It's been losing members and not obtaining very many new members because it's not offering that special something of support that they needed.

We, together, have an opportunity to nudge the support offered towards a positive, proud, and productive club. Sure, it'll take some time and a lot of effort based on the leadership and members working together for the good of the club. Yes, I'll ask for your help and support. And most definitely we can make it the best club possible together.

So, with that all said, I ask you to stay with me as I cover the generalities of my plan.

My Crystal Club background...

My affiliation with club is based on over 2 1/2 active years. During these years, I've held the office of Vice President and ran for the office of President last year. I'm proud to list my major accomplishments. They are in the areas of developing and maintaining a computerized membership database, created and sent membership renewal notices, developed the elected officer job descriptions, helped in building and running the booth at the initial gay fest, assisted the newsletter editor, and made multiple recommendations about club improvement issues.

My Views and goals as president...

Please allow me to share my views and goals with you. They are gathered from club experience, holding Crystal Club office, business knowledge, and talking with the membership.

• **President** - The office of president must plan and set direction, assign

responsibilities, set and insure completion dates, represent the membership, delegate, and follow-up. And most importantly, listen to the membership and insure the club grows and becomes strong for the present and future membership.

• **Financial** - The financial standing of the club must be strong. Developing and maintaining a budget is the main priority. It will allow the tracking of expenditures and planning for the future. This is a very important office and must be filled.

• **New Members** - Without members there isn't any club. An informative new member packet needs to be developed. A solid sponsorship program must be implemented. And most importantly, these individuals need to become a member and increase our membership.

• **Out Reach** - Helping professionals, help lines, and other support associations need to know what the Crystal Club is about and what it offers. A brochure explaining the purpose of the club would greatly help them help us. Obtaining new members by referral is a vastly untapped area for us.

• **Organizational Base** - A long term successful club has a solid organizational base. Both short term and long term planning will enable us to define the needed direction of the club. By developing a solid rounded constitution, policies, and procedures we insure the club does and offers what it needs to.

• **General Organization** - Once the organizational base is established we can place monthly, quarterly, and yearly goals and objectives into motion as a part of an integrated overall plan. By defining and implementing common goals and enhancing member participation we can again make the Crystal Club a fun and productive support group.

• **Meetings and Events** - The time we meet, either at monthly meetings or at events, is a special time together. For the members who still attend, we get

something of support from the club. For the members who no longer attend, or who are no longer members, or who never joined didn't get what they needed from the club. Unfortunately, the ones who didn't are the vast majority and we need to change this together.

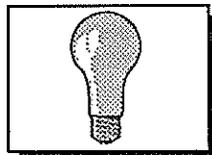
• **Committees and Volunteers** - The positions of leadership are volunteer based. They are not getting paid for their efforts or time. To ask them to do everything isn't fare to their children, spouses, or careers is it? So you, the membership, need to help these officers by getting involved in committees and by being volunteers. Some of the main areas are assistants to the officers, meeting event committee, core direction planning, significant others committee, member committee, advertising committee, and constitution committee. No officer, who has volunteered to help the Crystal Club, should be left stranded to do the work for you, should they?

And so I close with this...

As the space is limited and your patients admirable, I end this with the following comments. I'm offering my time and energy to help enhance the Crystal Club. However, this is a two way street and I will need your help in accomplishing the needed tasks.

One person can not do it alone, even the core officers can not do it alone. It takes everyone working together, toward common goals and the good of the club, to make these, and many more, plans become reality.

So, I ask you for your vote for President of the Crystal Club as a team of members working together for the good of the club. We have a great opportunity ahead of us and I'm excited to lead it. Thank you for your support and time. Jennifer G.
for presi-
dent.



Candidates for Vice-president

Eden:

I would appreciate your vote for Vice-President. I have been a member of Crystal Club since September, 1990. Since joining I have missed only one meeting. I have opened my home to new and old members alike, providing wardrobe and dressing space. I have taken new members shopping and helped with wigs, shoes, and make-up. I serve as screening officer when she is unavailable. As vice-president I will be better able to serve the club and provide support to peer sisters.

Candidate for Secretary

Marilyn:

It hardly seems possible that it's been well over a year since I found the club and joined! Since then I have tried to contribute by: writing newsletter articles, hostessing newcomers, and attending all monthly social meetings and board meetings. I've even found myself out with the girls on a few Ladies' Night Out excursions. There have also been some miscellaneous activities too, such as: helping set up the club's info booth at Gay Fest, submitting hostess reports, and checking prices for Christmas Party supplies and certificates. I am prepared to expand my contributions by serving as your Secretary. Whether elected or not, you have my personal assurance that I will continue seeking opportunities appropriate for me to help the Crystal Club to succeed and to grow in sensible, meaningful, and sustainable ways. Personally, I am committed to supporting efforts to increase membership, interest and attendance of meetings, member participation and programs that foster cohesiveness and friendliness within the club. I oppose anything that jeopardizes

the club's future or the togetherness of it's members. As a club member, board participant or as an officer, I will do my best to lead by example, represent the club well, and act in the best interests of the members I represent.

Candidate for Event Coordinator

Luana:

I have been coming to Crystal Club since last spring. Carol and I answer the phone for the club and we screen new members. This is constant source of knowledge as I talk to many cross-dressers and hear their concerns. I was concerned about the program at the meetings, so with input of our members, and the approval of the board I developed a calendar of events. With the help of Diana, Kelly, and other members, I will also be providing food for the meetings.

I have found friendship and support at Crystal Club that has helped me through a very stressful year. I hope that providing this service to the club will give me a vehicle to express my thanks to the members and affirm my belief in the value of the club.

Candidates for Newsletter Editor

Karen:

I am thankful for what Crystal Club has done for Adrienne over the last year and a half, and being newsletter editor is one thing which I can do to help the Club. I have the computer necessary to produce one and the skills and time needed to prepare a newsletter.

Lana:

I have been a member of this club for almost three years now. I am committed to help in making the Crystal Club a quality and viable group. Not for myself, but for all our brothers and sisters out there who have yet to come forward and enjoy the support that our club has to offer.

For a short time, I served as Acting Vice President. I have contributed by serving as meeting hostess, working our booth at our first Gayfest and helping with our first Christmas dinner and Dance. I also designed our club logo which appears on our letterhead and business cards. Educating the public is very important to me and I have given talks at OSU along with Rebecca.

As your current Newsletter Editor, I have strived to make each issue better than the last. With your renewed support, I will carry on for the coming year

Tula to Wed

by *John Cooke and Ed Susman*
from the *National Inquirer*

The transsexual beauty, who showed off her bikini-clad figure in the James Bond movie "For Your Eyes Only," will tie the knot with David Finch in May.

David, an engineering student, proudly declared: "I fell in love with the most beautiful woman I've ever seen.

"She's a real woman in every sense, and I'm going to devote myself to making her happy."

Tula - whose real name is Caroline Cossey - was born a male and underwent

sex-change surgery in 1974. Two years ago she wed a businessman in London. The marriage ended after just three weeks - and she says David now is the love of her life: "He's my real-life James Bond!"

The couple met in a restaurant in London and he "just bowled me over," confided Tula, 37, who's 10 years older than David.

"He asked for my phone number and the next day we talked on the phone forever. I could feel I was falling in love with him, but I wanted him to know the truth about me so I told him to read my book, 'My Story.'"

Said David: "I was captivated by her. But she seemed worried and insisted there was something I should know, and when I read her book I admit I was shocked!"

"It didn't make any difference to him. He wanted to see me again! I invited him to stay at my place in London. He was so charming - and accepted me totally as a woman."

David even brought her home to meet his parents. And when his mom Janice found out Tula was a he-turned-she, "sure I was shocked," said Janice. "Who wouldn't be? But when we met I realized what a lovely person she is. My son has brought a lot of girlfriends home before, but I know Caroline is right for him."

And shortly after that David proposed marriage on a bent knee while he and Tula were at a restaurant.

But courts in Europe ruled that Tula couldn't legally marry a man, so the couple have decided to wed in Las Vegas May 21 - the third anniversary of her first wedding.

"I know we're going to be together for the rest of our lives," Tula gushed. "We have a love that will last forever!"

Dana's World

by Dana I

Hiya...!!! How is everyone this month? I hope you all have MADE it a good month, not just hoped for a good month to happen all on its own. Have you decided yet on how you will be able to afford your SRS. Did you buy some of those lottery tickets this past month and HOPE to win enough money for that minor SRS surgery. Or have you started a money plan to start saving a little money each week to be able to afford your dreams. Are you hoping some "knight in shining armor" is going to find you and just give you twelve grand or more to buy you a penile inversion? Gee, the odds of that happening are about one in a million, right?

I can not give any of you an exact method for "acquiring" enough money for such expensive items as SRS. Every transgendered person must make their own money plan. Of the post-ops I have talked to, each has had a different way of paying for their surgery. There was always one thing that they had in common, each one of them had a long term money plan. Whether it was to "save" their money, "invest" their money, use a "credit card" with a very big line of credit, or selling one's house to acquire some cash.

In my case, I will be using every one of these techniques. I did some extensive research in 1984, as to how "rich" people got rich. For a long time I just thought that most of them got it the old fashion way, they inherited it. Gee, was I ever wrong. I found that 90% of wealthy people made their money by buying and then selling houses. That does sound easy enough, right? As I investigated this a little further, I found it to be a large subject.

I decided to "go for it" at the beginning of 1985 and bought my first rental property and became a landlady. During my continuing education of real

estate investing I have gone to several real estate seminars in search of information. I have been to a couple of the local seminars and one national conference about real estate investing. The national conference was held for four days in Chicago. It was great! There were about 20 different real estate experts speaking on a wide range of topics. It was like the annual I.F.G.E. sponsored "Be-All" gender event, but about real estate. Real estate is my business, but it is also the means by which I will realize my gender goals. Therefore, I am motivated to be good at what I do.

Most people seem to dwell on being able to pass. Being able to pass as a female is the easy part. The hard part is combining your desire for SRS and the acquisition of the money required for SRS and at the same time creating a plan for your life after SRS. This is more complicated than a mere 500 word article can explain. But, complicated or not, it is still a fun life.

Next month we will have some fun and I will tell you of my adventure at the Kings Island Water Works.

He'll reign Supreme

Quantum Leap star Scott Bakula will portray a Supremes-style '60s singer in the Feb. 26 installment of the show -- an episode that producer Deborah Pratt has wanted to make since the series began 3 1/2 years ago. Bakula has portrayed women several times on the NBC show, "but this is the first time he's actually performed singing and dancing, as a woman," the producer pointed out. "He does all the dance moves with the other two members of the group (Tamara Townsend and T'Keyah Keymah). He sings in a terrific falsetto, and they have a great blend. They could do an album!" Pratt added, "I think he looks absolutely fabulous in a beehive wig and pink sequins. Scott has a great sense of humor about these things."

When People Find Out

by Cynthia Phillips

Dear Cynthia,

I am married to a male who cross-dresses. I knew about his crossdressing before we were married; this is the second marriage for both of us. I really don't have a problem with the crossdressing, as I love my husband regardless of what he wears. I suppose that's because of all the so-called "macho" males I have known, and the one I was married to, it is a treat to find a person that is kind and sensitive, and one I can relate to.

We do have a problem that has puzzled us for a long time. Who can we confide in about this lifestyle we live? I am so tired of making excuses to my friends and family about why they can't come over without plenty of notice. I'm tired of having to make sure the neighbors aren't around when we leave the house while my husband is "dressed." My husband says he is used to it and this is the way it is when you have an unusual lifestyle. But I really don't like having a "secret" life like this. Do you have any suggestions? What do other crossdressers and their families do about this? --P.F.

Dear P.F,

Unfortunately, people do find out, and you really never know how they will react to this. I can give you a few generalities. Women accept it better than men. (Unless, of course, it's your mother, who will probably think he is a monster!)

Friends and relatives can be roughly divided into two groups - ones who handle it badly, get very upset and (hopefully) never have anything further to do with you; and friends and relatives who will be (initially) very curious, and ask a lot of questions, some of which you'll wish they hadn't! But out of this second group can come some of your best friends and supporters.

It is probably a good idea to keep any employer from finding out.

Neighbors? Well, if you live in a typical neighborhood as most of us do, it is going to be difficult to keep it a secret. Some neighbors are just curious and really think they need to know everything about your life. Some really couldn't care less. The best tact to take is to be careful, and try not to rub people's noses in it. But remember: in the long run, you have to run your life as you see fit.

Children present a special problem. Some people tell kids and some would rather die than tell them (and a lot DO die without ever having done so). If a child feels he is part of the family and

the family "secrets" are his to keep to himself, there is no problem. On the other hand, some children can't be told anything. They will immediately run to the nearest person and tell everything they know. This, of course, is a separate problem which needs to be taken care of - because, sooner or later the kids will find out, one way or the other. Better to make it your way.

One thing I have discovered is that if you (the wife or S.O.) don't seemingly have a problem with this, friends, relatives, etc. won't. You will find that you set the mood for someone accepting or not. If you take a lighthearted "no big deal" attitude, others will accept your lead. You certainly do not want to appear as the "put upon" part of the relationship.

Making excuses and acting apologetic towards part of your life with your mate is not the way to make understanding easier. My approach has always been, "Yes, my husband is a crossdresser.... wouldn't it be interesting to know what unusual lifestyles other people lead?"

The final answer to all this: In the long run it isn't anybody else's business how you lead your life, as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else.

[Cynthia Phillips is married to a crossdresser and publishes a newsletter titled: "Women Associated With Cross dressers." She is the current Wives and Partners Liaison to the Tri-Ess Board of Directors and has appeared on national television with her husband. You may write to her at P.O. Box 17, Bulverde Tx. 78163]

Olympic Gender Test may be History

(CBS News) Gender testing is not new to the Olympics, however, it has now become a controversy in Alverville 1992.

Somehow at the winter olympic games where they can distinguish winners and losers by hundredths of a second, they've had trouble telling the boy's from the girls.

When suspicions arose in the sixties that some Eastern European male athletes were competing as women, the Olympics began using a controversial genetic sex test, where a sampling of mouth tissue is examined to see if it contains the XX chromosomes that were thought to distinguish women from the XY chromosomes of men.

The problem is the test is flawed

because a small percentage of women, like former hurdler, Maria Patino, have Y or male chromosomes.

Today the International Armature Athletic Federation, which controls track & field, formerly called for the Chromosome testing to be ended, saying what would seem obvious is that the sex of an athlete can better be determined by a basic physical examination.

"I think sex testing should be abolished. I think it served no useful function and has a bad consequence.", says Dr. Jean Wilson of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

The olympic movement though, despite the speed of it's participants, has been slow to follow the lead of those calling

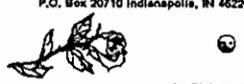
for an end to chromosome testing.

The I.O.C. said that it will continue to test here and will do the same at the games in Barcelona this summer.

But gender testing has become a hot issue here. Women athletes complaining not only that the testing was demeaning, but that all it ever really found was women who had chromosome abnormalities because of a genetic accident.

By weighing into the argument today, the powerful athletic federation may well make it impossible for the olympics to continue it's policy of genetic testing. And the outdated process of determining sex under a microscope may soon be over.

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TV/TS Support Group

Cross-Port
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Meetings - Third Thursday of the Month.
Newsletter - "InnerView" published monthly.
For more information write or call:
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CIGA
Individuality
Unity

Central Illinois Gender Association
P.O. Box 128
Washington, R. 61571
Phone 444-0618 or 1-800-642-7641

NOW group gives go-ahead to form new political party

By Ellen Debenport
St. Petersburg Times

Fed up with republicans? Disgusted with Democrats? A new political party may be hatched by the National Organization for Women in time for the 1992 presidential election.

A commission that has been working for two years to decide whether NOW should form an independent political party has recommended: Go for it.

The party has no name and no candidates. Forming the party must be approved at NOW's national convention in June. A platform has to be written, and friends have to be brought into the fold.

NOW doesn't expect to pull this off alone. It's officials see a natural alliance

with consumer advocates, health-care providers, environmentalists, gays and lesbians, and supporters of women's rights, civil rights and peace.

None of those people are getting what they want from Democrats or Republicans, said Patricia Ireland, a Miami lawyer and NOW's executive vice president.

"It's the politics of exclusion. Congress is 95 percent white, 95 percent men; it's got two 'out' gay men and no acknowledged lesbians. It's not a representative body," she said.

The new party grew out of NOW's 1989 convention in Cincinnati where hundreds of women rose to their feet chanting "third party, third party." They were still furious about the Supreme Court's Webster decision three weeks earlier allowing states to place further restrictions on abortion.

The new party, they said, was to be

dedicated to a "bill of rights" for the 21st century, which went far beyond abortion rights.

Enthusiasm was harder to find outside NOW.

"The prospects of a third party are slim to none," said David Bositis, a scholar on political parties at the Joint Center for Political Studies.

"There's no woman candidate whom the National Organization for Women is going to nominate who is going to even run remotely as well as John Anderson did in 1980."

NOW, he said, is plagued with "pathetic" leadership and has lost ground on its favorite issue: abortion rights and equal rights for women. He said he believes every special interest has already found a home either with Democrats or Republicans anyway.

Dolly Parton impersonator beaten into a coma

by Steve Coz

(NATIONAL ENQUIRER) A nationally known male Dolly Parton impersonator was viciously attacked and beaten into a coma - and police suspect a crazed fan of the real Dolly.

The assault on Jimmy Hayes, 34, occurred in the early morning hours of December 29 in West Lounge, a gay night club in Kettering, Ohio, where Hayes works as a waiter and performs as Dolly.

His bloodied and unconscious body was found in a back room by a club worker and an ambulance rushed Hayes to Kettering Medical center, where he was in an intensive care unit.

"The person who did this beat Jimmy so badly, you couldn't tell who he was," said club co-owner Mary Buck. "His head was split open from ear to ear."

Just hours before the attack, Hayes was serving drinks to a packed house and showing customers a picture of him as Dolly and posing with the singer.

After the club closed at 5 a.m., Hayes was in a back room when someone entered through an unlocked rear door and attacked him, according to police.

Said Mary Buck: "It's strange that after he shows the picture he's almost killed. It must have been a fan of Dolly angry over the attention Jimmy was getting."

Detective Les George, who's in charge of the case, confirmed: "We're

investigating that as a reason."

Although Hayes emerged from the coma after several days, he still lapses in and out of consciousness.

Hayes has been impersonating Dolly since the 1970's. He's even appeared in concerts with her.

In 1982 he won a national Dolly look-alike contest.

Buck is organizing a fund-raiser to help Hayes and noted: "Jimmy is a good person. We're praying for him."

[If anyone would like to send a contribution to the fund-raiser c/o The Crystal Club, we will be sure that he gets it. -Eds.]

The Raven Squawks

by Mike Watkiss
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In this age of isolation and an era of AIDS, it just might be the next best thing to being there. Phone sex, the multi-million dollar industry that places fantasy fulfillment at the touch of a finger.

And just like any other growth industry, phone sex suddenly does have it's own set of superstars. Voluptuous voices that have set the standards, blazed the trails, and emerged as industry leaders. One such sweet sound comes from the city of Reno, Nevada. An adult operator by the name of "Raven." A seductive songbird who's sensuous serenade has driven men crazy all across this country.

"They're closing their eyes and picturing a fantasy, whatever fantasy they want, so long as they get that fantasy... who cares?", says Donna, a former phone sex operator.

Who cares? Well, judging from Raven's fan mail, there are plenty of men

who care a great deal about this dazzling, disembodied beauty. Many have written to Raven proposing everything from lost weekends to holy matrimony.

But then again, who wouldn't be smitten by a woman whose verbal description conjures a vision of a sexy bombshell with measurements of 36-24-36?

But hold the phone, this is no party line and Raven is no woman! That's right, while hundreds of men throughout this country were envisioning their ravishing Raven to look like Miss America, the truth is the bird at the other end of the line actually looks something like Arsenio Hall.

Meet Raven, also known as 29 year old Daryl Malone, a member of Nevada's Nation Guard, a father of four, decorated ex-U.S. Marine, and one of the most requested "girls" on this nation's sex-talk circuit.

"It was just acting. I played a roll, I held a character, and I can hold that character until doomsday," Daryl says.

And at this point there are probably just a few red-faced men out there wondering why, wondering how? Daryl answers, "I gave them what they wanted, I figure that's what they paid for and that's what they got... I don't see how I cheated them, I wasn't the one who told them to pick up the phone and call me."

Daryl no longer works as Raven and has filed suit against the phone sex "talk shop" for sex discrimination because he was not promoted.

"I knew what a man want's to hear, I know what a man's fantasies are and that's exactly what I told them... I did my job as a woman, I performed exceptionally well, I had every right to be promoted and I was denied that right," Daryl states.

"Raven" now plans to use his talents to pursue a more "traditional" acting career.

So keep all this in mind the next time you're dialing 1-900 and remember: beauty is in the ear of the beholder.

THE MIDDLETONS

