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The Capitol District Journal of the X-Sex

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"As transsexuals we must stick together as one and be united, for as a mass we can conquer all our obstacles, and we will do this as soon as we think and act as one united."

- Susan DiBlasi



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PRESS RELEASE

New Transgender Community Center, *Transcenter*, Opens

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Transcenter is now open for drop-ins from 7:30 to 9:30 PM Thursdays and 6 to 10 PM Fridays and Saturdays. The new center boasts a pool table, art displays, office space, and is developing a library and audio and video studios. Live music and other presentations will be featured occasionally. Every first Saturday will be the TRANNIES IN LOVE Fundraising Party. Thursdays are meeting and presentation nights for the Albany Gender Project. *Transcenter* is available for use by all the area transgender groups and will be open to all who don't act like really nasty pricks.

For over two years transgender leaders and especially the Albany Gender Project have had a goal to open an out community center with a variety of inclusive activities and services. Social trends, the formation of the AGP last year and TRANNIES IN LOVE this year, and the Transgender Independence Club's recent eschewing of out activities and ouster of transsexuals, has underscored the timeliness in the community at large for a public center for transgender activities of all sorts. In March the current location was acquired by tg artists, writers and activists under the auspices of TRANNIES IN LOVE – **The Capitol District Journal of the X-Sex** with the co-sponsorship of the Albany Gender Project.

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Supporters of *Transcenter* include: Director Susan Poe, publisher of TIL, co-founder of the AGP, past VP of TGIC, Who's Who biographee; Manager Kaylie Lavedure, past President of TGIC, TIL Website Manager, Moderator of Transgender Capitol District Online; Artist Helen Montage Farrell, co-founder of the AGP; Charlene Dodge, AGP Director; Susan DiBlasi, AGP Board Member, TGIC VP; Jayme Ghost, AGP Board Member; Bob Black, AGP Attorney, Who's Who biographee.

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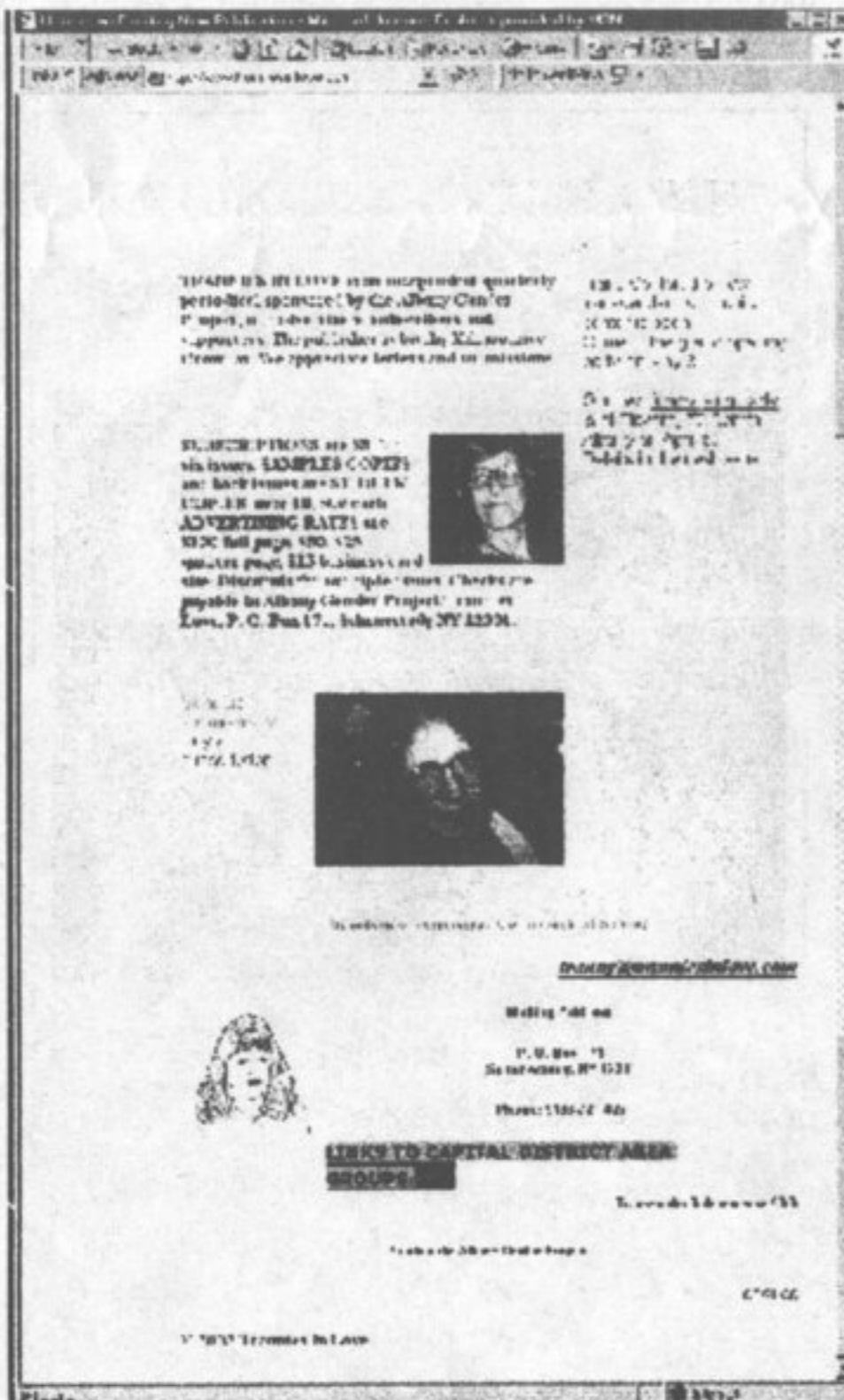


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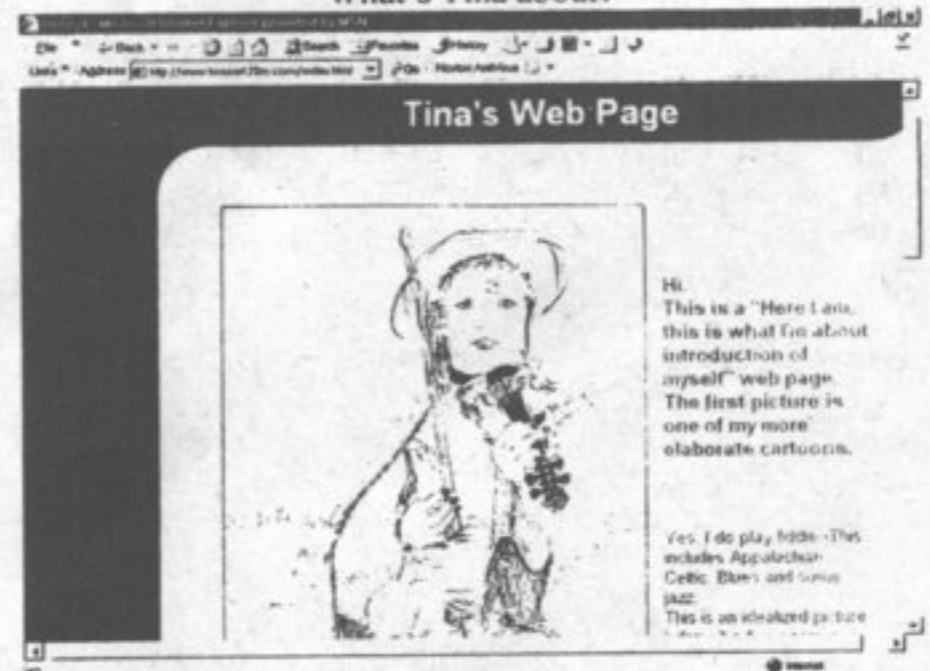
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BITCHY XZHAOUXIYE'S REVIEW OF CAPITOL DISTRICT TRANSGENDER GROUPS

SOCIETY OF THE SECOND SELF (Tri-Ess) - Okay, these folks were good enough sports before about my disparaging teasing, and with TGIC's radical jump back into the closet and purging of transsexuals and transsexual services this year, Tri-Ess now stands as a much more diverse, open, dynamic, stable, inclusive and fun organization than TGIC. Ostensibly for straight male crossdressers, the local Tri-Ess is a more mixed group that meets monthly at a club in Schenectady. Although I caricatured them before as fuddy-duddy, well, they are kind of fuddy-duddy. Oh well. I hope to have a proper way to contact them in the next issue, for those who are sincerely interested.

ALBANY GENDER PROJECT (AGP) - This is the trannies' tax-exempt service and advocacy organization that deals with social concerns like housing, medical, or legal needs, and they co-sponsor the new **Transcenter** community center. They're a mixed group of hotties that have a lot of fun and don't dump on tranny chasers. An out organization, the AGP was just evicted from quarters at TGIC's clubhouse in TGIC's ridding itself of any transsexual presence. The AGP now meets Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30PM at **Transcenter**, 23 Jefferson St. Schenectady. Phone 518-785-7866

TRANSGENDER INDEPENDENCE CLUB (TGIC) - It's a boys club now. All new activities are geared solely to closeted crossdressers and open hostility to transsexuals is increasingly expressed, especially trans girls who date boys or other trans girls. These guys really need to come to terms with their gender issues and sexuality. Two officers, including a newsletter editor, have resigned in three months under extreme right-wing president Jennifer Holmes. One supports TIL and the **Transcenter**, as does Holmes' current VP. Odds are running that the VP doesn't make it through April.

The atmosphere there has been tense, fearful, angry and xenophobic under the inexperienced new administration this year, not to mention openly transphobic. A radical retreat back into the closet has seen the locks changed at their clubhouse and its use largely curtailed. Key-club members have been refused keys and their activities restricted to the point that the new president has even spent off nights up there late making sure nobody misuses the place - or uses it. Lots of paranoia, suspicion, and testosterone-fueled control issues are exhibited. Most on estrogen have been shut out.

TIL and the AGP, old members of TGIC, were evicted and a number of members, notably transsexuals suspected of involvement with either, have been ostracized. Members, including most major contributors, have been removing their furnishings from the clubhouse and quitting the club. Attendance at their socials is getting down to about two people, from last fall's 10 to 12 a night. Spending has been wildly increased due to expensive propaganda mailings, but income is slipping. More details are in these back pages and in TIL #2.

TGIC does not currently have a phone and has announced they're changing their historic P.O. Box. It will probably get forwarded if you write to them at Box 13604, Albany NY 12212.

COLORED AMERICAN TRANSGENDER SOCIETY (CATS) - Smart and sassy babes of color meet regularly at Whitney Young Health Center in Albany. Call Harry at 518-465-4771.

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SET-UP (FOR DEAN)

Hey man
Thanks for the intro...
Yeah we had a real sweet time
Just don't tell her
That I'm
A former
Drunk,
Prostitute,
Jail bird,
Currently brain damaged,
Archaic,
Beat-loving,
Psych med case
Nursing my reincarnated wounds
And trying
My
Cock
On
For
Size
In a section 8
Housing project
Yet....

See I'm not really sure
If she's the sensitive type
And I wouldn't want her thinking
That I'm not
A
Prize

Sunday Morning Transsexual Crisis

Phone message to T-Girl:

I hope you didn't really mean it

When you called me drunk last night
and said we were a circus act together
and we never pass as our new genders
And I only get you read just like
everybody else does and I hope it was
only because you went out with your
crossdressing girlfriend who wore a pink
mini skirt and halter-top on a winter night
and the whole frat boy infested avenue
reared its head to condemn you and I hope
our therapist was right when he said we
are really only very tall woman and very
short man to the rest of the world and not
necessarily the freak show you claim we
are I really hope you believe we can walk
around together please tell me it's true
because I can't get any taller but it would
really help if you wouldn't wear the heels.

- CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

MY DATE WITH MYKEL BOARD by Suzy Crowbar

My first memories about Mykel Board were from the only time I went to a punk show. It was while I was visiting San Francisco, the Polkaholics, in the early 80s some-time. Some anarchists I knew wanted to go slumming to try to find out what was currently cool. I kept catching drifts of conversation at the show; "Mykel Board is a stupid fuck..." "What a loser..." "That asshole Board..." etc. Who could this important person be?

A friend later pointed out Mykel's column in Maximum Rock N Roll, one of the many I'd always skipped over. I read a few and was surprised that I enjoyed them, being similarly perverted as Board, but clearly not as pent-up over it as he. That's why I like little Jewish guys. I sent him a Popular Reality and he responded with a large check that further surprised me by clearing. Here was a sucker I had to exploit more.

Several hundred dollars later I still hadn't published anything by Mykel except a coupla two-word book blurbs. I like to see how far I can string adequate writers along when I know they're queer for trannies. Mykel's as queer as they get. He mostly sent me photos of ... fetish scenes, or himself.

Around 1990 I moved to New York City for a time, finally allowing a date, after much pestering, with this weaselly giant of the scene. It's always good for a big goony transsexual to go out with somebody a lot shorter than hir to ensure the greatest possible spectacle. I was real lucky with Mykel. I knew I was a foot and a half taller than him, so I wore big smelly hunting boots, baggy jeans and a sweater that showed off my broad, powerful shoulders.

"I thought you'd wear something, uh, nicer," he said as I noticed his tidy slacks, plaid blazer and bow tie.

"Yeah, sure you did," I said, gripping his arm firmly and leading him outside.

"Do these pants make my butt look funny?" he asked.

"Yes."

"You're a lot taller than I thought."

"Get over it."

"No, I like it a lot. Really." I could see the gleam in his eye and that he was almost drooling. He probably wanted a piggy-back ride.

"Yeah, well, they always beat up the big goof first, giving the little guy time to run away with just a coupla the snivelier hoodlums in pursuit laughing."

"Cool. Can I feel your breasts?" I knew that was coming next, we were hitting it off so well.

"Maybe later."

Can I see them?"

"No."

"Just one." I slapped him around a bit. It seemed okay with him. I think he was used to it.

We went to a strip show where he continued to fixate on my boobs and ask about them. I slapped him around some a few times. Finally I agreed to compare dicks in the rest room. Mine was a lot bigger. That was then. Now I have an inny. Mykel was fascinated. He asked to touch it. It's so sweet when they ask. I slapped him.

I decided that was plenty for one night. My palms were sore from smacking Mr. Board. I needed to rest. Outside a group of hooligans set on us in good order. The dumb wide-eyed terror Mykel quickly exhibited encouraged them. In the end I was able to chase them off without going down under the blows and suffering only a few broken bones. But early in the melee I saw that Mykel had mustered his reserves to run outta there, with only two twelve-year-olds running nonchalantly after him, laughing.

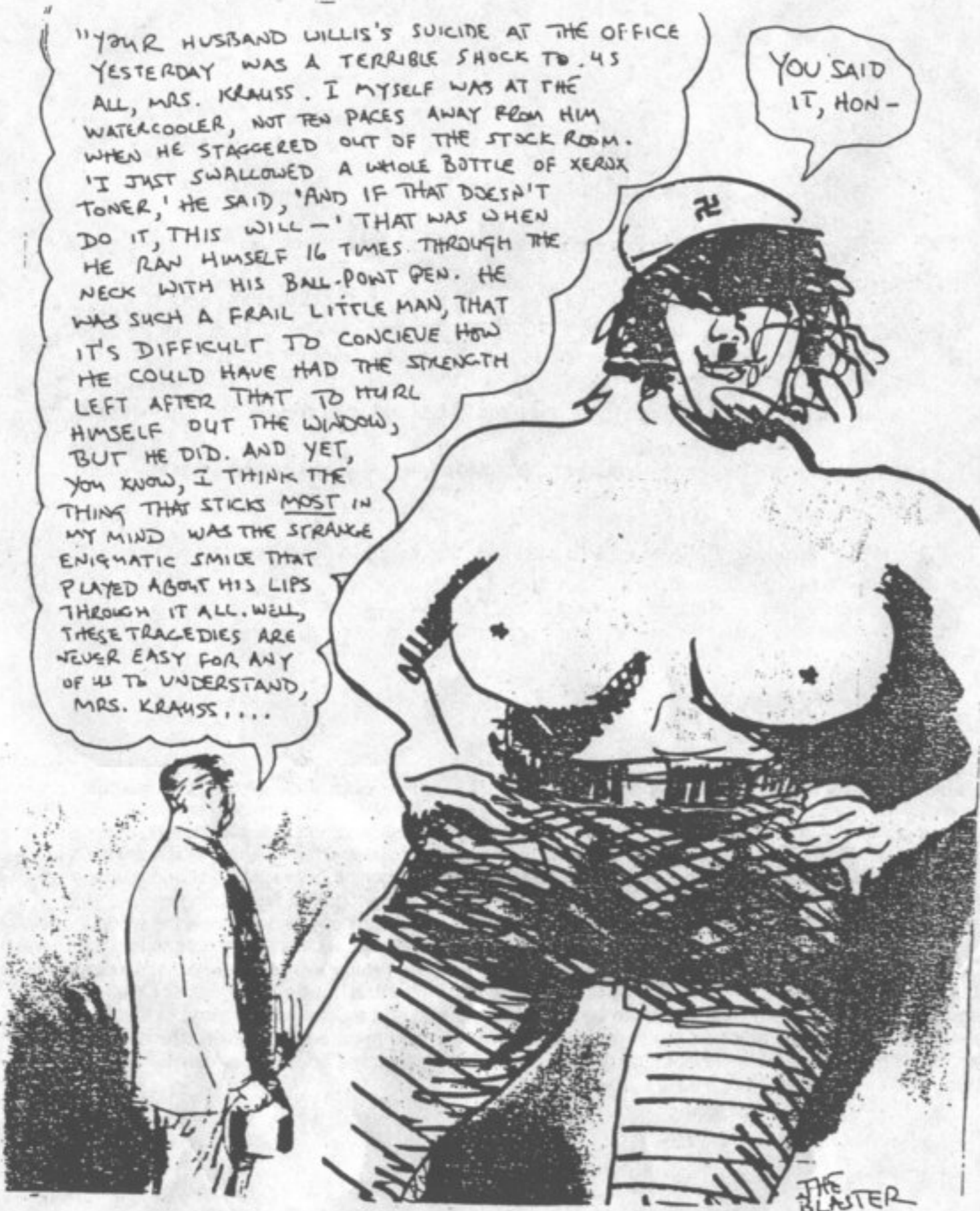
So to sum up the importance of Board's writing and his involvement in the music scene; he refuses to go away. It's probably better for him that he didn't do the same for me.

First Poem for Jennifer (FTM Meets MTF)

Over coffee the first time
 you asked me for my breasts
 In other words,
 "Can I have them when you're done?"
 and I said, "I would if I could, believe me"
 and stared at the makeup
 covering your neck
 tiny bumps revealed in the sunlight-
 and you talked about electrolysis
 and the thousands you've already spent
 on dresses
 makeup, and shoes
 and I couldn't imagine
 you becoming anymore beautiful
 and I wondered
 how long I'd be set back
 for buying you that extra croissant
 and four dollar coffee
 but you got such delight out of them
 and you made me feel
 that I was
 finally
 a
 man - CHRISTOPHER ROBIN
 with
 promise

New Woman - New Man

You mentioned that the estrogen
 was making you lose strength
 while you were cooking dinner
 for your man (namely me)
 And slid the pickle jar over to me-
 My only chore of the evening
 (being the man)
 and I opened it with ease-
 but I didn't want to tell you,
 I think you loosened it



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We're 'out' transpeople trying to live our normal lives. It does not help us that there are some resistant to change, hidden in the closet, acting ashamed. The only way that public opinion is going to change is to break out, be proud, yell and scream: "This is who I am and I am going to be me!"

-Kaylie Lavedure

Helen Montague Farrell

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March 18, 2003

Dear Trannies In Love,

Thank you for the cover photo in the last issue. It looks like there are lots of people interested and submitting samples of their work. I love seeing my pictures in print, it's weird at first but I like it.

The call for models has gotten some response. I'm getting calls from a handful of people. Some of them hang up, are silent, guess some are brave enough to call but are too scared to say anything. I'm easy to talk to and encourage those who's cat got their tongue to speak up.

Coming out can be difficult especially if our self esteem is in the dirt. We're our worst enemies. I know that there may be fear of losing our jobs,

friends, families and status. It seems that we can only have liberty if we stay in the closet. Why do we suddenly become stupid when someone else knows too much about us? Courage may be hard to find and it asks us to admit that we may be TRANNIES or worse yet chasers. Come on people we know what we want, or at least I think we do. This is tiring spending half your life or longer fearing who you are and never getting to know yourself, never knowing who you are.

The work virus is great going on vacation with, but we got to get over this hide virus. Put anything into a dark closet it dies.

> There's something happening here: There has not been a transgender death in the capital area since Bobbie Jo Hahn Passed away in August of 2001. 18 Months is the longest.

I am not hiding a big secret any more.
Trannies In Love is certainly not a secret publication.
There are some who it seems that would like to conceal their big secret.
There is no longer a need for the secretive, deceptive practices of the past.
As with any oppressed group, there is a need to be loud and proud about what we are.
I will not hide in the closet, in fear, in the shadows, be ashamed of who I am any more.
-This is the attitude that allowed me to transition and begin to accept myself and enjoy life.
Kaylie

I just had to make a comment on being "out". Like many of us, I lived mostly in the closet for a long time. When my wife left a year ago, I was outed to everyone who knew us. It was a rough time but now that the dust has settled most of the problems I thought would come haven't happened. Most of our friends haven't bailed, I wasn't fired from my job or any of the stuff I feared would happen. I am not full time and that is probably a way down the road yet but the fact that I am transgendered is common knowledge to all the family and friends. It wasn't my choice at the time but it happened. Most of the problems happened because of really bad information my wife was given about being tg. Things are improving and it looks like we will all be together again soon. The idea that any of us should want to take our own lives rather than be discovered just tells the world that we are ashamed of who we are and don't have the right to be treated with respect. Any of the freedoms and rights we enjoy now are there because someone stood their ground and refused to be treated as a second class citizen. It didn't just happen. Its the girls who have come out and paved the way that have made it easier for all of us. 20 years ago you couldn't find any information on being transgendered and most of us felt alone in the world. Now there are books in just about any bookstore, documentaries on tv, and hundreds of internet sites where information and help is available. Without the girls who were willing to come out, none of us would be able to benefit from this.

Roxanne

From: "ghost girl"

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THANK YOU !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Dear Friends,
Reading about the present problems in the Albany area TG community reminded me that such difficulties are not new, and reminded me of an e-mail I received from Renée Chevalier at the end of 2001. Renée is a former president of TGIC from the 1980s and the previous owner of the building on Central Avenue in Albany where our club room is located. The following is an extract from her letter, which I have edited to remove non-pertinent details. — Winnie Brant

Hi, Winnie. It is great to hear from you!

The TGIC Group has all it needs in place to make it work; the only thing it needs is a leader willing to work and not not do the male thing and let others do the work! The problem with the group is factions and you need a president or leader who will shift through the factions and be one with all of them, and choosing that leader is very hard but it is up to the Group to finally decide that they want the group to succeed!

\$250 rent is easy to get, but you can not rely solely on the closeted people; you have to have events at gay places like dancing and such that can help the group immensely! Also heavy interaction with the Gay community center and the women's groups in the area are absolutely necessary!

As you may or may not know most members of the group want the membership for fun, and fun only. Making a fun group is the only way you can get people actively involved! You do need those figure heads that want fun and fun alone! Who also will be very discreet! Once the word is out that the group is a discreet group that has support for everyone in it and meetings for TS's and TG's and wives, children, and everyone, the group will grow and grow and get support that it needs! I used to keep the newsletter and the space rental and such at an amount where people could afford the group, as well as the group could get the treasury to grow! If you have to you might need to add more closets or divide them in half or something that can get more income.

Also asking for donations is a very important thing that can help the group treasury grow! IFGE is important to the group but keeping that importance in balance is very very important! Balance with IFGE at the head of the organizations list is what keeps the groups going, but IFGE has to support the groups also and list how to contact them as well as being very active in making sure the people who are actually doing the work in the groups get praise and support! Not doing what they presently do and worshipping the dollar!

Enough of the bull of the so-called Community! I really hate talking about it. I am always in a nice place, without the talk of the community or IFGE. So on to more pleasant things. I always remember you as a very nice supportive person a person who could see the importance of love and caring and community!

Winnie, I dropped the community because of the problems I had with a lot of the peoples' need to control or defeat or just in general to stop people from being the best they can be! I only will stand by people that can see that support for people who are different as well as the same is very important! I support people in all they do that does not demean or put down or hurt others.

Big Hugs, Love, Renée



Dear Ariel,

TGIC has refused my access to the newly established e-list that is supposed to be available to all members (and certainly a former president) on the untrue basis that I have misbehaved.

TIL stands for a publication called 'Trannies In Love', which is an independent quarterly periodical providing transgender arts, poetry, fiction, and news for the capital district and beyond. This publication is run and supported by a number of TGIC ex-officers and current members.

TGIC is upset with TIL and the people who run it because TIL published commentary about TGIC that was not entirely flattering, but entirely truthful. We have been indirectly accused of many wrongdoings by TGIC, none of which are true. We would respond directly to any of these accusations if we heard of them through means other than hearsay. We have been reluctant to attend any of the meetings there because we feel there is a great deal of unwarranted hostility toward us. Currently TGIC seems to be excluding transsexuals, leaving only the closeted male crossdressers.

In the past TGIC has been open and friendly, providing help and support for transsexuals in transition. That seems to have changed.

IF AM NOT AGAINST TGIC, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN AND SEE.
More information about all these topics is available in TIL.

-KAYLIE

From: "Bobbi Williams"
To: <TCDO.
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2003 9:27 PM
Subject: [TCDO] Renee Chevalier's Message

Thanks, Winnie, for sharing Renee's comments with us. For the most part, I agree with her views, though I have to add that changes over time have made circumstances different today in some ways.

Like any group, we need a leader willing to work and I'm pleased to say we now have one in the person of Jenny Holmes. I also believe she has the necessary support of others willing to DO which was lacking before rather than talk.

As to the \$250 rent, it's just not as easy to get as it once might have been. Most people don't need closets any more. We are fortunate to be able to rent out the four we have.

On the other hand, she is 100% correct that "heavy interaction with the Gay community center and the women's groups in the area are absolutely necessary!" We are certainly doing our best to promote that. Unfortunately, some recent events have tarnished our image and made that more difficult. But that's being corrected.

For the most part, we do have a fun group and it looks like there's more fun to come; lots of activities and events. And to Renee's point of being "very discreet" we wholeheartedly agree. We are working to reaffirm the dedication to respecting our members right to privacy.

She also mentioned "asking for donations" and we've been doing that, too. In fact, we now have a small cadre of 'benefactors' who have asked to remain anonymous, but who are providing the club with the kind of funding it has needed for so long.

Unfortunately, IFGE is no longer important to the group. I won't go into the details here, but IFGE has been experiencing financial problems and the leadership has not kept up with the times. We are looking at affiliating with Renaissance, a growing National organization which has been doing a great deal and is more forward-looking.

I know Renee regards "the so-called Community" as "bull" but for many TG's it is the "nice place", indeed the only place, where you can find a "supportive person...a person who could see the importance of love and caring and community!"

Thanks again for sharing the note. The overall message is still valid and I hope others see that too.

Family Values Eschewed By TRANSGENDER INDEPENDENCE CLUB President

Homophobia And Transphobia At Issue

From: "Kaylie"
To: "Jen Holmes"
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2003 7:32 AM
Subject: Re: message to Susan Poe

Her phone number and address are published in TIL. They are also on your own Web site.

Why do you not return my phone calls. What is about all these rumors I have been hearing about me. Do you have a clue?

If you or the club have any issues with me, please contact me. Do not address the general membership with them.
-Kaylie.

From: "Jen Holmes"
To: <kaylie@...>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2003 11:05 PM
Subject: Re: message to Susan Poe

In order for me to qualify or discredit any (rumors) about you, you will have to let me know what you have heard. If you ask me a certain question, I will try to answer it. With everything that has transpired over the last five or six weeks, you have not stepped forward to confirm or deny just exactly what your connection with Susan Poe and Trannies In Love is. If you want to confirm or deny any particular things, I would suggest that you step forward and answer some of the questions that some of the members have. I would hate to see you dragged down by something if you are not really involved. It's your choice, and yours to bring forward to protect your reputation. Your phone calls all (3) came within a very short time. I was extremely busy and decided to give you a straight answer by use of e-mail. I had written the note to the phone company even before you attempted to call me. I have not addressed the general membership within anything particular about you. But you will have to come forward to the general membership and answer their questions so that (as you say, the rumors will quit flying). It would have been very easy for some of this to be cleared up if you and Susan would have shown for the business meeting. It is up to you. - Jenny

Dear Jennifer, Susan, Andrea, and the members of TGIC;

In regards to TGIC president's January 21 letter to Susan Poe (published in TIL#2) and the enclosed February 24th e-mail to Kaylie, we would like to point out that the TGIC bylaws, Article XI sections III and IV, state that if a member knows of wrongdoing by a member a complaint is made to the president and then presented to the accused within five days. We have not been presented with any accusations at all. We have asked in our letters and by phone what questions and rumors need to be addressed, but the president states that she wants us to guess what the rumors are, while evasively admitting that she is involved in the past two month's speculative character assassination that might "see (Kaylie) dragged down". That sounds like a threat to us. Please explain succinctly why, and, as we've asked repeatedly and been refused, what the president is saying about us. As many members know, we've dedicated much of our lives and resources to TGIC to the point of burn-out and health problems, and have said repeatedly we'd be glad to answer questions and help, and we have.

As to Jennifer's challenge about what our connection is, she should know we have a couple's membership. We have a committed family relationship and are deeply in love, and more so all the time. We feel it's important to encourage and strengthen good trans relationships and that club officers have no right to challenge or interfere in members family relationships as Jennifer overtly has in her threat about Kaylie being "dragged down" by our association, although she refuses to say why. It's all the more ethically questionable that Jennifer has had a long-time romantic interest in Kaylie.

At *Trannies In Love* Kaylie does design and production, art, photography, and helps a lot with the parties. It's brought out a lot of new people and is well supported by contributions, party attendance, and girls who want their pictures in the paper. We've expressed a desire to work cooperatively with TGIC rather than the combative, suspicion-filled scenario Jennifer presents us all with. We don't consider ourselves an "outside group" from TGIC. We include several TGIC members, including former officers and the current vice president. We never claimed ownership of the TGIC address and never published it in connection with TGIC. We have not used the TGIC mailing list in any way for TIL. The only use of the website was in a free ad for TGIC arranged before the current administration.

It may or may not have been easy to resolve questions at the February business meeting. Certainly not as easy as just telling us what the questions are. Proper notice was not given to the membership of this hastily called, irregular meeting. Many members, notably transsexuals, did not receive notification at all. In spite of the dishonestly published claims the newly elected officers met "for hours on end", the meeting was scheduled purposely at a time when the vice president, who the president has spent almost no time or discussion with, could not attend. We're glad Jennifer wrote previously "we understand that all cannot attend every meeting". Especially not on a couple days notice, or no notice at all. Apparently nobody was given a full week's notice. We have also had problems with non-members voting, or trying to vote, that we are not sure have been resolved.

Under these circumstances we would like to propose two agenda items at the next business meeting for full membership vote.

- 1.) Officers be constrained from challenging or interfering in members family relationships, and encourage and strengthen trans family relationships.
- 2.) Business meetings be announced in a timely manner in accordance with the TGIC constitution. All paid members be notified. Non-members do not have voting rights at business meeting.

For Your Consideration

Kaylie Lavedure
and
Susan Poe

TRANNIES IN LOVE, ALBANY GENDER PROJECT And Transsexuals Leave TRANSGENDER INDEPENDENCE CLUB Under Threats By Men In Club

Resigned Officers Under Jennifer Holmes Join Other Past TGIC Officers Supporting TRANNIES IN LOVE and TRANSCENTER

Transgenderist

A lot of rumors are floating around about what has been going on over the past month-and-a-half in regards to our problems with a particular publication and its editor. I plea to you — please try to stick to facts. What she is doing is wrong. She is using our organization as a whipping child. Please do not reduce yourselves to her level. We are above that. We cannot control what she prints, but it does not help our cause to add fuel to the flames. The steps that we took at the business meeting should take a bit of the fuel out of her engine. Eventually, she will run out of fuel and the engine will stop. As the saying goes, "Give someone enough rope, and they will hang themselves!"

There are a lot of rumors flying at TGIC because the president is flying them. Again she claims I've done something wrong, but will not say what. Whether I did anything wrong has not been addressed to me, or proven, by Jennifer. She has shown cowardice in even presenting claims against me. It's reassuring that her associates won't stoop to my level because they've already engaged in criminal vandalism against TIL property and empty threats of violence. They also tried to get us kicked out of our April party at Players, which didn't work. Unless they want to be treated like dangerous fixated stalkers, they should consider not acting like dangerous fixated stalkers. Luckily, the tradition at TGIC has been that the girls have bounced the boys around in a fight. More reassuringly, two officers that have served under Holmes support TIL and are outraged by her unethical abuse of power.

The allusion to hanging oneself is particularly charming to transsexuals, who have a higher suicide rate and are generally the most disadvantaged socially in housing, jobs, medical care and legal discrimination, not to mention targets of violence. If she thinks this is clever she's seriously fucked up. It takes a lot of hatred to even remotely make such a snide remark in our milieu. It doesn't show much care or unity, and it's not lost on many that all transsexual services have been purged from TGIC and only a couple TSs are involved at all compared to about a dozen before the rotating Holmes administration. Girls just don't appreciate being pushed around by unsocialized louts. It has taken overt statements of hatred of transsexuals by Holmes' inner circle to drive us away.

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I haven't "run out of fuel" in over 20 years of writing, publishing and gender advocacy. I've raised and donated hundreds of dollars for TGIC and brought in new members. I did all of the AGP's founding 501(c)(3) legal work. Jennifer quit in a huff last summer as part of a quiet walk-out designed to destroy TGIC when things didn't go her way, again without saying why. She has yet to prove that she's done anything for the club.

It's fine with us to have a separate venue like TRANSCENTER for our, inclusive activities. The problem is that even now under President Holmes, her constituency does not use the TGIC clubhouse at all except for the monthly business meetings. They didn't come before last summer's walk-out, which actually picked things up considerably, they're not coming during the month now, but they've kicked out or run off the dozens of people who were coming last fall. They don't want to use it and they won't let anyone else use it either. Boys can be so immature.

Why is this sort of self-defeating behavior so glaring in the TG community and what was last summer's walkout really about? It revolves around Jennifer Holmes' mentor, former TGIC secretary and newsletter editor Bobbi Williams. Bobbi is a Ph. D Who has done considerable excellent networking and writing on TG health and social issues. She's a fine author and was a large inspiration in acquiring 501 (c)(3) tax exemption for the local TG community when the Albany Gender Project was formed. She's a hottie too. She does lingerie modeling on the Internet and cheats:

Unfortunately, Bobbi is also one of the most abrasive, self-limiting personalities on the scene. She has easily alienated dozens more in the TG community than the membership numbers of TGIC, often utilizing intense campaigns of defamation of character and almost always against transsexuals. Overcompensating jealousy and competition often drives her to try to destroy the work of others, as she attempted with the AGP and TGIC.

Last year Bobbi racked up a big string of embarrassing failures such as the T-Girls Pool Tournament, CDGLCC TG support group, the annual dinners, Renaissance Foundation affiliation, hosting arrangements for the state TG coalition and she failed to destroy the AGP. Then she picked a fight at the clubhouse with one of her betters and got bounced off the wall. In personal frustration she wrote a special edition of the club's newsletter which was not allowed released, but is available on request from TIL. In this special issue she admits to many "mistakes" in mishandling affairs but blames her failings on TGIC and announces her intention to campaign to close the clubhouse as unsafe and unimportant. She also tells about her hopes for a post-retirement career in GLBT health research, kissing up to gay/lesbian health issues funding.

She unconstitutionally took responsibility for cutting the newsletter and business meetings back to every other month and refused to run TGIC news and events in the newsletter, instead using CDGLCC calendars and events. She constantly emailed requests to the officers to shut down Friday night socials and came there with such a dour attitude that she drove everybody away anyway. She finally led the secret walkout under various convenient pretenses without discussing her issues with the other officers, but as usual spreading invective against TGIC at Club Phoenix and by email. Current president Jennifer Holmes helped her in this. Bobbi resigned before her term was up under investigation of claims by the treasurer of unaccounted checks written by Bobbi, who it was claimed hadn't paid her dues in two years and refused to answer questions by the officers which led to the following note being sent out:

To the Members and Supporters of TGIC

It has come to the rather belated attention of the current officers of TGIC that Club Secretary Bobbi Williams has not been a dues paying member of TGIC since February of 2002 and, therefore, has been ineligible to hold office or edit the Transgenderist. This letter is to give notice that she does not represent TGIC, and on occasion has misrepresented TGIC and mishandled mail, finances, bills, votes, and information important to TGIC's functioning and the well-being of the members.

We apologize for the waste and inconvenience this has caused TGIC this year.

Bobbi was still trying to make public proclamations on behalf of TGIC and sent the following attempt to kiss up:

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank those who have served TGIC for the past two years, especially outgoing President Kaylie Lavadure for her tireless efforts and continuing hard work which has all too often gone unnoticed and unrewarded.

Even during times of extreme personal duress, Kaylie has gone the extra mile, doing many of the little jobs that most of us take for granted—picking up and sorting through the mail, making repairs at the clubhouse, and seeing to it that club business continues smoothly. Thanks Kaylie!

As soon as Bobbi quit popping around we were able to gain many new members, raise money, increase clubhouse use, have fun, and have an election of officers. Jennifer ran for president to vindicate Bobbi. Bobbi is back helping Jennifer and making sure there's not too many in the little pond where she's a big fish.

To a large extent the current schism at TGIC between CD & TS is classic, but is a pretense to cover more personal issues affecting us. Crossdressers were never left out at TGIC and few come now during the month. They were never pushed into transitioning or outted. Those that think it's been happening are likely fantasizing more personal fears. Not being out has been respected, but now being out is vilified by some.

Nevertheless, the CD/TS experience is reknown for the 'binge and purge syndrome' where a person will compulsively crave dressing for a period and then be conflicted by shame and throw out their womens clothes. These fluxes can greatly affect the stability of tg groups, but a similar trend exacerbated by greater sexual conflict comes into play when a man isn't just attracted to womens clothes or things feminine, but transsexuals as prized objects of desire. You just can't imagine how unappealing it gets hearing "you're my first post-op". Believe me, we know. We're usually the first.

Boys who are attracted to trannies and are conflicted about their gender or sexuality are tranny's biggest risk for bashing. About a half dozen of Jennifer's inner circle are men, including Jennifer and Bobbi, who have been overtly sexually interested in either Kaylie &/or mine own self Suzy Poe &/or our dear girlfriend the director of the AGP. Good taste, but we didn't put out and now they're calling us sluts.

Boys.

-Susan Poe

An Ex-President's view of the (TGIC) Club;

Put several angry cross dressers in a pot and allow simmering.

Lightening bolts might come out. People might get hit

Soon they'll forget the target of the anger.

Nothing will get done.

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2003 6:17 AM

Subject: Friday night meeting

Bobbi, Please post this note on the two discussion group sites.

-Kaylie.

For anyone that is interested in trying to resolve the current turmoil that TGIC and TIL are embroiled in, I invite them to a meeting at The TGIC Clubhouse to be held at 8PM on Friday the 28th of March. Kaylie and Susan Poe are encouraged to attend if they want any answers to their questions and have a honest interest in solving this problem. It is the best interest of all parties involved to attend this meeting with the best interests of both orginazations involved. - Jenny Holmes

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

Jennifer

Of course we've already addressed the issue of our availability on short notice for irregular meetings in the letter we sent answering questions and explaining our position which you said you'd put on the business meeting agenda, but didn't. Furthermore, we've been cursed with disgusting language by your supporters, who have engaged in criminal vandalism against TIL property and have threatened girls with physical violence. We know you will dismiss that.

We've answered every question anybody's presented to us or that we've heard of. We've documented how you've refused to present us with any questions or accusations at all, and you didn't present our explanations as you said you would. We are involved in other matters and don't expect to be involved with TGIC. We certainly don't feel welcome there, so it would be just as well if you'd do what you said you'd do and leave us alone and let it go. You're unnaturally fixated on us. You have more important things to do that you're getting distracted from by wasting time with us. Members are saying you're not accomplishing anything. We haven't been around there for months and we're not going to be. Go do your work.

We'll continue to answer any new questions people have, but are not available on order for appearances. Girls don't like that.

Respectfully submitted for your incisive consideration.

Susan and Kaylie.



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