

CQ's Quotations from the Literature

This issue's stupid quote:

To change a person's God-given anatomic sex is a repugnant concept.

Donald R. Laub, M.D., and Norman Fisk, M.D. 1974. A rehabilitation program for gender dysphoria syndrome by surgical sex change. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Vol. 53, p. 388.

This issue's smartass quote:

Transsexuals ... are distinguishable from females at large by their lack of special attraction to the helpless newborn and their imagery in coital fantasies. It is possible, though, that transsexuals will change their conception of the female stereotype to include these features after reading this article, since they are often influenced by reading about their condition.

John Money, Ph.D., & Clay Primrose. 1968. Sexual dimorphism and dissociation in the psychology of male transsexuals. The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, Vol. 147, p. 472.

gated why Rodriguez could not sit still and found a .25-caliber pistol in his rectum."

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Chattanooga

Thanks to a surprise ruling by the Hamilton County sheriff, a transsexual inmate confined to the Silverdale Workhouse in Chattanooga, Tennessee, won't have to result to ulcer drugs or implants to continue her transition to womanhood. The sheriff ruled that the county would pay to continue her hormone shots while she awaits trial on credit card theft and credit card fraud.

When the person, who authorities refused to identify, was arrested, police thought she was already a female. They discovered their error when they prepared to transfer her to the workhouse. Once there, she was examined by jail doctors who said that withholding hormones could create other medical problems which the county would be responsible for.

"I would rather not spend \$40 a month of the taxpayers' money for these shots, but I realize that we are responsible for him (sic) while he is incarcerated, and that is part of his medical treatment," said Chief Deputy Jim Hammond.

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Houston

A woman who said she was desperate when she went to the men's room at a country-western concert was found innocent yesterday of illegally using the restroom. Jurors deliberated for 23 minutes before acquitting Denise Wells of violating a city ordinance that prohibits people from using restrooms intended for members of the opposite sex in a manner calculated to cause a disturbance. She faced a maximum \$200 fine if convicted. Wells, 33, and her lawyer and sister, Valorie Wells Davenport, hugged each other

when the verdict was read. Testimony in the trial, which began Thursday, ended earlier in the day. Wells testified that she saw the line outside the women's room at the July 7 concert by George Strait was so long, "I felt I was in a situation where I had to be in a restroom. I took the only option I felt was available." The legal secretary said she covered her eyes and apologized to men already in the restroom at The Summit. Two police officers testified Wells left the stall in the men's room and announced: "There—I left the lid up just like y'all like it."

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Costa Mesa, California

Police in Costa Mesa, California, made a ... mistake in October when they stopped two people leaving a women's room at a Billy Idol concert. The two were women, but police ordered one of the pair to be checked by two employees of the Pacific Amphitheater just to make sure.

As the women left the restroom, they found their path blocked by four police officers who said they had received complaints about men using the ladies room. "Everything's cool," Lorie Spencer told the cops. "We're women bodybuilders, and people have made this kind of mistake before because of our muscles. But we're women. Look at our breasts."

One officer reportedly replied, "You're in Costa Mesa now. You look like transsexuals to me. Are you in the middle of a sex change?"

Spencer showed police her driver's license, but because Bridget Morton had no identification with her, they threatened her with jail unless she could prove her gender. That was when the panty check was ordered.

Spencer and Morton have filed a \$1 million police misconduct suit against the department.

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