

Man dressed as a woman is no threat in ladies restroom, much safer

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday I made a visit to a city larger than the one in which I currently reside and encountered a problem I have never had before.

I was in a women's restroom when a man wearing a wig walked in. It was obvious that this 6-footer, with a large Adam's apple, deep husky voice, dressed in a floral print dress and high heels, was a man.

Should a transvestite be allowed to use the ladies' restroom? And if sex change surgery was performed, are there any visible signs? — BEWILDERED IN ADA, OKLA.

DEAR BEWILDERED: There is a difference between a transvestite (someone who feels compelled to wear the clothing of the opposite sex) and a transsexual. A transsexual is a person who feels trapped in the body of the wrong sex. Before a transsexual is allowed to have gender reassignment surgery, he or she must live for one year in the role of someone of the opposite sex. This includes using the restroom facilities of the opposite gender. It is not against the law, and it was no threat to you. (And it was probably safer for the pre-op transsexual than using the men's room would have been.)

When sex change surgery is per-



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formed, the surgeons have perfected their technique to such a degree that it can be difficult, if not impossible, to tell that it has been done.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received the following invitation via the Internet:

“You are all cordially invited to a “WEDDING SHOWER FOR “Tristan” and “Isolde” “at 222 Valentine Court “On July 25 from 1-5 p.m. “Tristan and Issy are registered at: “Pier One, Costco and Target “Come and bring a friend! Tell everyone else you know as well, because I only had a few e-mail addresses. Thanks and God bless!”

Maybe casual is “in,” but I still believe we should observe some of the rules of etiquette, don't you? I thought this was really rude and tacky, and your comments would be appreciated. — CRYSTAL IN KANSAS CITY

DEAR CRYSTAL: Where I come from, showers are warm, intimate, per-

sonal gatherings where friends come together to give gifts and good wishes to the people being honored. The “invitation” you received had all the personal warmth of a casting call for extras in a historical epic and I don't blame you for being turned off.

DEAR ABBY: This may seem ridiculous, but it's true. My fiance and I are about to break up over his cologne. I'm allergic to it and other manufactured scents. He insists he “must” use it.

I have concluded it's about his disrespect for my needs. He says I am being unreasonable. Where do we go from here? — MILLIE IN MIAMI

DEAR MILLIE: You and your fiance need to go for a consultation with the doctor who is treating you for your allergies, which are nothing to be sneezed at. Your fiance's attitude may not be about disrespect as much as woeful ignorance about how severe these kinds of allergies can be. Allergy sufferers exposed to certain chemicals have been known to have severe, life-threatening reactions. If, after discussing this with your doctor, your fiance still feels you are being “unreasonable,” then you may indeed need to break the engagement.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my early 20s

and very much in love with “John,” the man of my dreams. I know what I want, and I'm on the road to achieving it. I have had my “fun,” and hope one day to start a family. Granted, it may not be for another two, five or 10 years — but hopefully sooner.

This brings me to my predicament. John has told me he's not sure he ever wants to marry. He assured me that if, one day, he decides to be married, if it's not to me, then it will be to someone just like me.

I think John is worth waiting for while he decides, but I refuse to be his girlfriend for the rest of my life. Much as I love him, it would devastate me 10 years down the road if he finally decided not to marry at all.

I don't know what to do. I live on my own with no mother to run to for advice. I have always taken your answers to heart and applied them to my own life. Your advice would be greatly appreciated. — MINDY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR MINDY: John may be an absolute doll, but you have described someone who has made it plain he is not ready for a serious commitment. Has it occurred to you that he may be trying to keep you from getting your hopes up where he is concerned? My

advice is to keep your options open, and do not sit around waiting for him to grow up and recognize what a catch YOU are.

DEAR ABBY: As an active member of Overeaters Anonymous, I am open and honest with friends about my commitment to better health and understanding the foods I can and cannot eat. I am hoping you can provide me with a kind and gentle response to someone who presents me with a special dessert that she (or he) may have spent hours preparing.

My life and attitudes have changed greatly since I joined OA, and I would give away this freedom from food obsession to everyone I know if it were possible. — C.T. IN BOULDER, COLO.

DEAR C.T.: Congratulations on your abstinence. When you are confronted with an elaborate dessert you can't eat, say, “I know you worked hard on this. But I can't accept it. I have food issues. I'm addicted to sugar, and once I start, I cannot stop. So please understand.”

And unless the person is a diet saboteur, she (or he) will back off.

DEAR ABBY: How does one tell a friend that the tattoo she got in honor of her recently deceased friend is mis-

spelled? Or should one? (I don't think most people would have noticed the misspelling, for what it's worth.) — GOOD SPELLER IN PASADENA

DEAR GOOD SPELLER: Sometimes the kind thing to do is to keep one's mouth shut. If this were something that was easy to fix, I'd say tell your friend in English, and fast. However, because it's not, my recommendation is to let someone else give her the bad news.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who, last year, became the guardian of her 3-year-old granddaughter. This has severely curtailed her dating due to the need to hire baby sitters.

If a gentleman knows her circumstances and asks her out anyway, who is responsible for paying the baby sitter? — K.B. IN MACON, GA.

DEAR K.B.: Since the child is her responsibility, it is her responsibility to pay for the baby sitter. However, if the “gentleman” knows it will strain her financially — and he can afford it — he should offer to pick up the tab.

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SATURDAY EVENING

		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	
E	S	E = Eagle Cable						S = S&T Telephone				
36	47	A&E	"Flight 93" The passenger of United flight 93 prevent a disaster at the cost of their lives.				The Anatomy of September 11th Final minutes of the World Trade Center. (TVPG)					
4	6	ABC	"Cast Away" ('00, Drama) ★★ A plane crash strands deserted isle in the Pacific for more than four years. (R) (HD)				KAKE News at 10 (C35) Insider at 10 (C05) Entertainment Tonight					
26	54	ANPL	Stalking the Jaguar Wild jaguars.		Nat. World Cheetahs released. (TV G)		Wild Kingdom: Kalahari Supercat		Stalking the Jaguar Wild jaguars.		Nat. World Cheetahs released. (TV G)	
63	67	BRAVO	Project Runway (R)		Project Runway: Fit for a Queen (TV14) (R)		Project Runway: Designer's Best Friend (R)		Project Runway: Reap What You Sow (R)		Project Runway: Iconic Statement (R)	
7	11	CBS	Ghost Whisperer (TVPG) (R) (HD)		CSI: Miami: Sex & Taxes (TV14) (R) (HD)		48 Hours Mystery (R)		News (N) (C35) Drew Carey		(C05) Alias: A Missing Link	
55	42	DISC	Pre-Human: Riddle of the Skull (TV G)		The Rise of Man First signs of humanization. (TVPG)				MythBusters: Archimedes Death Ray (R)		Pre-Human: Riddle of the Skull (TV G)	
33	56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Naturally (TV G)	Life Derek (TV G)	Zack & Cody (R)	Hannah (R)	So Raven (R)	Phil (TVY7) (N)	Zack (TVY7) (N)	American D (TV G)	
49	66	E!TV	Dazed and Confused				Saturday Night (HD)		Dr. 90210 (TV14) (R)		Dr. 90210 (TV14) (R)	
22	28	ESPN	Little League World Series (Live) (HD)				Baseball Tonight (HD)		SportsCenter (HD)		Baseball Tonight (HD)	
29	29	ESPN2	NHRA Qualifying from Memphis, Tenn.				U.S. Open Series Tennis from Cincinnati, OH		NHRA Ser. (HD)			
32	58	FAM	"While You Were Sleeping" ('95, Romance)				"Under the Tuscan Sun" ('03, Comedy) ★★½				Kyle XY (R) (HD)	
35	-	FMC	"Weekend at Bernie's" ('89, Black comedy)				"Porky's" ('82, Comedy) ★ Dan Monahan. (R)				"Weekend Bernies"	
53	45	FOOD	Feasting on Asphalt: High Plains Feaster		Feasting on Asphalt: California or Bust		Ace of Cakes		Ace of Cakes		Iron Chef America: Cora vs. Psalakis (R)	
13	7	FOX	Cops (TVPG) (R)	Cops (TV14) (R)	America's Most Wanted (TVPG)		St. Elsewhere: Moon for the Misbegotten		Mad TV (TV14) (R)		Blind Date (TVPG)	
27	25	FX	(1:00) That '70s Show: Celebration Day Missing graduation. (TVPG)						"Hellboy" ('04) ★★½ Demon fights Hell. (PG-13)			
30	27	FXSP	(5:00) MLB Baseball Rockies at Mets (Live)				Rockies		Fball		Big 12	
-	60	HALL	"Diagnosis" ('92)				"Mystery Woman: Oh Baby"		(C42) "Mystery Woman: Oh Baby" ('06)		"Oh Baby"	
5	-	HBO	(5:00) "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" ('05, Action) (HD)		"The Ring Two" ('05, Horror) Naomi Watts. Videotape indicates Samara has returned. (HD)		"Two for the Money" ('05, Drama) ★ Al Pacino. Injured ballplayer turns sports bookie. (HD)					
62	44	HGTV	Doggone (TV G)		Pet Expo 2006 (TV G)		Pet Pads (TV G)		Pet Palaces		Doggone (TV G)	
58	48	HIST	Time Machine: Banned from the Bible Ancient writings omitted from the Bible (TVPG)				Roman Vice Undemeath the seemingly stable Roman society was the crime world. (TV14)				Time Machine: Banned from the Bible	
25	38	IND	"Gone in 60 Seconds" ('00, Action) ★★ A car thief tries to steal 50 luxury cars in one night to save his brother.				tries to steal		(C40) "The Whole Nine Yards" ('00, Comedy) ★★½ Woman plots to get her husband killed.			
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "Lucky 7" ('03)		"Fantasia Barrino Story" ('06, Drama) (NR)		(NR)		Housewives (HD)		Angela's Eyes (R)	
54	74	MTV	Laguna Defining		Timberlake C Aguilera		Run House		Ride		Fresh Meat	
3	9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight		Gymnastics U.S. Championships (Taped)		Dateline NBC (N)		Crossing Jordan: Save Me (TV14) (R) (HD)		9 News (N) Saturday Night (R)	
8	8	NBC	Gymnastics U.S. Championships (Taped)		Dateline NBC (N)		Crossing Jordan: Save Me (TV14) (R) (HD)		KSN News at 10 (TV14) (R)		Saturday Night Live: Goes Commercial	
34	55	NICK	J. Neutron (TVY7)		J. Neutron (TVY7)		Roseanne		Roseanne		Roseanne	
2	2	PBS	Appearance As Time Goes By		Lawrence Welk: New York Show (TV G)		RedGreen (TVPG)		Austin City Limits: Wide-spread Panic (R)		Soundstage: Garbage (TVPG) (HD)	
38	71	SCIFI	"Creepers II" ('03) ★★		"Cabin Fever" ('02) ★★		"The Ninth Gate" ('99) Devil authors books.					
61	72	SPK	Disorderly Cond (R)		Disorderly Cond (R)		(C87) Cop gets new partner				Disorderly Cond (N)	
39	43	TLC	This House Must Go (TV G)		Trading Spaces (TV G) (R)		Property Ladder \$30,000 budget. (TV G)		Property Ladder: DIY Babes in Demo-Land		Flip House (TV G)	
28	40	TNT	"Runaway Jury" ('03, Drama) John Cusack. Gun lawsuit.				"Runaway Jury" ('03, Drama) John Cusack. Gun lawsuit.					
51	49	TRAV	World Poker Tour: Battle of Champions IV				RV Crazy! (TV G)		World Poker Tour: Battle of Champions IV			
21	59	TVLND	Prairie (TV G)		Cosby		Jefferson		M. Brown		3's Co.	
60	79	UNIV	Sábado gigante (TVPG)				Primer imp		Noticiero		Otro rollo (TV14)	
20	37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Dew Tour (Taped)	
12	3	WB	Star Trek: Enterprise: In a Mirror, Darkly		Friends (TVPG)		Friends (TVPG)		Will (TVPG)		Raymond (TV G)	
99	39	WGN	(5:00) MLB Game (Live)				WGN News at Nine		Sex & City		Becker	

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		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	
E	S	E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone						
36	47	A&E	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty	Driving: New York	Driving Force (R)	Family (TV14)	Family Jewels (R)	Flip This House: History Lesson (TV G) (R)	Dog Bounty	Dog Bounty	
4	6	ABC	Wife Swap: Pitts/Policchio (TVPG)		Wife Swap (R)		Supernanny: Wujcik Family (TVPG) (R)		KAKE News (TV G) (N)	(35) Nightline (N)	(5) Jimmy Kimmel Live (TV14)	
26	54	ANPL	After the Attack: The Perilous Outdoors		Caught in the Moment: India (TV G) (N)		Heroes Phoenix: Staying Out of Traffic (N)		After the Attack: The Perilous Outdoors		Caught in the Moment: India (TV G) (N)	
63	67	BRAVO	Inside the Actor's Studio: show. (TVPG) (R)		Dave Chappelle Own TV show. (TVPG) (R)		Project Runway (R)		America's Got Talent search.		Project Runway (R)	
7	11	CBS	Two & 1/2 (R) (HD)	How I Met Your (R) (HD)	Two & 1/2 (R) (HD)	New Adv. (R) (HD)	CSI: Miami: Whacked (TV14) (R) (HD)		News (N)	(35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)	Ferguson (TV14)	
55	42	DISC	American Hot Rod A firing. (TVPG) (R)		Biker: Mike Metzger vs. Larry Linkogle		American Chopper: OCC Production Bike		American Chopper: Sunoco Bike 1 (TVPG)		American Hot Rod A firing. (TVPG) (R)	
33	56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie (TV G)	Hannah (R)	Zack & Cody (R)	So Raven (R)	So Raven (R)	"The Cheetah Girls" '03. Comedy. ★½ Raven. Four teenage girls form a musical group. (G)			
49	66	E!TV	Child Star	The Girls	Simple	Simple	Chelsea H.	The Soup	E! News: The Daily	Saturday Night (HD)		
22	28	ESPN	NFL Football: Preseason (Live) (HD)						SportsCenter (HD)		Baseball	NFL Live
23	29	ESPN2	Little League World Series (Live) (HD)				MLB Baseball: Teams		TBA (Live) (HD)			
32	58	FAM	Kyle XY (TV14) (HD)		Falcon (TV14) (N)		Line	Line	The 700 Club		Kyle XY (TV14) (HD)	
35	-	FMC	"The Duchesse and the Dirtwater Fox" ('76)				"Die Hard with a Vengeance" ('95) ★★½ (R)				"Marked for Death"	
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live: New Orleans Classics (R)		Unwrapped (R)	Unwrapped (R)	Secret (TV G) (N)	Secret (TV G)	Good Eats (R)	\$40 a Day (R)	Unwrapped (R)	
13	7	FOX	Prison Break: Manhunt (TV14) (N) (HD)		Vanished: Pilot Episode (N) (HD)		Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG)	
27	25	FX	30 Days: New Age (R)		King	King	'70s	'70s	"Ice Age" '02) Mammals rescue an infant.			
30	27	FXSP	In Focus: Rockies		NFL Football Exhibition: Titans at Broncos (Taped)						Around Trk	BDSSP
-	60	HALL	Walker: Flashpoint		"Jane Doe: Yes, I Remember It Well" ('06)				MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH
5	-	HBO	(5:30) "Picture Perfect" ('97, Comedy) (HD)		HBO First Look (R)		"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" ('04, Fantasy) ★★½ An escaped killer wizard is after Harry. (PG) (HD)				"When the Levees Broke" (NR) (HD)	
62	44	HGTV	Cash Attic	Cash Attic	Life after Katrina		House Hunt	Open House	Design	Tech Toys	Cash Attic	Cash Attic
58	48	HIST	UFO Files: UFOs in the Bible (TVPG)		Lost Worlds: Jesus' Jerusalem (TVPG)		Digging for the Truth: The Holy Grail		Life, Death in Rome: Capital of the World		UFO Files: UFOs in the Bible (TVPG)	
25	38	IND	Friends (TV14)	Friends (TV14)	Friends (TV14)	Friends (TV14)	Family (TV14)	Family (TV14)	Friends (TV14)	Friends (TV14)	Funniest Commercials of the Year: 2005	
18	63	LIFE	"Double Platinum"		"Fantasia Barrino Story" ('06, Drama) (NR)				Lovespring	Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Frasier
54	74	MTV	Beyonce	NEXT	My Own	Parental	Sucker Free on MTV		Laguna Beach		Fresh Meat	Fresh Meat
3	9	NBC	9 News (N) ET (TV G) (HD)		Treasure Hunters (TVPG) (R)		Treasure Hunters (TVPG)		Medium (TV14) (R) (HD)		9 News (N) (HD)	(35) Jay Leno (HD)
8	8	NBC	Treasure Hunters (TVPG) (R)		Treasure Hunters (TVPG)		Medium (TV14) (R) (HD)		KSN News at 10		Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)	Late Night (R) (HD)
34	55	NICK	Sponge	Unfabulous	Different	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Bel-Air	Prince: I Done, Part 1	
2	2	PBS	Antiques Roadshow: Miami (TV G) (R)		History (TV G) (N)		National Geographic: Civil War Gold (R)		BBC World News		(29) Python	Charlie Rose (N)
38	71	SCIFI	Dark Angel (TVPG)		Dark Angel: Boo		Dark Angel: Two		Preview		"Bride of Chucky" ('98, Horror)	
61	72	SPK	Star Trek: NG: Aqueel		Police (TV14)		CSI: Crime (HD)		CSI: Crime (HD)		UFC 62 Countdown	
39	43	TLG	Home Chef (R)	Home Chef (R)	While You Were Out: Austin: Be Here Now!		Wild Weddings: Murphy's Law of Weddings		Cover Shot (R)	Cover Shot (R)	Miami Ink: The Family (TVPG) (R)	
28	40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)		The Closer (N) (HD)		Saved (N) (HD)		The Closer (R) (HD)		The X-Files (HD)	
51	49	TRAV	Bourdain (TVPG) (R)		Enemy Lines (TVPG)		In Beirut (TVPG)		Bourdain (TVPG) (R)		Enemy Lines (TVPG)	
21	59	TVLND	Prairie (TV G)		Cosby	Jefferson	M. Brown	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.
60	79	UNIV	La fea más bella		Barrera de amor		Cristina (TV14)		Primer imp		Noticiero	
20	37	USA	Law & Order (HD)		WWE Raw (Taped)		WWE Raw (Taped)		(5) psych (R)		Law & Order (HD)	
12	3	WB	Friends (TVPG)	Raymond (TVPG)	7th Heaven: And Baby Makes Three (R)		7th Heaven: Love and Obsession (TV G) (R)		News2 @ Nine (N)		Raymond (TVPG)	Will (TV14)
99	39	WGN	Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos	