

Troy has five employees: a full-time clerk, a part-time clerk, two full-time maintenance workers and a part-time police chief. Mayor Marie Vogel describes the policy as no big deal.

Troy's Main Street takes about 20 seconds to cruise, if you're following the 25-mile-per-hour speed limit. The grocery store, town pub, volunteer fire department and community library line the street, along with an espresso shop that the residents say reflects the cosmopolitan nature of their town.

"The town has a lot of diverse people in it, and we're very accepting of people's personal rights," Vogel, 55, said in the kitchen of her home, where she runs a day care. "It's an important and necessary start to say we will not discriminate against anyone if they can do their jobs. We aren't going to enter their bedrooms," said Vogel. (Update)

## Surprising evidence popped up during search

**BERGEN COUNTY, NJ** -- Ava Johnson, 27, was the mysterious mistress suspected of helping her married boyfriend commit a daring armed robbery in Bergen County. At least she was until a strip-search was performed at the Bergen County Jail. That's when police made the surprising discovery that Johnson is a man, according to the county sheriff. Investigators say the slender Johnson has taken female hormones since age 12 and has breasts, black hair flowing to the middle of his back, and the voice and looks of a woman.

Assistant Bergen County Prosecutor Joseph Donahue told the judge at the arraignment of the trouble police had identifying Johnson. Police "originally thought he was a woman, and he was later found to have male genitals. We don't know his -- or her -- true name," Donahue said.

When asked to identify himself, Johnson said softly that he was "Ava Johnson." When asked if he had any other names, he said he was once known as Fernando Johnson. Meanwhile, law enforcement sources said Johnson may not even be the defendant's surname.

Johnson told investigators he was originally from Virginia. FBI records show he was born in California, sources said. Johnson's parents, who are Columbian, returned to their native country when he was a boy, and Johnson began taking female hormones soon afterward, investigators said. (Update)

## Gay sex? Not in his library says Missouri man

**ST. JOSEPH, MO** -- A local man has checked out the St. Joseph Library copy of *The New Joy of Gay Sex* and now refuses to return it. Al Green, Sr. checked out the book in May and has petitioned the library review board to remove it from the shelves permanently. According to Green, he saw the book in the new books section of the library while looking for books on auto leasing. Green was so offended by *The New Joy of Gay Sex* that he checked out the book to get it off the shelves, then filed the complaint. When Green received an overdue notice from the library, he ignored it and asked if he could check out the book

again. According to Green, he was refused and his library privileges have been suspended.

The library review board held a preliminary meeting September 15, but made no decision regarding Green's petition at that time. According to Dick Kurtenbach of the American Civil Liberties Union of Western Missouri and Kansas, Green has now paid for the book, but he is still in violation of a St. Joseph statute that makes taking books from the library a class C misdemeanor if the books are valued at under \$150. Kurtenbach said it is unclear whether Green will be charged.

According to a St. Joseph News-Press article, library director Dorothy Elliot said, "I would prefer, obviously, never to have to prosecute. We just want our books back. People have to realize that this is money down the tubes if people don't bring the books back." Elliot also said there is a waiting list to check out *The New Joy of Gay Sex*.

Green told the *News-Press* that the issue was not about heterosexuality or homosexuality. "I don't care what people do in their bedrooms," Green said. Rather, he said, he has worried about children coming across the books or others like it.

The library's second copy of *The New Joy of Gay Sex* is being held by a library board member and will be used during the review, Elliot said. (News-Telegraph)

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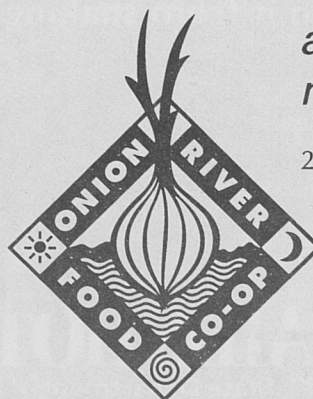
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