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**Chronicle Camera**

**Blending the genders**

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The *Chronicle* polled citizens and asked their reaction to the trend sociologists and psychologists have termed "blender gender" when referring to men who blend the male-female sex roles and sometimes take on the appearance of popular pop singers Michael Jackson and Prince.

Arthur Gray, teacher: "Different ages have different trends. Fads just have a tendency to come and go."

Audrey McLawhorn, Housing Authority employee: "Some black men are going into that trend, because people are just into that Michael Jackson and Prince phase. There are too many people trying to look like them and dress like them."

Geno Segers, senior at East Forsyth: "I don't think about that. I just think about myself. I just wear what I like to wear. If people want to look like Michael Jackson or Prince, then that's them."

Mattie Roebuck, service station attendant: "I don't know if it's the change of style in today's clothing, but it's getting to a point where you think you're

looking at a woman and it's a man."

James Moore, painter: "Just the other day, I saw what I thought was a man. Men are looking like women and women are looking like men and I'm not talking about homosexuals either."

Angela McRae, AT&T Technologies employee: "It's been that way even before Michael Jackson or Prince. I believe the younger people tend to follow the Michael Jackson and Prince trends."

Donna Gray, unemployed: "Blender gendering is growing in popularity. I guess it's the way people dress and act. People on the streets, you can't even tell a difference now."

Lavetta Williams, Stroh's Brewery distributor: "From observations and talking to people, views have changed. A lot of thinking has been just broken down. They that weren't always accepted are now. But I lace my little girl up and rough my little boy up so you can tell the difference, because I mean for them to be distinct."

Bobby Montgomery, Army veteran: "There's a lack of proper brain structure. People gotta be sick in the head to want to be recognized like that."

**Better Living**

**New job fields opening**

By JOANNE FALLS  
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I think almost every high school graduate with plans to enter school this fall would automatically wonder where the greatest job openings are likely to be four to six years from now.

Future graduates also need to know why certain jobs are likely to become available in specific fields, so they can avoid the pitfalls and headaches that accompany students majoring in fields and training for careers that lead to dead ends with no openings. These are the concerns of the column for this week.

These are some of the job predictions made by various experts and published in *Woman's Day*:



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George Silvestri, John Lukasiewicz and Marcus Einstein, economists with the Division of Occupational Outlook of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, predict that an additional 25.6 million jobs will be generated in the next ten years.

Samuel Ehrenhalt, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, says: "We are in the midst of an economic recovery that will be

reshaping jobs in the future. We can expect growth in all white-collar jobs."

Ehrenhalt believes that it is better for people to look for new areas of employment in the fast growing job markets, because the promotions and opportunities are better there.

With new jobs, your advancement does not have to depend on who dies, who resigns, who retires or gets promoted or leaves a slot.

Writers are predicting that our economy is moving toward service-oriented jobs. In 1982, Americans working in service-oriented jobs outnumbered those employed in manufacturing.

Charles Salzberg, reporter for *Woman's Day*, gives this breakdown of the quickly expanding fields that have jobs now and will have jobs in the future:

•Health jobs - More registered nurses, practical nurses and nurses' aides will be needed in the future. Physical and occupational therapists, instructors, orderlies and physiologists will be needed since the whole nation seems to be interested in physical fitness, nutrition and staying out of the hospital. The over-65 population will rise by 20 percent in the next ten years, and more concern will be given to staying healthy.

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