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In 1952 Harry Truman was President, the Today Show had its premiere on NBC, and many Americans heard the term transsexual for the first time with Christine Jorgensen's sex reassignment surgery story. Mr. Potato Head was first revealed to the public, the first issue of Mad Magazine hit the stands and "Singin' In The Rain" debuted at Radio City Music Hall. Johnnie Ray sang "Cry", the Mills Brothers' hit was "Glow Worm", and Marlon Brando made the cry "Stella" famous in the movie, "Street Car Named Desire".

Also Elpidio Quirino was President of the Philippines when, in Manila, on the 6th of March, Mr. February joined his already large family of parents, four brothers and four sisters. Following his elementary school education, he graduated from vocational school in 1972 and received a degree as a hair dresser. He also excelled at a dance academy and during the 80s performed as a professional back-up dancer for several entertainers, including performing on television.



The talented Mr. February also used his skills as a cook in several venues, including the United States Naval base at Subic Bay. And for two years, his cooking skills took him to work in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia!

In 1992 Mr. F. joined some of his family in San Francisco, and became an American citizen in 1994. Over the next few years Mr. F. engaged both his cooking and hairdressing skills to work in several locations. He moved to Hartford, CT, and lived with one of his sisters for a few years, and while there made several trips to Boston to enjoy its fascinating gay scene.

On one of those trips in 2000, he met his partner David, who was also visiting Boston but who lived in Quincy, MA. By 2003 they were living together at David's home. During that year he also received his official hair dressing license from the state of Massachusetts which opened up more lucrative work in higher-end salons.

For several years the couple were "snow birds" traveling between Massachusetts and Ft. Lauderdale, but by 2008 they decided to move to south Florida full time. For the last ten years Mr. F has enjoyed working at Broward Health Medical Center in its executive dining room as chief steward, responsible for the smooth operation of the facility.

Since his early adulthood, Mr. F has enjoyed a robust gay life. His family has always been loving and supportive, and he has had a myriad of gay life experiences both in the Philippines and in the U.S.. When he is not working, he enjoys Coffee & Conversation at the Equality Center, and the various activities offered by Prime Gentleman.