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IT'S TIME TO START SAYING GOOD BYE

There will be only two more issues of THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE. You will receive one issue in November (No. 5) and one issue in December (No. 6). The November issue will (finally) concern the questionnaire about dating.

I regret having to discontinue the newsletter more than I can say. I had hoped to have it to enjoy when I retire five years from now. When I resumed with the December issue I thought I would be able to continue; that is impossible.

My mother's health does not improve. She just returned home from a two week stay in the hospital. She can do nothing except feed herself if it is positioned for her to do so.

I keep thinking next week will be better but I just get further and further behind.

I am proud of the TSV; I feel that it was an accomplishment. I know that it brought about some good for some people.

If there is something you want to share or ask; especially Dr. Wollman or Dr. Dorn, this is your chance to do so. You will probably never have the opportunity to have your questions answered by two such experts in your area of need.

Subscribers due a refund will receive the amount due them with the December issue (No. 6). I want to complete all transactions before December 31st.

Throughout the fourteen years of the TSV, I have met no more than ten subscribers but I feel as though some of you are old friends. Especially the ones who have been constant since the beginning.

I could say more but it would all mean the same - THE END.

Phoebe

Dear Phoebe;

Regarding the last "Voice", a few rambling comments. First, it would be interesting to read a "what ever happened to..." article on Sandy Mesics. On the same line, an Atlanta area transsexual back about 20 years ago made the tabloids when she married a black man. She was the child of Lady Somebody or other, and I guess it was quite a scandal. I saw mention in a Publishers Weekly upcoming books issue that she was going to come out with an autobiography, but it never appeared. Any comments?

Regarding "is my fiancee gay?" for a start, is the marriage viable from a financial standpoint? That will break up things faster than anything. Second, are they good companions for each other?? Companionship is far more important over the long haul than romantic love. A zillion other comments are possible, but fortunately, they are all in a book called "The Good Marriage" by Judith Wallerstein. I have a hunch that this relationship may be far more viable than many would imagine as far more marriages are much more "nontraditional" than most observers would imagine.

Another thought, you mentioned about the TS couple getting married, at least according to a tabloid; it would be nice to see a bit more feedback/whatever happened to... information regarding these situations. For instance, what ever happened to Gabby, the TS in the PBS documentary. Enough for now. Always nice to see your name in the incoming mail.

Dionne

Dear Dionne;

Letters such as this one is one of the things I'm going to miss most when publication of TSV ceases.

I have not heard anything from Sandy Mesics for several years. She once expressed an interest in obtaining the TSV. If I could locate her I would GIVE it to her.

The Atlanta area TS you refer to actually was from (I think) South Carolina; I do know that she was not from Atlanta. I believe she published a book of poems and I think her first name is Dawn. Her story was circulating prior to 1969 when I had my surgery.

I am not familiar with Gabby; perhaps someone else can enlighten us.

Thanks for writing.

Phoebe

POST-OPERATIVE HORMONES

A major part of the male-to-female sex reassignment surgery is the castration. Five years ago, after my castration, I was taking 2.5 mg of Premarin per day, then gradually reduced it to the present 1.25 mg per day. I also have been applying Pro-Gest cream as per Ruben Lee's recommendations and my breasts, however modest in size, are still enlarging.

It seemed to me that after surgery I was becoming somewhat apathetic--a symptom of depression, although I had no feeling of being unhappy. But I didn't have much urger to DO things as before. I believe that I have found a way to improve that situation.

Ayerst,, producers of Premarin, have a combination tablet consisting of 1.25 mg of Premarin and 1 mg of methly testosterone (around \$2 per tablet) I am informed that the testosterone dose is about one fortieth that which a female-to-male would be using; not very much, as oral methyl testosterone is absorbed inefficiently.

The results, based on one a day, were noticeable, including some increase in libido, more scalp oiliness, and an increase in "energy", which was the part I wanted. Partly because of the high cost and partly because I would prefer a bit less of the effects, I cut back to alternate days, with my estrogen (1-mg 17-b estradiol) pills in between, and this is still enough--scalp oiliness is still noticeable. There is also some increase in the rate of stray beard hair's growth.

I believe there are also 0.625 P plus 5 mg methyl T tablets and I may try those once my present prescription runs out. I would suggest that many if not all "post-ops" should consider their use, both to improve one's love life, and to help job performance.

Marion Kelley

The above article is interesting; I'm sure most of you as well as myself would like to read Dr. Wollman's comments regarding this subject.

UPDATE ON MY CHARGE OF JOB DISCRIMINATION

It's been almost seventeen months since I first filed my charge of discrimination against my employer of twenty-five years - the State of Georgia, Department of Human Resources and almost ten months since I filed with EEO.

I received the following unsigned note from EEO dated August 1, 1995:

Phoebe Smith vs Dept. of Human Resources

OFEP: (case number [I assume] included)

Pursuant to the 1989 amendment to the Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978, as amended, O.C.G.A. 45-19-36(h), we are advising you of the current status of your complaint. This is a notice required by law and no response is necessary.

Your charge of discrimination is in the process of being investigated. If you have additional information please contact your Compliant Officer.

I responded with more information for my case on and assumed that my case really was being investigated but I received another note, identical message dated September 1, 1995 and still another note with the same identical message dated October 3, 1995. If they are sending me a message, I'm not getting it.

I'm writing another letter tonight and sending copies to all parties involved. Hopefully, I have received my last of the above notes.

I will complete twenty-five years of employment with the State of Georgia at the end of this month (October); five more years and I can retire.

I'll keep you posted. Hopefully, I won't have to spent my remaining years of employment dealing with this situation. I welcome your comments.

Phoebe Smith

PERSONALS

BLONDE, PRE-OP, 5'11", 22 YEARS OLD, MALE-TO-FEMALE TRANSSEXUAL SEEKS MALE COMPANION. IF YOU ARE A DARK-HAIRED, OLIVE COMPLEXTIONED MALE, 22 - 29, SEND LETTER, PHOTO AND PHONE NUMBER TO D. J., P. O BOX 2192, LIBERAL, KS. 67905.

SINGLE WHITE MALE, 40, 5'10", 175 LBS, EDUCATED, CARING AND UNDERSTANDING OF GENDER ISSUES, SEEKS FEMININE PASSABLE PRE-OP TRANSSEXUAL OR OTHER TRANSGENDERED PERSON 21 - 45 FOR QUALITY RELATIONSHIP. I HAVE VARIED INTERESTS AND AM WILLING TO TRAVEL. JOHN C., P. O. BOX 1823, GREENVILLE, TEX. 75401

WHITE MALE, AGE 32, 6'0", BLONDE HAIR, BLUE EYES SEEKS CONTACT WITH TRANSSEXUALS. ROBERT TOYE, 69 W. 38, SUITE 406, N.Y., N.Y. 10018.

FEMALE-TO-GAY MALE TV/TS OVER 45, ENJOYS GREEK PASSIVE AND IS SEEKING A GREEK ACTIVE MATE; AS A BOY I PASS TOTALLY. I'M ONLY 5'3" AND COMPACT; TRIM BUT STURDY WITH A CLASSIC HANDSOME APPEARANCE AND I LOOK LIKE A FEM BUTCH BOY. I AM NOT A LESBIAN. BAMBI, P. O. BOX 563, VOORHEES, N.J. 08043.

SINGLE WHITE MALE, 26, WISHES TO MEET OR CORRESPOND WITH AND/OR DATE A TRANSSEXUAL EITHER PRE-OP OR POST-OP. I WOULD LIKE TO BE FRIENDS AND MAYBE MORE. PLEASE WRITE AND INCLUDE PHOTO. ALL ANSWERED. J.R., P. O. BOX 17111, MEMPHIS, TN. 38138.

D/W/M, 47, 5'10", WAS LEGALLY MARRIED TO POST-OP; SEEKING DOWN-TO-EARTH PRE-OP OR POST-OP COMPANION TO SHARE ALL LIFE HAS TO OFFER. VERY HONEST, NO GAMES. BE SAFE. ROY HARMON, 310 OKLAHOMA PLACE, LADSON, S.C. 29456-622

SINGLE INDIAN MALE IS INTERESTED IN A LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP WITH A POST-OP OR PRE-OP TRANSSEXUAL. PLEASE INCLUDE PHOTO. REPLY TO WALTER RIDLEY, P. O. BOX 7321, KETCHIKAN, ALASKA 99901. WILL REPLY TO ALL.

39 YEAR OLD TALL, BEARDED, BROAD-SHOULDERED MASCULINE WHITE MALE, POLITICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY ACTIVE, SEEKS CORRESPONDENCE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH F-T-GM TS, PRE-/POST-OP. I ENJOY THE OUTDOORS, WINTER SPORTS, MUSIC, THE ARTS AND WORKING ON MY TRUCK. HAVE A BUSY ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL LIFE AND AM LOOKING, IN THE LONG TERM, FOR A COMMITTED, LOVING COMPANIONSHIP WITH THE RIGHT PERSON. PLEASE WRITE TO E W K, 87 WOODWARD AVE, GLOUCESTER, MA. 01930.

BEAUTIFUL PLATINUM BLONDE, POST-OP TS; 5'10", 38, 150 LBS., 40D- 26-38, AQUARIUS, NON DRINKER, WELL TRAVELLED, LOVE MOVIES, EUROPE, JAZZ; LOOKING FOR HANDSOME ROMANTIC HARD WORKING MAN TO SHARE LOVE - LAUGHS - ADVENTURES. PLEASE SEND "PHOTO" WITH LETTER TO BOBBIE CALLAHAN, 51 HIGH ST., #4-B, PORTLAND, MAINE 04101. RECENTLY MOVED TO EASE COAST. (P.S. - NO MARRIED TV'S OR CONS.)

SINGLE MALE, 30'S WISHES TO CORRESPOND WITH A PRE-OP TRANSSEXUAL IN THE MASS. AREA FOR POSSIBLE MEETING AT A LATER DATE. WRITE TONY, P. O. BOX D222, NEW BEDFORD, MASS. 02742.

FEMININE LATIN TRANSSEXUAL, PRE-OPERATIVE, 5'7", SLENDER AND ON HORMONE THERAPY; WOULD LIKE TO CORRESPOND WITH AND MEET TALL MASCULINE AND SINCERE GENTLEMAN. PHOTO APPRECIATED BUT NOT NECESSARY. WRITE: GINA E., 511 EAST ADAMS STREET, SANTA ANA, CA. 92707.

I'M LOOKING FOR THAT CERTAIN SOMEONE WITH WHOM TO DEVELOP A LASTING RELATIONSHIP. YOU ARE A SINCERE TRANSSEXUAL AND ATTRACTIVE LADY THAT WANTS SOMEONE TO BE THERE FOR YOU. I LIKE MATURE, CARING, VERY CLEAN WOMEN; MUST PASS WELL IN PUBLIC AND HAVE GREAT LEGS. SO IF YOU WANT AN HONEST AND SINCERE GUY THAT WILL ACCEPT YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE, THEN I'M YOUR MAN. GARTH CAMPBELL, P. O. BOX 372, DURAND, MI. 48429.

WHITE PRE-OP MALE-TO-FEMALE, 23, 5'11", 165 LBS; LOOKING TO CORRESPOND WITH OTHER MALE-TO-FEMALE TRANSSEXUALS (WOULD PREFER UNDER 30) AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CORRESPOND WITH MALE-TO-FEMALES WHO WERE FEMINIZED AS CHILDREN BY PARENTS OR BY OTHER PEOPLE. WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM MALES, AND GENETIC FEMALES. PLEASE CORRESPOND BY MAIL ONLY. A PHOTO WOULD BE APPRECIATED. I'M USING ESGEN BODY CREAM (ESTRONE); HAS ANYONE ELSE USED IT? PETER KOCH, 117 N. FAIRVIEW AVE., MT. PROSPECT, ILL. 60056.

HOMEOWNER, 34, 6 FT., 180 LBS., BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES - SEEKS FEMININE TRANSSEXUAL FOR MARRIAGE, WILL PROVIDE HOME, CARE AND LOTS OF LOVE AND SUPPORT. I AM INCARCERATED NOW. CONTACT ME SOON. HENRY PHILLIP THAY #965667-I.M.U. WASHINGTON CORRECTION CENTER, P. O. BOX 900, SHELTON, WASH. 98584.

SINGLE WHITE MALE, HANDSOME, RUGGED, ATHLETIC AND SINCERE DESIRES TO MEET A SINGLE WHITE FEMALE PRE-OP OR POST-OP TRANSSEXUAL OR HERMAPHRODITE FOR FRIENDSHIP, DATES, FUN AND PERHAPS DEVELOP A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP. I AM A MATURE BUT FUN LOVING PROFESSIONAL MAN BELIEVING IN TRUTH, HONESTY, KINDNESS, CARING, SINCERITY, FIDELITY AND TOTAL COMMUNICATION. I EXPECT THESE SAME QUALITIES FROM YOU WITHOUT THEM YOU CANNOT HAVE ANY TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP. I AM UNPRETENTIOUS, DISLIKE PHONEY PEOPLE, AND AM VERY

UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTIVE OF MY PARTNER'S GOALS AND DESIRES. I DO NOT SMOKE, AM TOTALLY DRUG AND DISEASE FREE. I AM JUST A NICE GUY WHO WANTS TO MEET A NICE GIRL TO ENJOY EACH OTHER IN THE FUN AND HAPPINESS THAT LIFE AND A RELATIONSHIP CAN OFFER. WRITE TO JOHN, PO BOX 558, SOMERS PT., NJ 08244.

CANADIAN-BORN ASIAN MALE, 34, SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED, 5'4" TALL. I AM A SENSITIVE, CARING HONEST MALE WHO FEELS TRANSEXUALS ARE SPECIAL, UNIQUE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A LOT TO SHARE IN LIFE. I AM LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A FRIENDSHIP, LEADING TO POSSIBLE LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP WITH AN ASIAN PRE/POST-OP TRANSEXUAL, 5'6" OR SHORTER. SHE MUST BE 100% PASSABLE. HORMONE ENHANCED FIGURE A STRONG ASSET. I AM FINANCIALLY SECURE AND A PROFESSIONAL - A PHARMACIST. I WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO GIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF HORMONES, I.E., SIDE EFFECTS, ETC. TO ANYONE INTERESTED. FOR THE RIGHT PERSON I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH EXPENSES. PLEASE WRITE WITH PHOTO (WILL BE RETURNED ON REQUEST) TO NORMAN, P. O. BOX 67035, EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA TR5 5Y3.

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M/W/M, 37, 5'11", 155 LBS., DESPERATELY SEEKING A FEMININE TV/TS FOR PASSION AND ROMANCE. I'M GOOD-LOOKING AND VERY CLEAN AND DISCREET. I'M ALSO TENDER, GENTLE, AND LOVING. I WANT A FRIEND AND LOVER, A REAL RELATIONSHIP, NOT A ONE NIGHT STAND. I PREFER SE FLA, BUT TRAVEL QUITE A BIT, SO THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES, ESPECIALLY IN ATLANTA. I'M ALSO A CLOSET CROSS-DRESSER, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, GREAT, IF NOT, THAT'S OKAY. I'M MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN YOUR FEMININITY. PLEASE, NO DRUGS OR HAIRY

MEN IN LINGERIE. PHOTO AND PHONE PLEASE. KARL H., 1326 SE 17TH ST., SUITE 333, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. 33316-1708.

D/W/TS, 6 FT., 165 LBS. 36; ATTRACTIVE, WELL BUILT AND PASSABLE. PRESENTLY INCARCERATED. NON-VIOLENT, VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCE. PRO. FM/IMP, 10 YEARS. A LADY, VERY CARING, FEMININE AND SENSITIVE. WORKING ON BA,UMD. RELEASE IN '96, WHICH TIME I START TRANSITION, SRS. SEEKS GENETIC MALES FOR CORRESPONDENCE, WHO ARE CARING, UNDERSTANDING, FRIENDSHIP/RELATIONSHIP MINDED. SHARE MY LIFE. WILL ANSWER ALL LETTERS. T. WILLIAMS #214-051,30420 REVELLS NECK RD., WESTOVER, MD. 21871-3368.

ULTRA-FEMININE, OPEN-MINDED, WHITE PRE-OP TRANSSEXUAL WOMYN, AGE 29, 135 LBS, 5'7" (39-28-39) LIVE FULL-TIME, ON HORMONES SINCE JULY 92. I SMOKE AND DRINK; LOOKING FOR LONG-TERM MONAGAMOUS LIVE-IN BOYFRIEND - HOPEFULLY MARRIAGE AFTER SRS; WHO IS FINANCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY SECURE, WILLING AND ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF ME, HELP WITH TRANSITION AND SRS.

EDUCATED MEN OR SWBI-TV, WHO IDENTIFIES AS MALE. NO FANTASY SEEKERS, SERIOUS ONLY. PHOTO AND SASE PLEASE. JIOVANNA ALEXIS TOWERS, P. O. BOX 285, ROSELLE, N. J. 07203.

HI; I'M JOYCE. I'M INTERESTED IN BEING MARRIED AND SETTLING DOWN FOR FAMILY LIFE. I'M 5'10", WITH BROWN EYES, LONG BROWN HAIR, AGE 30. I'M VERY ATTRACTIVE AND I HAVE A PRETTY FIGURE. MY PROFESSION IS ACCOUNTING. I LIKE NATURE, MOUNTAINS, FLOWERS, MOVIES, ARTS, QUIET TIMES, TRAVEL AND OTHER THINGS. I'M INTERESTED IN A SINCERE GENTLEMAN. MY SURGICAL PROCEDURES ARE ALL COMPLETE. IF YOU THINK YOU MAY BE THE ONE, PLEASE WRITE ME WITH YOUR PHONE NUMBER (IF YOU WISH). ALL SINCERE REPLIES ANSWERS. I'M FOR REAL. JOYCE K., 125 WEST MEADOW RD., WEST TOWNSEND, MA. 01474.

MALE-TO-FEMALE PRE-OP TRANSSEXUAL WOULD LIKE TO MEET FEMALE-TO-MALE POST-OP TRANSSEXUAL FOR A NICE ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP. I'M 5'7", 140 LBS, AND YOUNG LOOKING FOR MY AGE OF 41 WITH BEAUTIFUL BROWN HAIR. MAIL TO KAREN, P. O. BOX 9084, PENSACOLA, FLA. 32513-9084.

SOUTH CAROLINA MALE, 28, 5'11", 160, FIT WITH THINNING HAIR. DESIRES TO MEET FEMININE POST-OP FOR FRIENDSHIP, FUN, DATES, AND POSSIBLE LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP. I AM OPEN MINDED EASY GOING AND AM LOOKING FOR DOWN TO EARTH WOMAN. PLEASE WRITE TO GARY H. C/O TS VOICE, P. O. BOX 16314, ATLANTA, GA. 30321.

BEAUTIFUL, FULL-FIGURED CROSSDRESSER/TV (BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES, VERY TALL) DESIRES A HANDSOME, ROMANTIC, DEEPLY CARING AND HONEST MAN TO GIVE MY QUESTIONS ANSWERS AND TO FILL MY HEART WITH UNDYING LOVE! I NEED SOMEONE UNAFRAID TO TRY NEW EXPERIENCES AND BELIEVES LOVE CAN CONQUER ALL AND IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SEX. ANY REPLIES ANSWERED. S.C., 2930 YOSEMITE DRIVE, OWENSBORO, KY. 42301.

PERSONAL ADS FOR TRANSSEXUALS ARE FREE. IF YOU WANT YOUR AD DELETED, YOU MUST NOTIFY IN WRITING THE EDITOR OF TS VOICE. PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN RESPONDING TO PERSONALS ADDS. THE EDITOR/PUBLISHER (PHOEBE SMITH) OF THE TS VOICE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY ACTS OR OCCURRENCES THAT RESULTS FROM ANY AD THAT APPEARS IN THE TS VOICE. YOU ARE TRAVELING AT YOUR OWN RISK!