

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE

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THE FLIGHT OF THE NIGHTINGALE

By R. L. Savitt

The most truthful and dangerous thing that I had ever done was merely to have looked deep within myself. What I had discovered at age nine was too disturbing, so I allowed it to sleep for decades. Yet, that experience or first realization persistently remained in the fabric of memory like a flower to bloom at a future point in time, perhaps when I would gain the maturity to handle it.

Echoes from the void of space, or a past-life memory? A very old process indeed, or so I came to understand.

Another tale of transition in an age of transitions. Hormones? I'd consider myself lucky if they don't cancel my homeowner's policy.

Where did all the money go; and the kindness in people? I would lose friends, alienate family, find my balance (lucky if I'm a dancer) with my universe, or be destroyed for a lack of it.

Reach out to others, Rita, and tell them what you have learned! Right - O.K. so,

Sexuality and mysticism have a longtime association borne on delicate truths seldom discussed, variously misinterpreted, and passed on through "occult" symbolism. There is a lot more to it, however; I call my journey THE FLIGHT OF THE NIGHTINGALE. It is ancient; it is essentially but not strictly mediumistic, and it is ultimately somewhat perilous. It will take you apart and put you back together again, but not as before; it is my experience of transsexuality in a "preoperative" state - between two worlds or "half-lives" of an eternal manifestation. Desirable or undesirable I cannot yet say, dear reader, only that my romanticized designation is a genuine anachronism and a test of my spiritual growth. After all, surgical alteration cannot change that of which my "soul," or mind consists. My ability to think has brought me to where I now stand. Never forget, sisters everywhere, that our enculturation is bred in a democracy of conformities, and in the essence of semantics lay the truth.

Dear Phoebe;

I received the February issue of the TSV this morning. It was like talking to an old friend. I knew there had been changes in the gender community, but did not realize there were so many. I have lost track of so many friends in my area. Some have moved, some have changed their minds to go back as before.

Phoebe, I think there are many reasons why transsexual organizations fail. The main one for me was money. I had to choose between my surgeries, electrolysis, prescriptions, or to go to group meetings. At the meetings, I felt pressured to conduct my change in accordance to another's ideas. Also, I did not feel that it was my place to lead or guide another person in something as important as a gender change.

There is also a large difference in the structure in transvestite groups. They are very social, and some members are quite flamboyant. Their time is used in socials, meetings and conferences. A transsexual's time is used for doctor appointments, electrolysis and all the legal work to be done for a change. Abby.

Dear Phoebe;

I have been waiting for a follow-up to Sandra Mesic's last article. What happened? Michelle.

Dear Michelle;

So have I. Perhaps she thinks we don't care since none of us have come forth with our stories. That's not the case Sandra. Phoebe.

AFTER GETTING A NEW COMPUTER AT THE END OF LAST SUMMER, I THOUGHT THAT BY NOW I WOULD BE PRODUCING A VERY PROFESSIONAL LOOKING NEWSLETTER. I EXPECTED TO GET A PRINTER SOON AFTERWARDS BUT I DIDN'T COUNT ON SOME THINGS THAT HAPPENED AFTERWARDS. EARLIER THIS YEAR I STARTED BEING HARRASSED BY A MAN WHO HAS LIVED ACROSS THE STREET FROM ME OVER TWO YEARS; WE HAD NEVER MET. HE BEAT ON MY FRONT DOOR ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT (3 AM AND LATER). I NEVER WENT TO THE DOOR, BUT HE ALWAYS LEFT ME A LETTER TO FIND WHEN I LEFT FOR WORK IN THE MORNINGS. I HAD TO GET A SECURITY SYSTEM; THERE WAS NOTHING THE POLICE COULD DO. HE HADN'T HARMED ME, EXCEPT TO SCARE ME TO DEATH. HIS LETTERS WERE VERY COMPLIMENTARY, VERY DESCRIPTIVE. HE'S GONE NOW; I GOT MY NEW PRINTER LAST SUNDAY - ALL I'M SAYING IS - I WILL DO THE BEST I CAN.
PHOEBE

Dear Doctor Wollman:

I am a male whom since an early age, about 6, have always wanted to be and have identified with being female. I cannot live a normal life and cannot have inner peace until I assume my rightful role in life, that of a woman, wife and mother.

Up until now I thought one had to be rich in order to afford an operation, but after reading the Kinsey Institute book on sex, I see it is not an impossible dream.

I have called doctors and hospitals and have been told that this sort of operation is not possible in Pensacola, Florida. If possible, could you please give me some information on whom I can contact to begin the transformation process; preferably somewhere in the South, near Pensacola.

Also, if you could inform me about ways of funding or insurance that cover part of the costs it would be extremely helpful. K. K.

Dear K. K.;

See below for list of surgeons.

I know of no grants or funding sources that are available for helping for SRS. Leo Wollman, M.D.

Dear Doctor Wollman:

You no doubt are a busy man and I hate to take up your time but I have no one else to ask that has the knowledge that you do. I have some questions that are needing answers that are very important to me. In the February issue of the TSV the subject of having the testes removed was asked. In three months, I will have voice surgery done in California by Dr. Mayer. If I have the testes removed first, will it help me to sound even more female?

Three more questions please! (1) I'm on 2.5 mg premerian twice a day and one injection once a month. Will having the testes removed help the female hormones work better? (2) Will I have to get permission to have the testes removed like the main surgery or can I make my own decision? (3) Do you have the doctors names and addresses that does the castration surgery and do you know how much the costs will be? Thank you for your time. S. P.

Dear S.P.;

Having your testes removed will not help you sound more feminine. The answer to your first question is yes; to your second question, you will need permission from your psychiatrist, and to your third question - see names and phone numbers of surgeons below. Leo Wollman, M.D.

Dr. Stanley Biber - (303)846-3301, Colorado
Dr. Roberto Granato - (212)335-1437, New York
Dr. Charles Horton - (804)623-7072, Virginia
Dr. Francisco Prado - (305)573-5388, Florida
Dr. George Whittle - (201)741-3858, New Jersey
Dr. Donald Lamb - (415)497-5014, California

FEMALE-TO-MALE TRANSGENDER GROUP FORMS ON EAST COAST

Boston, MA. A new support group for female-to-male transvestites, transgenderists, transsexuals and their partners is forming in New England and welcomes participants. Temporarily naming the group The East Coast FTM Group, its founders include a female-to-male transsexual, and a female-to-male transvestite and his partner. Recognizing the scarcity of support for FTMs on the East Coast, the group's organizers hope the new meetings will draw persons from throughout the region who are in need of support, information and affirmation for the female-to-male experience. The first meeting, which will be a potluck/discussion, is planned for Sunday, March 8, 1992 at 2:00 PM in Watertown (near Boston). Monthly meetings will rotate in members' homes near Boston, in Western Massachusetts and in Hartford, CT. Interested persons may call Bet Power, (413) 584-7616, Lonnie, (617) 926-7691 or Michael Kirk, (617) 522-5605 for more information.

Men also at risk for breast cancer, patient cautions

DEAR ANN LANDERS:
Women are told repeatedly to get checked for breast cancer because if it is caught early there is a good chance of being cured. A less well-known fact is that men can get breast cancer, too. Although it occurs in only one in 2,500 men, it's something to think about.

Most doctors do not check for breast cancer when they examine their male patients. An alert young doctor asked me how long I had had the small lump near my right nipple. I told him it had been about four years and I had never paid any attention to it. He did a biopsy and it turned out to be skin cancer. Minor surgery was performed and the tissue was sent to a lab for analysis.

To the surgeon's surprise, the result showed that I had two types of cancer. The hospital cancer board said I needed a mastectomy because one of the cancers was "infiltrating lobular carcinoma," a rare form of cancer in males.

After three more opinions I was told that surgery was the only way to be sure the cancer was eradicated. So I had a mastectomy and, thank God, they got the cancer in time.

I am writing this letter to let men know that they, too, can get breast cancer — and should be aware of lumps or any noticeable changes in that area. Please, Ann, print it. — J.C., Tujunga, Calif

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THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZER -- TRANSGENDERED, AND A SUCCESSFUL ATTORNEY

Phyllis Randolph Frye, as a child and young adult, was very successful as a male—Eagle Scout, corps commander in high school ROTC, winner of several scholarships, holder of two engineering degrees from Texas A&M, licensed professional engineer in three states, and a husband and father. Even so, she was never truly a "man".

Following her transition from being a man to being a woman, she and her second spouse faced and eventually overcame many challenges, including loss of visitation of her child, ostracism from their families, near total loss of engineering employment, severe underemployment for over ten years, daily fear of arrest, hostility from neighbors, recurring vandalism and obscene phone calls, hostility from people professing religion, and multiple bouts with depression.

Overcoming these challenges, they have remained married for over eighteen years, she is loved by her child (now an adult), the family ostracism is much reduced, and the neighbors are friendly. She returned to school on her G.I. Bill and earned an MBA degree and a law degree from the University of Houston. She was instrumental in the repeal of the law making crossdressing illegal in Houston. They remain secure and true in their religious convictions. Their outlook for the future is optimistic. She has had a successful law practice as a sole practitioner since 1986.

Phyllis Randolph Frye is the Vice President of the sponsoring G.C.T.C. She serves as the Organizational Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Houston and has been on the boards of several other organizations, both business and professional. She is very well known in the Houston area legal community, is often published in *Docket Call*, and is well respected for her work.

She is completely out-of-the-closet and has been so for over 15 years. She organized this conference because,

"There are many people out there in both the legal and employment professions who are not transgendered but who want to help. There are transgendered people out there who are still scared of the laws and for their jobs. It is the right time."

Phyllis may be contacted at
5707 Firenza Street
Houston, Texas 77035-5515
713/723-8368 (leave message)

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY



This Conference is for attorneys and other legal professionals; for employment, personnel, and other human resources professionals; and for members of the transgender community, all of whom have an interest in the current status of *and in strategies for progressive changes in* either the law and/or employment policy as they pertain to the transgendered community.

Wednesday, August 26, 1992

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The law and employment policy at all levels — federal, state, and local — in the United States and in various other countries, that are applied to transgendered persons

They include, but are not limited to:
military law
housing law
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employment law and policy.

Transgendered persons include transsexuals, transgenderists, and other crossdressers of both sexes, transitioning in either direction (male to female or female to male), of any sexual orientation, and of all races, creeds, religions, ages, and degrees of physical impediment.

KNOWLEDGE OF LAW AND EMPLOYMENT
POLICY FOR TRANSGENDERED PERSONS IS
IMPORTANT BECAUSE...DISADVANTAGE IN THE
LAW AND LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE THE
BIGGEST PROBLEMS OF TRANSGENDERED
PERSONS.

This is a very unforgiving society for those persons (and their loved ones) who were born of one sex, yet have a definite opposite gender identity. This disagreement may range from moderate (occasional crossdressing) to complete (sex reassignment surgery). The condition is observed over such a vastness and diversity in geography, race, education, religion, income, and profession that to be transgendered is clearly not a matter of mere choice. Furthermore, rational people do not take upon themselves the burdens placed by unforgiving societies merely to express an occasional crossdressing fling

THE CONFERENCE FORMAT

Weekday Committee Meeting Format:

During the daytime of Thursday and Friday, conference participants will meet in committee areas of their choices, exchange ideas and knowledge, and prepare a committee report (for Saturday presentation) on the current status of and strategies for progressive changes in either the law or employment policy as they pertain to the transgendered community. Luncheons with featured speakers will be held both days. Tentatively scheduled speakers are an administrative judge and an appeals court justice.

Wednesday and Thursday nights will be hosted by the affiliated organizations and will include buffet dinners and cash bar at locations away from the hotel. Also planned are introductions of the winners of the U of H Law Center writing competition on the subject of transgender and sexual-minority law.

Weekend Committee Reports Format:

Friday night will include a get-acquainted buffet at the hotel, a reading of the 2nd place paper from the writing competition, and a presentation by another appeals court justice, all followed by entertainment.

On Saturday, each committee will present a report of its findings on current status, and strategies for progressive changes in its area of law as it pertains to the transgendered community. The employment policy committee will present its report at the Saturday luncheon. Court reporters will provide transcripts for a post-conference "Proceedings".

Saturday night will feature a formal banquet, with a reading of the 1st place paper from the writing competition, a distinguished speaker (tentatively scheduled is another appeals court justice), and entertainment afterwards.

A farewell brunch will be held on Sunday morning.

LOCATION OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be held at the Hilton Southwest, 6780 Southwest Freeway, in Houston, which has earned a reputation for boundless hospitality and service. A special room rate of \$48 plus tax per night (single or double) has been arranged for conference participants. To get this rate, CALL THE HILTON DIRECTLY AT 1-800-545-0064 AND ASK FOR "LAW CONFERENCE". Calling the nationwide Hilton 1-800 number will not entitle you to this rate.

CONFERENCE PRICES

For the convenience of those who cannot attend the entire conference, prices have been established for individual events.

Half-day sessions (no lunch, pay at door):

Thursday and Friday committees \$10 each
Saturday committee reports \$15 each *

Thursday and Friday daytime each, \$30
(Morning and afternoon committees, luncheon)
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(Committee reports, luncheon)

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(Buffet and cash bar, with B.A.H.R.)
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(Buffet and cash bar with law school societies)
Friday evening \$30
(Buffet, cash bar, speaker, entertainment)
Saturday evening \$40
(Formal banquet, cash bar, speaker, entertainment)
Sunday morning brunch \$15

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The above prices DO NOT INCLUDE hotel accommodations, any transportation, cash bars, or breakfasts.

PERSONALS

WHITE MALE, INCARCERATED, SOON TO BE RELEASED AND WILL BE LIVING IN ATLANTA; VERY HANDSOME, MASCULINE, ROMANTIC, COLLEGE-EDUCATED - SEEKS ADVENTUROUS, VIVACIOUS AND WARM TRANSSEXUAL, 30 - 50, PRE-OP OR POST-OP. LOOKS AND AGE UNIMPORTANT. MARK DICKENS, 199-446, POST OFFICE BOX 45699, LUCASVILLE, OHIO 34599-0001.

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26 YEAR-OLD PRE-OP MALE-TO-FEMALE TRANSSEXUAL SEEKING COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER TRANSSEXUALS. CONTACT TIM W., P. O. BOX 2291, GRAND ISLAND, N.E. 68802.

BLACK MALE, DIVORCED, 57 YEARS YOUNG! HANDSOME, INTELLIGENT, KIND HEARTED AND UNDERSTANDING. MARRIAGE-MINDED. LOOKING FOR WHITE, HISPANIC OR ORIENTAL, POST-OP TRANSSEXUAL WHO IS WILLILNG TO RELOCATE IF COMPATIBLE. PREFER AGES 26 TO 40, HEIGHT 5'3", 110 TO 135 LBS., IF POSSIBLE. VERY FEMININE PRE-OP'S CONSIDERED IF INTENDING TO GO ALL THE WAY. WILL HELP FINANCIALLY. PLEASE SEND PHOTO AND PHONE NUMBER. C.W., 446 AMY AVENUE, APT. 3, LOUISVILLE, KY. 40212.

33 YEAR-OLD CANADIAN-BORN ASIAN MALE, SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED, 5'4" TALL. I AM A SENSITIVE, CARING HONEST MALE WHO FEELS TRANSSEXUALS 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 TRANSSEXUAL 5'6" OR SHORTER. SHE MUST BE 100% PASSABLE. HORMONE ENHANCED FIGURE STRONG ASSET. I AM FINANCIALLY SECURE AND A PROFESSIONAL - A PHARMACIST. FOR THE RIGHT PERSON I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH EXPENSES. PLEASE WRITE WITH PHOTO (WILL BE RETURNED) TO NORMAN, 9304 174 ST., EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA T5T 3C6.

CONNECTIONS

THE CONNECTION SECTION WILL BE USED TO LOCATE PEOPLE (OTHER THAN FOR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS) SUCH AS ROOMMATES, BIG SISTER/BIG BROTHER, JOBS WANTED; ETC. ALSO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A BIG SISTER OR BROTHER (I'M GOING TO FIND A BETTER WORD FOR THIS ONE), THIS IS THE PLACE TO OFFER YOUR FRIENDSHIP. IF YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO HIRE A TRANSSEXUAL POST-OP OR PRE-OP, PLEASE, PLEASE LET IT BE KNOWN.

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I AM LOOKING FOR A FRIEND OF MINE NAMED SARAH LUIZ. I LAST HEARD FROM HER IN NOVEMBER 1990, AND THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS I HAVE IN MY FILE IS A NORTHWOOD, NH ADDRESS. ANY INFORMATION IS WELCOME. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. WRITE TO: ERIC BUENEMAN, 4866 OLDE MILL DRIVE, MARIETTA, GA. 30066-1159.

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31 YEAR-OLD POST-OP, ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, PROFESSIONAL, HOMEOWNER, SEEKS GENTLEMAN WHO POSSESSES THE TRAITS OF INTEGRITY AND VIRTUE. INTERESTS INCLUDE - DINING, DANCING, ANTIQUES, MOVIES AND THEATRE. DISLIKES INCLUDE - SMOKING, DRUGS AND EXCESSIVE DRINKING. MUST BE 30 TO 40, SENSE OF HUMOR, ESTABLISHED, MOTIVATED, HANDSOME, MINIMUM 5'11". PHOTO/NOTE. GRACE & TS VOICE.

Dear Phoebe;

I am writing to you in hopes that you can provide me with information to some of my questions. Since birth, I have known that I have been the wrong sex. Through the years a great deal of tension and anxiety have converged on my life. In all of this, I feel that I have found the answer to my problem by undergoing gender-reassignment. I realize the implications of this undertaking, both psychologically and physically.

Presently, I am going through electrolysis and am pleased with the results.

However, my area of concern deals with the psychological tests that I will face before surgery. Can you or anyone you know provide me with information or data that I will be confronted with?

I will graduate from nurses' training in May. I will be moving from my parents home and be able to pursue what was meant to be.

Since I have decided to have corrective surgery, mentally I have been much more relaxed and physically, my sleep patterns are more peaceful and I have more energy.

Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Brian.

(If anyone has information that will be helpful to Brian, please sent it to him % TSV, I will forward it to him)

Dear Phoebe;

As a beginning male-to-female transsexual, I'm seeking a job in the Atlanta area. This seems to be a good location for getting the services that are required. I'll give you my qualifications. A resume is not ready yet, but I'm working on it. Please put this in your newsletter and pass it along to any one whom you feel would be fitting and beneficial. (1) BAS in Resources Management 3.7 GPA; (2) Electronics Repair experience - Computers and Microwave; (3) teaching experience, 6 years in Electronics; (4) Managerial experience/Budget Control and Purchasing - 3 years.

I am a bright, hardworking, friendly and a loyal employee. I am seeking a long-term employment commitment if possible. I know this is a lot to ask, but I have a lot to offer. Jennifer % TS VOICE.

Positive Lifestyles

"Positive Lifestyles, the Midwest's first mental health and substance abuse treatment program specifically designed to meet the needs of the gay, lesbian, and bi-sexual community, opened recently at Charter Barclay Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Positive Lifestyles is an interdisciplinary treatment program that provides progressive psychiatric care to lesbians and gay men in an atmosphere conducive to personal growth and development. Please feel free to contact us with questions at 1-800-877-6848".

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