

Dear Nick

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Thank you for your very open & honest letter. I hate writing people when I feel I keep "revealing" myself & never get anything out of them. Did your story of breaking w/your lover ever hit home here! I recently broke it off w/my male lover of the past 10 yrs. Since Oct he's been "in love" w/the waitress at the rest where he cooks & finally in Mar I couldnt take anymore. I havent seen him since. We've had to write each other concerning the car we own tog but its been on a stricly business level. Hes tried to placate me w/birthday cards, etc, but I say bullshit. Im tired of "dating" him for 10 yrs & am no longer interested in a "ricochet romance." Its pretty bad if after all this time he "doesnt know how he feels" about me. But it sure is a bore being "single" again. Ive been out of it for so long plus my requirements in men are so specific. Im interested in finding a bisexual guy who will accept my crossdressing/passing--& how do you even START looking for someone like that? Ive been hanging out at my favoriate gay mens bars, hoping I'll get lucky, tho Im not really desperate to find anyone. Jim & I visited Toronto once, around 1970-71, sometime around them. We were also in Vancouver BC last summer--I really like Canada a lot. Vancouver is very much like SF--very gay, very beautiful. I could easily move there. Oh, yes, I have met Emmon & we've gone out to dinner & to the mens clothing stores. We see each other at the TV/TS mtgs here. I like him a lot--hes got a great sense of humor. We've agreed we're good for each other--each giving the other the boost of self-confidence & moral support we need. He lives about a 45-min drive from me, tho, which puts a damper on our rendezvous. As for my "hobbies" ~~ix~~ I have recently purchased a pair of zebra finches. In May they laid eggs & today I have 4 healthy 3-wk-old baby birds. Theyre very entertaining & I get quite a kick out of them. Im also getting more active in the GGG/G, the TV/TS group here. Ive taken over publ of their newsltr & would like to arrange an "exchange ad" with your publ. I am encl "my" 1st issue of The Gateway & plan to expand it in the future. I was recently appointed Treas of the org & those duties will take up a little extra time too. (Getting involved in something like this is something Ive always wanted to do & something my previous love affair hindered. He used to go along w/my crossdressing & passing, but in recent years began to look on it in the same way as if I were an alcoholic--which is hard to argue with.) I share your admiration for Dirk Bogarde--every film Ive seen him in has been special. I saw Death in Venice over & over, & it still haunts me. Night Porter was incredible--Im waiting for it to return to our "underground film theaters." Recently saw The Servant, also tops. The 'Gay Engagement Calendar 1979' notes for March 28: "Actor Dirk Bogarde, whose autobio reveals his adolescent seduction at the hands of an older man who wrapped him, mummy-like, in bandages before the fateful act, born Longon 1921." Do you know of an autobio written by him? Id be most interested in reading it. Someone who has the same aura of Bogarde is Bryan Ferry of Roxy Music. If you dont know of him--you should. Sings all these torch songs & is a very Humphrey Bogarde-type figure. What a man! Sent away for that Sani-Fem thing you advertised in the last Gender Review. What a joke. No great loss--only cost \$3.67--but have you seen it? They've gotta be kidding. Looks like a little blue plastic watering can. Can you tell me how you have determined ad rates for GR? We havent had the question come up yet for the Gateway but sooner or later Im going to have to set some rates up.

Are you interested in an exchange adx with The Gateway? Let me know. I think its our "duty" to advise our readers of other publ avail to them. Anyway I am putting you on our "free" mailing list. You failed to send you new Toronto address but I trust your mail is being forwarded.

Well I better get back to work. (Im employed as the Sales Secy of the SF Dist of WSG Co).

Hope to hear from you soon.

Regards,  
Lou