

NARCISSE



Hiya Guys & Girls, and welcome to a new month , a new year , a new.....out...fit.....giggle. Well here we go again. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contributed last month. I think you will agree that it all helped to make a bigger and better magazine, and the more of you who write in, the better it will become. You've got a voice, so use it!!

I hope you all had a great time in the holidays, and I much appreciate all the good wishes that were sent to me, it just reinforces my feelings for what a lovely group of friends I really have, you are all so special to me.xx

Right!!! Enough of all that, lets get going.....

BLOG

Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking , I have brought about this page as an in-depth and , quite frankly, disturbing insight into the workings of my (for use of a better word) mind.

You see , Life in general, puzzles me. Not just the biggies like black holes, time travel and can Buzz Light-year actually fly , or just fall with style, but , the lil things , you know , the ones that REALLY bug you.....like, is the sock monster partial to left or right socks? Is it only the blue pen tops that have a habit of vanishing, or is it a full spectrum of writing implement coverings?

And another thing!!! Insects have been around for millions of years...yes?.....yes....good....therefore...what were house-flies called before we came around? Eh??? Open-air flies?.....Home-less flies? Makes you feel a bit sorry for them, warm in the knowledge that we have provided them with a home. Xxx

While were at it , why is it that coffee seems to go colder quicker that tea? ITS TRUE!!! Trust me, and Why is it that tea-drinkers always seem to be Cat-lovers, whilst us coffee-drinkers love our Mutts? Mmmmm spooky, maybe its to do with us becoming more like our pets? In which case can all you tea-drinkers please stop peeing all around the house!!!

There are ,of course, much more pressing issues that need to be addressed, such as , why are the chances of your computer crashing ,in direct proportion to how important the Document is?



I Think , therefore , I

BLOG

But, I digress. There are of course more thornier issues which need to be addressed in the hallowed pages of this 'ere mag'. The likes of which have never been seen before in modern script, there-fore I begin this quest into the unknown, unfathomable, unlikely, un.....OK , you get the picture!!

This month..... **Corned-Beef tins!!!!** Hundreds of thousands of pounds a year are spent treating the casualties who have lost the battle against the dreaded CBT. I myself have succumbed several times and numerous gallons of blood to the dreaded beast!! WHY????????? With all the technology at our disposal , have we yet to create a home for the simple CB that doesn't have to carry a health warning?

My own personal method , is to now , once sweated for 3 hours with the key, swathe it in tea-towels and shake like a thing possessed!! But , this too has its own risks. Like smashing your elbow on something (but that's another blog!!)

Personally, I feel there is a more sinister, underlying reason for all this bloodshed. It has the feeling of some massive blood-letting akin to something that only Beelzebub himself could have dreamt up. Demonic worship on a Global scale!!! Its Oh so simple!! Place some delicious foodstuffs in an intricate box and let the human fools feed our blood-lust daily!!!

You think I lie?? Well , just look at the evidence! Is it just me , or has this a more than passing likeness to the box in the Hell-raiser movies??? And look at the mess that got us into. PLUS!!! The language!!! Step forward the Julie Andrews amongst you who has not sworn like a Glaswegian Brick-layer after shredding an artery on the CBT?? All part of a conspiracy to convert us all to Satanism!!!

And all you wanted was a sandwich!!!!!!!!!! Go on....be a Devil hehehe

“ Knowing me, Knowing you “

INTERVIEW



This month Tammi gets to grips with Amayi, the beautiful wife of centre-fold Chloe, on life, love and living with a GI TG.

- Name?Birth-date/Location?** Amayi Sue Richards
October 21, 1981. Salt-lake City, Utah.
- How long have You been married ?** I have been married for 5 years and 5 months.
- Where did he propose?** On a hill-side while the sun was setting.
- Did you know about Chloe then ?** No I didn't know about Chloe.
- When did he tell you?** We had been married for about 5-6 months and we just got done making love and he got up to go get in the shower when I asked him to put on one of my silk robes he was very scared and just told me "NO" and went into the bathroom to take his shower.
- So what did you do?** I just played it off as nothing and didn't say anything more about it.
- So how DID you find out?** Well from what he told me, he stayed up all night thinking about it and made up his mind to tell me because he felt I had a right to know : So the next morning while lying in bed he told me about chloie .
- How did you feel?** I was hurt for about 5seconds and then I said sure why not go turn on the shower and get my clippers out.
- A very open view from your-self** meaning? sorry u lost me on that one.
- A lot of women would have been very angry.** No, I wasn't mad, I was glad that he had told me.



How do you feel about it now, especially as you now have a young son?

Its great because I get to see how he wants to be JUST like daddy. As in putting on chloie's things and playing in the make-up etc.

What about when he gets older?

Well if he has CD thoughts and wants to dress then I'm not going to stop him. I would take him shopping and help him in any way I could . I'm not going to shun my child just because he has the same thoughts and feelings as his father. That not what a good mother does, a good mom helps their kids in whatever troubles they might get into.

How do you feel about Chloe's day job as a soldier?

I have one word for that.....
EEEEEEEEEEWWWWWWW!!!!!!!

I'm not sure if that's a word, no matter how many !!! You add to it....giggle

I have not enjoyed it at all but it has given us a way to live and chloie a very good job and me benefits.

Do you worry that he could be called up to Iraq, etc?

Nope , he is being BOOTED out because of all the med problems he has , the army broke him.

What would you say if Chloe said she wanted to be " full-time"?

How much, and I had better be at least 9 months pregnant before you do.

Where do you see your future?

I see myself owning a day spa and having his parents loving chloie no matter what. I see what could be and how I feel it should be.

How do your parents feel?

My parents and I don't talk at all so I have no idea how they feel.

How do you feel about Chloies look?

I love it, why? Because I made it . Hehehe I'm her make-up artist and hair-dresser.

Thank-you

No worries xxx

“ POLLS APART “



So then boys and girls, another month pondering the why's and where-fore's of the Transgender mind. So first up was the highly controversial subject (sic) of " **What is your main hair colour?**" . **Brunette** finished head and shoulders (hehe sorry) above all others (**42%**) . I bet ,though, that the majority of these girls have been on the scene for a while, my thinking? Well, from personal experience, when we start out , we all go through a " Blonde" phase. Its only later , through practise and knowledge that we realise that going with our natural hair colour makes us appear more natural and therefore more convincing. This does not put down our **Blondes (25%)** Good God no!!! Like I say, for me it didn't suit, but for the Blonde girls on this site, they all look HOT!!!!

A lil way back , but never to be ignored were our luscious **Redhead's(20%)** Fiery , but Oh so passionate!!! With **Black (6%), High-lighted (1%) & Others (3%)** bringing up the rear. Want to test the theory? Try this lil quiz that I found :-

http://quiz.ivillage.co.uk/uk_beauty/tests/haircolour_personality.htm

Next up, " **What's your favourite colour?**". A wide range to choose from here, an entire spectrum if you want to split hairs!! Hehe (Oh no...that was the last on ! Sorry) . Well!!! Aren't we a sunny bunch, either that or we are all Goths! **Purple (23%)** lead the way, pushing , what I would have said was a dead cert, **Pink (19%)** into second place. Bit of a surprise, but , in hind-sight , we are a passionate bunch , so maybe not! **Blue (17%)** was , to me , a surprise , in third place. My thinking behind this is a personal one, as soon as I was comfortable with being Mandy , I became uncomfortable with all things " Blokey" , and this definitely included Blue!! Not so much nowadays , just a knee-jerk reaction me-thinks. **Black (13%)**-see!!! Goths, the lot of ya!!! Giggle . Next came, **Red (11%)**, sparky and in-your-face, with a lack-lustred **green(5%)**, and White, **Yellow, Orange, Lilac & Brown** (All 1%) finishing off the rainbow. Here's another lil nugget for you to try your luck at (the things I find for you eh?)

<http://www.colorquiz.com/>

Last of all, my leggy lovelies, was what you clad your precious assets in. Little surprise here really, you bunch of tarts !!! Heheheheheh First by far were , of course, Stockings (48%) the mainstay of any good TG's underwear drawer, with, my own fav, Hold-up's (30%) a close second. Hardly surprising ,in our not so clement weather, was the Tight's (15%), and the fact that Bare legs (3%) limped in almost last (Geddit? Limping.....legs..... Sigh, suit yourself) But , to my surprise, only 1% professed to liking socks, whether long or short, strange that, I must admit though, I like them , but not my fav's.

So , there you have it, it seems that the majority of my readers are reading this, brunette hair cascading down your backs, wearing purple stockings..... Takes all sorts I supposegiggle xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

JOKES

(BAD ONES!!!)

A man arrives home, sits down in the armchair, turns on the TV and calls to his wife: "Quick - bring me a beer before it starts."

His wife fetches him a can and he drinks it. He then says: "Quick - another beer, its about to start soon!"

His wife looks a bit angry, but fetches him another. When he's downed that, he says: "Quick - another one, it'll start any minute now!"

His wife blasts: "That's it - you've had enough, you fat lazy sod! You waltz in here without even saying 'hello', flop your great big backside down and expect me to act like your slave!"

The husband sighs and says: "It's started!"



This guy was sitting in his attorney's office. His lawyer said, "Do you want the bad news first or the terrible news?"

"Give me the bad news first."

"Your wife found a picture worth a half-million dollars."

"That's the bad news?" asked the man incredulously. "I can't wait to hear the terrible news."

"The terrible news is that it's of you and your secretary."



A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

"Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'"

"That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."

"Is it common?"

"Well, It's Not Unusual"



Talk-2-Jo

I write to you with a problem, not with my cross-dressing, but with the behaviour of our nine year old son. The situation at home is thus. I am happily married, and my wife has known of my cross-dressing for many years. Although not a participating member, she tolerates and accepts. Our son, at this time, has no knowledge of what I do, and I can assure you has not the least suspicion either. It is because of this that my wife and I are puzzled by his behaviour.

He has always been a sensitive child, loving cuddles, etc and has also loved the feelings of "soft" things, even to the degree of caressing fabrics in stores if he likes them. We have never taken much notice of this and put it down to a "comfort" thing.

But as time has gone on he has also taken a liking to dolls and "girls" cartoons, such as "bratz" and "the wink club". He knows that this is unusual, by the reaction of his fellow pupils, but doesn't seem to care, and even has the savvy to just not bring up the subject at school.

As for any cross-dressing tendencies these are not apparent, and because of his up-bringing he knows that we are very tolerant, and should know that there is no shame, so no need to hide these things.

The other thing that seems to be occurring more and more is a very severe temper. We have approached the school, but there are no problems there, no bullying, nothing, so we are at a loss as to the reasons.

Please can you and your members offer any advice, as we feel the next step may have to be the doctors and then maybe even a child psychologist/behavioural expert.

Lucy

Well then everyone, Mandy and I have offered our advice one-to-one on this thorny issue, now we need your help. Please, please, let us know if your child has behaved likewise, or that you yourself did as a child. This is a perplexing case that needs a variety of view-points, so get writing xxxx

“ Your comments on URNA chat were interesting. I too have noticed that the crowd there are not very welcoming. I've found that I'm usually ignored if I post to the general room, and find that only those who send private messages to me actually want to talk. I don't like the "no profile" thing either, and it seems a bit silly when URNA has a comprehensive profile system that they simply don't enforce. Generally I won't chat with "no-profilers" though, because they're not treating me on equal terms. “

Andrea Foster

“ My only comments are the chat room review. I think the review should have been based over several visits to the chat-rooms instead of one. I use Urnotalone chat-room all the time and think it was unfairly reviewed. The room holds up to 150 people and a large percentage of the time there is a moderator floating about, usually in stealth. Whenever anyone enters the room and says 'hi' then there is usually a big response. The more you use it and get to know people then the 'hi' become a lot more personal and caring. The chat-room chat covers many topics and thankfully isn't always about being a t- person. It is mostly American but at various times of the day there can be a high percentage from the UK. Arguments can happen and this is usually caused by trolls coming into the room deliberately to cause problems with comments that are racial, sexual, full of bigotry and hate. The moderators give them a little latitude and then boot them. Many girls usually tackle these trolls about their views and most of the regulars sing from the same hymn sheet. Its a good time to vent your spleen. Most of the people who chat regularly are very friendly, helpful and supportive. Sometimes i sit and watch, other times i get involved its up to you basically. I think the Urnotalone chat-room is the best there is and deserves a 10. “

Nicola xxx

In reply, the review was conducted over several visits to each site , and at various times of the day.

REPLY

" Due to the laws changing nearly all shops are t-girl friendly. I can say that boots the chemist (Manchester) are very friendly and I had a letter ages ago say they don't discriminate on how people dress and also recommend there make up people give advice. "

wendy xxxxx

If only this was always the case Wendy. M

" Have you ever wondered why us yank (no pun intended) TVs/TS's like salads and Thanksgiving Celebrations so much? It's the dressing! "

~Tydia Tierce

DOH!!!!

The Eye Landing

**Water vapour molecules,
Dance on the fringe of a cloud,
Interweaving & deceiving as they try to fool
The mists glinting brightly, in sun's corona shroud.**

**Pixie-like joy reflects in their game,
As if dervishes whirled tantamount to the breeze.
And droplets do form, as collected the same,
Up current, down current, right, left, with ease.**

**My friend and I gaze up into the sky.
I say, "Was that bird shit that just hit my eye?"**

*My blog is: (if you can stand any more <giggles>)
<http://whisperleighsmythe.blogspot.com/>*

Leigh

REPLY

CENTRE-FOLD

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I was born in the back country of WY, where it was normal to see a gun-rack mounted in every truck. I was born in a trailer while my father was elk hunting, my first baby pics were over his hunt of the day. When I was 11 years old I watched the Rocky Horror Picture Show (that's when my first thoughts came to me about dressing).

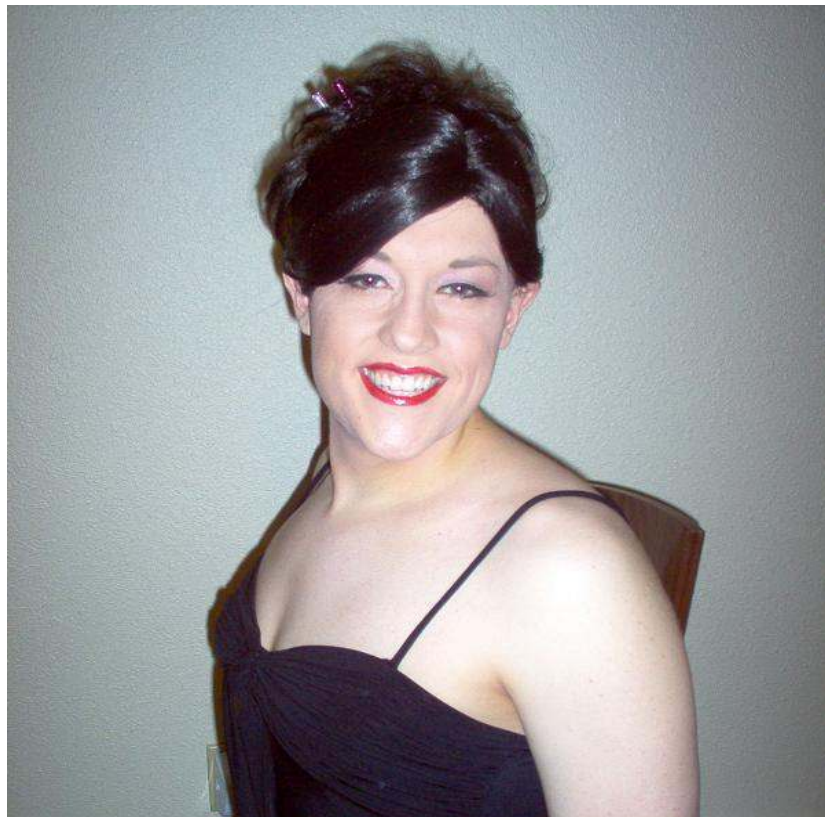
By the age of 14 I had become more interested in girls clothing (I got my first REAL glimpse at a TG lifestyle in German class, that's when I had seen RuPaul). That very same summer my parents found out, their "plan of action" was to beat it out of me, my father thought I was gay, but I knew different.



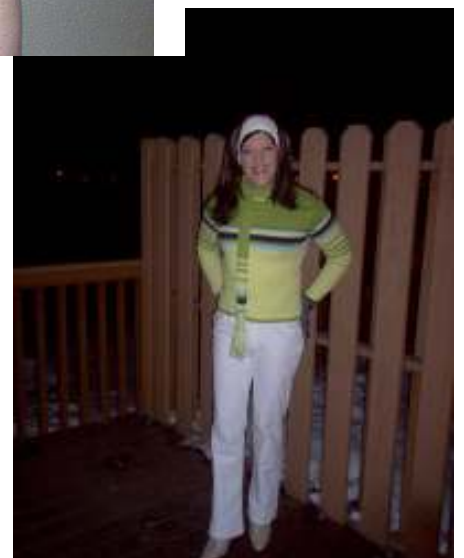


At the age of 18 I went off to college and at the age of 21 I met the woman of my dreams!

By age 22 we were married and on our own and that's when it happened- One day after a VERY intense romantic moment with my wife she asked me to put on one of her silk robes, I was very scared and told her NO!!



I stayed awake that night and thought about if I should tell her or not. I went with my heart and decided that I was going to tell her. She had the right to know, so the next morning I came out to her and she didn't shun me or want to leave me. She just grinned from ear to ear and said lets do it, and that's how Chloïe came out of hiding; of course at that time I didn't have a name yet.





I had to start somewhere. ~5 years later~ I'm still married to the same beautiful woman and we now have a wonderful 2 year old son! Chloïe has grown up in the last 5 years (try like from 14 to 19 giggle)
I have just started to step out into the real world and I am loving every minute of it!

Weight- 168lbs.

Height- 5ft. 11in.

Stats- 38-30-38

M.S.- Very Married and loving it!



Review

Valentines Day Special

This month, a gentle reminder to those who need it, of what is on offer, to make this night go with a BANG!!!



A GIFT SET £17.95 www.youraromatheray.co.uk



“HOT STUFF” £12 WWW.Balloonmonkey.co.uk *B*



C ROMANTIC Heart Box £12.95-£22.95 WWW.Prestat.co.uk



“Dirt Weekend” 2 night package @£50.00 pp www.Banquet-in-a-box.co.uk *D*



E PINK iPod mini £139 (free engraving) www.apple.com



FERRARI THRILL £115-2 hours www.racing-school.co.uk *F*



G FLUTES 2 x Boxed £30.00 www.celticdesigns.com



HOT HEART WARMER £3.99 www.iwantoneofthose.com *H*



I DIAMOND HEART \$525.00 www.reeds.com



CASMERE JUMPER £119.00 www.purecollection.com *J*



K KISS PILLOW \$7.95-\$53.95 WWW.Noellespillows.com



SILVER LOVEHEART £14.95 www.firebox.com *L*



M Box & Bear £43.50 www.nextdaychampagne.co.uk

PERSONALISED NOVEL \$41.90 www.bookbyyou.com *N*



O LOVE & SEXY bath oils £6.50 www.find-me-a-gift.co.uk

CHANEL No.5 15ml/7.7ml-£92/£65 www.garden.co.uk *P*



Q QUEENS TIARA £160.00 www.blossom.co.uk

SINGLE FLOWER GIFT SET £19.95 www.interflora.co.uk *R*



S Hot Pink Stiletto \$49.99 www.5thfloorproductions.com

15" CUPID teddy bear \$69.95 www.vermontteddybear.com *T*



U "ENCHANTRESS" £28.95 www.smanthalingerie.com

LOVE VOUCHERS £3.75 www.valentinesgift.co.uk *V*



W WEDDING DRESS \$225.00 www.cathaybridal.com

Lovers Kit £14.95 www.the-inspirations-store.com *X*



Y YES/NO PILLOWS £11.99 www.needapresent.com

Zzzzz Padded Baby-doll £29 www.lasenza.co.uk *Z*



So there you go guy's, I'm sure there's more than enough ideas there to keep us girls gushing in appreciation on Valentines Day. In fact, why just stop at ONE of the above?? Hint Hint xxxxxxxx



QUIZ

OK Gang!! Its QUIZ-TIME!!! Each month there will be a selection of fiendish questions, sent to drive you potty. You will have till the 15th of each month to complete and return your answers. Once in they will be totalled and we will have a League table of the BRAINIEST LIL BINT on the block!!! So if you want your name in lights and be higher in the league than your football team...get solving!!!



1. According to Insomnia God is a what ? 2
2. DJ Sammy did a Candle Light Remix of which Brian Adams Song ? 4
3. Which Science is the name of Girls Aloud new Album ? 1
4. Which Club might you find Wham? 1
5. Name the Band and Title of the song that had a Slash solo outside a church in the video? 3



1. The Predators and Titans Play their home games in which City and State
2. Name the only British soccer club with a J in there name 5
3. In which Sport might you find the Condor on the flatland 5
4. Name the 4 disciplines in female gymnastics point for each one
5. Tennis player Carlos Moya represents which country 1



1. What is the name of Tom Hanks actor son 2
2. Complete the title of this Seth Green movie _____ Hands 4
3. What Movie does Matthew Lillard have a problem with Ghosts? 4
4. In what movie might you find Weapon X, and the Master of Magnetism 2
5. In what movie will you find the characters Slartibartfast, Zaphod Beeblebrox & Marvin the paranoid android 2

1. Name the titles of the 6 kids in Dungeons and Dragons point for each
2. What are the Names of the Fantastic 4 point for each
3. Wolverine was originally was used as the enemy for which comic book hero 5
4. What is the real name of Batman 1
5. Daredevil patrols which area of New York 4



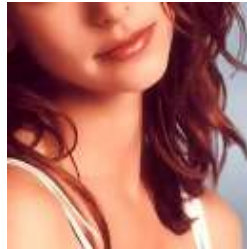
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NAME THE PERSONALITY

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b)



c)



d)



e)



So there you go, that wasn't too painful , was it? So, you have till the 15th to get your answers to me at Lilboutiquequiz@yahoo.co.uk and the results will be in next months magazine.

For those of you who have one or two questions really bugging you and would like to know the answers just send a cheque for £/\$ 1000 to..... Giggle, would I be that mean?hmmmm not a bad idea though !!!

OK OK they will be in next months magazine too.....HAPPY NOW???

(The numbers beside each question are the points value for that particular question)

I threw my hat into the ring this month and asked the thorny question of “ why is Transvestitism and Bondage so strongly linked ?” whether in the eyes of the press, internet or the individuals themselves. Here are a few of your responses.....

Hi! Just thought I would add my two cents to your question. Simply put, with me the two aren't linked. Bondage does nothing for me. Not interested. That said, its easy to see where the link exists. When I dress up I want to feel soft and pretty. The female role in western society has often been seen as the role of the submissive. Look at the Muslim world if you want an even better example.... I don't care how many feminists try to defeat this view, it still exists. I like to dump the tough gritty male world and relax in the soft fuzzy feminine world I get to visit every now and then, but I cant manage to dump it to the extent that I want someone to handcuff me to the bed and have their way with me. I can see where the appeal is. To give in completely to the female side. I think this is a way for many to take it all one step further. The dominate male/submissive female stuff is all just stereotyping, there are many example of strong women and weak men out there, but the stereotype still exists. Of course this is all just my theory, and lacking a degree in psychology (or anything for that matter) I could easily be wrong. Still, that's where I'm placing my money.

Lori

Hi Mandy and members.

I am Alison in Arizona. I don't really know why TV and Bondage are linked in the minds of so many but... my own theory is that many TVs, Cross dressers, and other Transgendered types suffer from much guilt and anxiety about their interests. Being gender variant in any way is not really acceptable. But . . . if it is forced on you . . . how delicious!

No guilt No responsibility and you get to do what you really want. In a larger sense, I think we all want to feel innocent. None of us really want to feel burdened. I am a TS Domme. In my yahoo group the most favourite fantasy or interest of my members (most of whom identify as cross dressers) is forced feminisation . Again, this removes people from responsibility and guilt for doing what they really want. In the larger BDSM community, I have found that there are many more people who identify as sub-missives or bottoms than Dommies, masters, or tops. I have played that way myself sometimes. There is a headspace that is a sort of high "Sub space" that is quite pleasurable.

Clearly pleasure is linked to the experience. I think there is a delicious freedom in surrender.

How all of this becomes erotic is a mystery. Not all mysteries need to be solved.

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READERS THOUGHTS

As an avid admirer, I have always wondered about that bondage issue myself. It is a puzzler, unless it has something to do with being caught dressed and having no way of escaping detection. Just a thought

Bill

There's an element of giving up control to Transvestism. The traditional view of male dominance, He makes the decisions, he earns the primary income, he protects the family (yea I know, that all is rot in the 21st century but the old ideas die hard.) No need to go into how bondage relates to giving up control or taking it.

Lisa

well I think to a novice they may be the same, I mean if you say a man dresses in women's clothes seems a sobering thought, but if you say a boy dresses in a girls clothes sounds kind of exotic and acceptable, were as to bound someone in P.V.C, chains, and tied to a cross while being feed air seems uncomfortable, however, if you say I would like to hand cuff you and blind fold you while I caress you sounds much nicer and results in kind of the same thing, I don't think anybody really could explain why only that it makes the individual feels happy or nice about it, I think it mostly a feeling that is selfish or to please one self, me I like to dress part time best of both worlds, which emphasises my point, that may be I want my cake and eat it, that's sort of selfish don't you think?

Zany

I would guess that they are linked because females have been portrayed traditionally as submissive. Females have been portrayed as the weaker/fairer/softer sex. To become female, therefore, is to become more submissive.

Why they are linked? I don't care, I'm just glad that they ARE so closely linked. I love nothing better (well, almost nothing ;)) than to have a sexy girl wriggling in my ropes and mmmphing through her gag. Seeing her emote with her eyes makes her even sexier!

More importantly, when will we see you squirming in tight bondage?

Drew

Forced Fem. (Oh, you were probably looking for a deeper analysis, huh?
<<giggles>>)

Leigh

An Open Letter to Wives and Significant Others

So you just came home and found your husband wearing a dress. Before you call the divorce lawyer, read this letter.

Yes, it is the biggest shock you've ever had. No one can or will try to deny that. Simply because it's the truth. How do you reconcile the virile, loving husband with the aspiring female you see standing in front of you? He was a wonderful husband and lover. Kind and caring, loving, sensitive, and thoughtful. A good listener when you had a problem. Always at your side. He was your rock. Your defender and provider. Probably the father to your children. And almost certainly a good father too. But this! What is this?

You're shocked, hurt, confused. You feel betrayed. You have more questions than you can even articulate. Because you're speechless. You don't know where to begin. So your impulse is to turn on your heel and storm out of the door, never to return. Don't do it.

Yes, your world feels like it suddenly collapsed. Everything you thought you knew is wrong. Your husband is a..a....what? A pervert? A homosexual? Oh God! Does he want to have surgery and become a woman? He must certainly be a liar at least. How could he deceive you like this? How could he hide something so perverse? Your vision of life as it was and should be is in ashes before you. But is it?

The answer to all those questions you have about him is "no". He's not a pervert or a homosexual. Almost certainly, he is not a transsexual either. And he is not a liar. So what is he?

He's afraid

He's afraid you'll react exactly as you have. He's afraid you'll leave him. He's afraid you'll never let him see you or the kids again. And to a lesser extent, he's afraid you'll out him to everyone you and he know. But far more importantly...

He's exactly the same man he always was. He's the same man you fell in love with and married. In fact, this secret that you've just discovered, is probably the main reason you did fall in love with him. You just didn't know it. The feminine side of him that you never knew anything about, the feminine side that simply must be expressed now and then, is what gave him the qualities that attracted you to him. Yes, I know about the manly pecs and the strength in a crisis. I know about the virility in deeds and demeanor. But under it all, remember the sensitivity? The caring? Remember the listening and the support he gave you? How he didn't dismiss your feelings but let you have them? Where do you think that came from?

He is exactly the same person now as he was in your minds eye twenty minutes ago, before you walked in and found him in full feminine attire. Exactly. Not one thing, however small has changed about him. What has changed is you. And you didn't have to.

Consider this: What if, after all these years together, you found out that he secretly, always, wanted to take a year off work and follow the NASCAR circuit all around the country? And you thought he hated racing. Would that destroy your love for him? Or send you running to the attorney's office? What if you learned that he loved to have a cigar while he was out, or while you were? And you HATE cigars. Let's make it more serious. What if you discovered that when he was fifteen, he got the clap from the school floozy? You never even knew he knew her, much less...(Don't forget that he's completely healthy and has never, ever been unfaithful to you)

Would the discovery of secrets like those be enough to destroy your relationship? Or do you think you'd have a good snit, or a good cry and then try to work things out? So why not this?

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Think of the advantages

There are several advantages to your spouse or SO being TG. Really. Think of all that you can share, and all that he can relate to in your life that no macho man ever could.

He understands make-up

He knows the feeling of standing in front of a full closet and finding nothing to wear.

He knows how to put on a bra. (All guys figure out how to take them off by the time they're 16, but how many know how to put one on - about hooking them in front and spinning them at the waist and pulling them up?)

He also knows about bending over to get his breast(forms) into the cups comfortably.

He understands why you have to scratch under your breasts after taking your bra off after 16 hours in it.

He knows how to put on a pair of pantyhose

He knows how to get them to feel comfortable and what to do when they don't.

He knows the aggravation of putting a run in a brand new-out-of-the-package \$8 pair of pantyhose.

He knows what it takes to walk and stand properly in heels

He knows the agony of having done it for hours.

He knows the feeling of having squatted down to pick up something (instead of bending over at the waist like a guy) only to stand again and find his heel caught the hem of his skirt.

He knows why it takes women longer in the rest room. How long it takes to get everything back together and looking good.

He knows the sinking feeling of seeing himself in the mirror and wondering how long his make-up has been smeared and no one told him.

He knows how to shop for clothes.

He knows about women's sizes and how they vary from brand to brand

He knows how to co-ordinate colour and texture in an outfit

He knows how to accessorize it

He understands long nails and how they affect the way you use your hands.

He knows how to really buy jewellery. (And just may want to buy more for you)

He has experienced getting into and out of a huge SUV in a short skirt.

He knows what a great thing a purse can be, and what a curse.

He can talk for hours about the things that interest women and not be bored

And he LOVES shopping. He won't sit outside the dressing room looking miserable. And he will have a valid opinion when you ask for it.

Also, you can share clothes. If you're nearly the same size, you just doubled your wardrobe.

Most importantly, he knows how to listen to a woman. And what to do or not to do. Sometimes you don't want someone to fix it, you just want to commiserate with someone who has been there. And that sometimes chocolate is better than making the problem go away.

You have another girlfriend. One you can talk to about things you talk to girls and guys about. And this girlfriend won't suddenly decide to marry a corporate attorney and move to San Francisco.

And under all of that, he's still a guy, so he can do all those guy things you've grown to expect and appreciate over the years.

He loves you. That's why he married you (or committed to you). He wants you with him, so don't misinterpret his dressing as being a rejection of you. It's not. If anything he's celebrating his great admiration for women by emulating one. If you think he doesn't love you because he had a secret, think about this. He probably worried that you would not understand, that you would leave him. That you would not love him anymore. Those are too great a loss for him to bear. So he was a coward. He didn't confide in you right away. Show him that he can trust you to listen and still love him. He's not perfect, no one is. He loves you unconditionally. Don't you owe him the same? He hasn't changed. Neither should you. Unless it brings you closer together.

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Born to SHOP

We all love to shop, but as we all know , from personal experience, some are...er...friendlier than others. Here's a few of the better ones, as recommended by you.

“ Hi Mandy, I have a review for you, **Wigsrus ltd** in Southport. Recently been there for a new style they are great. Hugs Julie Hi Ladies, After asking around for some advice on wigs I plucked up the courage to go and try a new style and I decided to have it fitted. I took the advise of an Angel and looked up **www.wigsrusltd.com** at **Southport**. This meant going out en femme for the first time and having a stranger see me as Julie. I made an appointment with Jennie and ventured out into the world as Julie. Jennie is a fantastic understanding lady; she puts you at ease straight away. All appointments are one to one and you can try as many styles on as you like. Jennie will give you advise on styles and colour. After you have chosen your new hair, Jennie will do the final styling and trim if required. The service was excellent and Jennie was wonderful, highly recommended. I felt so good and confident With my new style I had a walk around Southport, then decided to drive over to the Trafford centre and had a walk around the shops not bad for my first day out. “

Hugs Julie

“ www.frillys.co.uk is a friendly dressing service in **Droylsden** a town about 4miles from the centre and gay village in **Manchester**. The owner is called Julie and she now offers self catering accommodation above her shop.

HOTELS- I use **Travelodge** and the special offers of £10 & £26 a night per room are great value. I have never had any problems at these hotels. The only problem I have had at an hotel was at a gay hotel in Torquay where I got a really frosty welcome to say the least.

MAKEUP- I don't use **Dermablend** because it is expensive and difficult to apply so I use a Boots No17 cover stick or a **Rimmel** cover stick both are on sale at about £2.50. “

Raquel

1) The Casket store:

http://www.casketfurniture.com/caskets_coffins.php

A unique store offering casket shaped furniture for the gothics

2) The Baroness: Ok rubber and latex fetish store I have seen better and more but the craftsman-ship looks good and styles are their own

<http://www.baroness.com/RubberClothes.htm>

3) JT's Stockroom offers a wide range of fetish things from bondage beds to fetish toys, not a gigantic selection but enough to satisfy the novice and beginner.

<http://www.stockroom.com/search/search.aspx?i=20&search=furniture>

4) Lydia's offers a ok selection of transgender and cross-dressing items again not a wide selection but a ok one for the beginner and part time.

<http://lydiastv.com/osb/showitem.cfm/Category/12>

5) Corset Connection: Offers a very wide selection for all types of corsets everything from waist training to under-bust and to men to woman training corsets, and for those who never have laced their own corsets they offer a online training film for corset lacing A+.

<http://www.corsetconnection.com/Images/Vintage%20Glam/v1117.jpg>

6) Xtrax, I love this store humungus selection for the naughty little Goth Girls and boys a wide wide selection for everything A+.

<http://www.x-tra-x.de/english/bilder/heads-os/angebot-1.jpg>

7) Extreme Restraint is a awesome store I cant wait to order from them they have everything and anything from sex machines to the simplest anal plug.

<http://www.extremerestraints.com/Merchant2/graphics/00000001/ec715%20lg.jpg>

In this lovely country of ours there is a place that is oft forgotten. A place where the temperatures are warmer, where palm trees grow in some of the streets but, sadly where it has been a desert for those of us who dress. That place is Plymouth in Devon.

But now there is a place, a wonderful place, a place where girls can go without any fear of anyone casting them those 'sideways looks' that we get sometimes. Somewhere that they can find clothes to die for. That place is the Painted Lady.

The shop was started three years ago as a ladies clothes shop, with some new and some second hand items in it. But then for whatever reason Lyn, the lady who owns the place changed some of the clientele. Or maybe the clientele changed the place for her without it being realised. She had no problems with having TV's and CD's as customers and that was the change. The word soon got around and before long tv's were talking about The Painted Lady. Lyn's business soon began to pick up and now she has skirts, blouses, dresses of all types and designs, even wedding dresses. There is some underwear in the shop as well although it isn't a lingerie shop per se. But there are also wigs and shoes (the larger one's for tv's). Everything is at wonderful prices, well within the price range of most girls. But, if someone can't afford something then Lyn has a 'put by' system and also a 'Saver Club' something akin to a Xmas Club where someone can put money by until they have enough to buy that long wanted item. What else is there???? Mail Order, is something new that she is going to hopefully get into. There is also a storage facility for those who have difficulty keeping their precious things at home and a mail drop system, where girls can have mail posted to the shop for collection.

The lovely lady has also, with the great work done by her husband, converted their garage into a meeting room for girls. The room, which has a dvd, vcr, television, computer (net connected) plus coffee making facilities, is a lovely comfy room with a few soft seats and a settee, so that we can meet up and chat, do make up etc. The whole idea being to enhance our existence a little. All of this is at an hourly rental.

This review doesn't really cover it properly, but should anyone be interested in more they can go to www.paintedlady.co.uk which is the shops website. The site is still in it's infancy stage at the moment. But eventually we're hoping to be able to take photo's of some of the local girls wearing some of the items that are on sale in the shop.

I have even created a yahoo group for local girls

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/paintedladyfriends/>. If anyone

wants to know any more then drop Lyn a line, contact address on the web site for the shop or you can always drop me a line at

angelatv@myway.com

If you're local, then please do drop in and see Lyn and if any of the girls are there say hello.

Hugs to all

Angela

ADVERT

JOINT POLL WINNER

Here you go girls , as voted, our very own Alan

A

Well thank you for all the votes, and I am slightly awed to know that I won the poll.

L

So where do I start? My name first I think, hi all, I am Alan, male. (as you more than likely can see from the photos), I am 46, (47 by the time you read this maybe, or at least I am on the 26-01-06). Been married twice, divorced once, four kids in total, and two German Shepherds. I was born in Liverpool, 1959, and travelled to Germany as my father was in the armed forces, so spend several years there, and now live in Manchester, England.

So that is the rough guide to Alan, you want more about me? You're just greedy, lol, start with my likes, dislikes and hobbies

.I like people who smile with there eyes as well as there mouths, the eyes are the window into the soul, and you can tell a lot from looking into them. I like people who know what they want, and go for it with enthusiasm, who are not afraid to admit they are wrong at times, who make mistakes and own up to them, and who do not want to hurt other peoples feelings just for the hell of it. I like to watch kids play and listen to the laughter, the smell of a new born baby, the aroma of cut grass, watching clouds on a windy day, listening to thunder and standing in the rain on a warm summer night. Am I romantic or stupid? Bits of both mixed in I think, lol.

I loath bullies, either physical or verbal, (the tattoo wearing player on big brother is a verbal bully, and should be sent out for it), also prejudice from people who are so small minded they cant see others for what they are and will never understand the love, compassion, honesty and caring nature of people who are "different" from there view of normality. I dislike players, people who like to put on a false front and pretend they are something they are not, just to gain trust and confidence of others, and then abuse those emotions they have received from them.

A

N

Right soap box is away now, lol, the loves of my life are people who I have grown to trust, respect, feel for and have received there friendship for no other reason than they want to have a friend, and be a friend. I have met on this site and others, a few good friends, and some very good friends, I will not name them, its not fair as I haven't asked then if I could talk about the friendship we have formed, needless to say they will recognise themselves, Sarn, my best southern mate in England, D, my best American mate, a fellow biker as well, both of whom are so special to me, and my life is so much

Next month I'll try to bring you joint winner Drew!





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Hello to all. Mandy asked me to write a "Letter from the (ex)colonies" and I was flattered by her offer. But what to write? Whatever will her readers want to know? And how many are already here in Bush-league-America? How many are in Yurruup? And I need to get it done in two days! What's a girl to do? Touch up my makeup of course! But I guess I had better start writing something. Well here goes...

Much talk here about two movies. "Transamerica" with Felicity Huffman (Desperate Housewives, Sports Night) who won a Golden Globe as Best Actress, interestingly playing a M2F trans person. Two typical comments follow right now:

Beverly wrote:

Felicity Huffman wins best actress in her role as trans person. I don't mean to be too critical but is this like Tom Cruise in "The Last Samurai". Why not a trans person playing a trans person? I have not yet seen the movie so I'll withhold any further comment.

Regards, Beverly

And

I have seen the movie. Trust me Felicity deserves that award and did a bang up job on the role. The movie also had many transsexual women in it in supporting roles (at least seven), Calpernia Adams and Andrea James spent a lot of time with Felicity (both are also in the movie) and my friends from Transy House in Brooklyn were mentioned in the "thanks" part of the credits. There is nothing to complain about.

Lost in all the Trans-America talk is another very very good limited released movie, Breakfast on Pluto. I recommend it.

Cathy Platine

I haven't seen either movie yet but I certainly plan on doing so. Hmmm, I wonder if the local art film house would be interested on a trans night at the movies?

Links to the Movie websites are below. Both are worth the few minutes to visit. And both look like they're worth the \$9.75 (USD - what the heck is that in Euros?):

<http://www.transamerica-movie.com>

<http://www.sonyclassics.com/breakfastonpluto/main.htm>

Here in what is sometimes affectionately (sometimes not) called Smallbany aka Albany NY, there is quite a lot of trans activity. Surprising for a city of only 100k. Helen Boyd, author of "My Husband Betty" was in town for a presentation. Well attended as was the reception later at Rhea's Café. Rhea Daniels runs a once a month café for trans people and their SOs.

Saturday night 1/21, and indeed every third Saturday night of the month is the social gathering we all look forward to. Schenectady Gender Alternative meets at a jazz club called Yours, on Barrett St in Schenectady. A lovely evening with many of the local girls attending. This month we will be having a presentation by an Arbonne cosmetics rep. Sounds like fun to me.

And finally there is the re-opening of the Albany TG Social Center at 146 Central Ave, in (gee can you guess?) Albany. This was the club house of the former TGIC - Trans-Gender Independence Club. The club is dormant but some girls have decided to re-open the club house. Meeting space and social center is available. There are changing rooms and storage facilities available. Glad to see it back.

There are many more things to report but I need to save something for next month. Till then thank you for reading and stay pretty!

Lisa Harris



“ And now, The end is near ”



Well guys and girls, another magazine draws to a close. Funny old month, all in all, the holidays all done and dusted, but optimism runs high, the Sales for starters!!! Needless to say that a few choice items have found their way into the Tardis otherwise known as ...my wardrobe, Taken some nice pictures too this month, more of which you will see in the coming weeks in the “ exclusives ” folder. Also....looks like secretary is going to win the poll again!! Hmmm now all I need to do is find a variation to the theme, as if I need an excuse to play dress-up!!!

Also, in case you hadn't noticed, we have now topped 3000 members (over 3100 at time of writing) so welcome to you all, hope you like all you see, and , for all you newcomers-GET WRITING!!! Our site is getting bigger and better, the magazine itself is going to be shown on 3 sites (the other 2 addresses can be found on page 25) so a much bigger audience for all your works!!! There are many of you already doing a sterling job, writing on a regular basis, for which I am eternally grateful, and if any more of you fancy developing your own pages PLEASE get in touch!! Your Andy Warhol moment awaits!!!

“ And now,
The time is near.....”



Also, as the magazine develops , so do the ideas, Tammi's fantastic new quiz is sure to be a winner, but only if you all have a go!!! There is even a separate e-mail address to send your answers to, also next month, because the magazine is getting bigger, I'll introduce a contents page and possibly even a contributors page, if there are enough of you (hint hint!!).

Thanks to you , we can all pat ourselves on the back, because there are so many other sites copying our format and ideas, it just proves that we are leading the way, so well done to you all!!!

Also , in leading the way, I am hoping to bring you a bit of a scoop in the March issue, but more on that as and when I know!!! Fingers, toes, legs and eyes crossed!!

So Tammi & I hope you have a great February and an amorous Valentines, Take care....

Mandy xxxx

