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Welcome to the September 2008 issue …
Take pride and joy with being a TGirl!

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Our Miss September 2008 Cover Girls!

How about joining us? We’re a tasteful, fun group of girls and we love new friends!

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An Interview With Christine K

Question: When did you first start crossdressing?

Christina: Age 5, I tried on pantyhose and stockings at a baby sitters home, I was also caught in the act since I was in the bathroom for so long.

Question: Describe your early experiences dressing as a girl.

Christina: I did wear panties when I was younger, not really understanding why, but as far as I can remember I have always liked pretty and cute things such as female clothes, wearing panties is something I felt could relate me more so to being female.
An Interview With Christine K … continued

Question: At what age did you start using make-up and wearing wigs? How did you learn how to apply make up? Any tips for other TGirls? Brand of make up you use.

Christine: When I was a teenager, I used to try on my Mother’s clothes, wigs, and make up, But it was not until recently last year when I opened up to my Spouse about being a crossdresser did I really start to apply makeup and learn about cosmetics, I did do extensive research via the internet, and I do read Women’s fashion magazines, such as Allure, Glamour, and Lucky, these are where I get some of the make up tips from and learning about fashion and style. I also have my Wife to thank as she turned me on to the Sephora cosmetics line, She had used these products and assisted me in purchasing, the Sephora and Nordstroms stores were also helpful to me and friendly, I have yet to do any shopping enfem as my shopping activities were in Drab, but these two places have made me feel comfortable. I do practice in my spare time with make up, just browsing the magazines and seeing how other women wear there make up, looking the most natural and presenting myself as a female the best I can is a personal goal.
Question: If you had your choice, what do like wearing the most when being a girl?

Christine: Casual clothes that look cute and sexy and conservative, when I first started I felt I needed to always wear heels, but as I have found out most women do not wear heels 24/7 and they are not as practical, I do however love wearing sandals with a hint of heel, 2 inch or about that, they do make my legs feel good wearing some sort of heel as heels are designed to stretch the legs when in walking range of motion, plus they just generally give a very cute leg and feet appearance.
Question: Now a bit of personal information ... What is your marital status? A sensitive area for some girls, but ... how old are you now? Does anyone know you are a TGirl? What country do you live in?

Christine: I am Married and my Wife does know and support me, she is reluctant however to want to be with me while in female attire, she will go shopping with me (While I am in Drab) and help with clothes, even sometimes buy me things when she’s out on her own, she does remind me however that she loves me as a Man, but it’s ok for me to present myself as a female.

No one else in our family and or friends knows about me being a TGirl, my male life is a 180 from this and neither of us are sure they need or will ever know, but never say never....... The area I live in is the USA, the state of Ohio and a Cleveland Suburb.
Question: Do you have a website and/or email you’d like to share with us?

Christine:  http://www.myspace.com/christine161967
And my flickr site: http://www.flickr.com/photos/christine161967/
I can be contacted through both sites.

Question: Have you ever gone out as a girl? If so, tell us what the first time is like and how you feel being out in the world as a girl.

Christine: Yes a few times, the first were Halloween adventures, and too local clubs, I did enjoy it very much and felt very comfortable presenting a female image of myself, my adventures have gone on further to driving around recently enfem, and very soon I will be out more, I am looking for a shopping experience, and even just going out with another TGirl friend for Coffee, or lunch.
Question: Have you ever gone through a purge of your female clothing? If so, can you tell us why? How did it make you feel? How long before you went back to being a girl?

Christine: I do not recall any purging. I do, however, have times when I felt I was doing something negative and stopped thinking about dressing as a girl, but for the most part now day I have accepted this in myself and wish to learn and grow with being a TGirl.
Question: What percentage of time do you spend as a girl?

Christine: After I had told my Wife about myself last fall and I also was on Retiree transitional status from the military, I had so much free time to myself, this was spent enfem during the days all day! Or at least about 6 to 8 hrs during the day, this all started after I came home from Iraq and finished up my last combat tour there. My personal goal was to learn more about being a Woman, learning about make up, styles, etc. I spent allot of time reading either on the internet, or in magazines, doing some shopping and getting my ears pierced. I had even decided to go out jogging/running since I do allot of running to maintain my health and fitness, plus trying to stay young looking, LOL! But I wore my breast inserts with a Bra and panties, I wear unisex workout clothing anyway and the days were cold during the winters so I didn’t attract any attention, really I wanted to see what it would feel like wearing my breast inserts, luckily my bra was snug fitting, and It did feel liberating to me.
Question: Have you ever considered moving towards becoming more of a girl physically with options like hormones, feminisation surgery, breast enhancements, or SRS?

Christine: I consider this to be a possibility in my life, but being a Family Man with total commitment to my Spouse and Children, would possibly keep me from ever going that far, I would like to know the affects of hormones, but I will not travel that route until I have seen a gender friendly counsellor and done plenty of research on it, plus all things will be considered and my Family will be first and foremost.
An Interview With Christine K ... continued

Question: Do you feel more like a boy or a girl now and why?

Christine: I still have feelings of being two spirited, both! But I do like the female side of myself better, maybe because I feel sometimes I have accomplished all that I need as a Man and look forward to growing more so with me female side, really I am at a crossroads in life right now, and will be seeking further guidance from other people in the Transgender community, then decide where I fit in all of this, I am not in a hurry for anything and will enjoy whatever life deals me.

Question: Have you ever dated or wanted to date another TGirl or a man?

Christine: I do find other TGirls attractive, but more so in the female sense, as if I think another girl is pretty such as Women comment on other women, I have always thought that women present such beauty, and I want to feel that beauty inside and out for myself. I do not however think there is anything attractive about Men, and I am not out to look beautiful for them, even if I did transition fully I still feel I would be attracted to Women.

Question: Do you have any advice for other TGirls, especially ones that have yet to venture out as a girl?

Christine: Yes, take things slow and when the time is right it will be, things have worked out me for, but maybe would not work out for others, I have been fortunate that my spouse did not leave me, but I feel its because she is a very strong Woman and self assured in her own right, plus we have a very strong marriage. Do research! Seek out information, if you think about it, filtering that bad from the good, you will find there are good people out there willing to help, and there are others who just want to get into your pants, or up your skirt, but decide what’s right and try and think with a clear mind, crossdressing is not a bad thing and can even help a relationship grow stronger. But do try and come out some way, what ever makes you feel comfortable, because keeping things bottled up inside is never a good thing. My background was and still is all male, I have extensive training in the Military and Tactical background, ultimate male kind of stuff, I am also a Big Game Hunter who has hunted dangerous game in the wilds of Alaska, and climbed high altitude mountains for Dall Sheep, I have also been a Scout Sniper. But just because of all of this does not mean I can also be a TGirl, a Family person, a good person......
Question: How is your life now as a TGirl? What's gone well and not so well?

Christine: The thing that bothers me most of all right now is where is all of this taking me, being curious about being a TGirl is no more the same feeling about being curious of what life will be like in the future, My life is very good right now, but like I previously explained I am at a crossroads, looking for the right path to travel down, only time will tell on this one....

Question: Anything else you’d like to say?

Christine: Thank you for the opportunity!

Christine
What To Wear?

Ok, you’re a self-confessed TGirl and you want to go out in the world as a girl. You are scared and thrilled about the idea of going out, even if for just a short time. “So”, you ask yourself, “what should I wear”?

At first blush, a rather fluff kind of question not deserving of but a glance. If you have no concern about what others think and you will be in safe surroundings, then the world of fashion is yours! If you are self-conscious and scared about showing the world the girl you have always been on the inside and now you are concerned about the outside, maybe this will help a bit.

Editor’s Corner
Rachel Williston

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Hi Everyone!

If you have any articles for me to put into the next issue, please send them to rachelwilliston@yahoo.com

Please don’t forget that we are lucky enough to have 3 advice columnists (1 GG, 2 TGirls). They did not receive any questions in time for this issue. Please use them as the valuable resources they are … I don’t want to lose them!

Here is my latest article of sorts …
Most of us TGirls have not gone out in the world as girls. The desire is there to venture out whether it be take a drive, a walk, or maybe go to the local mall. Myself … there were at least a dozen times I was fully made up and dressed as a girl in a hotel room that I wanted to go outside that door. I touched the door handle many, many times only to be content with staying inside. Then one night I was staying at a hotel on business in Burlington, Vermont. I had decided that I would finally venture out as Rachel for the first time. I was on the third floor which presented an elevator worry about being seen, but this was the night!

Now … what to wear? When first venturing out, most of us will not want to wear anything that will overly attract attention to ourselves. I picked what I thought was a conservative sort of outfit. To the right is a photo from that night and what I wore. A knee-length skirt and a fairly normal top.

So I grabbed that door handle and went into the hallway and let the door close behind me. Life was never quite the same from that point. That was 2002 and I absolutely LOVE going out as Rachel now!
Editor’s Corner
Rachel Williston
Personal Website: http://rachelwilliston.com

So, what is the point to all of this? If we are to get the rest of the world to someday openly accept us, we have to not only act the part, but dress the part. For example, I would never wear the skirt I am wearing on the previous page outside in public. Sure, it’s a fun little skirt, but a GG wearing that skirt would definitely attract attention, so a TGirl wearing it in public might attract even more. I have worn some ridiculously short skirts and dresses and still have many, but would I wear them out? Unless I was going to a strictly TG-only event the answer is no.

Below is what I wore out (also in 2002) and actually went to a Target store wearing this and bought a couple of things and stood in a check out line … what was I thinking! I was very lucky I didn’t suffer total embarrassment or worse!
Editor’s Corner
Rachel Williston

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Moral of the story … take time to take a second look at what you’re wearing when you first venture out and every time thereafter. I was so excited to wear that tight blue top and very short nylon skirt on the previous page out that I had convinced myself that I looked like a GG and that a GG would wear this out too. I look at those photos now and think, wow, how could I think that that outfit was appropriate to the situation! I mean, one little slight bend to look at something on a lower shelf and my panties are easily showing … geez!

While I love wearing skirts and dresses out, I have worn a pair of women’s jeans or women’s pants out too. I think it’s important to wear what you’d like but also important to wear what fits in with the situation.

Don’t lose your desire to be and look feminine, just take a second look is all. These days I think us TGirls are the only girls who seem to love wearing nylons, skirts, and dresses. So, let’s keep that going on! You don’t have to wear a skirt or dress to be feminine however.

Lastly, make sure you enjoy your girl side! Love from Rachel
There were no questions submitted in time for this issue.
Cocktails with Nicole
Perspectives and advice
from a TGirl
(email me at nikmorgin@yahoo.com)

Please feel free to email Nicole with your questions!

There were no questions submitted in time for this issue.
Dear Abby L
Advice from a Tgirl’s perspective
(email me at Al2sjcm@aol.com)

There were no questions submitted in time for this issue.
Jamie Dailey’s TG Crossword
(answers at the end of this issue … don’t peek first!)

Medical Miracles
by Jamie Dailey

Across
3 The generic name for one of the main groups of sex hormones found in high levels in genetic women
7 Adjective often used to describe electrolysis
10 To reduce one’s adams apple
12 Procedure that can quickly eliminate fat
15 Procedures that are not necessary but they make you look better
16 A time-consuming process of permanently removing hair through the use of electricity to destroy hairs individually in the skin
17 Also refered to as
18 A popular procedure to reduce one's belly
20 Injected into the skin for aesthetic facial procedures

Down
1 Often abbreviated as ‘Endo’
2 A plastic surgeon needs to make them during some procedures
4 These are implanted to promote growth
5 What silicone could do
6 Abbreviation for facial feminization surgery
8 Collagen can be injected into these to make them fuller
9 A surgical procedure that transforms the male genitals into female genitalia
11 Breast enhancers, inserted by a plastic surgeron
13 Procedure that can fix a bump
14 Microdermabrasion can diminish the appearance of these acne leftovers
19 What surgery costs
Well, ladies, here we are again. I'm not quite sure how this came about, but my column this month became more about hair tips than anything else. I think this has to do with the salon experiences I just had recently.

I went to a beauty college to get my hair done. I paid about half the normal amount for my 'do. The student/instructor pair I was given were both very friendly and courteous, and the job was quite professional. The only problem with the whole thing is, I allowed them to talk me into trying a hairstyle that most definitely didn't work (as you can all see in the picture).
Fortunately, the ringlets were only for a day, and I was able to part with them just by taking a hot shower.

Lesson learned? When you go to the salon, have a firm idea of what you want. Specify, if you're getting your hair trimmed, specify exactly how much you want taken off (example: "I want two inches removed", "I want just the split ends taken off.", "I want it to be just below my shoulder blades.") You get the idea.

Alternately, you can go in with an adventurous spirit. Just look that beautician square in the eye and say, “Surprise me!” You never know how you'll come out, but it could be fun! (^.^.)

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Here's a fast tip to help control flyaway strands of hair. Smooth a dryer fabric softener sheet over loose strands; the softener in the sheets will smooth the flyaway strands almost instantly.

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Another method is to apply some hairspray, then roll the hairspray can slowly over the flyaway strands. The flyaways will smooth out and stay smoothed out.

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It's also a good idea to take care of your brushes and combs to prevent flyaways before they ever appear. Once every few weeks, fill your sink or a bucket with water and a capful of liquid fabric softener. This will cut down on the static electricity that builds up in your styling arsenal and keep the flyaways at bay.
Hey, how about a quickie (well, kinda-quickie, anyway) home method of deep-conditioning your hair? This is a little time-consuming, but your hair and scalp will love you for it in the end.

After shampooing, use some really hot water and soak your hair and scalp, then be generous with the conditioner as you massage it into your scalp. Take a wide-tooth comb and comb more conditioner completely through your hair. Next, put on a plastic shower cap, making sure that all of your hair is inside. The heat from your hair and natural body heat will build up inside and allow the conditioner to really work itself into your hair. Leave the cap on for about 10-20 minutes, then rinse as normal.

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Do you have trouble with tangles? Rosemary oil will be of interest. Before you comb or brush your hair, rub a few drops into your palms and work it through your hair.

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Every once in awhile, air-drying your hair can be good for it — as long as you do it right. Make sure you use an absorbent towel to speed up drying time, and blot your hair gently instead of rubbing it (rubbing can cause frizziness and split ends). For extra volume and waves, pull your hair back with large clips until it dries. Don't put it in a ponytail, though! You can cause damage to your locks, plus, it doesn't look very good.

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If you can't get your hair to "do its thing" in the morning, invest in some hair clips and decorative sticks. It only takes a minute to twist your hair back and clip it into place, and the right hair accessories can still make your 'do look sophisticated. Remember, if you decide to wear a ponytail, not to pull it too tightly! You damage hair and create tension on your scalp when you do so.
Wanna make a man flinch? Tell him you’re buying beer for this tip. If you wash your hair with beer it makes it shiny. It sounds silly, but it totally works. Your hair will look super smooth and silky. Another way to help your hair shine is to take in a little more Vitamin E.

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If you’re trying to grow your hair out, here’s a small tip. Replace your regular pillowcase with a satin one. I found an article in an old issue of Seventeen that says that regular linen pillowcases are hard on hair when you sleep, as you can actually get breakage while moving. Satin pillowcases are much gentler and won’t snag hair the same way. Also, your hair won’t tangle as much.

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Ah! I knew I had something on this subject somewhere! This tip, as well as many others that I’ve used, comes in one form or another from a daily e-mail for women that I get from Arcamax Publishing. Wonderful people!

The type of hair brush (or comb) you use has a big influence on your hair. If you have short hair, try a short brush with soft, protective bristles. Medium-length straight hair benefits from a paddle brush, and wavy hair needs an extra-large, round brush to get rid of tangles. For long hair (anything past your shoulders), use a ceramic brush or a large brush with wide-placed teeth. And no matter what your style, always use a large, wide-toothed comb to detangle after washing.

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To add a little more body to your hair, lower your head and brush your hair from underneath while you dry it. For even more body, use a round brush to do this.
OK, I know, there are those of us who aren’t able to use natural hair. Until a few years ago, I was in the same situation (I started to say the same boat, but as it was the Navy that forced me to have to wear a wig, I thought the pun was a little too bad...!) So. Here are a few tips for the care and treatment of wigs.

* Added note: this information is for synthetic-hair wigs only. I’m not very familiar with the care and treatment for human hair wigs, as I’ve never had one. If there’s interest in this subject, let me know and I’ll research it for a future column. *

Let’s start out with the best way I know to clean a wig. Begin by GENTLY brushing out the wig. I can’t stress the gentle enough; remember that this hair isn’t growing back! And, as I recall from the last time I bought a wig, they aren’t cheap to replace at all.

After you’ve brushed your wig out to your satisfaction, turn it inside out. The oils that we naturally carry on our scalp and natural hair will build up inside the cap of the wig; it won’t take long for that to become rather evident. Not only is this bad for the wig, but you can get bacteria in your scalp or on your skin.

Fill your sink or a bucket with lukewarm water and add a small amount of wig shampoo or mild over the counter shampoo (Woolite will also work) for 5-10 minutes. You can add a tablespoon of baking soda to the water if you’ve used hairspray or need to eliminate any odors the wig may have accumulated. When you wash the wig, don’t rub the strands hard; this will pull them loose. Just swish the wig gently through the soapy water and let the water do the work.

Rinse the wig out liberally with plenty of cool water. Don’t try wringing it out or squeezing the water out of the wig, dunk it in and out several times until all you see coming out is clear water. Empty your sink, or clean your bucket, then fill it with cool water and add about a tablespoon of conditioner. Let the wig sit in this solution for a good five minutes or so, then, without wringing it out or squeezing it, rinse it again with cool/cold water until it runs clear.
All right! Now your wig is clean. Don't style it yet! Turn it right side out and place it on a wig head or any kind of stand that will allow air to go through the wig and cap. Don't place the wig directly in sunlight or try to blow dry it. The adhesives that hold the strands onto the caps are rather fragile while wet and you can destroy your wig. It's best to let it air-dry in a well-lit, open area.

When your wig is completely dry, simply style it as you like and voila! You're ready for a night out on the town. Remember when styling, don't use a blow-dryer, a curling iron, a flat iron, etc. Synthetic wigs will catch fire and the strands will melt, and I'm sure that isn't the look you're after. However, regular rollers are fine (not heated). A tip I just found on the Internet while researching this topic adds that if you have a sit-down hair dryer (the kind you would sit under), you can place your wig under it for 40-50 minutes on Low Heat to help rollers set. If your wig is spiral-curved or you're wearing dreadlocks in your wig, don't brush or comb it in any way; just let it dry naturally. If your wig gets frizzy, try a sheen spray or wig spray to calm the frizziness and then comb it out. If this doesn't work, wash it again and apply setting lotion to get the frizziness out. If your wig gets tangled, use any detangling or sheen spray to care for it.

Another thing that I've just learned is that you can straighten your wig hair with the use of a clothing steamer. This is done by placing the wig on a wig stand and using the clothing steamer while combing the hair down.

The last note is in regards to storing your wig. You should use a hair net or a plastic bag. If at all possible, you should have a Styrofoam wig head, or some sort of wig stand. If you have to travel, you should find a wig box to carry your styled wig in until you're ready to wear it. I've seen these boxes selling cheaply on eBay before.

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To keep your pores clear, be sure to do your hair before you do your makeup. Hairspray can clog pores and trap bacteria, causing whiteheads, blackheads, pimples and/or cysts to form, especially near your scalp. After styling your hair, wipe your hairline clean with a damp cloth before applying makeup.
This is one way that nail professionals keep clients’ manicures/pedicures from chipping. After making sure that your nails are free of polish, soak a cotton ball with white vinegar and rub it in lightly. Allow the vinegar to dry completely before painting. The mild acid in the vinegar will dissolve surface oils and even out dry patches on the nail. This allows the polymers in the polish to hold onto the nails better.

A second thing you can do is to apply a clear top coat over your nail polish on occasion. It’ll preserve your manicure and add extra shine.

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Oh, look, another shaving tip! When you’re shaving your legs, try to do it first thing in the morning. Your legs will swell a bit after walking awhile. By shaving early, it’s easier for the blade to grab more of the hair, which of course means your shave will be closer and will last longer.

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One of the most annoying things about lipstick is that it doesn’t stay on all day. Here’s a trick to help: apply a first coat and blot it, then apply a second coat. The first coat will, when blotted, stain the lips a bit and allow the second coat to set better. You’ll find that your color lasts much longer.

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I recently read something regarding under-eye circles and Preparation H, so I decided to give it a go. It totally works! Apply just a little under each eye, and that luggage you’re carrying around under each eye will be gone!
Is your face puffy? This is a trick that I found in the June issue of For Women First. I haven’t tried it, but supposedly Carrie Underwood has, and we’d all love to look like her, I’m sure. Put two teaspoons in the freezer for a few minutes until they’re chilled. Remove the spoons and an ice cube from the freezer, put the ice cube in your mouth, and the spoons over your eyes. Let the ice cube melt in your mouth. The spoons will help reduce under-eye swelling, and the ice will help your skin hydrate from the inside.

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When applying makeup, draw attention to one part of your face: either your eyes or your lips. Wearing large amounts of lipstick and eyeshadow at the same time divides the focus and isn’t very flattering. Pick one to accentuate and tone down the other.
Do you have a lipstick that's just a little too dark? Well, this tip will lighten it for you. Apply a light coat of Vaseline to your lips first, then apply your lipstick. The Vaseline will cause the lipstick to look sheerer and therefore lighter.

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Sigh. I'm learning more and more about why women say that we have to suffer for our beauty. There's so much more to it than just dressing pretty, slapping on the war paint and some nice scent, putting on the sparkly stuff and going out. There's also the nightly beauty regimen of oils and lotions and moisturizers. There's the extra time in the shower to keep the unsightly fur away. Maybe this is why, in nature, the male is the one that has to look pretty? I mean, just look at the peacock!

In any event, here's a little bit of information regarding some of the less-fun part of the regimen. Cream, under-eye treatment, moisturizing lotion, or almost any such product works best at night, so apply it right before going to bed. If you use a lotion or moisturizer on your face, it's a good idea to use it on your neck, and arms, too. There are unscented versions of all these items on the market, if using them is a concern as far as telltale smells.

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To keep your eyeshadow looking great all day, apply a little concealer to your eyelid before brushing it on. This will make it last all day!

When you're choosing an eyeliner, make sure the color complements your eyes. Dark brown eyes benefit from plum shades. If you have lighter eyes, try navy and charcoal. Remember, brown eyeliner works well no matter what color your eyes are.
Another thing I'm learning is that to look more like a girl, you have to eat like one too. More veggies, fruits, and especially drinking more water is important not only for your health but your skin. Vegetables, especially the dark, leafy greens like spinach, kale, lettuce, cabbage, and collards, have a lot of Omega-3 and Omega-6 fatty acids in them. Among other things, that's good for your hair's shininess. Studies have shown that two or more servings per day will cause you to look visibly younger over time. Vitamin E also helps your skin stay soft and smooth.

This is a subject I'm going to start expanding on in future columns as I learn more about it.

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This is something I'd never really thought about, but after reading about it in an online article, I thought I should share.

With the amount of cell phone use today, it is very important to wipe down your cell phone. Any phone you use regularly is a magnet for dirt and bacteria. Holding it against your skin can cause dead cells to pile up on your skin and block pores. To clean your phone, you should use disinfecting wipes or facial cleansing towelettes like the ones from Ponds or Olay (good old-fashioned rubbing alcohol will also work).

Added thought: this also applies to the wands (arms) of your glasses, if you wear them. Especially during the summer, when your makeup is less than clingy (even after all the tips I gave on the subject!), some residue is going to cling to the wands. A quick wipe now could prevent a blemish later!
And that brings this column to a close. As always, I’m open to any questions, suggestions, or comments you may have. E-mail me at mlatjnadhmelly@hotmail.com. Have a wonderful month, ladies!
Pretty TGirl Members Then and Now
(Photos of how we looked when first dressing as a girl and how we look today)

Beth

Then                                   Today

We are always looking for photo’s of our members from when they first started dressing and now. Please post them in the group. We would love to put them in our magazine.

Mellissa

Then                                   Today
Pretty TGirl Members Then and Now
(Photos of how we looked when first dressing as a girl and how we look today)

Meredith

Then                                   Today

We are always looking for photo’s of our members from when they first started dressing and now. Please post them in the group. We would love to put them in our magazine.

This could be you!

Then                                   Today
There seems to be some controversy in the transgender community as to the usage and meaning of labels such as CD/TV/TS. I'm unsure how this labeling is beneficial, but I've seen many instances where it divides people and puts the community at odds with itself.

While clothing and make-up do not make a woman, some men cross-dress as an outward expression of that which they admire most. What I truly appreciate are those men who strive to do credit to the feminine gender because they love women, whether manifested as occasional cross-dressing or by varying stages of gender transformation.

A number of TS women have opined that cross-dressers don’t deserve to be called “she” because CDs are not on hormones or altering their physical body to become female. I disagree with this view because it is incredibly challenging to come out of the closet, even if simply in cross-dressing form. I would venture that it is not often a decision made lightly, and to do so a person must have fairly strong desire to manifest femininity.
CD/TV/TS Labelling (continued)
(by Michelle Angelique)

It is difficult to judge or distinguish immediately the degree of desire or intention, simply by the chosen label. I won’t jump to a conclusion based on a label, and will give anyone the benefit of the doubt until proven otherwise. Therefore I will not accept generalizations such as “cross-dressers are sexist men disguised as women so they can act like whores”, because many CDs are men whose life situation will not enable them to truly become a woman, but they still feel the urge to manifest their femininity to the degree that is possible for them. Or some CDs just enjoy their duality, and want to maintain the ability to switch back and forth.

The way I see it is this... transsexuals understand how hard they’ve had to work to be accepted as a "she", yet it is transsexuals themselves who seem to begrudge cross-dressers the same privilege... many crossdressers may in fact be early-stage transsexuals, or simply men caught in life circumstances that allow them to only dream of being a "she". It shouldn’t be so difficult for anyone to celebrate femininity. This is not an exclusive club.

If he wants to be a she, even if only part-time or even closeted, and is doing credit to the female gender, then my view is that "he" deserves to be addressed as "she" while doing so. I want to encourage all respectful efforts from men to manifest yin, in whatever form is most comfortable to them. The degree doesn't matter, it's the purity of intention that counts most to me.
Recipes by Mary Bell

SALMON CAKES
(sort of like crab cakes but with a rosy glow)

They're tasty, too easy-to-make and probably even good for you

1 can (14 3/4 oz) of Dening's Red Sockeye Salmon or the equivalent
½ cup Eggbeaters or 2 whole eggs
1 rounded tablespoon cracker crumbs

On a cutting board, flake the salmon and remove any skin and large bones.

Place the salmon in a bowl, add eggs and cracker crumbs. Mix thoroughly.
The trick here is to add just enough cracker crumbs to help the eggs hold the cakes together. Otherwise, you end up with something tasting like it came out of the freezer case at your local market.

Heat a moderate amount of olive oil in a skillet.

To form the cakes, take a tablespoon or so of the salmon mixture, place it in the skillet and flatten it into a cake. Repeat until the skillet is full.

Fry cakes until golden brown.

Makes four to six servings. Bon appétit!
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Transgendered Conferences and Getaways

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http://www.spellcosmetics.com/Home_Page.html

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Spell Cosmetics and Skin Care was developed by a duo from the fashion and cosmetics industry. Elle (Co-owner) and Gemma (Co-owner) have brought over 30 years of make-up artistry and marketing to bring the hottest trends in packaging and color techniques. Natural (Paraben/Pthalate free) skin care products round out the line perfectly and have Spell on course to becoming the “It” So without line of cosmetics and skin care.

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Amy: Amy was the manager of GB2 and is now the owner. She is a GG and a wonderful supporter of TG girls of all varieties. She has a wealth of experience with amateurs and professionals and is a tremendous talent with makeup. She is one those special angels sent to help us. I will ask her if she would like to write an article for a future magazine.

Sheila: For my part I simply look after her website as the webmistress. Perhaps at some time I could also write an article (something I have done from time to time). I do want to say that you have done a wonderful job with the magazine and I look forward to reading the July issue.
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http://dspace.dial.pipex.com/hide.sleek/hs_menu.htm

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The Glamour Boutique is a terrific TG store. The original retail location is in Auburn, MA and now has a Las Vegas retail locations! You can also order online. Can’t say enough about this lovely store! A discount is available to Pretty TGirls members and to visitors of my personal website!

Crazy 4 Clipons is a terrific online place to discreetly buy clip on earrings at a very reasonable price. They have a large variety to choose from and love to have TG customers! A discount is available to Pretty TGirls members and to visitors of my personal website!

FemmeFever: Karen has developed a wonderful site and TG resource! Along with coordinating many TG events in the lower NY area, she has a store full of shopping opportunities online.
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Austin’s Angels … by Jamie Austin

I can’t say enough really terrific things about Jamie. Simply put, he works wonders. Careful though, he has done such a wonderful job that several girls have seen how wonderfully beautiful they can be that they have become full time girls! Jamie offers several different makeover packages … well worth every penny girls!

http://www.austinsangels.com

Countessa’s Closet

This is a fabulous place for GG’s and TG Girls alike. Countessa is a GG, former model, and a terrific supporter of the Transgendered Community! There is an online store and a physical location in Studio City, California. More to follow about this great Lady and her offerings.

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http://www.weaveofdreams.com

*Weave of Dreams* is a terrific, very new online TG store carrying many items for us TG Girls. It is run by Carol Deanna. It is worth the visit!

http://www.angelwingsdesigns.com

*AngelWings Designs by Mary Beth*

You really should checkout Mary Beth’s products. She hand sews everything and has lovely lingerie items and dresses, plus she is a doll and very supportive of us TG Girls!

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Crossword Answers

Medical Miracles
by Jamie Dailey

Across
3 The generic name for one of the main groups of sex hormones found in high levels in genetic women
7 Adjective often used to describe electrolysis
10 To reduce one's adams apple
12 Procedure that can quickly eliminate fat
15 Procedures that are not necessary but they make you look better
16 A time-consuming process of permanently removing hair through the use of electricity to destroy hairs individually in the skin
17 Also refered to as
18 A popular procedure to reduce one's belly
20 Injected into the skin for aesthetic facial procedures

Down
1 Often abbreviated as 'Endo'
2 A plastic surgeon needs to make them during some procedures
4 These are implanted to promote growth
5 What silicone could do
6 Abbreviation for facial feminization surgery
8 Collagen can be injected into these to make them fuller
9 A surgical procedure that transforms the male genitals into female genitalia
11 Breast enhancers, inserted by a plastic surgeon
13 Procedure that can fix a bump
14 Microdermabrasion can diminish the appearance of these acne leftovers
19 What surgery costs

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