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Interview

Hi, my name is Nikie Vandeperre, i'm 28 years old and live not far from Brussels, Belgium, with my little dog, a chihuahua girl named Pebbles.

I started modeling 10 years ago when a friend asked me to do a shoot together "just for fun" I agreed and liked it so much that I never stopped. When I found out they gave mannequin lessons in the neighborhood I took the classes and got to know more photographers, make-up artists and people in this modeling world. The last persons I had the chance to meet and will never forget was Karolina Kurkova (Victoria's secret model) and Roberto Cavalli (designer) at the vogue fashion show in Dubai at the end of 2014. I kinda travelled around the world already but not only for shoots, because besides modeling traveling is one of my biggest passions so I would love to do more of them both.

My hobbies are reading, watching movies, playing the piano (when enough free time) and spend time with my dog and friends.

I love animals and nature and chose to do voluntary work for one month in Thailand so I went to help the children and teach in schools but the most time I did spend with the elephants to help and bond with them and that was pretty much of all the travels I did the most memorable. I have such a big heart for nature and animals that I would love to save the world if it was possible, though I try to do my part.

I'm a very healthy person, don't drink alcohol, never smoked/do drugs, don't have any tattoos or piercings on my body & since 15.08.2016 I've became vegetarian as well.

I quit modelling for 2 years because of personal reasons and can't wait to start again. Thanks for giving me this chance to promote my comeback.

The Middle Class Muddle The Jester

By: Kennesaw Taylor

The first time, the words,the middle class appeared in history was in a pamphlet by writer James Bradshaw in 1745, titled, Scheme To Prevent Running Irish Wool To France. It was used for many years to describe those who lived in cities, who were not nobility, but unlike the peasantry, lived with as much comfort as a person who was not born into nobility, could.

Everyone wants to believe they are in the middle class which creates unrealistic dreams and worse, voters who are voting to the advantage of those higher in the pecking order. For America's purposes, the class is defined as anyone who makes between $25,000 and $100,000 per year. Many believe that the middle class is wasting away and to some extent it is true although we continue to have the largest middle class in our history. This shrinking myth is created more by the many who are advancing to the upper class than those who are sinking to the working class. Many of the later are being literally and figuratively downsized back into the working class which encompassesthe majority of Americans.

There are many catastrophicconsequences to belonging or believing you belong to the class above you, here are the two worst.

Our current political system is dominated by the upper class, those who make over $100,000 per year. If you are a rung short of the upper class, getting elected is the best way to slip and fall in an upward direction. This creates a system set up to promote and protect those with the greatest wealth. Here's the problem with the view of the average American. Ignorance or delusion, make many Americans believe they are in the class above themselves and that all the political and media propaganda about that class refers to them and their problems. The two parties continue to rant on the liberal media, when, in

fact; the media are spoon fed most of what is printed by the two parties who control most of the country. We are only fed what they allow us to eat. Most voters and I'm talking about those who believe themselves informed voters, vote based on only the information fed to them through the media, directly from the politicians.

What you have are misinformed working class Americans voting for those in the class above them, at extreme detriment to their own class. The lower middle class votes for things that benefit the upper middle class and from the upper middle all the way back to the bottom, everyone votes for things designed for the upper class.

Small business owners are in many cases, the worst culprits. Most confuse operating cash with capital. Just because you have hundreds of thousands in sales a year, does not mean you keep enough to be in the middle or upper class. At best, many are lower middle class. Still, they continue to buy the party line and vote as if all the propaganda the system is feeding them actually pertains to them. What this creates is a situation where the small business owners of America continue to vote for programs that squeeze them out of existence. In effect this demographic is voting themselves into extinction by being ditto heads for any number of idiots. Make no mistake, the laws you continue to vote for are designed for large corporations and are death nails for small business and the working class. They are like the proverbial wolves in sheep's clothing or more aptly Hitler in drag as Anne Frank.

Yet,it is my belief that politics is the lessor of two evils, with the greater being credit. Credit is the brainchild of big business and is largely responsible for the consuming crazed nation we have become. What credit does is allow every class to believe themselves or appear to be in the class above them. Think keeping up with the Jones. It enables the whales in our society to feed on the rest of us as if we are single cell amoebas. Furthermore it enslaves and keeps us in a state of poverty that cannot be identified or defined.

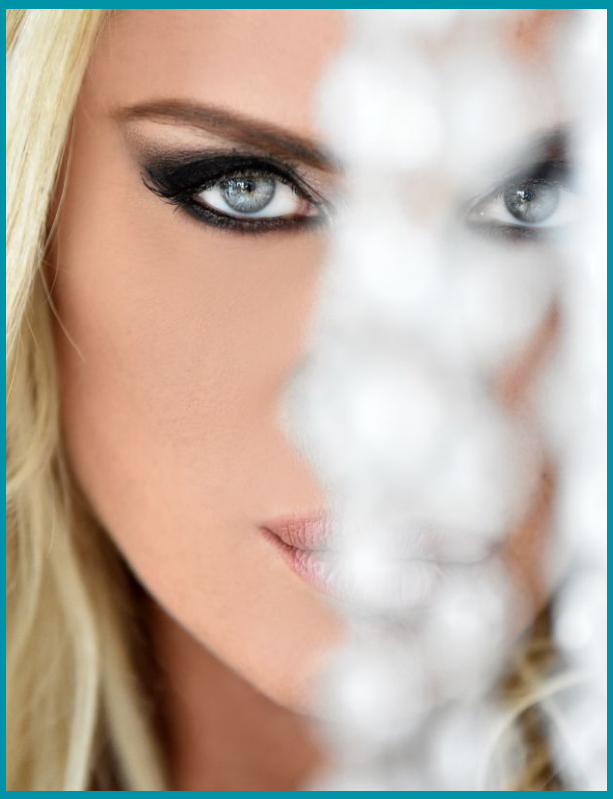
Photography By: Arthur Steele

Where will you be in five years?

By: Michelle Sports X

Had you asked me that question five years ago, it's doubtful I would have said that I'd be heading to Vegas, let alone owning my own business. Most likely I would have thought I would have been just about to finish my dissertation and looking for a teaching job at a community college, somewhere in America.

What about you? If someone asked you five years ago where you would be today, would you have been accurate in your prediction. My brother, who recently got married, more than likely would not have predicted that he would have walked down the aisle, and my son might not have had any idea that he would be heading back to Ohio, to complete his junior year in college. He might have predicted college, but don't think he would have anticipated Ohio University as his school of choice, nor would he have guessed that he would be very dedicated to achieving good grades, and working toward a degree in Athletic Marketing Media. In fact, chances are five years ago, a degree program in such an academic field even existed.



Model: Deborah Kerr
Photography By: Scott Schisler.

What prompted my query this morning was a book I had purchased from Starbuck's far more than five years ago, that asks that very question:

While I might have been wrong in the past with my predictions about my future, I am going to give it a try once again. I'm going to say that five years from today, I will have a successful business, engage in public speaking about the importance of qualitative measurements, and that I will divide part of my time on the East Coast, and part on the West. I will still love "old" movies; only chances are I might be watching them in a way I could have never predicted so I'll just stay clear of any tech predictions.

Where will you be five years from now?

I will also stay away from any future predictions about my love life. After all I would not want to jinx anything, although I might go as far as to say there might be someone special in my life.

It's fun to think about the future sometimes, and wonder where we might be headed. It's also fun to take a look at the past, and realize just how far we've come. That being said, there's also nothing wrong with taking a look around and appreciating the present, for even if we could never have predicted what was to come, the present is the perfect time to appreciate all that we have.

Carlie Carpenter

Photography By: Mark Louvier

Tell us a little about yourself and how did you get into modeling?

I'm 21 and I've been modeling for about 6 months now, I was really able to dive into it in early June and start chasing my dreams and I've never been happier ever in my life.

Who inspires you? If there is a famous model that inspires you, would it be and why?

My biggest inspiration is Sahara Ray. She has such a beautiful heart and mind and is doing literally everything I hope to do with my career.

How was your experience shooting with Tony Devine?

I love Tony. Any time we shoot together its an adventure and we laugh all along the way. He's really great, not only artistically, but a wonderful person and a joy to be around.

If you were to give advice to upcoming modeling what would that be?

Chase your dreams always. No matter what anyone says, do it! You can be anything you want to be, literally anything, as long as you believe in yourself and never ever give up on what you love!

What are your thoughts on social media? Does it help taking your modeling career to next level or hurts?

I have a love/hate relationship with social media. It really helps with getting exposure, various sponsorships, and of course it's great for networking with some super cool people and brands. But at the same time it adds a lot of pressure to constantly meet the world's impossible expectations and keep your supporters interested and engaged. The negative attention also isn't super fun but the love outweighs the hate and that's all that matters!

What's next for you?

Up next for me are a couple of super busy weekends full of shoots, event hostings, special appearances at parties, a music video shoot, and walking in Sea Goddess's runway show. I also just had a website created for me so I can get started on my clothing line!

Is there something about you that would surprise our readers?

I have terrible vision. I'm supposed to wear glasses but I hate them!

Name one thing you want to check off of your bucket list in next five years?

Road trip to Las Vegas on route 66!

What is a most romantic thing a guy can do for you?
Surprise me. Knowing you were thinking about me when I wasn't around makes me melt.

What is the craziest pick-up line you've ever heard or had used on you?
There are countless, all of them seem so ridiculous to me now.

What's the most adventurous or most memorable date you've been on?
Getting surprised with Disney Land tickets when I was in California for Fashion Week fittings.

Do you prefer a traditional romantic dinner date or do you like to hang out with a guy at a bar drinking, shooting pool etc.?
Im definitely a hopeless romantic. I want candlelight, roses, and wine.

Your favorite super hero?
Superman, cause have you seen Clark Kent?

Fishing, hunting, racing, or sex – what order or preference? Sex, racing, fishing. I don't hunt cause I'm obsessed with cute furry creatures.

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Murphy on Death, Taxes and Kudzu

By Kennesaw Taylor

Who exactly was Murphy? Was he the first to utter the now infamous words, nothing is certain but death and taxes? If he is as smart as he is credited to be, why did he not include kudzu in his law? He ain't from around here boy, I tell ya. I know, I know, that sentence stinks, and it will throw many of you into a hissy fit. If you don't know what a hissy fit is, then you ain't from around here either. My grandma knew what a hissy fit was, and that's good enough for me.

Murphy's Law was first coined by Capt. Edward Murphy Jr., in the forties. He was an aeronautical engineer for the Air Force. After a failed test on a rocket sled, he attempted to lay the blame on a co-worker, by stating, "If that guy has any way of making a mistake, he will." The other members of his team began using the statement to mock him, but slightly changed it to, "If it can happen, it will happen." It eventually gained widespread use as, "If anything can go wrong, it will." Murphy himself dismissed the law as, "ridiculous, trivial and erroneous."

The saying, "nothing is certain, but death and taxes," was first used in 1789 by Benjamin Franklin, in a letter, referring to our constitution and written to a French friend. He was eighty-three at the time.

Death (deth) noun

The act of dying, the end of life; the total and permanent cessation of all the vital functions of an organism.

An ugly old dude wearing a black robe to hide the ugly old dude inside. He carries a sickle and moonlights as a landscaper. He is known to frequent Bubba's bar and is often seen the in the company of his most trusted friends, taxes and kudzu. All three are members of the band, Three Gay Caballero's.

If a thing can be killed, well, death will certainly figure out a way to kill it and indeed there is nowhere to hide. He's coming for all of us at some point. How is it that ships, cars and other things of beauty are considered feminine, but death has to be masculine? I guess this isn't always true, look at hurricanes which were long named after women. Of course in an effort to be politically correct they eventually began being named after both sexes. Why was there a debate about such a thing, and how much money did it cost the tax payers, to first make the decision, and secondly to implement it? Good goog a mooga. I bet you didn't like that one either; I liked it just the same.

Taxes (takses) noun

A burdensome charge, obligation, duty, or demand.

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An involuntary fee levied on corporations or individuals that is enforced by a level of government in order to finance government activity.
An uglier old dude dressed in red, white and blue, which has a gambling problem, and a tendency to have bar room brawls on a global scale.
Taxes seem to have an insidious way of getting wrapped up in other people's business. I guess he can't help himself. He is intrusive, invasive and as constant as time, who was incidentally one of the original members of, Three Gay Caballero's, but was booted out for being late to every practice and performance. Why not name taxes after a woman, Taxabella?

Taxes are responsible for writing the acclaimed hit, sewer taxes, which essentially allows all of us to pay taxes for the privilege of, disposing of, the expensive food we only rent. How can we forget the hit, death tax, co-written by Death and Taxes, their biggest hit to date? I guess I have no need to fear death as I can't afford to pay the taxes on it. I always knew writing would serve some purpose. Taxes pretty much gets involved in all things, involving a verb or noun. The more fun, because everyone knows how fun taxes are, the more taxes get involved. The country awaits their newest release, sex tax. The composition is proceeding rather awkwardly, but is said to be nearing completion. Having sex with or without one's spouse is simply too much fun to be ignored by taxes, forever.
Kudzu (kood zoo) noun

Why not name taxes after a woman, Taxabella?

An eastern Asian vine (Puerarialobata) having compound leaves and clusters of reddish-purple flowers. It is grown for fodder, forage, and root starch and is a widespread pain in the keester and weed in the southeast United States.
Kudzu is the newest member of the band, Three Gay Caballero's, and was brought in to replace time as kudzu is much more dependable and shows up everywhere, on time, invited or not.
Nothing is certain, but death, taxes and kudzu and anything that can go wrong will involve all three.

Heidi Jo

Photography By: Jerry Steele

10 Worst Songs of All Time

By: David Grant

We know the songs, we know the audience. Whenever I hear the opening of one of these tunes I look around and say a little prayer, hoping no douchebags are around. Oh, the horror when you these songs are played. These are the absolute worst songs of all time.

Don't Stop Believing - Journey

There are two lives of this song. There was pre June 2007 (non douchebag song) and post June 2007 (douchebag song). What happened? The Sopranos finale happened and used this song to end the series. Immediately every douchebag within 100 miles of New Jersey adopted this song as part of their life story. A news flash Jersey boy, this song isn't about New Jersey!

The song comes on in a bar, restaurant or place of work and everything stops. "Just a small town girl…" lyrics kick off and its douchebag time… Lots of fist pumping and bad singing ensues, sometimes ending in someone throwing a punch because douchebags. What a double edged sword for Journey, right? Great to have one of their songs immortalized, but so bad that it has been ruined by these d-bags who think the Sopranos were relatable to their lives. It wasn't and again, this song isn't about New Jersey!

Sorry –Justin Bieber

Even in his young age Justin Bieber has solidified a douchebag following and one of his latest hits, "Sorry" has somehow increased his value with d-bags. The start "You gotta go and get angry at all my honesty" is classic cocky Bieber. The chorus is what really touches the hearts of douchebags: "Yeah, is it too late now to say sorry? Cause I'm missing more than just your body." That's very strong song writing from king d-bag himself that resonates with his d-bag fans.

The whole song is about being a douchebag and wanting another chance, another chance to be a douchebag and ask again for forgiveness. It's like the Justin Bieber circle of life. Enough with the tattoos, hoodies and badass imagery; you are still Justin Bieber with a group of d-bag fans that wear the same hoodies and get the same tattoos. If you are sorry for anything it should be for making this song.

Crazy Bitch – Buckcherry

If there was ever a song made for a rodeo scene it might just be "Crazy Bitch" by Buckcherry. Once I was in a bar called Johnny Utah's in New York City. This bar

has a mechanical bull and when this song came on it seemed like the perfect backdrop for this establishment full of douchebags drinking Red Bull and Jägermeister. There was not one person not nodding their head along when this song started playing. I suspect all of them consider this song "their jam." By the time the song was over the line for the mechanical bull was out the door.

Buckcherry knows who their fans are and appear very comfortable making music for douchebags. Their setlist is pretty much all songs about drugs, alcohol and sex. "Crazy Bitch" was a perfect storm that incorporated sex, revenge and bitches, the exact recipe d-bags look for in their songs.

Living On A Prayer - Bon Jovi
Your name isn't Tommy and you do not work on the docks. Your name is likely Anthony and you grew up in East Rutherford. It is also likely you are a douchebag if you sing this song every time it is played. There is nothing worse than having a DJ play this song at a bar and cut the music during the "Woah Oh We're Halfway There, Woah Oh Living On A Prayer!" chorus and have a room full of drunken douchebags screaming from the top of their lungs.

This song doesn't just impact make d-bags, women still remember the video of Jon Bon Jovi and his tight stone washed jeans. Those jeans were ripped in just the right places and his hair was beautiful. The video was high on unintentional comedy and high on denim usage. If you watch the video closely you can see the eighties coming to an end…

Mony, Mony - Billy Idol
This song has lasted generations of douchebags. It's as if d-bag parents handed this song down to their offspring. The song "Mony, Mony", originally by Tommy James and the Shondells, a rock band from America, was covered by Billy Idol and the rest is history. What's unique about Idol's version is the lyric injected into the song by the audience. Originally changed by a group of fans in the UK, the words "Get laid, get f@*ed" has been a staple ever since.*

In different parts of the world the chant is different. Some areas throw in a "mother f@&er" while others stick with a more streamlined version. I've always liked Billy Idol, but this song attracts a horrible audience, an audience of douchebags that will go to a show just to wait for this song so they can chant their witty responses. This isn't Rocky Horror Picture Show d-bags, get your trash out of here and go listen to Prince or someone worth your time.*

Rockstar – Nickelback
The kings of douchebags, Nickelback peaked with their song "Rockstar." I first heard Nickelback in a bar. The song "How You Remind Me" was playing and some meathead douchebag was grinding on a girl to this tune. I was mortified as I watched this happen. I kept thinking to myself how she could let this happen to this song…then I heard "Rockstar." Yeah, I know, the song is supposed to be ironic, but it comes off even more douchebaggy, it's like they are making fun, but at the same time know this is what they are.

There is really only one way for douchebags to properly listen to this song. First you get yourself a six-pack of beer, something like Strohs or Hamms, real good stuff. Then walk into your back yard and pop off your shirt. Don't worry about your neighbors, after three beers you will walk over shirtless and try to strike up a conversation. In the background Nickelback's "Rockstar" will be playing…

Girls, Girls, Girls - Motley Crue
Motley Crue's ode to strip clubs, "Girls, Girls, Girls" is a hit loved by douchebag fans and strippers across the globe. The song is also a good test – if you have been to three of the strip clubs named in the song, you might be a douchebag. D-bags that love this song believe they can get as much ass as a famous rock band, they can't

The video didn't help, with a lot of skin and cheesy scenes (the switch blade in the strip club move) it was something douchebags couldn't necessarily relate to, but worse, aspire to.
Motley has a lot of songs that douchebags love, but "Girls, Girls, Girls" takes the cake because it's not even a really good song. This was released during the height of Nikki Sixx's heroin days, a time when the work was shall we say, not as strong as earlier and later albums.

Feel Like Making Love – Bad Company
This song crosses douchebag generations. You will find forty-something d-bags and twenty-something d-bags celebrating this song. You may be asking how do douchebags properly celebrate this song. They celebrate with lots of hip thrusting and uncomfortable eye contact with the opposite sex. The fact that this song is a classic rock staple does not make avoiding this song easy, it's pretty much impossible.

When this song is played in a bar it ends up looking like a twisted serenading scene, the opposite of what we know from Top Gun. The song in itself is not bad and it's catchy, you can hear why it's popular. Unfortunately douchebags have taken this song to the next level. It gets worse… What's worse than a horrific bar serenade of this song? One word: karaoke. Imagine being in a karaoke bar and some douchebag gets up front and belts this one out…so uncomfortable on so many levels.

Yeah! – Usher
Usher gave us Bieber so you know; there is no punishment great enough. He also gave us the terrible song "Yeah!" which appears to have been created with the purpose of getting douchebags on the dance floor. The song features Ludacris and Lil Jon, a couple of other artists that douchebags love to follow.

Listen to the song, there is nothing to it. There's just a bunch of people yelling "yeah" and talk about a club and everyone thinking they are cool. It's the quintessential douchebag song, this is what they love. Had they paused the song in the middle and just say now take 30 seconds to pump your fists, it would have been the most loved song by douchebags of all time. The song was number one for twelve weeks and won Usher a Grammy Award so I'm not saying it wasn't a hit, I'm saying it's a song for douchebags and apparently that is a very large audience.

Nookie – Limp Bizkit
The song title was initially just a working title from a word the band saw on the cover of an adult magazine in their studio. At some point they decided this would be the song title and the lead single douchebags would instantly fall in love with. The song is about Fred Durst's ex-girlfriend who apparently cheated a lot, but he never left her because he wanted the "nookie." To me the most surprising part of this song isn't that they pulled the name from an adult magazine, but that they didn't pull ALL of their song titles from adult

magazines. I mean, c'mon, it's Limp Bizkit, I assumed the name of the band was from an adult magazine.
Apparently band members didn't particularly like this song, calling the lyrics cheesy and felt other songs should have been promoted prior to "Nookie." D-bags of course disagree and this song brought the band great fame amongst their douchebag following.

Model: Deborah Kerr
Photography By: Scott Schisler

Photography: Artur St. John
Make-up: Jamie Kimbrough
Hair Stylist: Davis Alexander
Location: Stellah Simmons

Hello my name is Ashley I'm from Warner Robins Georgia, a small town in South Georgia. I'm a true country girl at heart. I love to be outside anytime I can be. From working out to hiking to floating down the river on hot days. I love sports; I played softball and ran the 400 throughout middle school and high school. I am a strong believer that women should feel comfortable in their own skin. I am 155 lbs. and I love it. You don't have to be stick thin to be beautiful, hey they more curves the better :). I work out every day and lift heavy weight to keep my figure strong and firm. I have two dogs, ducas and Zeus they are my best friends and the only men in my life. Doesn't take much to make me happy but I am a hopeless romantic and want the fairytale , so maybe one day I'll find the one :).

HEMING'S WAY

By: Kennesaw Taylor

Before you start writing that nasty letter, let me say. I do not now, nor have I ever professed to possess the talent of Earnest Hemingway's pinky toe.

Some of us are meant to live nice, quiet, safe lives, and some of us aren't. The trick is to know which category you fit into and to become comfortable with that knowledge. At least I said that.

This week has been a frenzy of activity at our house. The first thing I did was go into the closet and remove the shoe box containing my worldly possessions. With my stuff packed, I helped Mary Carmen pack hers. Her stuff meaning two walk in closets, two storage facilities, our extra bedroom and a friend's garage.

Got to love her, she decided she would use this opportunity to cull a few things. Now that all is said and done, it's clear she has. She downsized from 200 pairs of shoes to a scant 199 pairs. She said she cut her 24 hair brushes down to 20, but I found two stashed in a box of corn flakes and fear she has secretly stashed the others somewhere in the truck. I witnessed her give away six pairs of jeans; they are the only things I'm sure will not make the trip.

I believe, like Hemingway, a writer must be a person of adventure. Therefore, when adventure shakes you out of bed, you best fix a cup of coffee and step out the door behind it. Opportunities have arisen which will allow me to spend as long as it takes to write a couple book on the Keys and in South Florida.

By the time, this story hits the papers, Kennesaw, Mary Carmen, Ellie Mae and 199 pairs of mentally disturbed shoes will have already traveled the coastal highway from Jacksonville to Miami. I'll have already taken a few hundred pictures and tasted some fresh oranges. I'll already be in search of Jimmy Buffett's attitude, Earnest Hemingway's inspiration and the perfect thong bikini.

I will have already accomplished one of my lifelong goals, becoming the whitest man to ever walk the beaches of South Florida. I may make the Guinness Book of World Records. If you see a troubling story about a whale washed up on South Beach, don't be alarmed, that'll be me.

What am I going to make fun of in Florida? Older people are always fun, but older people who deny their Minnesotan heritage scare me. The population of Dade County is over seventy percent Latino; making fun of them might not be politically correct. Beside I'd need to understand them to make fun of them. Good thing I'm traveling with a

personal translator. I'll spend lots of time asking, "What did he say, what da hell and doooooooo what?"

So I will travel for a time in Heming's way. I will haunt the places where he did play. I will steer by the light he called his own. From the lighthouse, that always pointed him home. I will search for the words that might change the world. I will hear the wind sing as the sails unfurl. I will wonder at the words Earnest gleaned from the breeze. I will walk for a time, in his footsteps as I please. In the end, I may not change the world, perhaps it will change me. But imagine through that change, all that I might see. I will weather the storms and political pitfalls too. Then I will write about them and send stories home to you. My birth, a mere sliver of fate, meaning nothing in the thread of time. My path, a twisted turning thing, erratic, but still it's mine. My end a question, for I know not the place or day. When I arrive, there will be no doubt I was always on my way. I am not a tree, nor will I be. I am more like the oats that grow along the sea. I will not set roots and will not accept life by degrees. But rather spread by wind and tide slowly across the Keys. Earnest changed our hearts, our minds and our world, while searching for a friend. So I will follow Heming's way, searching for a better end.

How long will we stay in South Florida? Until I get tired of fresh oranges. Until I get tired of thong bikinis, hopefully not going to happen. Maybe until the little bugs suck out all my blood, I've heard the bugs down there have organized into military units. Until the sun fries the two brain cells I have, it won't take much.

Stay tuned, the adventure continues, pictures and stories are coming your way.

I'd rather crash into eternity than slip slowly into obscurity. Kennesaw Taylor

You can't burn out if you're not on fire. Jim Morrison

I'll spend lots of time asking, "What did he say, what da hell and doooooooo what?"

ANDREA Blake

Photography By: Chad Elliot

Tell us a bit about yourself and how did you get into modeling.
I started modeling back when I was 16 years old. I had a photographer message me on Facebook about participating in their upcoming project. As soon as the images were on her website, Facebook, and Facebook Fan Page, my modeling career launched from there. I've been active with it since!

Your career has taken off so fast in past year, what do you think other think of when they see you on so many magazine covers?
Well I hope that they are impressed with what they see! hahaha

Who is your inspiration?
My number one modeling inspiration has to be Tawny Jordan! She has always been a positive figure to new models just starting out. Since I went to school the next town over from her, I've could watch her improve over the years and take tips from her on social media.

What are your goals for the future and what were your goals as a child?
My current goal right now is to finish up my program and receive a Master's in Clinical Adult Psychology and continue my degree at a PhD program. However, my goals as a child were much different and all over the place. When I was little I ranged from wanting to be a teacher to a fashion designer to a stay at home mom. Thankfully I finally found a career I've fallen in love with.

What's your favorite thing about modeling?
My favorite thing about modeling is how I get to express myself in many ways. While your shooting, it feels like a no judgement zone and you can get creative as you want with yourfacial expressions and poses.

What experiences would you like to share with a newcomer in this industry?
Don't be too rough on yourself! You can't forget that you are just learning how to do all of these facial expressions and poses. It took me a long time and a lot of practice to get to where I am now and I still need

Do you like sports?
I absolutely love sports! I grew up playing softball and watching all my other brothers play their sports. I'm a huge fan of the Cardinals and Blues!

Do you like gaming? If you do what's your favorite game?
The only game I got into growing up was the SIMS. I loved creating a family and their home! Sadly, I don't have as much free time anymore to play it.

What's on your bucket list?
Right now the number one thing on my bucket list is to go to Greece! It such a beautiful area. Plus, it would be amazing to shoot there as well.

Tell us something about you that would surprise our readers.
Something a lot of people don't know about me is that I was in high school marching band for all four years. It was hands down the great experience I had growing up!

What was your most memorable or adventurous experience so far?
My most memorable experience was when I had the opportunity to tour Europe for a month and a half and perform in a symphony in seven different countries.

Fishing, hunting, racing, or sex – what order or preference?
Racing, sex, fishing, then hunting

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PLAYBABE
OF THE MONTH
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Interview

Tell us a bit about yourself, where were you born? And how did you get into modeling.
I was born in Australia; I started modelling for swimwear brands, and did a controversial television commercial. That followed onto being featured on the covers on magazines around the world.

Your career has taken off so fast in the past year, do you feel like you've accomplished everything?
Things have taken of quickly this year I'm feeling really blessed, things are not accomplished I have more things that I'm aiming to do.

What's your typical day like?
A typical day is spent with friends, sun tanning by the beach or at the gym I do like to work out. Most evenings I'll be at a restaurant or out watching movies.

Who or what is your inspiration?
My inspiration is my family I like to do my best to make them proud.

As a child, what did you dream of as a career?
As a child I dreamed of being an actress in action films.

What do you enjoy most about modeling? What do you enjoy least?
My favourite part of modelling is getting to meet interesting people and travelling. My least favourite part is early morning starts.

Any advice you can give to all of the aspiring models out there who look up to you?
Advice to aspiring models is to keep up a healthy diet and train and to keep on trying even if your getting negative comments from people.

Tell us about your work out and fitness regime, what does it consist of?
My work outs consist of mostly weights, I do a small amount of cardio . I enjoy yoga and train about 4 or 5 days a week.

What's your favorite sport?
My favourite sport is soccer

Do you play video games? If so, what's your favorite?
I don't play video games, as a child I did like Grand theft Auto

What's on your bucket list?
My bucket list is to travel to Bora Bora& one day I'd love to go watch a Victoria secret fashion parade

Tell us something about you that would surprise our readers.
One thing that would surprise readers is I am very flexible.

Where is your dream destination to live? Where is your dream destination to vacation?
My dream destination to live is Australia I love the people, the beaches and the climate is amazing.

What turns you on about a man? What turns you off?
Things that turn me of about a man is how he treats a woman I like a man who is fun and spontaneous, has a good sense of humour and can keep me entertained. I don't like men who are controlling or arrogant.

Do you have any regrets in life so far?
Regrets in life are listening to some people who said I could achieve certain things.

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"Chasing the Dragon"

By: Michelle Sports X

The first and greatest victory is to conquer you; to be conquered by yourself is of all things most shameful and vile. - Buddha

"Chasing the dragon" is a slang phrase of Cantonese origin from Hong Kong referring to inhaling the vapor from a heated solution of morphine, heroin, oxycodone, opium, or ..." That, according to what has become the Internet 'go-to' page Wikipedia. Supposedly the "chasing" occurs as a result of the delicate moves that are required as a user performs a dance of sorts and tries to prevent the precious poison from disappearing. Smoke moves and is "chased after" with a tube. I suppose any tube will do, at least that's what I came to learn after my niece came to stay with me over the summer, and I found several tampon applicators in random places at my place.

Heroin is not my thing and for the life of me I just can't understand why beautiful young lady would want to throw her life away. Of course, I am not alone in trying to grasp sense around this mystery. Many have tried to understand and to quote my niece, "Anyone who never tried Heroin, will never understand." I suppose not, although for the past few months I did wrestle with the qualms of enabling and the wonder of just why I allowed my niece to enter my world when I knew the odds of her recovering from the addiction were just as dim as the odds of her respecting my world.

For years I have tutored adult offenders in Drug Court, to help them further their education. I have stood in the audience on graduation day when so many who manage to turn their lives around move on to the next level of their lives after putting their past self-destructive behavior out to pasture. My niece, however, is unlikely to be one of the successful "clients" in Drug Court. At least, at this point, it certainly does not seem as though she's committed to a life that involves productivity and growth. Seems she would prefer to chase that dragon.

"Anyone who never tried Heroin, will never understand."

Crazy thing is she is convinced she's cooler than me, and that she's the one who is in the know. Like I said, I just don't get it. I've seen the movies, and taken the courses, and I've walked through city streets with members of law enforcement as when they pointed out to me, "See her, right there, she's a total junkie."

What on earth possesses our youth to opt to embark on such a course where the chase of the dragon will likely lead to death or jail? Time and time again we hear stories of famous people who were found dead, with a needle in their arm who have overdosed on Heroin or other lethal substances but still we are facing an epidemic that seems to be growing with no end in sight. "It's cheap, and affordable, so people will do it because they think they are invincible," said one of the parole officers I had met along my way.

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There are warnings out there that seem to go unnoticed or unappreciated. Cierra Vallejo was a young lady whose life and death was portrayed in the documentary file, "Chasing the Dragon." The FBI and DEA have plans to distribute the film nationwide to classrooms so that teens are able to see the harsh reality of how one's life can be aborted after using drugs. Cierra Marie Vallejo was a high school student with what seemed to be a bright future, until she decided to drop out of high school, perform exotic dancing and ultimately served time in jail. She died as a result of an overdose on February 18, 2013 at the ago of 22.

So far the only thing different about Cierra and my niece's story is my niece is not dead yet. Should my niece opt to continue the course she is on, and pursue the dragon, sadly it's just a matter of time.

Neesy Rizzo

Photography By: Craig Spratt

Tell us a bit about yourself and how did you get into modeling.

My name is Anais (Neesy) Rizzo, I'm a full time freelance model based out of Sparta New Jersey. I got into modeling kind of randomly by doing a test shoot with a friend and realized I love it! If I'm not at a photoshoot my typical day is mostly spent at the gym and with my dog Olive!

Who is your inspiration?

My model inspiration is always Kate Upton. I think she's the prettiest model I ever seen. Just such a natural posing and I think that's why I look up to her.

What are your goals for the future and what were your goals as a child?

My goals for the future would be to take modeling as far as I can go and to just live a long and happy life. As a child I wanted to be a clothing designer but now I want to be the one modeling the clothes.

What's your favorite thing about modeling?

My favorite thing about modeling is the fact the going to work never feels like work. I always work with awesome people.

Do you like sports?

Not a big sports person but I used to snowboard so I dig that.

What's on your bucket list?

My bucket list is always growing but I think traveling the world is the number one thing I'd like to do.

Tell us something about you that would surprise our readers.

Before I was modeling I was super unhealthy I think one of the best accomplishments is the fact that I was able to get in good shape. Health and fitness is extremely important to me.

Fishing, hunting, racing, or sex – what order or preference?

Since I don't fish or hunt or race I guess I have a short list of just sex. But I do like shopping as well.

Go Big, or Go Home

The Road to the NFL (One man's story)

By: Michelle Sports X

What's it take to make it to the National Football League? Well, it takes an awful lot of stamina, guts and determination, and even then there's no guarantee you'll make it. The NFL 2017 Draft is a big deal, and this year there will be 103 underclassmen headed to the National Football League. While many in the sports industry will be talking about their mock drafts, which include who to snag and who to pass upon, one man who hails from the South will be working harder than ever to be considered by an NFL team. His name is Jermaine Wright and as of this writing, Jermaine is preparing to meet with a team to talk about his future. To use his words, Jermaine is still "fighting and reaching out!"
I happened to meet Jermaine by way of the social network Linked-In, after he reached out to one of the sports radio programs I promote. Jermaine was looking to share about his story, which is not unlike many others who struggle to try to get noticed. Similar to what many others who play ball go through, Jermaine works hard, then works even harder, and then works a little bit harder so as to get noticed by those who scout out for teams in the NFL.

When I spoke with Jermaine, he shared about his upbringing, his family and his children. He spoke honestly about his commitment and realistically about his expectations. "I'm still fighting and reaching out! I talked to a few NFL teams and they gave me a "To Do" list and they will check me out so I'm fighting even harder for this. I also have to meet with a team in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina tomorrow so blessings might be rolling in." So I asked Jermaine, what's on the list. He shared that it says, "to work on building my speed to a NFL level, certain drills and building my professional resume."

Jermaine's dedicated and he's spending a lot of money to train. "Not everyone gets the scholarship to college, and then gets to be drafted on NFL Draft Day," Jermaine shared. Of course, it's not that easy for many who wish to pursue a career as a professional athlete. For some reason, I find myself rooting for Jermaine, hoping to see his name up on the big screen, and yet I know the odds of him making it are slim. Should he give up on his dreams? Some might think so, because as he gets older
(Now in his mid twenties) having an NFL career might not be in the cards.

Only, Jermaine doesn't want to hear anything about giving up. "I have to get in tip top shape. I (mean) I'm in tip top shape, but not NFL shape, so I'm spending 2017 traveling and developing my skills.

The 2017 NFL Draft had 103 underclassmen officially added to the list of prospective players. There's Myles Garrett, a Defensive End, from Texas A&M. Garrett is among the players who have suffered injuries which caused him to be less than what might have been anticipated but experts say he's got so much more on deck. There's Leonard Fournette, a Running Back out of LSU. Fournette also suffered an injury, which was caused him to have some setbacks, but experts suggest when he's healthy, he's a true contender. There's Jamar Adams, also from LSU. Experts will tell you that Adams can deliver and some have ranked him as high as fifth in the pecking order.
The list of potential prospects goes on and on. "Jermaine Wright, listed at 5'11" and 230 lbs. is one of many with a dream to play in the NFL. But his size, weight, 40 time, and max weight set aren't what define him," says Anthony Beers in an article that describes Wright's passion and desire to accomplish his dream. (Co-host of @SportopolyPod, Radio host @Sportstalk1240, Co-Creator of @Sideliners73. Attitude reflects leadership, captain.Jun 6, 2016)
What makes Jermaine so special? Perhaps it's the fact that likes many others he struggled growing up. His mother struggled with leukemia and HIV, and that alone had to be tough. He's got two daughters that he adores, and he's twenty-six years old, and yes, I said he's twenty-six. Is it worth it? Does the NFL offer a ticket that's equivalent to that 'Golden Ticket,' such as the one in the classic tale, Willie Wonka? Is it worth it to keep striving for something when it quite possibly might be out of reach?
It's not as though Wright has not had signs of hope and possibility along the way. This past year, Wright was invited to work out with Baltimore Ravens' QB, Joe Flacco, who told Jermaine to, keep going as long as the passion is there.
Of course, making it to the NFL requires a lot more than drive. It requires great skill, which Wright seems to have. It also requires a whole lot of luck. Wright's going to keep pressing hard, and even though it's not likely you'll see his name up in lights any time soon, don't count him out yet. He just might have the stamina to keep going, and he may just surprise you one day.

"I have to get in tip top shape. I (mean) I'm in tip top shape, but not NFL shape, so I'm spending 2017 traveling and developing my skills."

Photography By: Thomas Anthony

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Interview

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1. Tell us a little about yourself and how did you get into modeling?
I live outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and have been on multiple magazine covers,billboards, in movies and commercials, I have also been a painted lady for the playboy mansion multiple times. I got in to modeling when I was bartending in Boston, I was asked to pose for barstool sports sexiest bartenders'magazine.

2. Who inspires you? If there is a famous model that inspires you, would it be and why?
Cindy Crawford, she's such a flawless, classic beauty that has aged so gracefully.

3. How was your experience shooting with Thomas Anthony?
Amazing! I've shot with Thomas several times and it's always a great experience. He's very easy to work with, very professional, talented and creative.

4. If you were to give advice to upcoming modeling what would that be?
Always stay humble, don't get caught up in the drama of the industry, always remain professional and hustle hustlehustle.

5. What are your thoughts on social media? Does it help taking your modeling career to next level or hurts?
I think it's very helpful in the industry, it gives your fans a chance to get to know the real you and a platform to display all your hard work and art.

6. What's next for you?
I just started training for a fitness competition and want to eventually transition in to fitness modeling. I also have a really big exciting shoot coming up in a few months, something I've been wanting to check off my bucket list for some timenow , so stay tuned :)

7. Is there something about you that would surprise our readers?
I'm super crafty. I own my own business making baby shower gifts.

8. Name one thing you want to check off of your bucket list in next five years?
Competing in a fitness competition has been on my bucket list for a while , so that will be checked off this year :)

9. What is a most romantic thing a guy can do for you?
Bring me coffee in bed without even asking .

10. What is the craziest pick-up line you've ever heard or had used on you?
I'm not sure if this one is necessarily crazy , as it was cheesy . I heard it the other night while bartending from a guy that knew that I model.

"I'm no photographer, but I can picture us together. ". I give him an A for effort. I thought it was cheesy but cute and flattering lol

11. What's the most adventurous or most memorable date you've been on?
Probably in Egypt riding on horses to see the pyramids .

12. Do you prefer a traditional romantic dinner date or do you like to hang out with a guy at a bar drinking, shooting pool etc.?
I like both , but if I have to pick one , it would be a traditional romantic dinner date .

13. Your favorite super hero?
Wonder Woman - the new one is badass.

14. Fishing, hunting, racing, or sex – what order or preference?
Sex, racing,fishing, hunting

Does the "Super Bowl" Draw Sex Traffickers?

By: Michelle Sports X

Without a care in the world I was as I walked into a store, which was advertising support for local merchants. Other than thoughts that I wanted to get a few Christmas presents for some of my friends and clients, my mind was relatively carefree. That is until I happened upon a stand that had holiday cards and tee shirts, which at first glance appeared to be in support of domestic violence victims. I usually stop to talk with those who are on a mission to educate about misuse of power, and domestic violence is something that I, like most women, understand and carry empathy for victims. Only, upon further review these shirts contained messages that were not anything about domestic violence, at all. No, these shirts were about human sex trafficking, a topic that seems to keep re-surfacing again and again. It's so foreign to me that anyone would enslave anyone, and yet the problem, I'm told is very real. In fact, many believe the Super Bowl is one of the times when human sex trafficking is at its peak.

What exactly is human trafficking? According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, "Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and a grave violation of human rights. Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, in their own countries and abroad. Does the Super Bowl, the National Football League's arguably biggest game of the year, increase the volume in sex trafficking? Or are the articles that have been written all a bunch of media hype, which would lead one to believe the problem is heightened as a result of the big game? Reports online seem to point to 2013 as the year that folks in the media started to pay particular attention to this problem and how it's associated with America's most watched single-day sporting event in the world.

There are a lot of men in one place, **Who Are Looking To Have Sex.**

Model: Deborah Kerr
Photography By: Scott Schisler

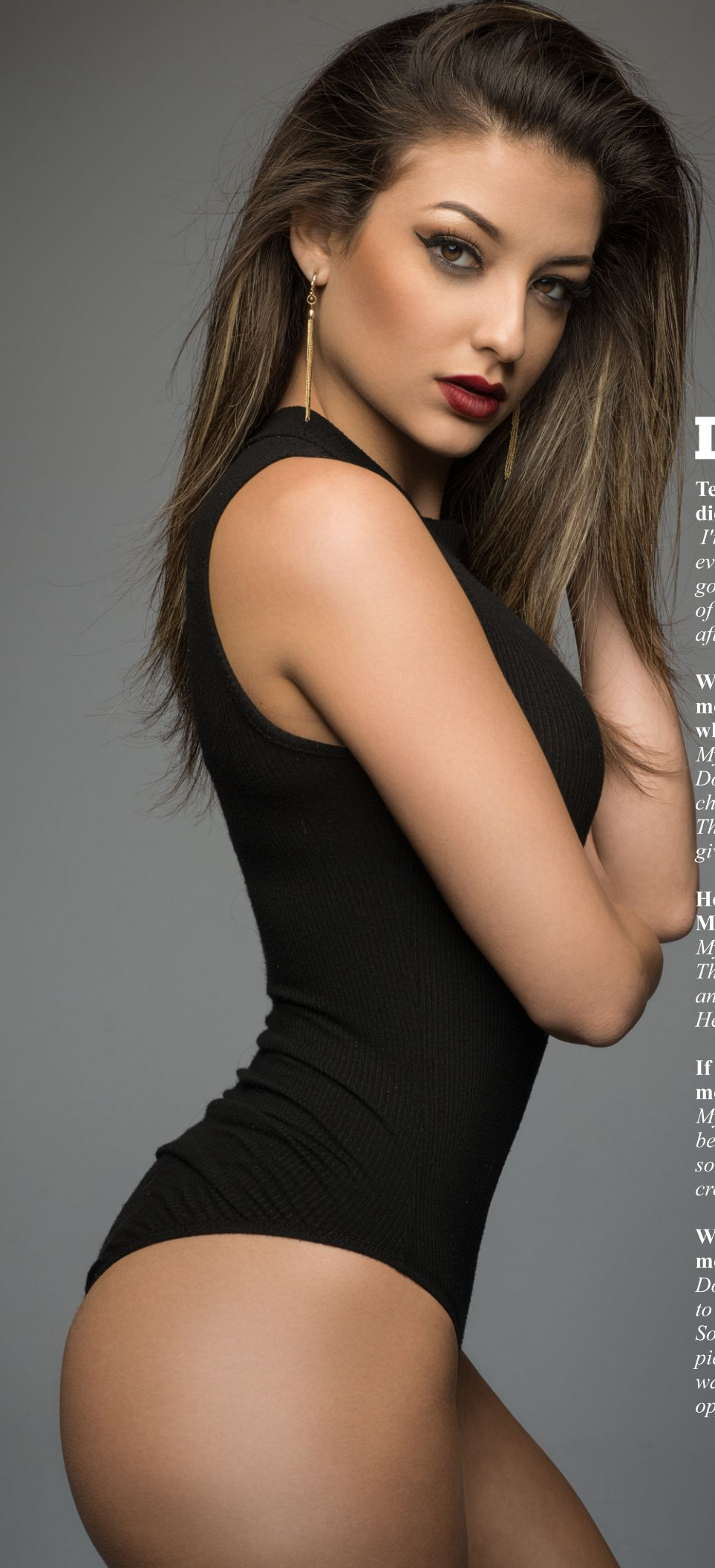
As I started my conversation wit h the volunteer who was sharing about the tee shirts, I mentioned that I had put off pursuing my doctorate in public policy administration/law so that I could take on new challenges in the sports industry. It was at that time that she shared with me just how the Super Bowl and sex trafficking were making headlines, and asked that I pay particular attention to the issue. No longer was I care free, focusing on my Christmas gift list, as images of young girls and boys enslaved and made to perform labor or sex plagued my mind. Would buying a tee shirt help? Each tee shirt was made by a former victim and their name were on the shirts, and I thought to myself, how on earth do we ever allow such cruelty to exist. Then again, how on earth do we stop it?

The reality is there is very little data that would provide exact numbers on the problem of human trafficking. Experts, who have devoted their lives to studying the matter, share that the problem exists year round, but that there is reason to believe that it increases around the time of the Super Bowl, solely because of the reality that there are a lot of men in one place, who are looking to have sex.

So how does one get lured into slavery? Many times, according to experts, it's a boyfriend or someone who plays the role of a boyfriend who lures his victim into servitude. The boyfriend will share that he wants to see his girl dance, gets her to dance at a club, and things snowball from there. As with most issues that need to be curtailed, the best way to stop these sorts of crimes is to expose those who are doing them, and bring up the topic into conversation. Education and programs that provide advocacy for human rights are doing so much to help combat the issue, and if you would please stop by and visit www.rfwlasvegas.org it would allow you to learn more about the refuge for women that I happened upon when I was strolling in Las Vegas, without a care in the world. Maybe even buy yourself a tee shirt, and help share about the importance of this issue.

Ashley Riedy

Photography By: Scott Thomas



Interview

Tell us a little about yourself and how did you get into modeling.
I'm a hard worker and motivated towards everything I do . I started modeling when I got a job at wing house . They're were lots of exciting opportunities that followed after that

Who inspires you? If there is a famous model that inspires you, would it be and why?
My biggest inspiration is Gabriella Douglas , Olympic gymnast . She grew up chasing her dream and it wasn't easy . Through it all she's inspired me to never give up even when times are tough.

How was your experience shooting with Mark Louvier?
My experience shooting with Scott Thomas was wonderful . I felt comfortable and confident while shooting with him ! He is my favorite photographer

If you were to give advice to upcoming modeling what would that be?
My advice for an upcoming model would be to be yourself . A lot of models try to be someone there not when everyone is creative differently

What are your thoughts on social media?
Does it help taking your modeling career to next level or hurts?
Social media definitely helps promote my pictures and is a great
way to grasp people's attention. A lot more opportunities are offered

What's next for you?
Next , I want to get more involved in more modeling opportunities . Hopefully get published

Is there something about you that would surprise our readers?
I grew up with an anxiety disorder that really affected me as a kid. I would get sick in front of huge crowds and get nervous trying new things .As I got older I decided I wanted to start facing my fears ...so I did. I joined the cheer team in high school and started modeling which shocks people everyday.

Name one thing you want to check off of your bucket list in next five years?
In the next five years I want to travel to another country! Somewhere like Italy

What is a most romantic thing a guy can do for you?
The most romantic thing a guy could do for me is to treat me like a princess and do something spontaneous like a picnic on the beach

What is the craziest pick-up line you've ever heard or had used on you?
The silliest pick up line I've heard was .. "are you from Tennessee? Because your the only ten I see ."

What's the most adventurous or most memorable date you've been on?
He most memorable date I've been on was going to Halloween horror nights

Do you prefer a traditional romantic dinner date or do you like to hang out with a guy at a bar drinking, shooting pool etc.?
I prefer romantic dinner date.

Your favorite super hero?
My favorite super hero would be Superman of course

Fishing, hunting, racing, or sex – what order or preference?
I love to workout , fishing , and being adventurous

The Wine Diaries

The Connecticut Wine Trail

By: David Grant

It's not always how you write out the itinerary; sometimes it's the adventure itself. After a Zipcar mishap I was informed I would not have my usual Prius, the car I have grown to love for my weekend trips. Instead I would have to trek up to 22nd street to a Dollar rental place to secure a car for our weekend trip. The one thing going for me, I did not have to drive through New Jersey, instead driving straight up through New York State and into Connecticut. A dream comes true!

The other positive was the incredible weather, what is often referred to as an "Indian Summer" which I'm not sure may be an outdated term that is now considered politically incorrect. Does Al Gore use this term when discussing Global Warming? Probably not. I really am not sure on this one. Another way to put this: It was over eighty degrees in October.

No issues at the car rental place, pick up Beth and the Hotdog, and we are off, headed to the Triboro/RFK bridge. One hour in, our first stop, McDonald's for breakfast. I learn that there is a new McMuffin, the Sausage McMuffin. Has this been around for a long time, not sure? I eat two and decide I would rather stick with the classic Egg McMuffin, although the thought of having one of each becomes intriguing as we cross from New York into Connecticut.

Our first stop is Jones Farm, searching for pumpkins. We go through two stone covered drives and a grass path before we reach the farm. There is a fall festival going on, complete with full

parking lot and a guy who looks like Santa Claus (long white beard, big belly, and jolly) directing traffic. He plays into this yelling "Ho, Ho, Ho", but I also suspect he goes home each night and debates shaving the beard as he drinks a lot of bourbon straight from the bottle. Dogs are not allowed so Beth goes in and grabs a couple "spooky" sized pumpkins and then we leave. On our way out I write down "I would like black canvas Chuck Taylors" on a piece of paper and put it into Santa's pocket…just in case. Okay that didn't happen. I forgot to write "canvas".

A running element of the trip would be the lack of roads leading to farms and vineyards. This would get increasingly worse as we traveled on. The first stop was White Silo Vineyard. Armed with our Travel Zoo voucher (wine tasting, lunch, and tour) we enter and see we are the first there. The first of MANY groups armed with Travel Zoo vouchers visiting the vineyard. The owners are extremely nice and we are allowed to look at the large vats of wine and even allowed to dip our fingers and "taste" the wine. Most of their wine is made from fruit (other than grapes). Their rhubarb wines are especially nice and were a pleasant surprise. Given the beautiful day lunch was outside. Another common element would be the large amount of bees in Connecticut. We were constantly under attack by the little yellow and black bastards! For lunch we were joined by two young boys who loved the Hotdog, video games, and chopping plants. The food was good. The wine delicious. We left with three bottles.
The next stop after several highways and roads was Digrazi Vineyard. The tasting room was very busy and the Hotdog was unhappy (other dogs were around) and the older "comedian" that may have been (probably) the owner continued to entertain the crowds with jokes as he poured tastings of very good tasting wine. The wine was delicious. We left with three bottles.

Our final stop, McLaughlin vineyard was actually in the middle of nowhere. How we (or others) find this place is an adventure in itself. However, it is worth it. The tasting room is small, but there is a large outside area that is surrounded by cut fields and vines of grapes. You are able to drink wine, run around, and frolic through the grapes should you wish. Unfortunately the wine was not to our liking. We left with zero bottles. We head back to New York. There would be one more stop, this one unplanned.
Somewhere forty-five minutes north of the city you will find a small town named Monroe. This is where we pulled off for a quick coffee and bathroom break. The town is a couple miles off the highway so you have to drive through a town that boasts several quaint restaurants and wine bars along the main strip. Pass a Walgreens, CVS, and Rite Aid and you will eventually see a Dunkin Donuts in the distance. Beth would go inside as I walk the dog. When she exited she was shocked and told a story that at the time was not very believable. After Beth insisted on staying inside the car with the doors locked, I decided to go check this out first hand. It didn't take long to understand Beth's reaction. Various people were seated at tables, all with the same look: 1. Permanent grin (with mouth open) 2. A dazed look, as if looking through any object in front of them 3. No teeth – the one exception would be the one or two silver/gold teeth from the mouth. I have always heard "meth" is a small town problem. I would go a step further and say in this small town it's a Dunkin Donuts problem. During each moment I felt on the verge of something bad about to happen. I saw a door for office personnel and just assume that's where they were cooking the meth-amphetamines. I left, quickly and sped out of Monroe back to New York City, where it is normal.
It's not always how you write out the itinerary; sometimes it's the adventure itself.

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Photography By: Brian B Hayes

THE PANISH PERSPECTIVE

By: Michelle Sports X

Each week, Brian Panish, an attorney who is a partner at Panish, Shea and Boyle in Los Angeles, California shares his perspective about issues that happen to be trending in sports. The time is 7:30 pm [PST] and the forum an AM station in Vegas that reaches much of the West Coast via terrestrial radio, and much of the world through it's free app and iHeart radio.

Do a quick Google search on Mr. Panish and you might happen to see that he's not only skilled in handling some of the toughest cases involving 'sports law' but he's also represented some of the most famous. For example, he just so happens to be the same Brian Panish who represented Katherine Jackson in the Michael Jackson wrongful death trial.

I consider myself one of the lucky ones when it comes to how I got to know Mr. Panish. For I am not on an opposing team but rather share the stage with him during the 'on air' segment he does each Tuesday evening called 'The Panish Perspective' which airs on AM 720 KDWN "live" from Las Vegas. During the segment we talk about issues that involve both sports and law, because so often these two industries collide.

For example, most recently Brian shared his perspective about the NFL Hall of Fame game that was canceled due to unsafe field conditions. During this segment Mr. Panish, also talked about the issues involving right to privacy of NFL players, how some are facing possible suspension due to allegations that they used performance enhancing drugs, and his thoughts on the way the NFLPA and the owners seem to be at odds more often than not, when it comes to issues pertaining to players' safety.

Panish, Shea & Boyle, LLP is in located at 11111 Santa Monica Blvd, is Los Angeles, California. The firm prides itself as being trial attorneys, "who get results." Of course, nobody wants to think about money when facing such horrific tragedy including wrongful death, but when you do find yourself facing these sort of circumstances its good to know you've got someone on your side, willing to go the distance.

Firm attorneys together have secured more than $10 billion in verdicts and settlements for clients over the years. One such case involved a $4.9 billion auto product liability jury verdict against General Motors involving a defective tank. Other cases involved a $58 million jury verdict for a man burned when his construction vehicle caught on fire, $55.4 million jury verdict in a tire tread separation case, $39 million settlement against a company that maliciously prosecuted a violation of trade secrets case against two men, resulting in the collapse of their business, $36.5 million jury verdict for a woman who was catastrophically injured in a big-rig truck crash, $34.5 million jury verdict for a young man who suffered a lower leg amputation after being hit by a truck, and the list goes on. Add a $19.8 million jury verdict

for a man who suffered severe burn and traumatic brain injuries when his rental home exploded, $17.45 million bench award for a man whose family was killed when a military jet crashed into his home, $17 million jury verdict for a woman whose visually impaired son was killed when he fell between railway cars because of lack of protective barriers and was crushed when the train moved, and a $13.55 million settlement from the makers of the Apache helicopter that crashed in Iraq and injured two soldiers.

Put it this way, the firm is no stranger to the courtroom and Mr. Panish is one of the leading trial attorneys who, since 2011 alone, has obtained more than $250 million in verdicts.

Mr. Panish has been recognized by numerous publications and organizations as being among the top trial lawyers in the country. In 2016, Southwestern Law School named Brian, "Litigator of the Year." In 2015, he was inducted into the National Law Journal's Elite Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame. Among other achievements, too numerous to mention here, Mr. Panish is a member of the prestigious Inner Circle of Advocates, comprised of 100 of the nation's top plaintiffs' lawyers.

So what does Brian think about American Football, the former NFL players' concussion lawsuit, and the ongoing battles between some of the finest superstars and the National Football League? What advice would he give to professional teams that might have drafted a player who carries sickle cell trait? What about when these athletes play in Denver? Thanks to the work of Brian Panish and others, many are learning to take preventative measures when it comes to players with this trait. Sadly, it often takes a wrongful death or debilitating illness to spark awareness about causation and prudent risk management.

When you listen to Brian Panish speak on the radio during the Panish Perspective, you will come to know that he's not sounding like your stereotypical lawyer. He's not there to toot his own horn, but rather share his perspective on issues that concern us all. He's not talking about the large verdicts the firm has won, but rather the issues that we need to be mindful of, and he's also sharing about his passion for the game. Panish is speaking on behalf of the people he represents and the people in general when he talks about defending "the little guy" and "evening the playing field." Sometimes that "little guy" might be a college football player or a former NFL player who is facing challenges that many of us might never know. Being diagnosed with a debilitating brain injury, dying as a result of inadequate equipment or safeguards, are matters Brian takes very seriously.

Perhaps it is Brian's experience on the field that allowed him to develop such a passion for the game of football. Earlier in life, he played college football for Fresno State. Brian knows that Fresno State is often seen as an underdog team and he's happy to cheer them on, and support his team in the same way he fights for the rights of the rest of us, underdogs who may be facing a daunting enemy so much larger than ourselves.

To learn more about Brian Panish, and his firm visit www.PSBLaw.com and follow on Twitter @Panish31 @PanishSheaBoyle and take time to tune in to the Panish Perspective on Tuesday nights, at 7:30 pm PST. Archives of former shows are available at the firm site, or can be found at www.sportsxradio.com

LIZZETH Acosta

Photography By: Jason Parker

INTERview

1 Tell us a bit about yourself and how did you get into modeling.
My name is Lizzeth Acosta, I started modeling 3 years ago, I was working in Vegas at a bar and club convention and I saw some information about a bikini contest IBMS in Dominican Republic. I thought it will be a great opportunity for me to start my career into the modeling world. I worked so hard for the bikini contest and I'm really happy to say that I won. I'm Miss IBMS 2014.

2 Describe your 'Typical Day' and anything you wish to add about shooting with _____?
I'm a very laid back person, when I'm not doing a photoshoot I'm at home with my birds, at the gym, hiking or shooting my AR 15 rifle.

3 Who is your inspiration?
My inspiration is myself, I inspired myself to be a better person all the time, to do the right things for me! If you are a happy and positive person you get to inspire other people.

4 What are your goals for the future and what were your goals as a child?
My goals in life is to have a business and a beautiful family. As a child my goal was to have a big family with a lot of kids haha no, not anymore. I just want to have one.

5 What's your favorite thing about modeling?
My favorite thing in modeling is that you get to know a lot of people, and they become your friends, your family, from all over the world. You get to travel and see beautiful things! Modeling helped me to know more about my body as well, how to pose, what I like most about my body and things I didn't like I worked to get better.

6 What experiences would you like to share with a newcomer in this industry?
Modeling is really a fun thing to do, but you have to careful as well. Not everyone in the industry wants you to do good, just get to know people and stick with the good people, you will learn a lot with nice and professional photographers, models as well.

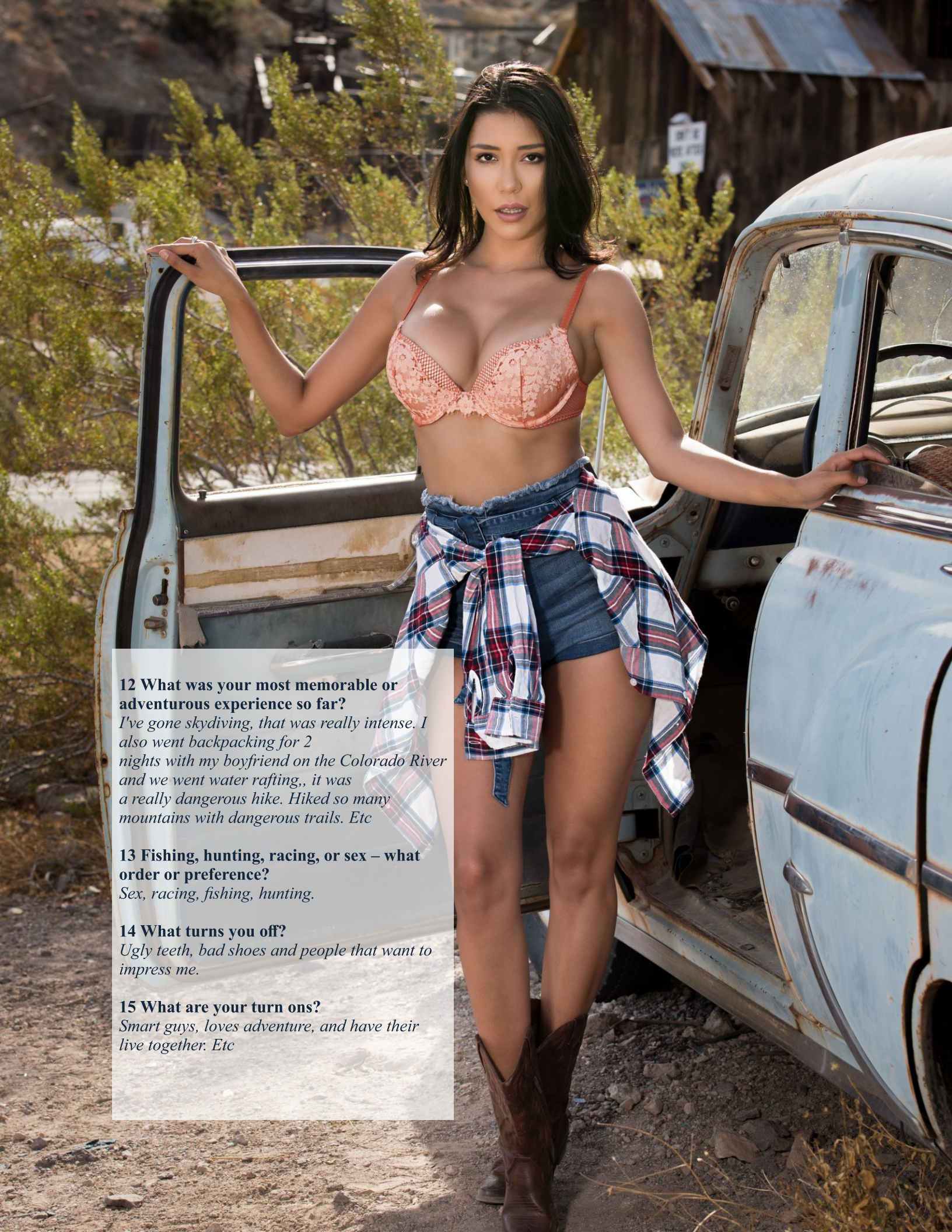
7 Do you like sports?
I'm not sport fan, but I'm love the outdoors, I love to go camping and hiking, I have rifles.. Love to go fishing and have some beers with my best friends.

8 Who would be your super hero?
My favorite super hero is Super Woman, she is strong and a very smart person, and can fight better than others.

9 Do you like gaming? If you do what's your favorite game?
I'm not a fan of gaming but I do have a Wii and I have Mario kart. I play once in a while.

10 What's on your bucket list?
My bucket list is to visit the 7 wonders of the world. I have visited Chichen Itza, I need 6 more.

11 Tell us something about you that would surprise our readers.
I love art and I enjoy painting when I have time, I have some pieces of art at home, they are beautiful.



12 What was your most memorable or adventurous experience so far?
I've gone skydiving, that was really intense. I also went backpacking for 2 nights with my boyfriend on the Colorado River and we went water rafting,, it was a really dangerous hike. Hiked so many mountains with dangerous trails. Etc

13 Fishing, hunting, racing, or sex – what order or preference?
Sex, racing, fishing, hunting.

14 What turns you off?
Ugly teeth, bad shoes and people that want to impress me.

15 What are your turn ons?
Smart guys, loves adventure, and have their live together. Etc

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