

THRUWAY LADIES ROOM

sometimes in the harsh light without makeup or in glasses, I don't recognize myself. Paler than almost anybody at the sinks. Without lip gloss, I'm a stranger. As long as I've shades on it's ok. Still, I'm glad such harsh light only goes from my face to my neck, that I'm

not nude in front of 7 sinks and a backdrop of toilets flushing with everything exposed. I was sure at 6 I had fat legs and all through college said I was so allergic to chlorine to get out of swimming on weekends at pools. Even with 10 ballet classes, body sculpture

twice a week I'm not sure I have much chance of being the me I'd choose, long hard legs like close to 6 ft tall Sally Smith in front of me at 8 in Mrs. Berge's beginner ballet class. Sally, discovered on a ferry in NYC, a model at 18, on Today and Tonight and then at 21 told she

was over the hill, an old lady

CEREBRAL, ACERBIC, TOTALLY NONPHYSICAL MADONNA

is into
pumping irony

SAFE SEX MADONNA

has, tattooed at
every way into her
body, "enter at
your own risk"

BAD CROQUET MADONNA

is into
wicket ways

HAWAIIAN MADONNA
is all guava
and lava