

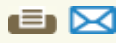


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## LA VIDA



### I'M TOO SEXY FOR MY GREASE PAINT

A Costume Guide, of sorts  
**BY LINDA IMMEDIATO**  
Friday, October 27, 2006 - 3:00 pm



**Sexy Dorothy, sexy Tinman, sexy cop**— Halloween costumes, these days, at least for women, are all about the T & A. And more women look like they're turning tricks for treats. The recent explosion of racy women's costumes has spurred a furious debate. Some argue that it's a gender double standard: men get to look like real firemen, while an ass-skimming, boobs-on-parade female version of the same puts a whole new spin on the hose in her hand. Others, see the sexy movement as empowering, and independent. And some complain that there's just nothing else out there.

But, isn't the sexy-dress-up phenomenon just the whole Madonna/Whore Complex being fought out on All Hallows Eve? Women are torn. As Molly Ringwald said in *The Breakfast Club*, "If you don't, you're a prude, if you do, you're a slut." For one night, at least, women get to live out their whore complexes, in relative safety, under the cover of a Halloween costume. So give us a god damn

break.

Hollywood Toys and Ozzie Dots both carry a line of sexy costumes by the LA-based Leg Avenue. Twenty years ago Leg Avenue opened its doors in downtown Los Angeles. The Tsai family had emigrated from Taiwan to Los Angeles and started a humble hosiery wholesale business, importing stockings to the US and selling them all over the fashion district. In 2000 they began manufacturing costumes. They came up with a huge selection of really well made pieces— wood nymphs with leaf skirts and gossamer wings and Pirate wenches. But also a Rainbow Brite complete with rainbow leg warmers and a mermaid with satin scales of varying shades of blue. These are pieces that don't look cheap and bare little resemblance to the plastic, flame-retardant costumes your mom picked up last minute. Below are some places that carry slutty costumes, as well as other more prudish stuff and even outfits for men and children.



#### Trashy Lingerie

For the ladies only. Kind of. Stepping inside Trashy is like walking into a Penthouse shoot. They've got lots of naughty costumes, but great stockings and shoes, fancy hats, fake syringes and stethoscopes to go with that nurse costume. This stuff might stick around long past Halloween. Nudge, nudge, wink, wink.

402 N. La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, (310) 652-4543, [www.shop.trashy.com](http://www.shop.trashy.com)

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ROCKIE HOROSCOPE

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This shop carries men's costumes as well— the usual pirate, gladiator, vampire. Uh, it also carries a lot of vinyl and leather.

**6548 Hollywood Blvd. Hollywood, (323) 469-4309 and 3101 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, (310) 396-9607, [www.bizzybofhollywood.com](http://www.bizzybofhollywood.com)**



#### Hollywood Toys & Costumes

"Do you lack imagination? Don't worry we can help," claims their website. This shop has much more than just sexy costumes: you can choose between goth-horror costumes, superhero costumes, and classic halloween stuff like the de rigueur mummies and witches, to name just a few. They also have tons of wigs and capes and fake blood. Mens' and children's costumes too.

**6600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, (888) 760-3330, [www.hollywoodtoys.com](http://www.hollywoodtoys.com)**

#### Ozzie Dots

Owner Daniel Hazen worked on H.R. Pufnstuf and the Bugaloos, so if anyone can help you come up with something, he can. Besides Shirely Temple and Little Bo Peeps, you can also find a large selection of nerd glasses, cigarette holders and other accoutrements for

your get-up. They also sell men's stuff. Shit out of luck with the kids though...

**4637 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles (323) 663-2867 1 Block East of Vermont on Hollywood Blvd. at Rodney Drive. Next Door To Wacko.**

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