

**CAROLINE BYRNE TURNS 30! Jim Donaldson has the exclusive interview.**

**Today is a big day for our Nation, and our World. But Ms. Byrne, not surprisingly, is very humble about the big event. Her exact words?**

“It’s not that big of a deal. People turn 30 all the time. Time just marches on. Time is funny like that.”

**Caroline, How many cakes did you receive for your birthday?**

I received 432 cakes, 64 pies, and about 120 miscellaneous baked items in the last count. Estimates place the final numbers at around 1000 cakes, 150 pies, and 250 miscellaneous baked items. But you and I both know these “estimates” are usually totally wacky. 150 pies? C’mon...

**Caroline, how do you feel about the current administration and the war in Iraq?**

I tried with George. I tried hard. I invited him to 3 tater tot parties and he refused them all because he was golfing or hunting or politicking or whatever the heck he does.

**How do you feel about getting older? You were really “The Voice” of the 20 something generation. Do you think you will be as influential now that you are 30?**

I feel very positive about getting older. Very positive. The thing is, I think old is the new young. I really do. As far as being incredibly influential, who knows what the future will bring? It might not be all about me all the time anymore and I can handle that. I really can.



Caroline Age 23: having a grand ol’ time at San Francisco’s Penny Arcade Museum.  
Photo by Sarah Markovich

**How do you think you are going to spend your 30’s?**

Well, let’s see. I’m planning on spinning more fiber of course. I’m trying to wean myself off of the hardcore novelty stuff like dog hair and milkweed. I know my fans get a big kick out of it but now that I’m older... I really need to prioritize a bit. In the immediate future, I’m going to knit even more- I’m thinking of boning up on my knitting skills by making a lace sampler scarf. In general though, I want to expand my fiber arts horizons-probably weaving, maybe felting, embroidery, painting, drawing, etc, so I can really do something big and exciting in the future. I also want to get a little more into cooking again-but not obsessively. And I do not want to live in Williamsburg forever; it was fine until everyone followed me out here. I’m also going to face my fears and learn how to drive. I want to physically move my body around more in my 30’s; I don’t want to use the word “exercise” (makes quote sign with hand) because well, “exercise” (makes quote sign again with hand) is a strong word. As far as making

money goes... well that is the one thing I unfortunately have never had a great talent for... but I am thinking about trying to teach more. We will see. That might not work.

**Caroline, this is a little personal, but you must understand that the public is dying to know. Are you dating anyone?**

Jim, you know, I'm not dating anyone and I'm not ashamed to admit it. Unfortunately, I get a lot of these groupie types who are just interested in dating a hot superstar. I want someone real who wants me for who I am. A guy who just gets me, you know?

**Caroline, there are rumors that you spend too much time "messaging around" on the computer and not enough time on your work.**

**Personally, I think this is just coming from some jealous creep who is out to get you. But again, I do have to ask.**

Jim, I do spend a certain amount of time on the computer each day but I am in no way an addict. I admittedly have a little Tetris habit that is totally in control and besides; it's really old news at this point. I do occasionally like to chat with guys I meet on various dating sites. I think this is a great way to meet people because it is so anonymous. To them I'm just sexxyilgrl#7 and not like this international mega celebrity. Also, I do check my email very, very frequently. This is necessary; I get a lot of fan mail. I can't reply to them all, its simply too much, but I do like to read them all.



Caroline Age 27: already starting to look wise.  
Photo by Rhana Katz

**Well, on to a much lighter topic, how are you going to spend your special day?**

Umm... eating cake?

**Caroline, as usual, it has been pure joy talking to you. You are the best.**  
Oh, stop! (blushes bashfully) you are too much.