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Saturday, September 11th

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PERFORMING IN THE
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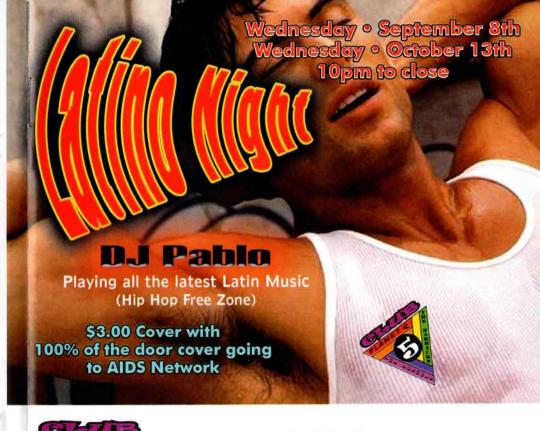
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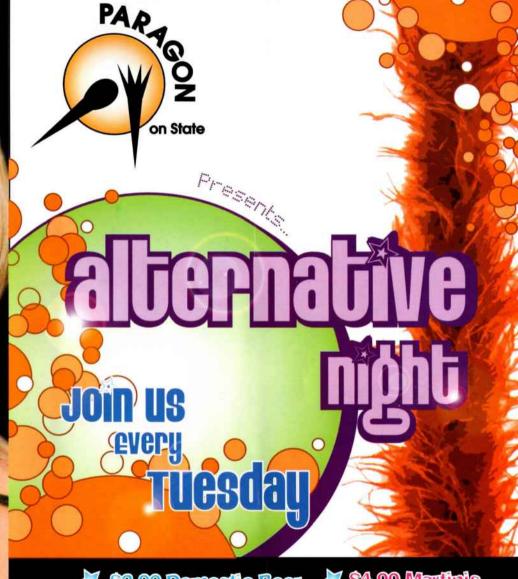
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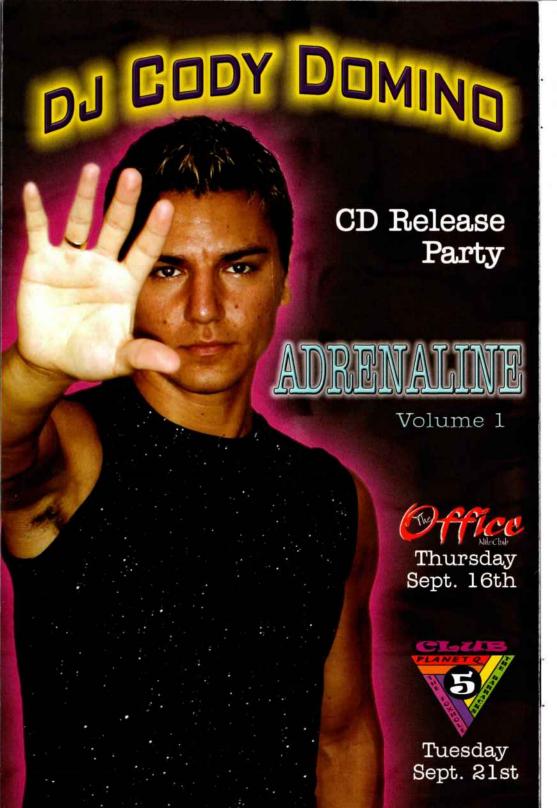






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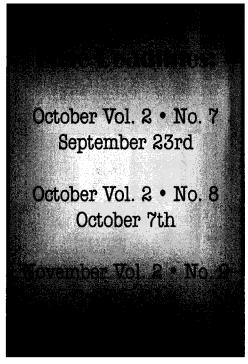
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HOROSCOPES

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ARIES March 21 - April 19

Get out the rubber gloves, the latex, the chlorine bleach, and all the healthy stuff you so derided your ex for. It's the month for you to get totally neurotic about anything to do with health, Aries. I suppose you could splurge on vitamins, health food, and an exercise program, and all those other conventional but boring healthy things. But boring is the accurate word to describe it. There is, however a bright side, in fact, very bright. Look, here's how good it could get. If you get this month right, you could be nominated for Safe Sex Slut of the Month. C'mon, get out of the alleys for once. We're counting on you for a good clean performance.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

So you're looking for the perfect little love affair. Hah! Fat chance of that, although there's a fat chance of several other things, several of which could get you lined up in the anonymous sexual disease clinic, which in this day and age means the disease might be anonymous, but you won't be. (Ever wonder where your ex's new lover works?) Naughty, naughty, Taurus. You weren't cut out for this kind of sleaze. Slumming isn't your style. A better use of this month's energy involves creating the perfect little activity for your idle hands to play with. Let your imagination wander with your hands.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Oh. #@\$%*! And darn it. too. Sort of sums up your home life this month. Don't even bother trying to talk yourself out of the mess you're going to find yourself in this month. You're headed for the mother of all existential crises. I promise you this. Your lover will demand you get to the point. Horrors! The one thing a Gemini is constitutionally incapable of being or doing. Oh. I know you will try to verbally tapdance your way out of this one. No way, buster. Not a flipping chance in eternal Hell do you talk your way out of this month. So just get down on your

knees and get to it. Beg forgiveness if you must, but there are better things to be doing on your knees.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Okay, now like get the energy right this month, and wow, do things ever go right. Get it wrong, and I don't want to hear about it, although likely I will anyway. First of all, you are the walking chatterbox whether you like it or not. But get this energy on cue. If you wallow in your usual cesspool of self-indulgent whining, this verbal energy multiplies to the point that even your mother hangs up the phone on you. Beware your rapier-sharp tongue, knave. However, if you pour your abundant charm into every glowing word sliding over your silver tipped tongue, there will be far more than silver (or even gold) for your lips to savour in the dark of the night. Remember that sweet nothings are really something sometimes for someone.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Not a Leo's energy this month. You'll feel like you're walking around with underwear two sizes too small. Ouch! Yes, the entire world wants the details itemized to perfection. in point form, and don't forget the spell and grammar check. Sheesh! Aren't there any flunkies around to whom you can delegate this boring petty little stuff? Uh, short answer, sorry, no. All the boring nit-picking flunkies are in charge this month. Get used to it. Book off from life and go find a hot sunny place where the only language spoken is body language. But beware lizards in a bar with forked tongues and evil grins.

VIRGO August 23 - 5ept. 22

Oh my goodness gracious. Virgo. The perfect month to put together the perfect life on the perfect course to a perfect outcome. It's Perfection City incarnate. At last! At last! Finally the world gets it! The easiest way to do anything is to do it right the first time. Bet you waited too long for that. But like everything else on this planet, there's always a little dirt to spoil the cleanest kitchen. Ahem, about that little number you just picked up. Ah, yes. That one. Oh, dear. Double trouble. It's payback time. Remember that past life when you were the Grand Ex-

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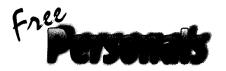
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alted Lord High Dung Head? Your hot little trade number remembers. Guard your credit cards, dearie.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

It's enough to make a poor little Libra cry. I mean, here you've put together the finest little late summer party, tasteful as they get, y'know, complete with finger food and the smartest little backyard lighting you could imagine. And I will give you credit. For once you avoided inviting the unwashed slobs of the world. But if I may suggest, the guest list was perhaps a bit too selective. I mean a vard full of tacky little bitch queens dissing your decor and brand new outfit really isn't that much better than an unwashed slob when it comes to a bruised ego. Look honey, fake a crises of some sort, send them all packing, and phone the illiterate gardener you just hired. Get dirty with the gardener. It's okay. Some gardens are meant to get dirty in.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

We knew it was going to happen. You've got the energy to zoom ahead financially in your career. That energy is really there. All you have to do is jump on it. But will you? Smart money is betting not a chance. You're just ripe to get snookered this month. And it's not some dark and steamy unspeakable activity off in a far corner of the unmentionable realms. Nope. No way, Scorpio. A smooth talking friend of a friend who just happens to remember you from a long ago social function vou've long since forgotten engages you in a conversation which lures you like a sailor to the bedroom of the Sirens, or at least a bedroom. This one is dangerous. You may even have lovely conversation over breakfast, and you know where that could lead.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It's pop quiz time for Sagittarius. The Universe is ready to throw you a test about free choice, and you have my word it won't be easy. Here's how it likely will present itself: You're heart says fly off to romance in a far distant land where it's warm and sunny and sex is dripping from every lush verdant tree. Sound nice? You bet it is. However, your head says stick to home base, and get going on the career. If you put your nose to the grindstone and really, really get focused and followup, that long wished for Big Leap Forward can actually take place, and there you are at the top of the heap grandly bestowing your

Truth to an eagerly waiting world. (Yes, the Universe can be down right perverse.)

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Distractions abound. Now it's going to be fun to watch you this month, Capricorn. It's the same old tug-of- war between your head and your crotch, which is nothing new, so we'll get our popcorn and soda pop, and settle in for this episode of the show. On the one hand you'll be dragged through the bushes driven to satisfy your lustful carnal urges. But on the other hand, you'll be analyzing your forward movement in whatever worldly projects bring you to the top of your mountain of ambition. What we're waiting for is your sense of timing. Just how long is it going to take (6 inches, 8 inches, 12 inches?) for you to realize you can have both at the same time?

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

If it's possible for you to have sex with your own brain, this will be the month you figure out how to do it. Aquarius. What's really fascinating is the amount of extraordinary mental and intellectual effort you pour into this particular project. No other sign would bother. Now it's entirely possible you might talk this over with someone, but beware the conversation taking so long that there's no time left for what you really were talking about which was the whole point of the conversation and indeed the whole exploration into the verbal ramifications of the mental realms of energetic erotic progression from energy into physical manifestation. Whew. Respectful hint: shut up and get laid.

PISCES Feb 19 - March 20

Get out a brand new box of tissues, perhaps several new boxes. You can start crying anytime now. Yeah, your lover not only wants to talk, the conversation is about all the practical dayto-day things which are wrong in your relationship. Actually your masochistic streak might actually indulge itself, as you are systematically blamed, point by point, for everything wrong not only in the relationship but the world. Cry for days. Atone for the sins of the world. Likely you'll miss your lover's main point, which is your lover actually loves you or this conversation would never have happened in the first place. If you don't have any chocolate handy, shove something else in your lover's mouth and settle it in the bedroom.

There are just some things that Spandex should not Cover.

By Carin Lessnless

Like it or not, we live in an extremely weight conscious society. Every where you look it's: "Low Carb! Low Fat! Reduced Fat!" The key word here, is fat. The part that I don't get is this- How did people stay in shape long before the likes of Atkins and South Beach hit us? Almost every gay boy I know falls into one of three categories: Model Skinny, Ripped and Hot, and "I really shouldn't eat that." No one seems to be happy the way they are. And how could they be? I won't bore you with the obvious-We're deluged every day by advertisements and other media to believe we should look a certain way. The hot people we see are, if not who we'd like to be, then at least someone we'd like to talk into bed with us. So what's the answer? Where do we find common ground amongst the sea of "I Can't Believe it's Not Butters"?

Well, here's a start-PUT DOWN THE FORK. If you think about it, it's a lot harder to work off 500 calories on the treadmill than it is to just NOT eat the Double Quarter Pounder. Believe me. as an active participant in the food service industry, having a Diet Coke with your Fettuccine-Alfredo-Heart-Clogger-On-A-Blue-Plate-Special is not a good start. Claiming to be an avid Atkins dieter does not mean that you can put away greasy bacon cheeseburgers without the bun by the fistfull, either. The

key here, is moderation. If you're not happy with the way something is, CHANGE IT. Now I know some of you may get a full diaper over that, claiming that "No matter what I do, I can't lose weight." Well let me tell you something, honey. My 78 year old grandmother decided to change something. She changed what she ate, and exercised her ass off. Literally. She lost 54 pounds. It just goes to show you that it's never too late. And if exercising and saying no to the Ho-Ho's is not in the cards for you, then you just have to let it go, and be happy with who you are. If you'd rather walk around the house drinking pancake batter from a plastic bucket, it's time to take a good look at yourself, and perhaps deliver to yourself a series of ultimatums.

Forgive me for going off on a bit of a tangent. I believe that the bottom line here is, if you're going to choose to take two plates to the buffet, please don't wear electric blue spandex while you bend over the chicken wings. We already know where they're going to end up. We don't need a sneak preview. We can, however, offer to secure your feed bag.

Love and Hisses.

Carin Lessnless.

fourth entering at the last minute. The first contestant Tisha came out dazzling the audience with her pasties and dance routine. The second contestant Malarie was almost immediately disqualified for stripping down to nothing on the top half of her body. The third contestant was a return from last year. Burl. When I first heard he was one of the contestants. I thought great, he's going to show his ass again and win. I have to say, I was amazingly surprised! Burl obviously put some time and effort in to his performance. Not only did he have his routine down, but he brought out this beautiful blond boy to be part of his production. Great job Burl! The forth contestant was Bobby who did a great job for being a last minute contestant. The obvious winner was Burl and his assistant.

Milwaukee was the grand host city for the double headed pageant...Miss Cream City and Miss Cosmopolitan, USofA 2004. Kyllie West and Jackie Roberts were the hostess's for this event that had 10 contestants total. Denise Blu, who hasn't been seen for a while, came in and took the Miss Cream City crown home with Nova D'Vine as first runner up. Chantal was crowned Miss Cosmopolitan, with Déjà Vu as the first runner up. Mr. and Mrs. Wisconsin were attendance for this pageant as well. If you are someone who likes pageants. The Office NiteClub has Shontel Productions Miss Forest City, USofA pageant coming up September 18th and The Office NiteClub's Miss Illinois Continental Plus 2005 state pageant on November 13th.

parently Michael Goodin and his x Josh got into it in The Office beer garden. From what I'm told both fists and beer bottles were flying for this one.

In closing, I would like to strongly make a point to everyone about what is coming up in November. The presidential election this year is a VERY **IMPORTANT** one for us and everyone in our community. It is imperative that each and every one of us not only is registered to vote, but do just that, VOTE! Only your vote can make the difference and allows us to be heard. We have worked hard to get where we are at today and if do not get Bush out of office, we will be standing in the same place we are today, 4 years from now. So please, make sure that you are registered to vote and when November's election is here, everyone tells our government to get Bush out of office by VOTING!!

Well friends and family, that concludes another month of news, gossip and drama. As always, remember, if you don't have anything nice to say, email it to me at:

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Miss A'Lotta Grease

The only good gossip I have is ap-

A'Lotta Grease

....is the WORD!

Hi everyone...here we are again, another month of news. gossip and rumors. First thing I'd like to touch on is an issue that I've never written about that is something that affects everyone in and outside our community...SAFE sex. It is MANDATORY and your responsibility that you play safe every time and use condoms. It is also your responsibility to be HIV tested on a regular basis. The Office NiteClub offers FREE and CONFIDENTAL testing the first Thursday of every month as well as the Winnebago Health Department everyday. Please, protect yourself and everyone you are with!

Now on to the regular stuff...at the beginning of the month Cody Domino headed down to North Carolina to compete in the Mr. Gay USA national contest. Since I didn't make the trip down, I made a couple phone calls to get the 411. From what I'm told, the boys were not playing this year and most came ready to battle. Talents were clean, swimsuits were beautiful and club wear was stunning. Ryan Davis from Florida was crowned the new Mr. Gay USA. 2004 with first runner up Monte St. James. Second and third runner up were Todd White and Savion Simpson Black. Our Cody Domino scored in 9th place which was definite accomplishment from 12th place from last years contest. Unfortunately they changed the rules this year and only took the top 8 instead of the top 12. The Office NiteClub plunged into something different and brought Exotica in for a fantasy party in their show lounge. I was unable to attend, but I'm sure there were toys to fit anyone's desires. The Office's first show of the month was a good one, but with a few obvious changes. They had advertised Jodie Santana, Dena Cass and Katrina Cass as their guest

entertainers...but what we got was Jodie Santana, Blanch from Carbondale and Jennifer Marlow. Jodie did a great job and even gave us a show of a little more then just dance. You go gurrrrrrl with those titty's of yours! It's really nice seeing the return of Jennifer Marlow...a true classic from the past. After doing some snooping around I found out Dena and Katrina canceled because Dena was taking a trip to Florida instead...doesn't this make the 2nd time Dena has done this to The Office?? The next show of course had CeCe Martin and again, advertised was Lyric St. James, Stella Bi-Starlite, CC Domino and Alexis St. James...but, we got Lyric, Stella, Taylor Roberts and Denise Blu from Milwaukee. Again I snooped around and found out that CC Domino canceled at the last minute and apparently CC made the booking for Alexis and didn't tell her. From I was told, the great friendship of CC and Alexis fell apart a couple of months ago...would love to know the grease behind that one. I was pleasantly surprised by Stella who MC'd this show. She actually did a great job! I'm sure most of you have noticed the absence of Tajma Hall lately. I asked John what was up and he told me she took a few shows off for other obligations and she will be back in full force for the last show in September. On the same weekend that this last show took place, the Oh Zone had their foam party and swimsuit contest. Jamie was the winner of the swimsuit contest with Gina as first runner up. As far as the foam part of this night, I was a little confused. I have only seen something like this on Queer as Folk and it was chest high foam. When they first filled the area, the foam was that high...but after a couple lesbians ran through it, it was about six inches off the floor and stayed that way??? I was also told it was a dry foam, but from the comments I was hearing, some were not happy about their clothes being all wet??? The last event for the month of August was The Office's amateur stripper contest. This year they had three entries with a late

Letter from the Editor:

Hello, Edge Readers! I thought it was time to write to all of you and let you know some of the changes that we've made and are planning to make. As you can see we've gone to a four-color format on the cover since June, and it has been a very successful change. Some columnists that have joined the Edge family are Marc and Tom, writers of the "Skinheadetic Leather World Column", these are two great guys and we're happy to have them back on board. "Madison Happenings" has changed to the "Voice of Madison", Travis thought it was time for an upgrade to the name of his column. Another new column is "Montage", by Bailey D. He will be discussing fashion, sex, romance and other gay items that we all like to talk about. James Beach who wrote "Videos from the Vault" is now writing "Cocktails", which is a fun article to read and describes how to mix a drink with men. And of course we have our Lottie Dodge and Miss A'lotta Grease who are stirring up drama all around Wisconsin and Illinois.

On to the personals section. We now offer online personals, you can visit our website: www.edgemagonline.com and submit a personal/classified online without all the hassle of filling out paperwork and mailing it and hoping for a response. It's fast and easy and might get you a date in half the time! We will be adding some cool features to the website soon, which will include pictures to go along with you personal

ad. I won't go into much detail about that until it's set in stone. Also we're putting together a calendar of events to put in the magazine, so for all you bar owners who would like to list your weekly events, please send an email to dan@edgemagonline.com. Also if you're not listed in our directory please send us an email and let us know. Sometimes we don't know some organizations exist until you speak up, the email is editor@edgemagonline.com or theedgemagazine@aol.com. Those two last emails are also good for sending us comments or suggestions about the magazine. And if you have an event at your business that we didn't cover and would like to have pictures in the magazine, we would love to have them (provided there is room). Remember the higher the resolution the better.

Lastly, the staff at the Edge Magazine has been tossing around the idea of going bi-weekly. In order for this to work, I will be opening up an office in Milwaukee. WI at the beginning of October. This is also the time we will consider going bi-weekly. Our deadlines for the bi-weekly issues are listed on page 22 and on page 1. I would like to end by saying thank you for your support and input. I look forward to bringing the Wisconsin and Illinois GLBT community many more issues in the future.

Sincerely, Cody Barron Editor, The Edge Magazine



Take My Advice...

Please Note: This month's column was written by Taj's girlfriend. *Miss Visa DeKleined*.

Dear Taj,

I'm in love with my best friend, who is a gay man. I am a bi woman and I am also married. I had feelings for my friend before I was married though. He is involved with another man and seems to be happy with his life. We have been best friends for two years, but the more time we spend together, the closer we get. I am so deeply in love with him and I don't know what to do. I have told him about some of the feelings I have, but I can never go into detail about how I "really" feel. I have tried not being his friend, but that only hurts both of us. I cry every night and think about him almost every minute. What am I gonna do Miss Tai? Your advice would be very much appreciated!

Sincerely, Bi-Confused

Dear Bi-Confused.

Girl. First of all, I need to make sure I have these facts correct. You're bisexual, and you're married. I'm not sure if you're married to a man or a woman, but that's beside the point. You're essentially in love with a gay man. The questions you need to ask yourself is this-"What more could I get from this gay man than I already have? Second, "Am I really in love with the person I'm married to?" Third, "If I get a divorce and pursue this gay man and I get rejected, where will I go from there?" You need to remember that there are four peoples' lives involved here. Yours, your spouse's, Your best friend, and his boy-

friend. There's no easy answer here, sweetness. Perhaps you're getting something from your friend that you don't from your spouse. Friendship? Someone to shop with? The only thing you can do is tell him exactly how you feel. I know it may seem like the least likely or possible thing to do, but after a while, you have to cut the bullshit and start doing things that are right for you. What complicates this further, is that he's gay. If he were bisexual as well, it would be easier. However, until you get this all out in the open, you will most likely continue to feel empty inside. Now get over it and TALK, honey!

Dear Miss Tajma Hall,

I been watching and reading the news about the gay marriage issues. I don't what to do about all this media coverage. I would like to have the same rights as everyone else. Right now I feel threaten in my own country. Why does President Bush feel that he must keep us from what every human being deserves, which is having equal rights?! What can we as a community do to protect ourselves? Do you think we will lose the fight for equal rights? The community would like to hear from the queen, Miss Tajma Hall...

Yours,

Concerned Citizens for equal Rights

Dear Concerned Citizen.

First of all, I must tell you that whenever you involve politics and laws into the personal lives of people, bad things happen. It's an inevitability that there is no



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2.	Crystal Waters	Destination Unknowr
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4.	Benassi Bros F/Sandy	Illusior
5.	Donna Summers	I Will Live For Love
6.	Britney Spears	Everytime
7.	Liquid 360	Chains Of Love
8.	Christina Aguilera	Make Me Ove
9.	Deborah Cox	Easy As Life
	. Pat Hodges	
11	. Vernessa Michel	Took My Life
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5.	Debbie Holiday	Dive	
6.	Reina	. When I Close My Eyes	
7.	Black Eyed Peas	Hey Mama	
8.	Jahkey B		
9.	Digital Rockers	Because I Love You	
10.	Britney Spears	. Everytime/Outragious	
11.	Kristine W	Wonder Of It All	
	Janet Jackson		
13.	Suzanne Palmer	Luv 2 Luv	
14.	Maya	Searching	
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way to please everyone. Those in charge then do the next best thing- Do what you need to do to get votes. It's not surprising that President Bush is sidestepping the issues. There is, I believe, one thing that scares the shit out of most people. It's when you attach the word "marriage" to the word "gay". Marriage undoubtedly conjures up images of sparkling white wedding dresses, crisp spring days, and a man and a woman at the altar. People have a very ignorant view of what a gay marriage entails. Ignorance about gays, however, has not stopped people from having strong opinions of them. What most people don't realize is that number one, we didn't choose to gay. We didn't check the little box marked "gay" on the form when we were born. It's just the way it is. Second, people can very easily have an opinion on things they have no hard facts about. This is where it goes further than just marriage. It goes into the rights guaranteed to every citizen in this country. Equal protection under the law. Many people think that society's treatment of gays is justified because they think that gavs are extremely immoral. To this affect, the American Civil Liberties Union has a handbook entitled, "The Rights of Gay People" wherein a list of some 307 prohibited occupations are cited. I'd like to point out that no more brimstone has fallen on places that allow civil unions between a same gendered pair than anywhere else. People believe that if you invite change into social policy, it would also invite the destruction of civilization. Which again, is simply not true. For example, Berkeley, California has passed some domestic partner legislation, giving gay couples the same rights to city benefits as married straight couples, and yet Berkelev has not become more "weird" than it already was. Do I think we'll win the fight for equal rights? I do indeed. But the problem I have with that question is "win" and "fight". That this issue has become a war at all is disheartening. I wonder how straight people would act if they were not

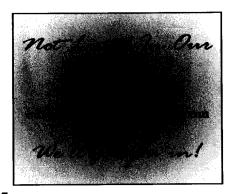
allowed to see their spouse in the hospital. This is, after all, what happens to gay couples. The nurse will ask if you're, "Friend or Family", and unfortunately. "friends" are not allowed in after 8pm. How would it feel to be told that, though you lived with someone for over 20 years. you're not allowed to sign their death certificate? Or be allowed on an insurance policy? Or have to be kicked out of the home that you and your partner spent a lifetime building together simply because your name isn't on the mortgage and you weren't technically "married"? I'm not going to lie, right now, it's a myriad of political jargon and confusing sound bytes. But in the end. I believe that we will be able to love who we want to love, and have the same rights as Fred and Ethel living next

Well girls and boys, guys and dolls and all in between... Remember I am here with an ear already available to listen. Do not hesitate to send me an email and let Lady Taj help you with your problems!

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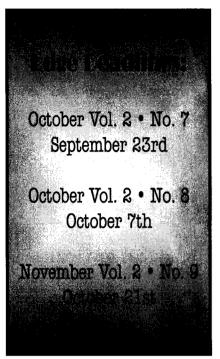
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Wolce of Madison

by Travis Copeland

There's something queer in the state of New Jersey... Oh. wait. it's just Governor McGreevey! Yes. the Top Dog (or bottom dog. depending on his preference) of the Garden State (psht!) is a boner-fide (ala Beavis and Butthead) homosexual. On Aug. 12. amid rumors of a possible resignation. Governor James McGreevey announced that he was gay. had a same-sex affair. and would resign come Nov. 15.

So who was the guy named in the extra-marital affair? An Israeli poet and ex-seaman (*giggle!*) by the name of Golan Cipel. Cipel has fled back to Israel and claims that he's not gay (right—I've heard that one before! Mostly from the "straight" college boys I've picked up online...). McGreevey's side says that Cipel wanted \$50 million to stay mum about the affair. Can you say "blackmail?" Sure you can! But I reckon I'd shut up the governor for \$50 million!

And have you seen pictures of this Cipel fellow? Well, I guess he's not too bad, but you'd think that if a governor was gonna fool around, he'd pick someone worth fooling around with! When I think if sexy careers, "Israeli poet" isn't at the top of my list... Then again, look at what Clinton went spelunking with. I guess there's no accounting for taste.

In the meantime, McGreevey is the highest elected position being held by a homo. I imagine that's a little stressful, so I went to the Governor's website and sent him a nice happy e-mail of support. I'm sure he'll never get it, but at least I did my cheerleading for the month. If any of you feel so inclined, you can do so, too: http://www.state.nj.us/governor/govmail.html

Ah, but enough about Jersey's dirty laundry: Lord knows they have enough. Why can't anything that exciting happen around here? I could only imagine the headlines: "Doyle Confesses: 'I don't like cheese!'"

As far as Madison goes, it's been Dullsville

around here lately. In case none of you noticed. it's been a crappy-ass summer. I mean. I work my fingers to the bone 25 hours a week at my part-time job, and do you think I could enjoy my time off? No: rainy. cold, and overcast. Even the bar scene hasn't been too engaging.

A few weeks ago our sexy Milwaukee friend. Jared, stayed the weekend with us. "Put on your party dress," I told him, "we'll show you a gay old time!" We did the bars and the on Sunday... Well, crud: one of the things-to-do that I can't believe I've never mentioned is Sunday brunch at the Shamrock! It starts around 10 or 11 a.m. and runs until about 2 or so (you'd have to talk to one of the bartenders to be sure), and the food is great and very reasonably priced. You've also got to try the Bloody Marys and mimosas.

In other bar news, rumor has it that Club 5 has a new bar manager (congrats, Dave!). The previous one is leaving to pursue another career. Bye, Jason! We'll miss you and your watered-down drinks! Just kidding.

And by the time this column hits the stands, school will have begun in Madison. Madison Area Technical College has already started, and UW will have started Sept. 2. If I can pull a miracle out of my ass I might even be able to get registered by then. UW-Madison was rated the seventh-best public university, and whoever put that list together ought to be castrated. Or, worse yet, be forced to try to enroll at the UW. The bureaucracy there rivals that of the federal government.

I reckon that's about all I have to say for now. I'll let you all know what I can find out about UW-Madison's seemingly-defunct Ten-Percent Society, and I'll let you know if the start of school breathes some new life into the bar scene around here. Anyway, I've got to get back to sucking up house centipedes with the vacuum cleaner. Ah, the pleasures of being a new homeowner! (Or. rather, dating a new homeowner!) I wonder if Orkin accepts "sexual favors" as a form of payment...



So. if you read last month's column, you know that the theme was the Double-Crowning pageant in Milwaukee. If you missed the double-crowning pageant – you missed one of the best things to come out of the Cream City in sometime! More of that later.

Congratulations to Emir Illuzion who celebrated her birthday in style. Our former Miss Wisconsin Continental Plus rewarded herself with a new crown to her collection — Miss Rainbow Over Wisconsin! Held in Green Bay the beginning of the month, it saw Emir winning the glass hat, followed by Rachel Vanders and then the Fox Valley's own — Busty Sinclair! All of them did a great job with Emir & Rachel scoring tickets to state — and I expect to see Miss Sinclair on a prelim stage in the near future.

The national Mr. USA pageant is over and done with. Our folks from Wisconsin made their presence known. Although no one captured the top honors. Cody Domino (Mr. Wisconsin USA) came in 9th and Phil Stevens (Mr. Borderline USA) came in 14th of the Wisconsin group. As I've said before – anyone who had the dedication to not only compete within the state but then take the time and resources needed out of state to compete nationally deserves some kudos! Great job. Guys!

Then there's that little ol' pageant that took place on August 17th at Cage. The double-crowning that combined Miss Cosmopolitan WI USofA and Cream City WI USofA. The drama started right away. With 10 contestants, interview went longer than planned and the pageant didn't get underway until after 10:30pm. When the doors

opened though, there was no mistaking that this was a pageant not soon forgotten. The promoters of the event, Allanah Powers of Miss Cosmo and Jackie Roberts & Dan Valley of Miss Cream City stepped into something that's never been done before in these parts and despite the glitches here and there – scored a HIT.

Of course, with anything that's really good there are more than a few who have NOTHING good to say about it. Case in point - a couple of out of town gals made it known that nothing was really THAT good about the Milwaukee pageant. Well, all I can say is what is USUALLY said to gals who show up in Milwaukee with nothing but criticism. Milwaukee likes to treat it's out of town guests with some respect and dignity, no matter how foul they can be at times. So, despite the nasty attitude, mud-packed faces and inability to hold their liquor - the phase "fuck you" would never come from a Milwaukee gal's lips. Instead......we prefer to say. "Girl – you look STUNNING!". Well, to the ones I'm mentioning.....a big fat "You look STUNNING" is in order!

The contestants who made the evening so wonderful included some of the 'heavy-hitters' of Wisconsin. Shortly before registration was finished, we had Chantal, Nova D'Vine, Billie Blaze, Brandi Wyne, Diamond Girl, Tiffany Hart, Kyllie Stevens. Deja Voo and the incredible first time run of Milwaukee's Natasha Marques. Everyone was comfortable and pulling out their props and gowns until a little voice was heard in the background.....followed by the person owning the voice. Denise "L'il Bit" Blu arrived just in time to register. A few jaws dropped and it was readily known that the rules of engagement have changed - Denise is in the house!! Denise has been hidden away for a while. The last time you might have seen her was for the Miss Club 219 pageant a couple years ago. This little powerhouse came in 2nd Alternate and was within a couple points of beating our Miss Wisconsin Continental - Taylor Roberts. And then there were 10.....

Chantal played it safe and clean. Nova was Toxic (literally...the song). Natasha did Shakira and Deja Voo stepped out with her cute dance-mate and tore up the stage with moves that had the audience and judges in awe, Kyllie Stevens turned into Kelly Osbourne and Brandi Wyne thought she turned into Dolly. Tiffany gave

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COCKTAILS!

By James Beach

Since autumn is fast approaching, you decide to play hooky from work and go for a hike instead. You select a nearby park, put on your Merrells, and leave your A&F shirt in the car so your Midwestern tan can soak up the last of the summer sun.

Ypra.

On the trail, you see a youthful male about fifty paces ahead, unhooking climbing ropes from his belt. Apparently, he's just completed a trip up and down the park's thirty-foot granite wall. As you hike closer, his tight, sinewy frame becomes easier to admire.

The climber nods and runs a hand through his longish dirty blond hair. You quicken your stride then immediately slow down. trying to come up with something intelligent to say. The glaring sun warms your shoulders but doesn't help your thinking.

Just as you settle on saying "hi." the climber bends forward to stuff some of his gear into his knapsack. You get a first-class view as his shorts stretch over his long, lean ass. For a moment you're lost in the fantasy of taking him right then and there, against the rough granite rock face.

As the climber stands upright again you consider whether or not he's showing off, or merely packing up his equipment. When he removes his T-shirt to dab at some sweat on the back of his neck, you're sure it's the former.

You introduce yourself and make small-talk while watching his face closely for signs that he's as horny and willing as you are.

The young guy grins a lot and continues running a hand through his hair—you suspect he's nervous.

When you ask his name, he tells you it's Harvey. That sparks an idea, and you invite him over to your place for a Harvey Wallbanger.

The climber accepts and the two of you head back toward your car. As you discuss banging against walls and climbing on faces, the mounting tension becomes nearly intolerable. Drinking your cocktails afterward seems like a definite possibility.

Mixing the Harvey Wallbanger

Tall cooler glass
Add ice cubes
1 shot Vodka
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½ shot Galliano
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'Barbie' a go and Billie Blaze was the energized and not-so-sure-footed Annie Lennox. From the very beginning - this was as close as you could get to being at a STATE PAGEANT – and these gals were taking no prisoners. The talent of the night belonged to the little known Denise Blu. From the back of the bar, few could see the intro since she and her dancers were on the floor. We saw some whisps of grass fans in the air and then they rose. "He Lives In Me" was the song - and you may have seen it done before but this gal brought a national talent to a prelim stage for a shot at a State title and nailed it! What a pageant debut for Miss Blue! More than one crown wearing prelim winner in the audience was rethinking what they're planning for state. We can honestly say that the Milwaukee gals are not - excuse the French - Fucking around this year! Good Luck Chantal, Denise, Deja, Nova and Krystal – the winners of Milwaukee's three preliminaries!

In the end, Chantal too top honors by winning evening gown and interview and is your new Miss Cosmopolitan WI USofA. Denise Blu came up close behind with the title of Miss Cream City WI USofA. Also placing were Deja Voo as 1st Alternate to Miss Cosmo and our own Nova D'Vine as 1st Alternate to Miss Cream City. To me and many in the crown, the winner that night was our contestant who placed #5 -Natasha Marques. A couple points from taking gown and solid in her standings the entire night - this new gal gave some seasoned performers a run for their rhinestone-studded life. Personally – I think she took evening gown but I wasn't a judge. More than one judge said it was the hardest pageant that they have EVER had the privilege of judging and Natasha brought it on for her debut pageant! Girl – that evening gown and hair was INCREDIBLE!

Also on stage for the first time ever this year—we had a walk with Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA—Holly Hot Damn and Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA. Cody Domino. This started out the list of notables in the audience. One name that was mistakenly absent from the list since the list of notables took up three columns on a page was Miss S. Suzie S.—sorry GAL!! Other entertainers on the stage included judge and current Miss Wisconsin Continental Taylor Roberts, Phaedra Free, Jackie Roberts and our singing Diva and judge #5—Kelly. This was all filler—as good as they

were – since the night definitely belonged to the contestants!

And it wouldn't be a pageant without a little drama! The Booger Bus had a few bitter queens in attendance. One reportedly remarked to a judge "I thought we were better friends than this!" If that's the case, honey - maybe you should only run for pageants where your enemies are judges or maybe improve what you're doing on stage. Then the highlight of the evening for one judge was walking out to their car. This judge were met by a 'dresser' or friend or whatever in the hell it was telling this judge. "I'm going to CUT you!" in response to how this judge scored their friend. Oh - is this nice or what? What a pathetic excuse for a friend, a dresser, a supporter or however you represented yourself. You should have gotten your licks in that night, dear, since you'll never be welcome at another pageant in Milwaukee again. I guess you're Queen will have to find someone else to give her a hand. Let me be the first to congratulating you on pissing off the wrong people. Taylor Roberts - WE GOT YOUR BACK! And.....along with that being said let me also add that knifewielding horror of a human being - "YOU LOOK STUNNING!!"

Despite these tawdry little episodes – congratulations to all the gals who competed. There something to be said for going up against ten people in a pageant. You can hang your head up high since every judge commented on what an incredibly difficult job they had. It good to know that there are some people out there that are competitors in the truest sense of the word and aren't searching for the pageants that have two or three gals competing just to increase their odds of adding some jewelry to their collection.

The next pageant that's coming up will be the first bar title pageant for Milwaukee's newest place to be. Out-N-About will be hosting the first annual Miss Out-N-About this August 30th. Already, there are a couple names that are rumored to be vying for the crown – names that you have not seen competing in some time. It should be a much welcome addition to the pageant circuit in Milwaukee. To the gals who own Out-N-About – Hat's off to you and GOOD LUCK!

Following this us will be Miss Forest City Wisconsin USofA September 18th at the "Office"

nightclub in Rockford. There may be only two or three preliminaries left and this should be a good one. How can it not with the wonderful and sexy Michelle at the helm! Good luck in Rockford, Michelle – make it one for the books!

By the time that this magazine is out — Miss Continental may be in full swing in the Windy City. Best wishes to our representatives from Wisconsin — Taylor Roberts & Justine D'Zire! These two are no amateurs when it comes to national pageants and we wish them all the best in Chicago. I know it's been a frustrating hard time getting there but now you can make it all pay off! Get 'em!

And a quick mention of Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA's other endeavor. Miss "Hot" Damn is also feverishly promoting the Ms. Gay Wisconsin USofA pageant. This one is for the gals! If you're over 21. gay or bi and a real girl – then this might be for you! A fantastic prize package (over \$400) and appearances around the state. You don't have to go to nationals – once you win you get to sit back with that big rhinestone hat and sash and just look GRANDE! So...if you're sick of the boys getting all the glitz and

glamour then now is your chance. Well, we can't very well put Miss "Hot" Damn's phone number out for general use so if you're interested, please email me at lottiedodge@sbcglobal.net and I'll forward you contact information.

With all that said, shoot on over to the website for the month. In honor of our newly crowned Miss Cosmopolitan Wisconsin USofA, we'll direct you to Miss Chantal's website so you can find out a little more about one of our newest competitors for the state title. You can locate her at http://divachantal.tripod.com. The pictures are absolutely incredible and really showcases what a beauty we have representing Milwaukee.

That's it for now. Don't forget to drop in at Fluid on Thursday's for Post Office night with Taylor Roberts. I've made my way down there a couple times and it's always fun! Of course, Shannon DuPree has #69 on reserve – but there are plenty of other numbers to be had! As always – if you don't have any grease to report then go out and make some and get back to me at lottiedodge@sbcglobal.net.







Montage by Bailey D

Welcome to another issue of Montage. In the last article I talked about fashion, this article I am going to take a look at the perfect man. How many of you have ever wondered if you have found the perfect man. or if you have found just another passer by. Well I am going to tell you how you will know when you've found that special guy.

When you are looking for someone there are certain things you want to look for. You want to look for looks, personality, humor, and sweetness. You want a guy that is going to treat you right and only have eyes for you. When you find someone you'll want them to take your breath away.

If you are with that guy and you look at him. he should be the only one, and everyone else should disappear. Even if you walk out into a crowded place you should be able to look at him and not even notice anyone else. When that guy looks at you, you should feel the same way, you should think you are the only one he is looking at, and no one else. The little thing he gives you should mean a lot to you, since they came from him. Example: flowers, cards, dinners, stuffed animals, and even kisses and hugs. They are little things, but they have a lot of meaning behind them.

There are other things to look for as well. Let's say he gives you a hug. You should feel so comfortable and safe in his arms you will know he is the right one. And you will know that feeling. When he gives you a kiss your breath should be taken away, and the kiss becomes more passionate. I am experiencing that right now with someone. If he really likes you, he acts like a dork a little bit, making sounds, and faces when he touches you, which is a good thing.

The whole point here is for you to feel special

and loved, as well, he feels the same way. So if you think you have found that special guy, you need to let him know that and do little things for him as well. Take things slow and don't rush. There are good things in life that are better taken slowly, you don't want to scare him away and you don't want to get scared and run yourself. So if you see a guy and talk to him and all you can think about is him and you, you get goosebumps when you look at him or he touches you, more than likely you have found that special someone in your life. So keep your eyes and heart open and in time everyone will find that special someone, it just takes a little time. Again some things are worth the wait.

Yours truly.

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