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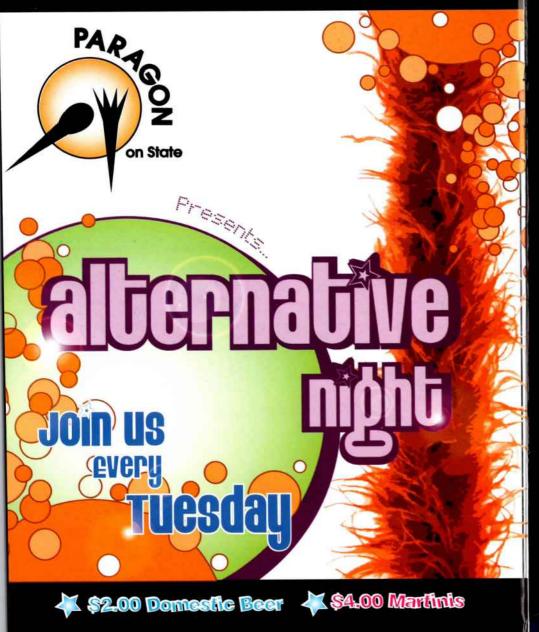
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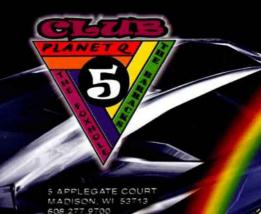
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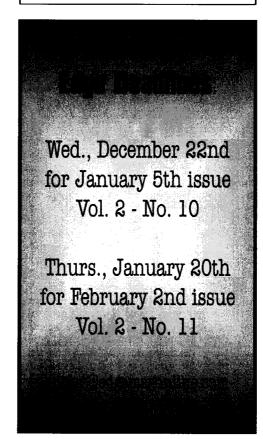
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ARIES March 21 - April 19

You can't be serious about this long-distance love affair. I mean. there wasn't even an image uploaded to the chatroom and you are emailing. IRCing or whatever to which obscure corner of the globe? Do you have that many callouses on your hand? Apparently. Time for a reality check. Aries. When Mercury finishes its retrograde on the 20th you'll discover you were only trolling for trolls in a trolley. Ow! Ouch! Use up your air miles over the holidays and actually meet someone *in person*, as in live, flesh and blood. Okay, skip the blood part. Just enjoy the flesh. Remember, only vegetarians have meatless love affairs.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Stop being so damn stingy. Geesh. Like once a year it's okay to spend some money. okay? Just be careful on whom and for what. Yeah. I know. that's not really your track record, but who's running a marathon? Maybe you on your way to the bank. Nope, ain't gonna work. Your bank manager is not interested, not with your strained overdraft limits. But here's who is: some exotic stranger, dark and swarthy, with a mysterious accent and an enigmatic smile. Oh, sorry. Didn't know that was your ex. Okay, how about some mindless half-naked blonde creampuff sunning on a tropical beach? Aha! Gotcha! Now be a good Taurus and book your plane ticket and hotel.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Run up the white flag of surrender. Concede defeat. The first three weeks of this month are not going to happen. Well, they will happen. but your best option is to crawl into a hole, h-m-m, lemme rephrase this . . . your best option is to retreat to a quiet place where there is no hole to distract you. Now the odds of that are close enough to zero that the rest of us will have enough entertainment (watching you futilely

fight in inexorable forces of the Universe) that we will still be ROFL on New Year's eve. In order to have pI told you to rightsp I must remind you, dear Gemini, contrary to your instincts, the primary purpose of a mouth is not talking.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

First the good news: By Christmas day you will have it all sorted out. Now the bad news: The 24 days preceding that are a lot of things, but pretty is not among them. The hot little number you met early in the month whom you thought might be the love of your life? Kindly recall that for the average human being the crotch and the brain are permanently disconnected. You may access one, but that is definitely not the path to the other. Just because one is wonderful does not mean the other is or ever will be. Ahem, we seem inclined to learn these things from experience this month, don't we?

LEO July 23 - August 22

Oh. so what? Go out and have the party of your life this month. It will not amount to anything, nor in the end anyone, but it will be fun getting there, even if it was not where you wanted to go, although truth be told you had no idea where you were going (or are going for that matter) when you started up. The point here is that no matter how insufferably messed up things might become (and they will) it makes no difference in the end, provided, of course, that you and that raging animal lust you call your romantic inclination gets a full work out. Santa arrives on Christmas. Karma arrives on the day after Christmas. Deal with it.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Now let's get this month sorted out in a hurry. You get to be the world's biggest sinner for the first three weeks of the month. Yes, we know you've held that title before, but this is a come back performance, as it were. Now we're expecting big things from you in this, and a lot is riding on you (darn, I'm starting to run out of double entendres), because for the remainder of the month it's the wages of sin (and this ain't a union shop, duckie). Think of your situation as a segue to sainthood in the New Year. Try some

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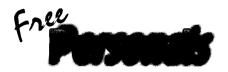
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26 GWM, 6' 185lbs, brown/blue, goatee, masc guy. I am looking for a date and seeing where it leads form there. You:20-40 height/weight proportionate, masc, no games

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mea culpas, sincere regrets, and even a sly little crocodile tear or two as you seduce some innocent young thing to atone for your dastardly behaviour. Ow-w-w-w! Beg forgiveness and you can sin some more!

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Look, things could go worse than this month. Like you could spill red wine on your lovely little vellow taffeta party gown. Ouch! Not fun. Understand with Mercury retrograde, all your carefully hand lettered invitations for your seasonal party are likely going to get delivered to all the wrong addresses. Like the B-List. Talk about gauche! Imagine a party filled with A-List wannabes. Every Libra's worst nightmare. Well, dear, your job, if you accept it, is to turn this nightmare into one very wet dream. When the dice roll randomly, so do the guests, and which one is just dying to roll over nicely in your bed? Even B-Listers can be fun when the lights are off. Don't think of England. Think of heat, meat, and treat.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The nice thing for you about this Mercury retrograde is that philosophic verbal communication is zapped into like total confusion. Now consider this for a moment. Some intellectual blow-hard can no longer use said intellect and is left with only the capacity to blow-hard, but mindlessly. Now do I have to connect the dots for you here? Or can you slip your into someone's pants and figure the rest for yourself? Thank you, I knew you would not disappoint. Oh yeah, the truth comes home to roost right after the Christmas pudding proves to be an aphrodesiac. Yummy.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

If this is karma, then bring it all on. Well, maybe we better not go overboard on this, given that one is wise to be careful what one wishes for. But who's wishing? No time for that with all this hot heavenly sex hovering in one's cosmic connections to the Orgasm In The Sky. Catch your breath, Sagittarius, you don't have to do everything or everyone at once, though likely you just tuned out that advice. Good thing you were never one for details, because while the rest of the world is stumbling over the details, you're busy picking them up, one way or another. Don't worry about sorting out their thinking. It's their bodies that need to be looked after.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You may discover that a long-time friend is the hottest sex you've ever had in your life, and you've been missing this for so many years because you weren't paying attention (again). Here's your cosmic lesson for this month: that hot friend was your hot lover in a past life. Get your nose out of your bank account and into some action. This may take you a little time to get used to. Be careful about how much you say, you could talk this situation into a circle you can't get out of. Say less, do more, and maybe, just maybe, take a couple of days off to enjoy this pleasant development arising in your life. You can work on making that second million another day.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Definitely an Aquarian month. You just need to understand how it works. First of all, not a bit of the conversation is going to make any sense with Mercury retrograde the first three weeks. That's fine. Think of this as a post-modern metaphysical exercise in the existential explorations of the irrelevancy of linear verbal energy patterns. Next kick back with your friends and enjoy the snarled up conversation which results from that. It's almost as weird as you are. You'll be feeling right at home. Now, pay attention closely to this next step. It's the confused stranger who is trying to make sense of it all (when you know there is no sense of any kind to be made here) who is ready for your wisdom. insight, or at a least pickup line. (Forget philosophy. Try the direct approach, as in: "Your place or mine?")

PISCES Feb 19 - March 20

Get your mascara just right, dearie, because evervone is going to see the show this month, and you want to look just so. If your boa isn't to die for, get rid of that tedious reptile and hire a new ostrich. I would recommend getting a new script for the soap opera you call your life, but I know how much you will be tempted to blow the dust off the old "exotic foreigner" routine. If you must use that old chestnut (which has been roasting on the fire much too long, m'luv) at least give it a new twist, or be twisted enough to pretend it's new, and if you can do that, we will applaud the inevitable ending as you are again left in the lurch by that horribly insensitive heartless cad. BTW, violins are optional if you're on a budget.



Take My Advice

Dear Lady Taj,

You are truly good at the art of female impersonation. But what happens when you're at home? Are always in "face"? When your at home, what do you wear around the house? If as a boy, is it boxer or briefs or bikini? Funny question, I know, but its all in good fun or maybe I wanna picture you in your underwear. I dunno.

Sincerely, Boxer guy

Hi Boxer guy

I would like to thank you for complimenting my art form. I take it very seriously and love it very much.

It is funny that you would ask these questions as I finished a session on my life for some of the local universities. As I explained to the hundreds of students. I do have a life outside of Tajma Hall. I spend my days as a natural woman usually wearing no makeup at all. My mother once told me that your sexual organ does not define who you are and that is very true. I am a woman regardless of what is between my legs so I live my life as such. In being a woman I tend to do things that other women do....like wearing boxers around the house. My mother did it, my sister did, my girlfriends do it and so do I. They are very comfortable and no one has to see me in them except those I give permission to. Anytime I leave the house I am in a bra and panties like most women are as they go out. It may sound complicated but it is really quite simple.

I hope this helps and feel free to picture me in my underwear. Better yet send me a personal email and you can see it in person (wink).

Kisses... Lady Taj

Hey Gurl!

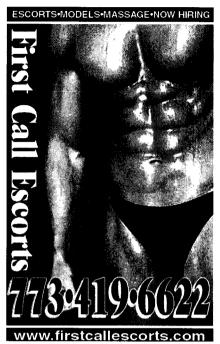
This is your fat sista Rob from the last issue! How yer derin? Baby, let me tell you, I tore up thanksgiving. My family gave me my own table to sit at and eat. Honey, it was lovely. Hehe. I think I gained about 10lbs, but I'm going by what you said. Fat gurls don't give a fuck! But even though we're fat gurls, how come you always look so lovely? Tell me Taj, you always look like some queen diva that just step off the fashion bus. Tell us your secrets! Is it facials or sleep or a special lotion that makes you look so fabulous? Anyway, I can't wait to hear your answer. You always make me laugh. Is it time for Christmas dinner? Pass the coca cola ham dear.

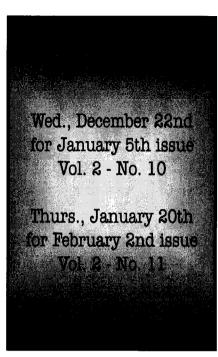
Yours Truly, Rob

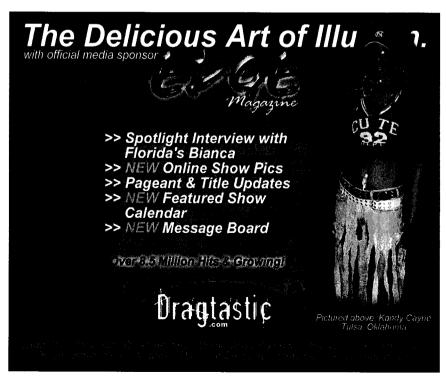
Hi Rob

I am so glad to hear that you did not hold back. I am glad to hear that you represented and let your family know that there is no shame in your game. Baby I thought about you as I sat down to finish up my second sweet potato pie.....have mercy! Girl it was so good I wanted to slap the cook for not making me more. And you only gained 10lbs......I got you beat because I gained 14.....and baby I feel damn good! I learned a valuable lesson from my mother....being fat does not mean being sloppy. Some of the worlds most beautiful women are plus size and they know how to work it. Do not be ashamed to wear a corset or girdle or whatever it takes to give you the hourglass figure which is not natural to you. I wrap it and tie it down so I can look like the plus size diva I am!!! Girl just work it and do not let anyone tell you that you can not. As for the skin....I moisturize daily. Your skin will love you more if you spend five extra minutes to make it feel special. Simple facial soap and water followed by a facial cream will make your skin radiant and full of life. Well speaking of Christmas dinner I









have sausage balls and cheese straws in the oven as I am trying out a new recipe for the holiday hors de oeuvres. Watch out Jewel Osco because Miss Rob has made me realize I need a coca cola ham for dinner!

Peace baby... Lady Taj

Dear Miss Tajma Hall,

This is gonna be a question that you probably never had! I'm sure you know that every gay man has different turn on's. What is your turn on baby? I would love to know what gets the Lady Taj in the mood. What about water sports? Would you ever pee on someone? If you want to, I'd let you pee on me! That would be sooo hot! Let me know.

Sincerely, Yellow Snow

Dear Yellow Snow

Baby Baby Baby..... YOU FREAK! hahahahahahaha Let's gest say for the right christmas present this chocolate momma would piss on you all night long!

As far as what turns me on....honestly seeing a man masturbate does it to me. Oh damn....now I have to go change my panties....the thought is killing me.

Do I sense a christmas present?

Lady Taj

The season is here to give your all
Don't send an email but make a call
And send a card to show you care
Take the bobby pins out and shake your hair
Do it all right now and Do it fast
Make this joyous and beautiful season last
Chimes and Jingle Bells...ding ding ding
Come over and join me for a chicken wing!

Happy Holidays

Lady Taj







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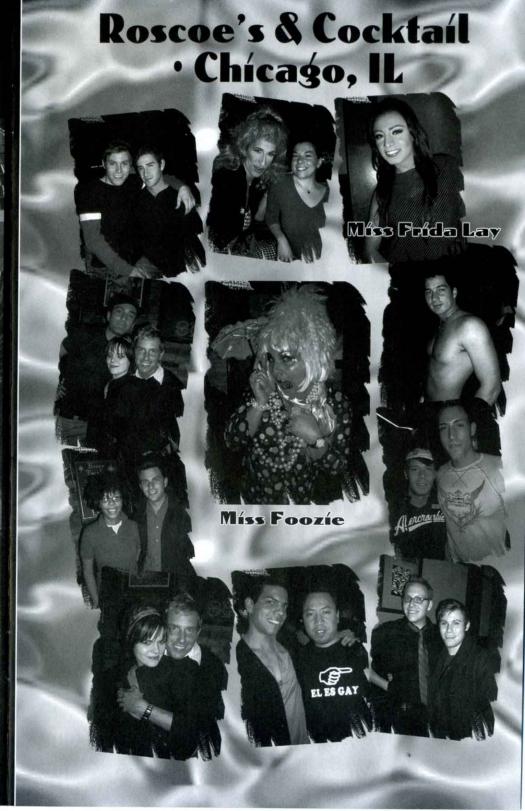
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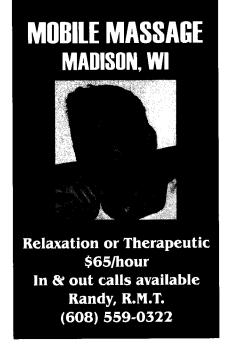


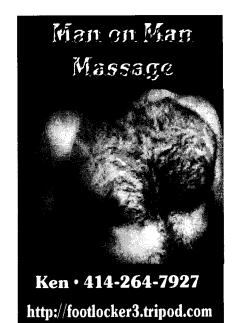
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Voice of Madison

by Travis Copeland

Tonight I saw a woman get hit by a car (a taxi, to be precise). The cab was turning a corner as the woman was crossing the street. Brakes squealed as the woman's body folded onto the hood of the cab before being thrown back onto the pavement. She sat up and started crying, more of fear than of injury. The friend I was with called 911 as the cabbie radioed dispatch.

An ugly fat man, with a shock of black hair and wearing black-and-white striped pants, ran to the woman as we approached. Despite our advice against it, she picked herself up and, still sobbing, stated that she wasn't seriously injured. With the help of the ugly man, she walked into a building and waited for emergency personnel to arrive, as did we. My friend and I gave statements to a policewoman, and were then released back into the night.

I've no doubt that the woman will wake up with little more than a few bruises and maybe a scrape or two. She was lucky, but I'm sure she's learned—the hard way—that life is precious. and preciously short; a message that has hit very close to home this month.

One of our own, Jason McCauley, a.k.a. Trinity Matthews, passed away on Nov. 9, 2004. I'd known Jason (as Jason, though many of his friends will certainly remember him as Trinity) for four years. He made no secret of his congenital heart defect, and that his health was liable to deteriorate without notice. It eventually did fail, with relatively little notice. One day I was told he was hospitalized, and within four days he'd passed on.

Jason was all of 24 years old; 17 days younger than me, to be precise. His youth is testament to the depth of a tragedy that wasn't relegated to his health. Jason's life wasn't easy. In fact, he'd tell you it was downright tough at times. At 24 years old, you shouldn't have already had to seen your mother die—it's just not natural.

But Jason charged ahead, carving out his own special place in the world. He always had time to make a new friend and say hello to an old one. He entertained many of us, and he will be sadly missed. Requiescat in pace.

But life must continue in one form or another. In my sphere, I'm hosting Thanksgiving for my family this year, and Christmas will be nearly upon us by the time this hits the stands. In fact, this will be my final opportunity to address the reader until the New Year.

So perhaps I should address this: November hasn't been a good month for many people. For me, problems with family, friends (one in particular), school, and politics have hit me like my own taxicab from nowhere. Problems like these are made even more difficult when it's hard to identify what went wrong, and whether there was anything you could have done to avoid the problems.

This time of year—this time of withered leaves and withered aspirations, exhausted bank accounts and exhausted patience—it's easy to lose sight of your accomplishments. Forgive us for what we have done, and for what we have left undone, yes, but congratulate yourself on your successes, and look with hope to an even better new year.

I'd like to write something about the magic of the Christmas season without sounding cliché. but it's all been done before. How does the song go? "Christmas makes you feel emotional. crappy, unhappy, your receipt's non-negotiable?" For Christmas, I put any cynicism, bitterness, and coldness aside, and ask that you join my pledge to do our part in securing peace on Earth and good will toward men.

Well, at least until January 2.











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It's a sad note that I start this month's column. Yet another one of our friends has passed. Trinity Mathews of Madison passed away in Mid-November after a lengthy cardiac illness. I can't think of many people in the state who either didn't know Trinity personally or had spoke with her on line in one of the many discussion boards that she was part of. She had a habit of 'telling it like it is' — which I particularly liked. She'll be very much missed by her family and numerous amount of friends far and wide. There is a memorial show planned on the 28th of November in Madison. So...in keeping with her delicious habit of 'telling it like it is'...this one is for you. Trinity!

The Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant was this past November 19th & 20th. Truth be known – there was a wide path of contestants who 'should have' known what to do on that stage. These included some former state title holders from the USofA system and other systems, along with more than a few that were national pageant participants. Add to this the large group of seasoned contestants who are frequent faces at the State pageant and it really should have been anyone's game. Unfortunately – one person went home with all the tokens and a nice little hat to match.

For the first time (I believe in the history of Wisconsin USofA) the coveted title of Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA went to a NEW gal who had previously competed in two....yes....only TWO pageants. 5th Runner up for the double-crowning in Milwaukee and the winner of Miss Southeastern USofA, Natasha Marques came to Green Bay and not only beat out those that beat her at the Double Crowning but took a sweep of Talent

and Evening Gown to place 24 points above her nearest competition. And the beauty of it is that she honestly thought that some of her best friends in the world...her fellow competitors...would carry the day.

While others tinkered or changed their talents and beefed up their evening gown hair, Natasha Inc., came with one package. Preliminary night and Final night - the same thing - the same winning mix. More than one or two veterans in the audience tipped their hat for her evening gown and were on their feet at the end of her talent. Hell. I even seen some admirers CRYING for this gal. Her interview lasted over 15 minutes. To know her is to WANT her to win! Natasha Marques.....It has been one of the pleasures in my life to know you and I sincerely hope that you're year as Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA #16 is a wonderful as you truly deserve. And to her competition and audience members......I think you just may have been the inspiration that she needed and drew on and you should be very proud of the result. HOW can anyone not learn from the remarkable likes of Shannon DuPree. Tina Renee, Chantal, Kelli Jo, Alexis St. James, Kyllie West, Jennifer Alyce, Nova D'Vine, Lana St. James and others. Her crowning is as much a tribute to all of you as it is to her. Remember all those times you performed in Milwaukee? Don't think for a minute that she wasn't taking it all in and learning from you? Hardly!

The top ten included: Deja Voo (Kenosha), Lusinda Andrews (Green Bay), Monique Green (Rockford), Janice Colby (Milwaukee), Gina D'Licious (Rockford), Chantal (Kenosha), Kimberly Michaels (Madison), Nova D'Vine (Milwaukee) and Shannon DuPree (Milwaukee).

Entertainment included Miss Gay USofA Layla LaRue (who was absolutely incredible and a wonderful person to meet!). Kelli Jo. DuWanna Moore. Taylor Roberts, Kyllie West and of course, the one giving it all up. Holly "Hot" Damn Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA 2004. Incidentally, the curtain stayed up for the duration of the night!

Now...on with the pageant. The 1st Alternate this year was Deja Voo from Kenosha. Deja scored a perfect score in interview. Her talent put her dance instructor resume to good use and the floor was on fire with her cute little dancerboy and others. There are some talents that take years to master – and hers is one of them. 2nd



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Alternate was the 'other crowd favorite'....Shannon DuPree. She created quite a stir with her shimmering red gown and cover up with matching interior. Her talent brought some fabulous dancers on stage and I've never seen Shannon pull it all out like this. You looked WONDERFUL! Janice Colby – who came in as 3rd Alternate – rocked the house with Calvin and Robert! How can anyone not root for Janice? She's adorable! There isn't a gal around that can come out an model like Miss Colby!

The other new gal on stage was Lusinda Andrews of Green Bay. You could tell this girl has been working hard most of the year for these two nights and she came and placed higher than any of the other Green Bay gals who in previous years were in the top ten. On a personal side — this gal is phenomenal! She is energized and focused and not afraid to do whatever it takes! Tina Renea.....you got a winner here! No doubt....there is a year coming up that is yours! Watch out! Lusinda is coming back.

Not new to the stage - but impressive none-theless - Nova D'Vine. Former Miss Wisconsin EOY and the current reigning Miss Cream City pulled out a light show for talent. At the end - being held high in the air by her dancers - the look on her face was priceless. She made her goal of top ten and aced her talent - you did great! I think that sometimes you might get complacent when you have a show every week, tending to the schedules and all the personalities involved. It was sure nice to see Nova pulling it all out - and that she did. You did Milwaukee and yourself proud, girl! And, gracious as she is, she called up the winner within a few hours, congratulated her and booked her at Cage! Now THAT'S a class act! Nova....you've been a joy!

Then there were some 'issues'. For evening gown, Kimberly Michaels managed to draw a reaction from the audience. Well, more to the point, the green Coco Vega that has been worn by practically everyone in the state at one time in the past forty-five years was once again resurrected. Hauled out from a closet unknown and paraded around yet one more time. It was like your crazy aunt escaping from the attic during your dinner party. Not pretty and very hard to explain. Someone needs to buy that gown and ship it far, FAR away. I'm thinking overseas to some impoverished country. Otherwise, they

should change the rules and the next top ten person who hauls it out should be immediately be replaced with the $11^{\rm th}$ place contestant. Nice try...but there is only one person who can pull that number off and Josie Lynn wasn't there.

Monique Green was sailing along doing quite will with scores until the end of her talent number. She exited stage right. The music kept on going....and going....and going....and then going into something else until they realized after more than a few minutes that she wasn't COMING BACK! Her talent was the nose-dusted version of Whitney Houston but unfortunately the ending was just as erratic as the real thing. Girl....should have kept the talent from the first night. I was hoping for you, too!

Awards this night went to "The Office" in Rockford and "The Blue Lite" in Sheboygan as best host bars (great choices). The best promoter when to Safonda (Miss Northeast Wisconsin) and the Jimmy King award went the Drag Depot for their support and assistance to quite a few of the contestants. Personally. I think we need some more awards.

The "SCAG-IN-A-BAG" award goes out to some unknown beauty-challenged gal who was present on preliminary night and then marched in on final night wearing the SAME evening gown that Natasha Marques had on (which she saw he previous night!). Granted - it was a plain jane version and didn't fit HER so well, but it was the same one none-the-less. As Christina Chase says, "You can put a rhinestone on a rat's ass but it's still a rat". In this case, most of the audience assumed this creature was a plant to unnerve the future Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA. At one point before pageant she was carted ACROSS the stage past the judges so that they could see her. When she returned to her spot she marched her scrawny unpadded ass across the stage again. Other times she was spotted hob-knobbing with Gigi Lexus and Venus Love who most people divulged that she was 'with'. I hope this isn't true but considering the rumors of how troublesome this duo can be I'm thinking that we're right on target with this one! I would have hoped that either one would have had the decency to point out to Scag-In-A-Bag that this was wholly inappropriate and to go change her clothes. Perhaps Gigi was too busy trying to find her bus ticket to think clearly -

but memories are long. As for the Milwaukee crowd – hat's off to you for not doing what you all sorely and dearly wanted to do.

The Joan Crawford 'Don't \$%# With Me' Award to none other than ZA! When he learned of "Scruffy The Pageant Player" and her gown choice and her positioning herself on the side of the stage for evening gown so that the contestant with the same gown could see her. he marched down to her and told her in no uncertain terms to "Go change your clothes or just plain go!" Scruffy's ass was toddling down the sidewalk within seconds. Flawless.

The Swinging Purse Award goes to none other than Natasha Marques's dresser, Natasha Sims. Last year it was a swinging purse and a tossed wig to one unfortunate Queen who made it a point to 'mess with him' during the crowning of Miss Milwaukee Continental at LaCage. Hell, this Queen had been pushing the envelope since the State pageant two years ago! That tangle is now legendary in Milwaukee. This time, two rather obnoxious girls decided to mess with him during evening gown. Right next to the stage with purse in hand, they kept it up; pushing him and shoving. His purse hand was twitching like a Gunsmoke Sheriff – but he held back Finally he spun around and let them have the verbal lashing they deserved. By this time - the crowd had made their move to safer ground knowing all too well the end results in Milwaukee. Good restraint, Miss Sims - most other people would have laid them out flat. Of course, you would have laid them out flat and then fixed their make-up and hair, and made them actually LOOK like girls. Why do people always have to start crap at pageants?

There was a couple other class acts that need mentioning, too. Busti Sinclair. Jennifer Alyce, Brandi Wyne and Jazmine Roberts. Ok ... so you didn't make top ten. This was a year that quite a few of the top ten were sweating it out in the beginning of the second night. I saw you all cheering as loud as you possibly could for the winners and holding your heads high (as they should be!). Class. Pure Class. Oh yes, and Mahalia White. Miss Lakeshore! Congratulations on making it to the 11th ticket on your first try out – you did very well and I certainly hope to see you again.

Not so-classy....Christina and Ellen. Hey - if

you can't make it from parts down south to Green Bay coherently maybe you should save yourself the price of admission and us the shock of seeing someone's boobs presented at the bar for all to see. For your sake, I hope that you realized they were out there and it wasn't just a wardrobe 'malfunction'. I remember only last year when Christina Chase had the whole community from down South cheering her on, keeping their fingers crossed and waiting in the audience more nervously than she was on stage. You have **no** idea the number of people in the audience who were twirling air batons along with you in hopes that you'd catch every one. We miss that Christina a lot....maybe it's time she came back? Ellen, I would have loved to have stayed and talked but I couldn't understand a word you were saying. No one could and the interpreter was scared to death of you.

So there you have it. I wish I could tell you all about one of the best pageants I've been to in a while - but there just isn't enough room. Anyone that was to walk out bitter just didn't get it.....it was a pageant like no other. This year there wasn't a top two or three....there wasn't the 'favorite'...it was all what you brought and the judges didn't know anyone. It was a pageant in the truest sense of the word. To all those that I consider my friends, I was very proud and impressed. The best part of the entire evening is that someone won who actually learned from just about everyone that was on that stage, behind that stage or wore that crown on stage a few years prior. It's truly a moment that all of Wisconsin can be proud of. All you girls ROCKED and should take pride in the end result.

On to the website of the month! There is a new bar in Green Bay. Brandon and Dale have opened 'The Shelter Club'. With everything going on we didn't have a chance to stop by and say 'hello' but we do wish them the very best. From what I gather, TC Hammond is the Show Director for the entertainment that will take place and there are drink specials throughout the week. If you want to learn more about their new venture, simply visit www.theshelterclub.com and check it out.

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Britney Spears Greatest Hits

Britney Spears debuted 5 short years ago. In this span of time, she was able to release 4 multiplatinum CDs, the best songs of which are seen here, on her new "Greatest Hits: My Prerogative" album. This CD is probably most valuable to those people who liked

Britney's singles ranging from "Baby One More Time" to "Toxic" but never really wanted to buy a whole CD for fear of the other songs just being filler. For those of us who already own her other CDs, however, it does come with 3 new songs, all of which I've found to be highly enjoyable. The remix CD also has some really interesting new takes on 4 songs from her "In the Zone" CD as well as a 'Chris Cox Megamix' spanning her entire career. I can't say that everyone will like this CD because not everyone likes Britney's songs; however, I can say that if you have been a fan in the past, have liked a few singles here and there, or want to find out what Britney is all about, "Greatest Hits: My Prerogative" is definitely the way to go.

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pied and keep your mind on other things. One is go shopping. What gay man does not like to shop. This is the time where you want to splurge on things you want, or need, and it will keep you busy. Another thing you can do is take a trip or throw a party. By doing this, you will get away from the hell you are in and you can have a good time, and by throwing a party, you can surround yourself with your friends. Remember your friends want to see you happy. A Boyfriend/girlfriend can always be replaced, but a friend can't!

There are some things to keep yourself occu-

All in all, relationships can be a good thing, or a bad thing. After a break up please take some time for yourself, the last thing you want is a rebound relationship. Not only does it put you right back where you were, but is also hurts another person that probably does not deserve to be hurt! So think about things, take some time. and have fun and enjoy life! Like I said if anyone of you need someone to talk to, talk with your friends, or send me and email and we can

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Welcome to another issue of Montage. In this article I talk about a number of different things from sex to fashion. So if you have an ideas you want to talk about just send me an email and I will include them in my next article. In this article I am going to talk about relationships. and how to mend a broken heart. So sit back and enjoy!

How many of us have ever had a relationship and it did not work out. I am guessing almost everyone has. Relationships are great but they can also be full of shit and end up hurting who ever is involved including your friends. When in a relationship the world seems to revolve around the two of you and everything is perfect and both are happy, but when it ends goodbye world and hello hell. So lets talk about how to keep a relationship going strong, and how to handle a break up.

When in a relationship there are many things to keep the love there and going, the most important is to be fun and outgoing. Don't fall into a routine, that will end up boring and nothing new and exciting can come from that. As I have stated in earlier articles show him/her you care by giving little gifts just to let them know you are thinking of them. This will mean a lot and will show feelings. Keep the romance going as well, think of new ways to surprise them and keep the sex life active.

Next be honest! If you are not happy in the relationship let the other person know as soon as possible, this will avoid heart ache, and leaving on bad terms. If you other half is always on the computer and it bothers you, don't over react. As one of the other columnists said don't jump to conclusions, cause it can lead to a bad reaction. Do things to make them not want to go on the computer, more than likely they are just bored, so make them un-bored. I will leave that up to you to decide what you can do.

Another thing I not to spend every min together. This can not only get overwhelming, but

can also make tensions run short, and the other person getting annoyed. It is ok in a relationship to spend time apart, and do your own thing. Sometimes time apart can make the relationship grow stronger and make the other person want you even more. Just keep thinking relationships are about give and take equally!! The second you forget this, there goes the relationship. You may also want to date outside of your type, this has not worked for me, but you are not me and it could lead to a long and happy life together. If it doesn't then you learned a lesson. Each relationship tried and failed is another experience to build on the next one.

Now that is how to keep a relationship going, now onto the bad part the aftermath of a break up. If you are the one dumping usually you don't hurt as much as the person you dumped. No matter what anyone says, it is very possible to love someone after only knowing them for a short time, it is all in how you get along and what happens so keep that in mind. Also don't look for the fairy tale, it doesn't exist. I know I have been looking for a while now, plus it raises your standards to such an extent that no one can reach them and you will end up alone with fifty cats (hehehe).

When you get dumped you will feel like you did something wrong and most of the time it is the other person, so don't beat yourself up over that. You will want to surround yourself with people that care about you, so they can help you through the difficult time and get you back on your feet. Do anything possible to keep your mind of the other person and what you had, it will just make the hurt worse and longer. Yes you will still always have those memories good or bad, but that will help you grow as well, and who knows if it is meant to work out then it will. If you are stubborn like me and you don't give the other person time, then you will loose them forever, and no one wants that happen. It really sucks, and hurts!

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9.Monique Green
10. Gina Delicious



