

Saturday, January 8th
PERFORMING IN THE OFFICE NITECLUB SHOW LOUNGE...
OUR OWN CECE MARTIN & TAJMA HALL
FROM CHICAGO'S BATON SHOW LOUNGE SHERI PAYNE
FROM IOWA SAVANNAH SANCHEZ
SPECIAL GUEST FROM DALLAS TEXAS WHITNEY PAIGE
SHOW STARTS @ 11:30pm

Saturday, January 15th
PERFORMING ON STAGE & THE DANCE FLOOR...

MALE STRIPPERS

SHOW STARTS @ 11 pm SHARP

Sunday, January 16th \$1.50 DOMESTICS & BLOODY MARY'S KARAOKE STARTS AT 9pm

OPEN TILL 2AM!

Saturday, January 22[™]
PERFORMING IN THE OFFICE NITECLUB SHOW LOUNGE...
OUR OWN CECE MARTIN & TAJMA HALL
FROM ROCKFORD JENNIFER MARLOW
FROM CARBONDALE
BLANCH DUBOIS & JODIE SANTANA
SHOW STARTS @ 11:30pm

Saturday, January 29th
THE OFFICE NITECLUB PRESENTS...
AS SEEN ON CLUB COMIC VIEW
THE CELEBRITY CHARACTERS & COMEDY OF
MISS FLAME MONROE
SHOW STARTS AT 11pm SHARP!

Thursday, February 4th
FREE & CONFIDENTIAL HIV TESTING @ 7pm

Saturday, February 5th
PERFORMING IN THE OFFICE NITECLUB SHOW LOUNGE...
OUR OWN CECE MARTIN & TAJMA HALL
FROM MADISON CASS MARIE DOMINO
FROM KENOSHA CHANTAL
FROM FLORIDA NIKKI ADAMS
SHOW STARTS @ 11:30pm

EVENTS ANUARY



Wednesday 2.16.05 Pajamarama

\$8 retro rail bust (9-1) *dj al*
\$8 miller/bud buckets (9-1)



Thursday 2.17.05 Ronnie Nyles

no cover*\$1.50 captain & coke \$1 miller highlife bottles 8-10p



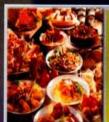
Friday 2.18.05 Bomb Show

hosted by coco channel * feat. tersa mathews-alexis st. james * no cover * \$1 warning shots



Saturday 2.19.05 Snow Ball 2005

1st annual shelter white party \$2 bottles * \$2 UV bombs



Sunday 2.20.05 Shelter Feast

thank you feast (free food)*
glamarama *\$2 bloody mary's

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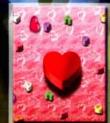
Saturday 2.12.05 Leather Ball 2005

1st annual shelter leather ball \$2 bombs*\$2 bottle beer



Sunday 2.13.05 Disco T-Dance

\$5 disco beer & soda bust (4-9) \$2 bloody mary's all day



Monday 2.14.05 V-DAY

free pool*free darts*heart-on contest*couple 2-4-1 drinks

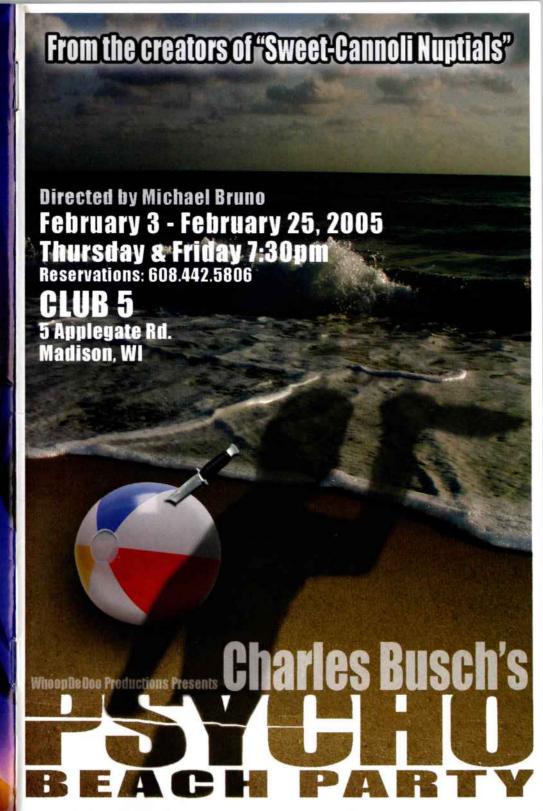


Tuesday 2.15.05 Karaoke Finals

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Thursday, Jan 6th "HE'S A LADY"
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Sat, Jan 15th Bear Night in the Barracks
Sat, Jan 29th Leather Night in Barracks
Wed, Jan 26 th Game Show Night

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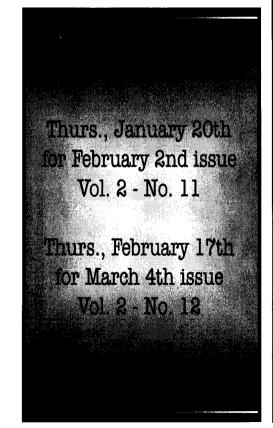
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ARIES March 21 - April 19

Enjoy the fun while it lasts. Even your hangover from New Year's is temporary, but it does last longer than your New Year's Eve trick. Fly away to some exotic land, where the beaches are sunny, the weather is warm, and the sex is as hot and steamy as your crotch. Winter vacation time! So what's the catch? Heh, heh, heh. While you're out pandering to your lust-filled carnal desires in some faraway tropical isle, you just missed the promotion of a lifetime at work. Oh well, you could always ring up that cute corporate headhunter after you get home.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Grunt if you're horny. Geesh. not that loud. You'll wake the neighbours! And maybe even scare the horses. No. I don't want to hear about that fantasy. But it is fantasy time in Taurus Land. assuming you can ever get it up to speed. Time to shift in second gear, and maybe even get daring and try third. What a concept! A gear box to crank. Anyway. how big a silly day dream do you wish to make come true this month. or are you again going to settle for just come? Do something rash, spontaneous, daring! We promise not to look (at least for a couple of seconds).

GEMINI Mau 21 - June 20

Oh drat and darn it. Even. What a bummer of a month. Everyone insists. and makes a holy bloody fuss about it. that you not only get to the point, but know the meaning of it all. This has the makings of a disaster until you figure out that even a butterfly must alight upon a flower sooner or later, and this is your month to do so. Now it all boils down to which flower you land upon and the garden within which it is located. The floral wallpaper in your bedroom will do, but pul- eeze clean the stains off the

mirrors on the ceiling! I mean who really wants to know what you did last night (or last week)?

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Existential crises time for Cancer this month. Your work may require you to travel away from your home! Ouch! No secure little cacoon for a night or two. And what's worse is that it's all business, business, business. Now what's a horny little toad like you going to do? Ahem, do we need a refresher course here? Check out the waiter at the local watering hole. Yeah, the cute one, the one who just winked at you. C'mon, your day can't have been so bad you're missing the cue on this little performance, right? That's right, order up, smile and be your charming little self. See? Out of town isn't so bad after all.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Ok, so it's still your karma in spades, and you are so put out, outraged even, that such lower class local riff-raff would even think to treat you in such a plebeian fashion. How dare they! Look, tell the plebes to go take a long hike off a short plank, or something equally suitable (Note: hanging is now illegal in most countries). You want a hot, horny, and very rich foreigner who has not a clue about your petty little village (we won't insult you by calling it a city), and said foreigner is prepared to be generous beyond belief to some obliging local who can provide a good time. Good time? You invented good times. Get to work.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Well. 2004 was blasted washout, wasn't it? No chance for sainthood, purity, or even a memorable dirty weekend. Resist, and I do mean resist the temptation to emigrate to some strange and unknown foreign country which promises steamy dark nights and languid, sun-drenched days sipping alcoholic concoctions fit to destroy your liver in 30 seconds flat. Nope, forget it. What you want to do is pickup the tourist from that country, and seduce said tourist in your impeccably clean home . . . it ain't impeccably clean? Dammit, Virgo, get snapping, or we'll have

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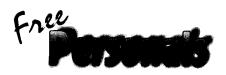
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Uncut GWM. 51. 5'11". 175#, Br/Blu, HIV Neg, N/S Looking for commitment. I enjoy dining out, film, shopping, books, chats over coffee & musical theatre. YOU: GWM 30-49, uncut/cut. HIV Neg, N/S. **NO** Games. I'm 100% genuine. Mark - (414) 225-9683 - Milwaukee.

Racine Professional man with a sense of style. Age 50. seeks a partner in the same age group prefered. I am 5'10". 220#. salt & pepper hair and of Middle Eastern ancestory. olive skin. brown eyes. Call Stephen in Racine at (262) 639-3205 after 5:00 pm

Lonely in McHenry, IL Straight acting SGWM 40's, 6', 170#, hazel eyes, D/D free, who loves fore-play & cock with Mr. Right. Race & Age Open. (815) 404-8412.

Looking To Show If Off? Are you proud of your artistic talents? Let's see it! Out-n-About is seeking artwork to display in their nightclub & restaurant. Email or call Bey or Pam at: 414-643-

0377 or bbeenen@out-n-about.com.

Bodybuilder/Certified Masseur with table. Very good looking, 32, 5'9", 220#, 50" chest, 30" waist, German/Italian. Out call only. Milwaukee/Chicago areas. 414-412-5071. Jeff

Friends Wanted: Bi male, 41, attractive, 5'11", 180#. Looking for Bi & Gay people in the Peoria area. Interests: antiques, autos, farm equipment, travel & outdoor activities. Steve. PO Box 395. Canton, IL 61520

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Sneaker Sk8er Fetish. 26yo looking for hot sk8ers ravers or jocks 18-30 who will crush my balls with sk8 shoes or other sneakers, I'm in WI. email me at ddestroyer992000@yahoo.com

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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your butt in front of the Virgo Committee again, and you know what they did to your butt last time

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Make every New Year's resolution in the book, and then a few extra. Spare no promise, make no exception. Promise yourself the Sun, the Moon, the Stars and a galaxy or two (or three). No promise to yourself is too extravagant or outlandish. Promise yourself the home to die for, the lover of every fantasy you have ever dreamed or hoped to dream. Promise yourself the finest in everything including clothes, friends, and finances. Promise yourself that you will never. ever again have to make a difficult decision about anything. Promise yourself death by chocolate. Then roll over and look at the trick you just dragged home. Prepare to cry.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

There are two kinds of karma. The karma you like and the karma you deserve. Guess which one you get this month? Wrong! You get the karma you like! The karma you deserve is next month, so you better get your tail in gear and enjoy this month while it lasts. But remember no matter how wonderful a month you have, and it will be a spectacular month of sex. horniness. more sex, pleasure, sex, variety, sex, prosperity, sex, anything you care to name, and sex, well the reality is all your pumpkins turn into trolls at the end of the month. And forget the glass slipper. It's really cheap plastic.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

If you stumbled in December (and no, we do not want to hear the story of you and the airport security guard in the back room), the Universe is giving you a second chance to get it right this month. Call it a reprieve from the mess which you really should have had thrown in your face like the dirty laundry you and 15 tricks left in the hotel room. Bruth-er. Housekeeping staff is still clucking about that one, m'love. Don't ever book a room there again. Now as for January? Easy. Throw a party! A big party! Just don't invite anybody local to it. Make it all out-of-town people. You really don't want anyone there who knows your real track record, right?

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Finally. it's your month. Capricorn. You've waited all year for this. Not likely. You're too busy out there making money to notice. Pity. Romance beckons. A wealthy friend gives you a connection that has nothing to do with money and everything to do with anatomy. Trouble is you're going to get distracted by that too- hotfor-words foreigner wearing too-tight-for-words jeans in a too-scummy-for-words bar. Darn. another free choice setup courtesy of your friendly local Universe. Do you sleeze off with your crotch into some slime-hole of a dive. or do you follow your network of wealth to higher physical pursuits? Happy New Year.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Forget everything else you hear. Stick with your friends. Full Stop. That exotic. sure-fire. can't lose. internet investment in Lower Ultaranian gold mining shares? Keep your plastic in your pocket. That sophisticated ex-royalty from North Tannellbra you just met in the bar? Be sure to keep your plastic in your pocket. Or how about the chat room filled with the most delightfully smooth keyboard artists in the western world, all drooling for your attention. Uh, yeah, right. I got some swampland in Florida, too, if you like those bozos. Look, stick with your friends, okay? At least one of them is waiting for you to make the first move.

PISCES Feb 19 - March 20

Tough month for Pisces. We know you fishes love swimming in the foggy and ethereal Cosmos for eons on end wallowing in the Oneness of Everything, but that ain't this month, duckie. This month requires that you take this dewyeyed Mist of Eternity and put it into shape and form in the material plane. Sort of like steam condensing into water, only more so. The key is to get focussed on the task at hand, in hand, or beforehand. Focus. Got that? So now we move on to step two. What might one focus upon? Something which is so compelling that you can maintain that focus for a sufficient length of time that you can manifest your new reality in the material world. Any ideas? None? Think hard. Very hard. That's right. Harder. Any crotch will do.



Take My Advice by Tajma Hall

Dear Lady Taj,

I'm not really familar with the pageantry systems. I have heard of many different kinds, and I have no clue which one is which. I see ads in the Edge Magazine for this pageant and that pageant, and I'm not sure what it all means. What are the differences between USofA and Continental? America and Entertainer of the Year? What is At-large, Plus, Elite, Classic? How many are there total? Are they all for Drag Queens or what? I hope you can fill me in on this, because I have no clue what my friends are talking about!

Sincerely, Pageant-Out!

Dear P ageant-Out

Oh baby you are asking for a college course that is impossible to explain in such a limited space but I will try. Here is a brief version that will atleast give you an idea of what is going on. Continental, USofA and Entertainer of the Year are open to all entertainers that have reached the age of 21 and still have their penis. In those three systems you may do anything you want to alter your body but you must still be considered a biological male. The America system is one for entertainers who have had no body transformations from the neck down. In the America system you may have all the face work you want but that is it...no breast work or hip work or ass work....only the face. Now as far as at-large and plus are concerned that is the label

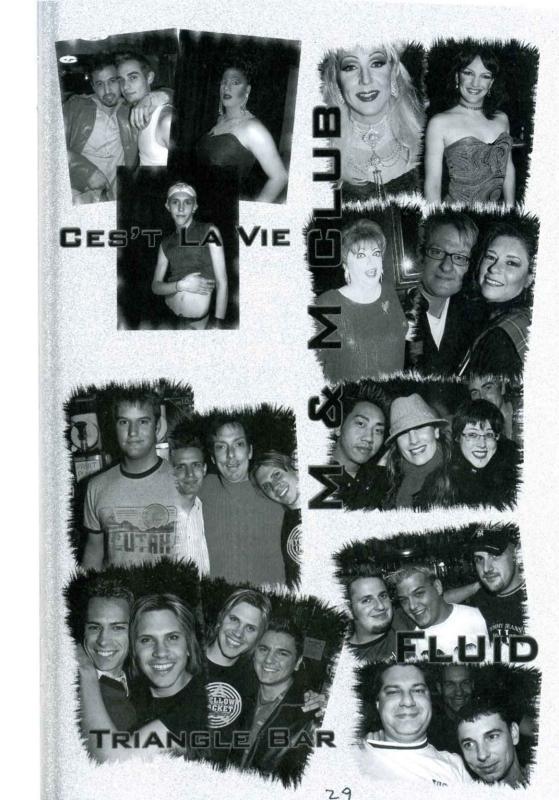
given for pageants that require participants to be over 225 pounds....allowing the big girls to battle against each other. Elite and Classic are for the seasoned entertainers who have reached the tender age of 40. There are numerous systems all over....too many to count. These pageants are open to entertainers, female impersonators or drag queens as you have called us. I hope this helps and gives you some idea of what your friends are talking about. If you are interested all of the systems you mentioned have websites which you can find by doing an internet search. Please take a look and see what they all have to offer.

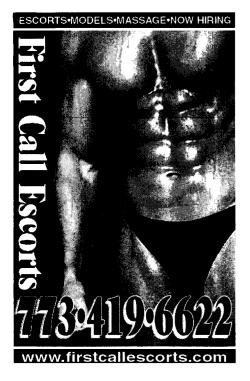
Hugs from a future Miss Continental Plus.....Tajma Hall

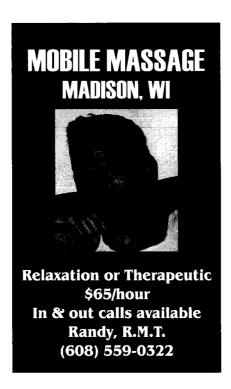
Hey Taj,

How are you doll? I'm doing good here. I read your column all the time, and I've been to your website, I see your all over the place. I wonder when am I gonna see you in Wisconsin? We would truly appreciate a fine entertainer like you in the dairyland scene. So please let us know when you will be in town if you do decide to venture north. Hope to hear from you soon

Yours. Joey









Hi Joey

I would love to offer my talents to those of you who are interested in the dairyland. I have had one opportunity to appear in Madison thanks to Cass Marie Domino and I had a great time. I have asked on numerous occassions for club contacts so that I could venture into Wisconsin and I have had no luck. How about you find out who I need to speak with at various clubs and I promise you will see me in Wisconsin as much as possible. Thanks again for your interest and I look forward to any help you can offer so that I can bring Tajma Hall to Wisconsin.

Hugs and kisses Taj

How yer derin baby?

Rob here again. LOL. I hope your New Years was fabulous. I was wondering what your New Years Resolution would be? Did you get what you wanted for Christmas? Is there anything you would have done different last year? What's one thing that you will do different this year? I'd write more, but my KFC is callin gurl. Can't wait for yer response!

your large and lovely sista.
Rob :)

Hey Rob boo....

I'm a derin baby....just snacking on some popcorn that is full of butter and cheese...some sausage balls and some cream cheese pound cake. Oh damn...I have not had lunch yet so you know a girl will have to keep this short. I have been thinking about New Years resolutions and

have not completely decided yet. Now that I think of it I want to find a man who will allow me to be a housewife and concentrate solely on my shows. A man who will love me as I am and help me further my career so that I may pursue acting as well. I do not know where this man is but gurl help a sista out and send those vibes my way. As far as Christmas I did not get my Mercedes or my penthouse on the lake or my very own KFC so hell naw I did not get what I wanted......DAMN DAMN !! We all know there is no need to look at the past and see what we could have done differently so I am not even going there....its done and over with and I can not be bothered miss thing...so lets not think of the past and look to the future. Gurl we need to get together soon over some sweet tea and apple pie and get to know each other better. Have a great one boo cause a gurl gotta go grub.

Smooches T

Well ereyone....yes the is ereyone and not everyone....there is a difference....so ereyone I want you to have a safe and happy new year. Do not do anything that is going to get you into trouble because that is no way to start off what should be a new chapter in your life. I hope that I have touched some of your lives this past year and look forward to another year of greatness. Now for those of you who did not get a chance to give me a Christmas present...hint hint....you can still do so. I will be collecting them well into the new year. Take care and know that Lady Taj loves you all. Here's to sharing a Strawberry Smoothie from Starbucks between vou and me....Kisses....

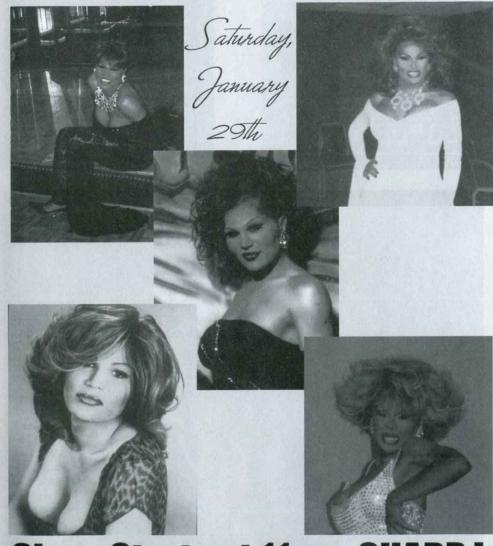
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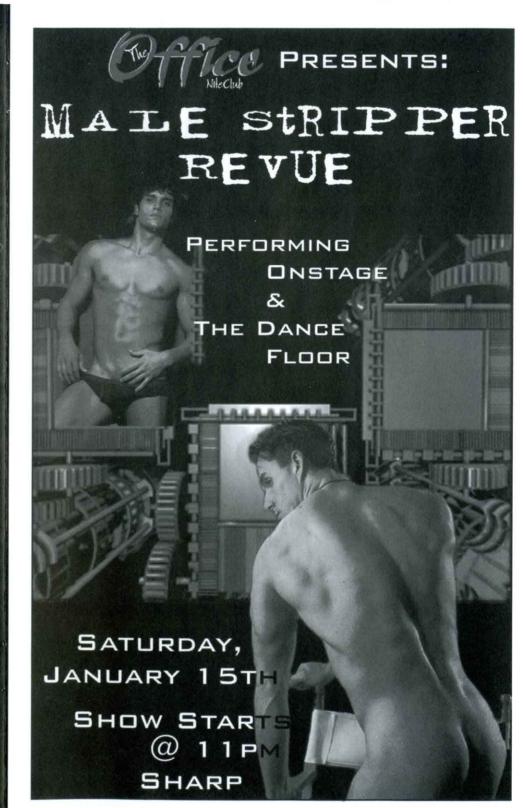
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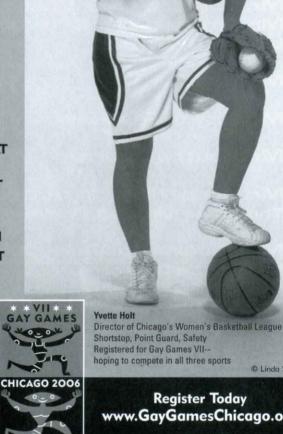
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Happy New Year! Fortunately, you'll have no shortage of reading material in the coming year with the beginning of two new papers for the Dairyland - Q life and Outbound News. This is in addition to the new web based news magazine InStep, at www.Instepnews.com. It should, at the very least, make things interesting for the coming year. If you're like most of the folks who read these papers, you really don't know any of the players other than the featured columnists or perhaps some of the writers. You would probably not be surprised if there were some healthy competition but would expect the papers to "get along", as it were. Already, there are some rather bitter mentions pertaining to rivalry, missed bills, stealing advertisers and on the InstepNews website a rather scathing tribute to one of the involved from 'Dear Ruthie'. I'm sure that there will be more posted on websites and printed in newsletters in the coming weeks. Well, let it be known that I love Dear Ruthie and reading her column - but like most who add to the publications (myself included). I think we see that putting it all together and publishing something month in and month out can be a daunting task.....and we should wish all the publications the very best of luck in the New Year. No matter what shape the voice takes – the more voices we have the louder we are. Not that a few warning shots shouldn't be sent across the bow here and there - just perhaps a bit more tempered. I have been to many. MANY major cities in the country and I honestly can't think of one that has the coverage we do in print.

On to some dir! This past month we had the very first pageant for Miss Gay Wisconsin United States. Four contenders from the USofA State

pageant showed up with pretty much their same package from state, along with Neely O'Hara. competed for the top prize. The host bar was Crossroads in Appleton. Since Mark Madison has become involved, this bar has certainly made some strong showings! Mark runs the entertainment portion of things, while Neely is the show director. The pageant was a complete success. Packed bar, great entertainment, great competition. In the end, it was Neely O'Hara to walk away with the top prize and, much like she did at State. Deja Voo from Kenosha waltzing down the stage as the 1st runner up. Going into talent. Deja led by most accounts - but then Neely pulled out a Liza number that sealed the deal. I can say that it was close - my own personal thoughts are that Deja and her dancers pulled out some moves that small stage that would have had others tumbling over the edge. She'll be something else at nationals.....now BOTH national pageants (USofA in Dallas and United States in Virginia). Good Luck Neely & Deja!

One word of note for all performers getting on in years - watch out for the dance moves that should better be left to the up-and-comers. Our Miss WI Continental, Taylor Roberts, was doing what she is known for on the dance floor. Feet over head, back flips, twists and turns and one split that was brought to a sudden and very painful conclusion. Poor Miss R. came down so hard on her foot that it broke it in two places. I have to hand it to the owners of Crossroads - they were exceptional during the entire incident. While some bar owners or 'management-type' employees would be creating a scene trying to shuttle you out to your car – or at least the parking lot - these gals were just the empitome of professionalism and dealt with the situation incredibly well. Crossroads - a great place to fall on your ass! Somehow, I don't think that will be their new slogan but it's something to think about!

From what I gather. Miss Neely is dropping the last name. Hey, if it's good enough for Cher! So, now it's just 'Neely'. I think we've all known her for so long that this one will be difficult – but perhaps if we expand on it, things will work out. So, henceforth, Lusinda Andrews is now just 'Lucy', Tammy Faye will be 'TF'. Ophelia Junque will be 'OJ' and the mind-twisting duality of Kimberly Michaels/Michael K. will be.....hmmmm....we should probably have a

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- 9. If I Close My Eye (Tony Moran & Warren Rigg Late Night Rework, with Reina)
- 10. Give Me Love



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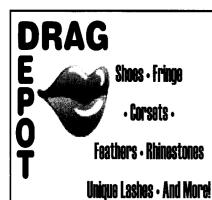
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IU. Madonna	Easy Ride
11. Emma	Free Me
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4.	Monica	You Should've Known Better
5.	James Anderson	Beat That Bitch
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vote on this one. Send in your suggestions for his/her new name and I'll see if we can post the choices in the next issue.

Another congratulations is in order is for Steven Lloyd of Green Bay. This past month he competed for and won Mr. Gay WI USA-At-Large in Madison. You've probably seen him around state as Mr. Club Wisconsin – which he held the very first title for. No doubt, he'll bring just as much and do just as well with his new title. Jesse Rivera of Milwaukee gave up the title of Mr. At-Large – so there are some pretty big shoes to fill. I'm certain Steven is more than up for the task.

Unfortunately, there were some issues with the Mr. At-Large contest that just need to be brought to light. Namely - money. For most of you who have been to one of these things. I think you all realize that it is general practice that the entertainers are paid to be there. It is not uncommon that they drive hundreds of miles to be there. Usually, the pay isn't that great - but they get paid none-the-less. Another rule is generally that the one who is giving up the title doesn't pay to get in and after representing your pageant for a year - he gets his final pay, too. Those are the rules - plain and simple. The promoter, in this case Michael K, generally makes money from door admission and contestant entry fees. If you don't make the money projected by these two then you reach deep into your pocket and pull out your wallet. Also, let me preface everything by saying that I was NOT there. All the information I received is directly from the entertainer's mouths, several emails and a couple of very terse phone conversations.

First of all, it was a very light crowd at the Majestic in Madison. This may be why Michael K wanted Jesse to pay his own cover charge at the door. If I understand the thought rationale correctly – he PAYS to get into his pageant and then gets it back as part of his PAY at the end of the night. Maybe it's just me being old and bitter – but this doesn't add up unless you're an Enron accountant. The national title holder on hand made sure that this was not the case and Jesse got to relinquish his title without paying a cover charge. The end of the evening was an entirely different story! Shannon DuPree got paid (probably the single best move for self-preservation of the night!) and Jesse got 'part' of his

pay. Sometimes it pays to have an alcohol enhanced boyfriend with a mouth and after a very heated one-sided discussion, ending with the national title holder actually paying the rest of it with some of HIS pay. The others - well, they got 'stiffed'. While I know and respect them all, I have a bit of a problem with this. They go back time and time again and sometimes get paid and sometimes don't. They already knew on the drive to Madison that they very well may walk out empty handed. The real problem is Natasha Marques. This was her first booking as Miss Gay WI USofA outside of Milwaukee. She was told she was getting her standard booking fee. She doesn't know all the nuances of who you have to fight for your money and who you don't. What she got was a tearful diatribe about how money was short and that he would 'send it to her'. All well and good – but don't you need to get an address for that? I think I'll try that for my next pageant. Jackie & I will have to bone up on our crying skills. Don't worry girl. I'll get you some no-run mascara and we'll sniff onions after crowning!

The rumor mill was abuzz with the fact that these two were competitors at State and since Natasha won, perhaps Micheal was a bit perturbed over the entire thing. All it boils down to, is that there was an agreement for pay, a job was done, a booking fee was promised and then a big fat ZERO. As of the writing of this, there has been no payment. Incidentally, if you would like the address to send the payment to, it would be for Natasha Marques, Triangle Bar, 135 East National Avenue, Milwaukee Wisconsin 53204. Maybe it's already in the mail! In that case, I'll print a full retraction next issue! If not, I can only hope that those who attend these pageants and contests with the expectation of pay either make arrangements for cash up-front or decide to save their gas money and do a show in their home town. For those that have been the victim of this before - well, don't complain when you go home empty handed the next time. Pro-Bono performances!

Now. if you REALLY want to see how one of these things should be run, watch towards the end of February. Miss Triangle is coming up! Taylor Roberts will be giving up her first of many Wisconsin titles. Jesse Rivera organizes this and there is always plenty of competition on hand and, from what I hear an even more spectacular

crown than last year to go along with it. There will be great entertainers and no bitching about not being paid at the end of the night! Last year I believe there were five or six contestants and this year there could quite possibly be more!

Speaking of good times. I'm hearing that a few of the clubs in Milwaukee have started up 'Gay' night! I was tempted to go down to one the other night and join some friends. I really never knew that some of these offered this since they obviously have failed to advertise in any of the community magazines and newspapers that I read. I'm not certain how to feel about this. One the one hand, it's winter. Winter being winter in Wisconsin – everyone suffers, including the bar owners be they straight bars, gay bars or anything else. On the other hand, I'm glad that they're opening themselves up for this opportunity but I think my wallet is feeling a little taken advantage of. You know. Switch has never had a "Straight Night", nor has any of the other bars that I frequent down in the Milwaukee loop. My straight friends would feel just as comfortable there as I would at the places they frequent - but they wouldn't need a specific night to show up just like I wouldn't feel the need for a specific night to show at one of these bars. While I'm glad that we can be an all inclusive community. I think I'll continue to spend my dollars at the bars that support my community 7 days a week, 365 days a year rather than opt for the novelty of a single night because someone needs a gimmick to tide them over. When one of these clubs has their logo on the Pridefest Banner, the BESTD Clinic literature, advertisements in any of our local GLBT newspapers or has a float in a Pride Parade (hope it comes back), then we'll talk. Until then, if they really, REALLY want to have fun with some gay people then they should bring their staff down to our side of town!

And speaking of Milwaukee, there is a note of caution that I want to put out to you all. There have been some 'incidents' that have occurred to patrons of the bars in the area who park their cars on Walker Street and 2nd Street. Specifically, west of 2nd Street. This is the street just south of Cage and Fluid as you're driving towards the Allen Bradley Clock. There have been several incidents reported - and who knows how many that have gone unreported - of people who have parked on this street being robbed at gun-point by two individuals or once by two in-

dividuals with an aluminum bat! Fortunately, no one has been injured. To date. I believe that there are three or four such incidents reported to the police: perhaps more. I know that it's tempting. You drive down the length of the street looking for a place close to your favorite watering hole and you turn a corner to make another sweep and you see 'The Spot'! Well, kiddies - keep driving. Park down by BOOM if you must. It's well lit and well traveled and really not that far from Cage, Fluid, Walkers Pint or Switch. On the way back, you can check out the new addition to Boom - the "Room". All that and you won't be forced to give some reprobates that hide behind the dumpsters your

On to the website of the month! Did you know that there will be a "Do Not Call" list for cell phones? If you're like most of the people I know, your idea of getting on a "Do Not Call" list is by either not paying your phone bill or paying with a bad check. Telemarketers will soon have access to your cell phone number, though. There will soon be published a national directory of cell phone numbers. I suppose that this is in response to 9/11. This means that telemarketers will have access to your number. They'll call you and you'll pay! There is a government sponsored website link that you can have your home phone AND your cell phone placed on this list. To access it, simply go to http:// www.donotcall.gov. You can also easily do this by calling 1-888-382-1222 from the phone that you wish to be placed on this list.

Finally, a little note about the last column. I received more than a couple calls and emails about the entire 'dress' thing at state with some information that I didn't have on hand at the time. It seems Venus and Gigi were not the culprits that quite a few Northeastern Gals pointed to when things happened. Yes, this kettle of dead fish was stirred by forces other than Miss Gigi or Venus and although I never came out and plastered responsibility directly on them -I do apologize if they took offense for having their names wrongly added to the drama.

That's It! Happy New Year from the Edge and celebrate the New Year safely! In the meantime, play nice. If you can't play nice just email me at lottiedodge@sbcglobal.net.



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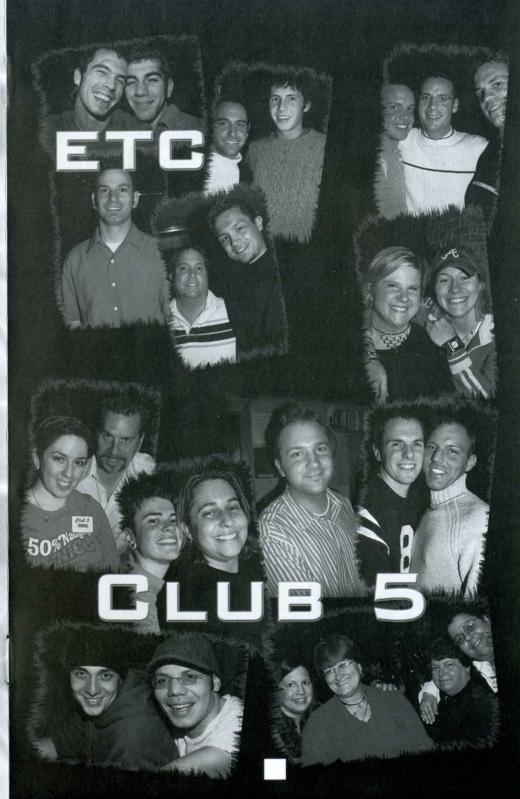
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Step #5 – Be all right on your own. See if you can handle going to the movies or getting a cup of coffee all by yourself. Stay in one night and don't answer the phone. Embrace your solitude and appreciate the time you have to yourself. I didn't have fun. healthy relationships until I knew I could live on my own. Prior to that, it

was co-dependency all the way.

Step #6 – Go on a date. Don't expect a lot. Don't compare. And don't say more than three sentences about your ex – no matter what. It's the easiest topic of conversation, but also the worst. You'll have plenty of time to talk about him later if you ever desire, but not just yet. Keep it light, casual, and fun, and let the guy know if you need to go slow. The good ones will understand.

Breaking up can indeed be hard to do, but it need not ruin your life. You might not want to hear this. It may sound like lightweight psycho-babble and self-help crap that won't really help. But even though we may not have a choice in the matter. we do have control over how we deal with it. Getting through such things is what makes us stronger and better human beings. Yes, it sucks. Yes, it hurts like hell. But you have to believe it will get better. Find the worth in yourself to make it so.

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You've just broken up with your boyfriend and you think it's the end of the world. Before you drown yourself in booze, pills, meaningless wanton sex, and other delightful forms of degrading debauchery, stop and see if you can come through it without the need for rehab.

Most of us won't hold onto our high school sweetheart or first great love. (Hell, my high school sweetheart was a girl for God's sake.) Inevitably there will be break-ups. followed just as inevitably by break-downs. The big. important question will be how well we deal with them. The way in which we deal with our break-ups will play a major factor in how we begin a new relationship.

Most of us carry some sort of baggage from previous relationships. Some travel lightly. moving on with only a back-pack or hand-bag of quickly forgotten moments and an apathetic shrug. Others have a full set of heavy luggage, hat boxes, and a super-size U-haul trailing behind them.

However you choose to move on. there will likely be feelings of loss, along with a few questions and doubts. Was it my fault? Am I not attractive? Did I do something wrong? Is something intrinsically wrong with me? Why can't I ever make it work? Am I even lovable? Should I have tried harder? Compromised more? Given in more, or less? It's hard to silence these insecurities and just as difficult not to feel somewhat paranoid.

Panic and desperation may both rear their ugly heads, contributing to a downward spiral that leads to hopeless feelings of damaged self-worth. We've all swirled in this whirlpool at some point, almost drowning in the sinking feeling that we'll never fall in love again. Even when the panic is familiar, even when we know we can get back up and have another relationship, there is still the gnawing fear that we'll be left alone.

For many gay men and women, the fear is a legitimate one. We don't have the basic tenements of marriage and children at easy disposal to ground us and give us stability. In a lot of cases, our partners are our family. When we lose that, we may feel that we have lost it all.

No matter how bad it seems. it's important to forge ahead. Paranoia, depression and insecurity are not turn-ons for most sane people. Snap out of the cesspool of self-doubt and cancel the self-pity-party-for-one.

A few steps that might help you out of the pit of post-break-up depression:

Step #1 – Mourning. Sometimes you can do the rebound thing. Sometimes you can do the bitter, screw-the-world bit. Sometimes you just have to wallow in the sad emptiness, trudge through those sorrowful fields, and suck-up the loneliness that is inevitably part of our lives. Don't let it cripple you, but don't shy away and pretend everything is all right. The worst thing you can do after a break-up is hold things in and gloss over what you're feeling. It will ALL come out in your next serious relationship.

Step #2 – Living. Just live. I'm not talking about living it up or putting on an Auntie Mame "Live! Live! LIVE!" extravaganza. Just simply live. Breathe in, breathe out, eat, sleep, work, exercise. Simply execute normal daily activities and concentrate on each to keep your mind off other matters. It sounds simple, but this can be the hardest one to do. It's easy to stay in bed all day with the shades drawn or veg out numbly in front of the television – and a day or two of this is fine – but be careful not to get stuck.

Step #3 – Preoccupation. Distract yourself. Do what you usually do to have fun when you're single. Go out with friends, listen to music, watch silly videos, see funny movies. re-read

We asked our columnist and staff what their resolutions were for the new year, here's what they said:

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CODY: MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION IS TO WIN MR. GAY WISCONSIN AGAIN, OH DAMN, I CAN'T!

MARC & TOM: ...MORE LEATHER...

TRAVIS: WHO FOLLOWS THESE THINGS ANYWAY?

CARIN LESSNLESS: TO BITCH SLAP ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT THEY CAN ACTUALLY STAND BY THEIR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION FOR A WHOLE YEAR. HA!

LOTTIE DODGE: MY RESOLUTION IS TO BURN THAT NOTORIOUS GREEN COCO VEGA THAT EVERY PERFORMER HAS WORN IN EVERY PAGEANT IN THE NATION.
BURN DRESS BURN!

Check out our HOT New Look!



weekly Specials

Sundays

\$1.50 Domestic, \$1.00 Busch & Busch Light Bottles, \$1.50 Bloody Marys

Mondays

\$1.50 Miller Products & FREE DARTS!

Tuesdays

\$1.50 Bud Products & FREE POOL!

Wednesdays

Rockfords HOTTEST Hump Day Party!

Karaoke with JD!

\$1.50 Busch & Busch Light,

\$1 Pucker Shots

Thursdays

\$1.00 Domestic Bottles, \$1.75 Rails, \$2 Shots & the BEST Dance Music from the past to now!

Fridays

\$1.75 Domestic Bottles, \$2 Coronas & Rockfords Best Dance Music!

Saturdays

Rockfords HOTTEST Dance Party!

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January Events

Sun. Jan. 16th.

Sabrina Productions Presents

Diamond Gents

Drag King Revue @ 10PM

Fri. Jan. 28th.
The Midwests HOTTEST

MALE STRIPPERS

@11PM, \$3 Cover

Sun. Jan. 30th.

Sabrina Productions Presents Your Dreams Come True

Drag Review @ 10PM Featuring:

Jennifer Marlowe



Sabrina De'Lite



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