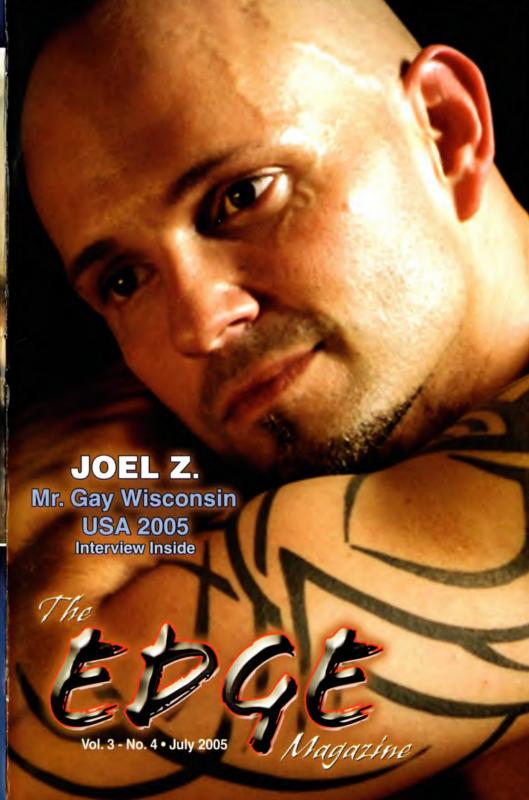




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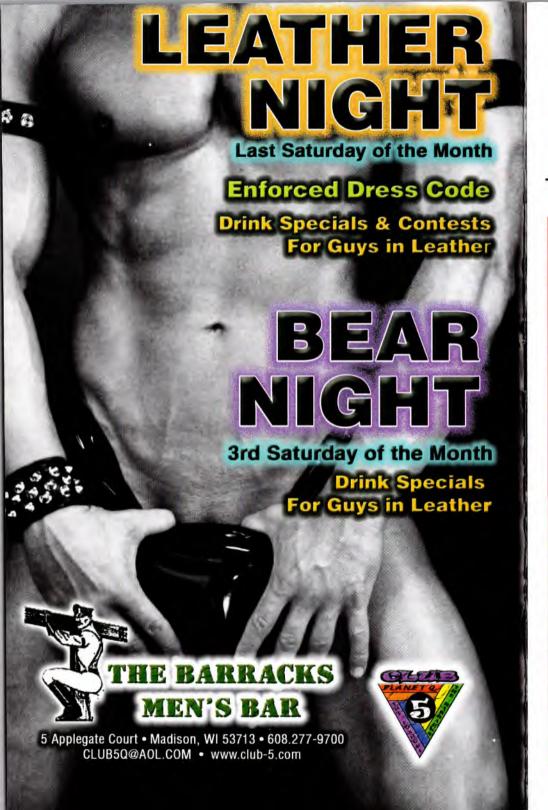
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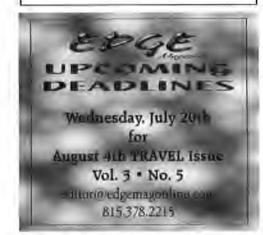
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First, I want thank you for taking some time to talk with us today. Let's start off by telling us a little bit about your self.

Ok first a litatle about my self-I'm just a regular kind of guy in a sometimes not so regular kind of world. Iike the old cliché says when life gives you lemons, make lemonade, well now I have come up with my own cliché, which doubles as great advise, whether in life or on a stage performing.....take your disadvantage and make it your advantage, think on your feet, learn, adjust, and take life or that situation and turn it around, so now about me I am a very healthy, happy 35 year old HIV+ guy living in Madison, WI.and I have taken life's lemons and made the best lemonade you ever tasted.

Tell us how you got started in Male Pageantry.

I first got started in male contests,....ok now I am going to date myself here so no laughing, my Ist contest was for a bar title, Mr. Mad Hatter 1994.......I'll wait till you compose yourself....I was living in Wausau at the time and started performing there and wanted to try my very first competition. It was a great experience and I learned a lot.

How long have you been peforming as a boy and not a drag queen?

I have been performing both as Joel and Josie ever since that first competition, and continually learning how to better myself.

What prelim to Mr. Wisconsin did you run for, and how did that go?

After an 8 year absence from any competition, I decided it was time, and the time was for a Mr. Title, so I ran for Mr. Gay Capitol City for my prelim to get to Mr. Gay Wisconsin.

How many years have you done drag?

I have been doing the art of female impersonation.....oh all right... doing Drag, for 10 years now, and still get butterflies right before I get on stage. I love every minute of it.

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Now that you're the current Mr. Gay Wisconsin 2005, what is your goal for nationals (Mr. Gay USA 2005)?

My biggest goal was to be the first person to bring a national title here to WI... but a well deserving individual has already done that, Congratulations Mark Madison, Mr. Gay Classique USA. So now my new goal is to still bring that title home, so there for we will hopefully have 2 national titles here in WI.

On your first try competing for Miss Gay Wisconsin, you won. Now your first try for Mr. Gay Wisconsin, you won that too. Tell us what goes through your head when you hear that.

The first time I ran for Miss Gay WI, I ended up tying for 1st place, they decided not to do a tie breaker, and the title was given to Sasha, and I was so happy

to be her 1st runner op because I had only done drag 4 or 5 times before that state competition, and I was not ready to be a state title holder. I needed more experience.

So I took a year off from competing and worked on the persona of Josie Lynn then the next year, ran for state, won, went to nationals and became the first Miss WI to make it in the top 12. What an incredible year for me and every one who help me get there, you know who you are. Now it is time to have another incredible year, but this time as Mr. Gay WI filled with great memories and wonderful sup-portive people in my life. I want to take this opportunity to thank the audiences, and clubs for your support and the backing of contestants in these competitions, for without you none of this would be possible. So keep coming out to the shows, and we will keep on entertaining.

Take care and we will see you next time the music starts and the lights go up.

Happy Pride Joel, and congratulations on your new title!





Dear Tajma Hall.

Is there a way to contact you? Like email, website, or whatever.... It would be much appreciated if you could help a fan out.

Yours truly, Bol

Hi Bob

You can view my website (www.theladyta)mahall.com) and email me directly from the site. I love hearing from all of my fans and hope to hear from you soon.

Hugs Tajma

Hey Taj.

What's your favorite finger food? We know you love to eat, so do tell! (chicken fingers are mine!)...

Later, Food for thought

Hi Food for thought...

Girl I can not believe you are asking a fat girl to name one favorite thing. I have so many favorite finger foods that if I start to name them I am sure I will leave something out. Right now a bitch is craving "crab rangoon" so at the moment that would be my favorite. Tomorrow morning I am sure my favorite finger food will be a pound of

bacon. Damn girl you got my fat ass all hungry again. Thanks to you I am about to gain another ten pounds. You are the bomb! (Licking my lips)

Smooches Taima

Lady Taj.

Hi Str8 vs Gay

I've noticed in the past couple years that straight people have been coming to our venues. I'm not sure how I feel about this, I'm almost down the middle when it comes to this topic. How do you feel about the straight community coming into the gay bars?

Sincerely, Str8 vs. Gay

straights we would have no future gays. I have no problem with straight people coming to our venues. As a matter of fact I love it. It shows that not all people are closed minded and living in a box. I think we should embrace them and hope that they will do the same if we chose to go into a so called straight venue. We have to remember that we will not grow if we close our doors to those who typically make us feel uncomfortable. Lets

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Miss Thang Taj.

Hey, it's Miss Kim again, Thank you for your repsonse to my question. I really appreciated it. I'm very new to scene obviously and I've noticed that their is a lot of gossip with in the drag community. I'm not at all into gossip, and I don't know how I would handle someone talking about me. Any thoughts on how I should handle the situation should it arise?

Thanks again Miss Kim

Hi Miss Kim Thanks for keeping in touch. Girl I can keep this real simple....STAY AWAY!!!! If someone comes your way with drama and gossip just turn and walk away. Therefore your name will stay out of it and no one can say "Kim said". Gossipmongers seek those who will take the gossip and continue spreading it...they prey on newcomers. Just remember the old saving.... "your name ain't wes so stay out of that mess. I love you boo.

Hugs and more hugs Taima

Well well....another session ends and I am about to run out of the door. A lady's work is never done and there sure is not enough time in the day to do it. Please know that Lady Taj loves you all and hope that you continue to love yourselves. No one is going to love you if you don't love yourself. Peace love and hair grease...

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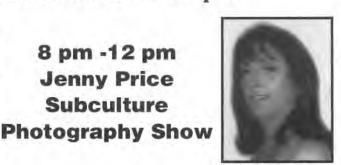
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Voice of Madison

by Travis Copeland

The ghost of Gay Pride Past says PridePest 2005 was a smash! The take was good, and a profitable fest means we all win. Attendance was a record 21 thousand! OK, so Taylor Dayne mangled all of her own songs, and that Cher impersonator was so god-awful that I couldn't figure out if it was a joke or for real. But I sure had a kick-ass time, especially during the RuPaul show. I wasn't really feeling the gay until she got on stage and brought out the tude!

Speaking of Mother Ru. guess who's coming to Madison this month! Yes, she'll be at The Underwear Party at the Orpheum Theatre on Friday, July 15. It should be a good time. For more info. check out www.theunderwearparty05.com.

If you didn't know, the weekend of the 15th is Madison's pride, with events including the MAGIC picnic at Brittingham Park, and the sassy Pepper MaShay at Club 5 on Friday night.

But wait! That's the same night that RuPaul will be in town! My nose for news has been tipped off, and I have a story for you. Yes, that's right: Ed Edney decided to bring in RuPaul for The Underwear Party on July 15—the same date as Pepper MaShay at Club 5. I'm not going to name names, but Edney has a co-conspirator in this event. I like this co-conspirator, but, damn it, sometimes he has his heart in the wrong place.

The show has been created out of bitterness and rivalry to steal business from Club 5. Originally the show was to benefit TPS and OutReach, but that may or may not be the case anymore. That being said, it is a fact that the RuPaul show was scheduled first.

Not to be outdone. Club 5 is bringing in

last year's profit-maker. Pepper MaShay. Where does that leave patrons? Instead of reconciling their differences, the two venues decided to host competitive, rather than cooperative, events.

We know of the problems with Madison Pride and the Madison Gay Athletic Association. But for Pride's sake, Pride is supposed to be a GOOD event.

My suggestion is to skip both events. Instead, why not get back to the roots of "Pride?" Where did the meaning of gay pride go? Does anyone remember gay activists shutting down Wall Street to protest the price of AIDS medications? How many of you learned about the bottle-throwing and police-car-tipping at Stonewall?

God forbid I be accused of inciting violence, but I'd sure like to see a couple of upturned, burning cop cars rather than a bunch of shirtless boys dancing to the tired remixes of Nick Nice.

Take back the pride! Take back what it means to be a faggot, a queer, a homo, a lesbian, a dyke. Do any of you remember the fact that we're still second-class citizens? Can we see through the haze of dance music and poppers for one weekend and raise a little hell?

In good conscience, I refuse to endorse either money-fest at Madison Pride this year. Instead, let's show some REAL pride. Let's rally at the capital, Let's hold our congressmen and senators accountable.

Skip the commercialism and get back to the roots—OUR roots. Let's make "PRIDE" mean something this year.







HOT Topics

Boy oh boy..... things have sure been quiet around the Edge Magazine in regards to what is happing or what one has done! Although there is not a lot of gossip to report at this time there is some news to share about the happings in Wisconsin.

Let first start with The Mr Gay Wisconsin contest that took place June 19th in Madison. It turned out to be a great contest things ran smoothly and the crowd was really into it except those that just came to see Michael K fall on his face 1 think some of them were disappointed that, that did not happen. Cody who had a FANTASTIC year gave his title up respectfully, and I am sure he has his future plans up his sleeve we have not see the last of him! Ryan Davis Mr Gay USA was defiantly what being, Mr Gay USA is about, down to earth and just a all around nice guy!

Moving on to the Miss Wisconsin Continental Pageant held in Milwaukee on June 18th, Miss Taylor Roberts or I think that is her name by now I have heard that it probably has changed? Anyway she was not present to reign out her year I searched high and low to find the reason's why but I guess that will remain a mystery just like her identity or isit? The Beautiful Miss Erica Andrews was present and if anything that was worth the show alone! Miss Neely O'Hara or is it Just "Neely" these days? She was the Mc of the evening and a host of entertainers. There were 2 contestants that competed for the title. Jazzman Roberts and Jennifer Alyce, and if you haven't heard who won take a guess! In defense of Wisconsin Continental Stella has gone through a great deal of personal issues my hat goes off to her for pulling through after all she has endured and I am sure her and her new title holder will bring it back off the ground!

In other News Dale of the Shelter in Green Bay has taken on a new task and that is promoting USA Unlimited he recently purchased the Midwest USA system which include, Mr Gay Midwest USA. Mr Gay Midwest USA at Large, Mr Gay Midwest USA Classique. Ms Gay Midwest USA Classique, this is gonna be a good one! By the time you read this Dale will have already appointed the folks to represent his contest for this year and an actually contest will be held for next year.

Ok now for a bit of gossip or whatever you want to call it:

There was a rumor that was going on awhile back that Dee Dee Winters was going to move back to WI and this weekend I heard that is taking place in 2 weeks, hummm..... I'm not sure it is going to happen so lets wait out this rumor and see if the welcome wagon in Florida had left ber.

I read somewhere that someone was a "Hot Mess" in Illinois well I know of a drag queen that has her beat at being a "Hot Mess" I saw her at a show and a "HOT MESS" she was and one of the words in "Hot Mess" shares the name of the queen. Hot Dam this is a good one can you figure it out?

I heard a rumor about Miss Tippy she is the current Miss Napalease Lounge in Green Bay, it appears that she has not showed up to do a show for quite sometime there. Has anyone seen here or know where she may be? If anyone sees Taylor Roberts ask her if she knows where Tippy is... OH WAIT I think I did see her at the shelter the other night and the night before and the night before that......

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Muzic Review



I have been looking forward to this album since they announced the release date back in March! I have played it a lot the past couple of days! It is consis-

tent all the way through. A lot of them I've seen on other dance compilations, but this is way different altogether. Most of the album consists of female singers and divas like Mariah, Whitney, Celine, Toni, Christina, Jennifer Lopez, Monica and others, but Duran Duran and Maroon 5 are on here too. And I like the Fantasia song on here—she sounds good on the remix. Mariah Carey's Dreamlover is different for that she sings on

it rather than giving her record to a remixer to put all those sound effects and blips on it. She's very involved in this song. Maroon 5's remix is quite good and the lead singer even sings the chorus of She Will Be Loved in This Love within the song-clever idea! Kelly Clarkson's Since U Been Gone is dazzling too. just as good as her Miss Independent remix on the Fired Up 2 album. Alicia Keys' Diary is another surprise here, one of the many standouts. This album is just astounding to hear for much of its 75 minutes, very fast paced and alert in its rhythms! The remixes by Hani. Hex Hector, Jason Nevins, Peter Rauhofer, Morales, Scumfrog, Armand Van Helden and others are dynamic in their sounds and they keep the songs from sounding like the album versions.

1. Since U Been Gone-Kelly Clarkson remixed by Jason Nevins 2. Diary Alicia Keys remixed by Hani 3. This Love-Maroon 5 remixed by Junior Vasquez 4. (Reach Up For The) Sunrise- Duran Duran remixed by Jason Nevins 5. World On Fire-Sarah McLachlan remixed by JXL 6. White Flag-Dido remixed by Al B Rich 7. Milkshake- Kelis remixed by DJ Zinc 8. Toxic-Britney Spears remixed by Armand Van Helden 9. So Gone- Monica remixed by The Scumfrog 10. Get The Party Started-Pink remixed by Pink Noise 11. Naughty Girl- Beyonce remixed by Victor Calderone 12. Dreamlover- Mariah Carey remixed by Dave Morales 13. It's Not Right But It's Okay- Whitney Houston remixed by Thunderpuss 14. It's All Good-Fantasia remixed by The Scumfron 15. Waiting For Tonight-Jennifer Lopez remixed by Hex Hector 16. Beautiful-Christina Aguilera remixed by Peter Rauhofer 17. Nobody's Supposed To Be Here- Deborah Cox remixed by Hex Hector 18. Wish I Didn't Miss You- Angie Stone remixed by HQ2



19. Unbreak My Heart-Toni Braxton remixed by Soul - Hex

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Montago by Bailey D

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome! This past month has been a busy month with plenty of things that have happened. We had Milwaukee Pride Fest. The Mr. And Ms. Wisconsin Continental, and Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA Contest. I am going to talk about all three things, and what happened, and what we have to look forward to in the coming months. So sit back and enjoy the read!

Let's first start with Milwaukee Pride Fest. If most of you came and hopefully most of you did. you would know what happened and how everything went. For those of you who could not attend our festival, it went PERFECT! The weather was great the whole weekend, NO RAIN. even though it was supposed to and this year we had many great performers come and make our Pride bigger and better than last year. Last year we had about 18.500 people come through the grounds, and this year we had about 19.700 people come. This was outstanding and more than anyone could have expected. Among the performers we had RuPaul, Taylor Dane, and Sophie B. Hawkins. They were all entertaining and wowed the crowd. It is said that Sophie was asked to come back, and she more than accepted so expect to see her again. YAY! We also had some impersonators come and do their thing, they were great and really looked like the people they were trying to look like, etc. Cher. Joan Rivers. This year a pride we have the annual Gay Pride Idol this year and I have to give my props to Jayzon who won, and sounded great, you go Boyl I am sure that what ever they can come up with next year will be just as good, and keep the people coming back. So hope to see you next year.

There were two major pageants, and contest that happened in June and they were something that people should come and see. The first one that occurred on June 17th at Cage night Club was Mr. And Ms. Wisconsin Continental. There were three contestants that headed out and ran for the great titles. This was the first year for Mr. Wisconsin Continental and hopefully next year it will be bigger and better. Bailey Domino captured the title of Mr. Wisconsin Continental and will be going on to compete at nationals in September during labor day weekend down in Chicago. There were two girls that came out and went head to head to gain the title. Jazmine Roberts from Kenosha, and Jennifer Alvis from Greenbay Both girls threw down during talent, and tired their best. In the end Jazmine walked away with the title of Ms. Wisconsin Continental. She will also be heading for nationals to compete for Ms. Continental on labor day weekend. Best of luck to both Jazmine and Bailey and bring the titles back to Wisconsin.

The second contest was an all boy contest held in Madsion at Club 5. The contest was held on Sunday June 19th, and there were 9 guys that ran for the title of Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA. We had our very own Cody Domino giving up his title after a very great year, he was a great Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA. During his final number there was not a dry eye in the house. He had a dvd playing of pictures of all his friends, and people he has met, while Josh Groben sang Remember in the background. Squish Squish, great job Sweetie! These 9 guys also went head to head to gain that title that they

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all wanted. In the end Joel was the winner and took the title. He sang live and danced it was a great performance. Second went to Marty Copewood as he did a Seal number. And Third place went to Topher wood. This bitch worked it out with back up dancers, and really working the crowd. Great job to everyone that ran! Beside the just the guys there were many great performers that came and did their thing as well. I would have to say that Scarlet Fever had fun with the crowd and her number. She came out and did Holler back girl in a fun checkered outfit and it was a great time.

In the next few month there will be plenty of things to look forward to. We have to Rockford pride picnic that is always a fun time to go to, look for the dates for that one. In July we have the Mr. 94 north contest on July 30th. and

that is run by Jazmine Roberts, and will be held at Club 94 down in Kenosha right off 94 east. The other major pageant is the double crowning held at Cage night club in Milwaukee. The date I have is July 26th. All the girls should come and run for this one, and everyone should come and see the battle of the divas. It is a hot and fun time. But if you have any questions on things coming up always feel free to call the bars and get information. You can also feel free to email me, and I can find out for you. So keep the pride going, and come to the up and coming events and have a great time.

Yours Truly,

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