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Horoscopes

Monthly gay horoscope for March, 2004
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ARIES March 21 - April 19

Don't let the slow start fool you this month. Let the slow fool start you. Young, dumb, hung, so what's the hang up? Only on your voice mail. When we're talking trade, we do not mean the stock exchange. Look, you can't screw brains, although your brains can screw, along with your credit cards and bank account. You'll be under full sail by the first day of spring unless the sailors get you sprung first. Remember if you want to get ahead, get a head to do some head or get some head. Make your headway anyway anyway, okay? The last time you had a month like this was the time you lasted like a month whatever.....You sure you've done enough bad drugs to understand all this?

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Oh, glory be! Spring at last. Time to start your garden. Mistress Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow? Well that depends on where you plant the seeds, Ms Mary. And it depends on how the seeds are planted, and who's planting them in you. Oh, slap me across the face, but let me blush first. Forget the virgin lilies, dear. No one will believe it even if they do bloom. Try the scarlet harlots in the bed next to the meandering creepers. The prickly uplifts will be perfect surrounding the midnight orifices. And don't forget the expanding crawling vines wrapped around the stately erect poletree. Get the garden club together for an intimate little planning meeting. Midnight. Your place.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

It seems it's like back to the chat rooms. Again. Cheez! Well, what phony persona can you do this month? You tried young and gorgeous with the picture you downloaded from the XXX website. That didn't last long, did it? And your real stats belong in a data base for the weird and unusual. So what fantasy persona do you really wish to be? Don't try the world's biggest troll, the trolls would likely sue. Super jock? Not likely given that you're out of breath walking around the block. But that's it! Just time your walk around the block to coincide with dusk after sunset. Fake

your famous strange accent in a dark laneway. Promise exotic romance. Be prepared for someone equally as phony as you are. It will be the finest ten-minute quickie you've had in at least two or three days.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Oh whine! A perfect month for making a career move, getting your job sorted out, buying antiques, phoning Mum, or even getting caught up on your bills. And you could care less. In fact, you're going to complain (as always) because? Because your crotch has the A number 1 hots for this friend you like just met. First the good news. Said new friend has the hots for you, too. Now the bad news. Guess who wants to talk all night first? Small problem. Said friend has the wrong end of the anatomy activated. The manual won't help. Don't bother. Manual action won't work, although it won't be for lack of trying. Solution. Deactivate the mouth. Stuff something in it. Friendship are made of things like this.

LEO July 23 - August 22

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VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Damn, this sainthood stuff keeps getting in the way. Expanding one's inner purity to encompass the sanctity of the soul. I mean like what's that got to do with getting some hot and horny sex, for chrissake? Welcome to your month, Virgo. Just about the time you've reached your inner core and have the meaning of life in hand, you suddenly realize what's in your hand may have meaning, and may have a life, and may well be shoved into your core, but it ain't your soul, honey. It ain't even an old pair of shoes. But the tongue ain't bad, and Holy Moses, the choir of angels ain't bad either at the climax. There's no

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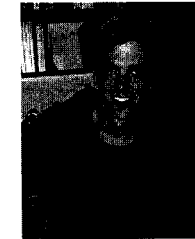
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21, GWM, 6'0", 150lbs. Brownish Blond Hair, Green Eyes, Very good looking, New to Rockford area and the gay scene. In search of friends for a good time or more. Anxious to see what happens. Mail replies to P.O. Box 12, Rockford, IL 61105 Per 104

31, Bi Male, 6'4" 185lbs Dark Hair & Eyes. Semi hairy chest, Very dominant top with 10" and beer can thick. Bareback only with submissive bottoms. Light S&M a plus, especially with a sling. Mail replies to P.O. Box 12, Rockford, IL 61105 Per 105

Miss Illinois Continental Pageant

Saturday, April 24th

\$1300 PRIZE PACKAGE

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business like show business. Ask a Pisces.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The perfect month to walk down the street talking to yourself. Seriously. Don't worry about what other people think. They're worried about what you're thinking about them, and if you're actually going to try to do it. Spot the most gorgeous number on the street. Like I mean THE most gorgeous number. Walk right up and ask, well like anything, provided it's in a foreign language the gorgeous number would not ever understand. Put on your saddest puppy dog eyes as the gorgeous number tries to figure out what you're saying. Shed a tear if necessary. And a gold star for your forehead when said gorgeous number takes you home to try to sort it all out. Just don't blow it by saying something comprehensible or intelligent.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Even Scorpios have to eat vanilla ice cream every now and then. This is your vanilla month. Pack up your leather gear, send your dungeon outfit off to the cleaners, and spruce up your preppy outfit. Try polite conversation and finger foods at a smart little social event. Make your job sound ever so conventional. (So what if you just got fired after a two-year epic corporate power struggle?) Are you bored yet? Good. Here's the payoff. Somewhere in the midst of this barren boorish backwater of banishment, banality and blandness is this shy but horny little number who spots your seething steamy eyes and bulging crotch. Heh, heh, heh. Guess who has been waiting lifetimes for someone like you and is anything but boring behind closed doors?

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

If your boss sends you on a business trip, go. Even if it is to the remote mosquito-infested swamps of Lower Maladorania, go. Even if you have to fly on a broken airplane with a legally blind pilot and illegally drunken co-pilot, go. Even if the hotel is little more than a lean-to in a cave filled with sabre-toothed tigers, go. Even if the locals are in the midst of a civil war over how best to make human sacrifices to appease the tribal god, go. Even if the food is so unhealthy it has been banned as unfit for use as rat poison in seventeen nations, go. Even if internet access is dialup, go. And why, you may ask? Did I mention the personal interpreter and valet who is assigned to look after your every need? I didn't? Oh, sorry about that.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

It's the Universe's revenge against Capricorns. Oh, there is a serious conspiracy afoot from the ethers this month. And Capricorns are warned and advised to use the utmost in caution. Configurations such as these happen only rarely, but the stars do not lie. The die is cast. The energies have been unleashed, and there is no hiding, no place of refuge. Do not implore the help of the gods. They are deaf to your pleas and will not listen. Events will unfold as they should despite any effort on your part to avert the inevitable. It is writ large in the Great Book of Universal Truth. Brace yourself. The Universe will have its way with you. Some of the best damn horny sex you've ever had in your life, and there's not a thing you can do about it. Except have fun. Cosmic justice takes many forms.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

So you're still philandering about like last year's runner-up in the Slut of The Month Awards? Look honey, accept it. There's just some sleaze out there you are just never, and I mean never going to be able to do. There are some people who are born with that talent and then there's those like you who only wish. And speaking of wishing. Your wish just came true but you were too busy out there in the bushes and shadows every night to realize it. Earth calling Aquarius. Please come home. Guess who's there with the hottest crotch this side of Hades? Remember now? No? Hint: Once upon a time there was this home-happy lover.....remember who I'm talking about now? Guess where you wish just came true?

PISCES Feb 19 - March 20

This is going to sound a little strange, but given your life, I doubt if anything could be considered strange anymore. Now take a deep breath. Exhale. Now take another deep breath. Good. Now start talking with any likely person who seems to have a functional crotch. Surprise! There's a functional brain, too! Wow. And even comprehensible conversation. Well, sort of. But that's good enough. Your candle-lit cloud or mine? Will it last? You have to ask with your track record? Look, dearie, the stars are only promising quick fun for the month. But given the past couple of months, that's an improvement, and on this planet you take what you can get or are given, or whatever.



Take My Advice...

By Tajma Hall.

Dear Taj, Hi Sweetie! I emailed you about a month or so ago. My question was featured in your column in the February issue of The Edge Magazine. I was the gay male who was dating the bisexual male that never called! Well, I just wanted to update you that I went to see him to talk about our relationship. Boy were you right! Thank God I got out of that while it was early. I told him what I wanted and what I was looking for, and his wants and needs didn't add up with mine. So apparently, he is not ready for a relationship. I was kinda hurt at first, but I feel better now that this has been dealt with. Thank you for your time and advice! I look forward to many columns by you.

Sincerely, Ex-Need a Compass

My dearest Ex-Need a Compass. It touches my heart to know that the advice I gave you worked for you. I know it is not easy to let go of someone you really care about but sometimes it is for the best. You see now that this young man really has issues with his sexuality and needs time to sort them out. Do not let this get you down....let it teach you a lesson. The lesson should be that no everything that looks good on the outside is indeed good on the inside. He will learn that he cannot have both men and women without problems continuing to occur. One day he will have

to make a choice or he will most likely remain the miserable person he is. I do not mean miserable simply because of his bisexuality but miserable because of his emotional abuse to both sexes. You seem to be very comfortable with your sexuality so go find a nice gay man who is happy with himself and form the best relationship you can!!! Remember bisexual does not always mean masculine although that is what we want to think. Just be yourself and have a good time doing it. Thanks again for letting me know what is going on. I wish you nothing but happiness and if I can help again do not hesitate to ask! I love you sweetie!

Dear Taj. I've been dating a guy for three months. The relationship has been great, but one issue is coming between us: He smokes, and I do not. Many of his friends smoke. On top of it, my father, a former smoker, died a painful death from lung cancer.

My boyfriend is adamant that this is something he enjoys doing, having smoked for 15 years, and feels I am controlling him. When we tried to discuss it last week, he became confrontational. He said he felt like he was leading a double life, which made me feel like I am dealing with an addict.

We discussed this early into our relationship, and he agreed not to smoke around me. He told me he only smoked a couple cigarettes a day. As we have spent more

working the door. I have worked for and/or owned The Office for over 12 years now. I am proud of my personal accomplishment and enjoy what I do. I will be the first to admit that I am not the social butterfly the previous owners were, but I run the club to the best of my ability and try to create a fun atmosphere for each individual that walks in the door. As far as ending up back at the door, considering the many other things I do now, I don't think that is happening anytime soon. **This question I have personal interest in - What do you think of Delicious Grease naming you as Miss Lotta Grease?** I had to laugh, for one, my chest is too hairy to wear duct tape. In all seriousness, when The Edge magazine first evolved I was part of it's making. It was something separate from the club and I very much enjoyed doing what I did for the magazine. Unfortunately it was almost immediately made evident that being on the staff of The Edge and owning The Office was going to cause problems and drama. This was unfortunate personally because I enjoyed it, but it was obvious I had to separate myself from the magazine. The only involvement I've had with The Edge magazine since the 5th or 6th issue is physically collating and stapling the final printed copy. As it stands today, since The Edge has grown so much, they have equipment that handles all that. I have no involvement what so ever, except our advertisements, with

The Edge magazine. **Do you have any advice for the Delicious Grease column?** The only advice I would have is for her to have someone proofread the column for grammar before releasing it. On a different note, I would also like to take this opportunity, if I can, to thank Chris Digi. Not only did she personally call me to express how she and the Oh Zone was not a part of or condoned the latest edition of Delicious Grease, but she apologized for the words spoken by Gina while MC'ing there this past Friday. I also want to thank her for her words of wisdom on a personal front. THANK YOU Chris, I'm glad that we are friends!

There you have it, str8 from the Delicious Grease stars mouth. I'm disappointed that not more of my questions were answered. I was hoping for more drama to write about.

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

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February 2004...this will definitely be a month to remember in the news and gossip world! At the end of my last column I asked everyone to stop being so good...wow, you listened! Let's get the regular stuff out of the way so I can move on to the good stuff. The Office NiteClub's show lounge definitely had a lot going on. At the end of January they had their first Miss Illinois Continental Plus pageant. The night shined from the facelift the show lounge received, to the food and on to the pageant. The competition had three entries and those girls worked it. Miss Continental Plus 2003, Victoria "pork chop" Parker flawlessly MC'd the event. Not bad since she was a last minute fill in. I understand Deena Cass, who was scheduled to MC, canceled at the last minute. MsShalay filled Deena's shoes for her performing end of the pageant. MsShalay did such a great job. Jim Flint (owner of the entire Continental system & who attended the event) told her that she should have entered the contest. Shannon Dupree brought it home and is now Miss Illinois Continental, 2004 with Tajma Hall winning first alternate. Both will be going to nationals in Chicago on April 11th...GOOD LUCK LADIES! February brought special guests Regina Upright, Shannon Dupree, Stella Bi Starlite, Deliah Bouvier and Drag King Dusti. From what I've been told, Dusti is a new regular addition to their show. Deliah had a little help from Charlie Watkins during her first number. The question is who had the best head dress...Charlie or Deliah??? Regina, Shannon and Stella of course delivered awesome performances. Things did get a little "naked" in their last show. Taj obviously likes showing off her new titty's...CeCe had a little transparency going on with her outfit and Stella. wow, gurrllll can you take anymore off?? I did notice that there was two no shows (Lady Gia & Deja) that were scheduled perform in February.

Ok, now on to the rumor and gossip. Where do I start? I think we'll start with Britney Page Daniels. There has been so many different rumors and stories flying around about this one, so I'm going to deliver what facts I know. Dur-

ing Sabrina DeLite's absence in TN, for some reason Britney felt the need to literally set Sabrina's house on fire. Unfortunately there was no one home at the time, so her house did receive substantial damage. Even more unfortunately, two house pets lost their lives in the fire. Britney however did save their dog and did take the dog with her. Sabrina, girl, my thoughts are with you. The connections (or lack of) that I can't figure out is why did Britney do this and why did she just save the dog and not the cats??? I am working on this and will deliver the grease to you when I figure it out. Britney has been arrested and is in the big house with all those men. I wonder how much fun she's having???

I have found out the newest place to be on Friday's and Saturday's is The Office NiteClub's coat check. MsShalay is working the coat check in papa Bill's absence and from what I've been told, she really does work it! Alright for you girl, I hear the men just line up to see you. Rumor has it that you can find the men confessing their problems to the men playing with her...well you know, those big things she carry's around on her chest. I hear the coat check has never been so busy.

Now on to Gina Delicious... or did she change her name to DeLite?? In a recent ad in another publication she is billed as Gina DeLite. Did Sabrina take on a daughter or sister? I think it was a misprint, but in our drag world, one never knows. Also it appears that I have to extend a welcome to Gina for being the latest to put her wig in the gossip column world. Her latest column was...um, let's just say a little hardcore. I only had one response for her in her reference to me, but I emailed the star of her column, one of the owner's of The Office NiteClub, several questions to get his take on her latest writings. His response covers what mine would have been, so I'm leaving it alone. Here is what he submitted to me: "First off, thanks Miss Lotta for letting me respond to the latest edition of Delicious Grease, you had quite the list of questions. However, I've chosen not to respond to most of them because I think the shit has been stirred enough. I will respond to a couple of your questions though... **How do feel about Delicious Grease's reference if you remember where you came from (working the door) and that you'll end up back there?** Of course I remember where I came from, it would be hard to forget 10 years

time together, not smoking around me has become difficult for him.

I have strong anti-smoking feelings. I think it's horrible for someone to take such good care of himself on the outside and let himself rot on the inside. I'm wondering if it is worth our time and energy to try to work this out, as it appears to be a habit that will forever cloud our relationship.

Your perspective would be greatly appreciated.

Craig

Dear Craig

I am sorry to hear that you and your boyfriend of three months are already having serious issues. It is nothing a healthy start to have such deep problems this early in a relationship. You stated that you guys communicated about this in the early stages of your relationship. If he indeed agreed not to smoke in front of you because of your strong feelings then it seems he has a choice to make. I can almost assure you that someone who has smoked for 15 years, and seems to really enjoy it, will not likely stop

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smoking for you or anyone else. We all know bad habits are hard to break and sometimes it is selfish of us to expect someone to do so. I understand you lost your father and have experienced what smoking can do to a loved one. You need to sit him down and remind him of the conversation that led to him agreeing not to smoke in front of you. If he will not keep his word and not smoke in front of you then you have to make a choice. You need to decide if you are going to deal with it and continue this relationship or if you are going to walk out now before investing anymore time. I get the feeling that you do not intend to put up with it and he does not intend to quit. My suggestion is that you move on and find someone who is not a smoker and will not cause you heart ache and pain with a habit you know can lead to death. I know it is easier said than done but you need to act and act fast. The more time you put up with it the less ground you have to stand on. Being a non smoker myself I understand where you are coming from and sympathize with you and the situation. Think to yourself...is the second hand smoke you are constantly inhaling worth it to you???? Things that make you go hmmmmmmmmmmmmmm. Well love all I can say is do what you need to do to make YOU happy. Let me know what the outcome is and know that I am in your corner! A big hug of support to you.

Well boys and girls, guys and dolls, hunks and hunkettes...it is time for me to go and ponder many other questions that are burning my mind like why Meredith picked Ian instead of Matthew and why there is no Bojangles in Chicago? Many blessings to each and every one of you! Just remember that the Lady Taj always has her ears open to listen and help you work through your problems. Peaches and cream to all of you....

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7. Seal Waiting For You
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9. Industry Release Me
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7. Appreciate Me - Amuka

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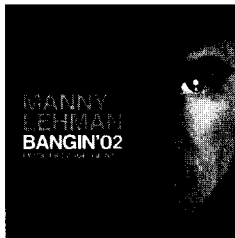
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10. Chemical Generation - 99 All Stars

11. Unique - Peter Rauhofer

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1. My Empire - Lula
2. No Way Back - Elec-trick
3. Walking On Thin Ice - ONO
4. Liberta - Serial Smokers
5. It's U (Only U) - Climaxx Rated
6. Young Hearts Run Free - Candi Staton
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5. Talk To Me - K-Klass
6. Fly Again - Kristine W
7. Believe - Murk
8. Just About Have Enough - Beat Hustlerz
9. Music's Got Me, The - Chicola/Vic
10. Future Funk - Seth Berman
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**Madison
Happenings**
by Travis Copeland

March may have come in like a lamb, but the Wisconsin legislature went into March like a lion. Late February, the Wisconsin Assembly Judiciary Committee voted to move forward Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) 66, to amend the state constitution to prohibit same-sex marriage.

Though the amendment would have to pass two sessions of legislature AND a public referendum, this is still a scary step in the WRONG direction. People like State Rep. David Zien (R-Eau Claire) and State Sen. Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) can rest assured knowing there is a cozy spot in the bowels of Hell for them. What would be more fitting for them than an eternity of being sodomized!

And speaking of assholes, that stunned chipmunk in a cowboy hat that pretends to be our president has also officially come out in favor of an amendment to the US Constitution that would also ban same-sex marriage. I guess he needs to garner a few extra votes from the religious right, considering his popularity has plummeted to all-time lows.

All I can suggest is to contact your representatives (state and federal) and instruct them to vote against all such measures. For Wisconsinites, try visiting www.actionwisconsin.org/takeaction.html to help you out. A few minor keystrokes, and the website does all the work for you!

You might also want to send a letter to thank Mayor Daley of Chicago, who has

declared that he is in favor of giving marriage licenses to same-sex couples. "Marriage has been undermined by divorce," Daley said. "Don't blame the gay and lesbian, transgender and transsexual community." My "Bravo!" letter is en route. Unfortunately, Mayor Daley, for his progressive ideas, doesn't seem to have made the leap into the electronic age, so you'll have to settle for faxing him or sending snail-mail.

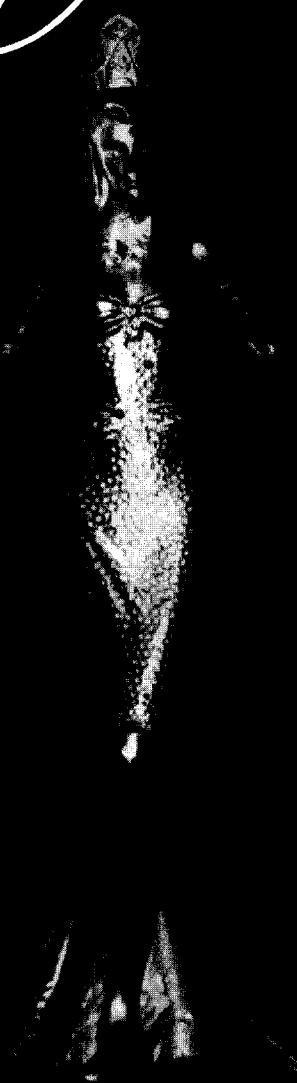
I also made sure to drop an e-mail to Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz (chess-LEH-vitch, for those of you not in-the-know), letting him know what Mayor Daley had to say. But our mayor (whom I not-so-fondly refer to as "Do-Nothing Dave") will likely...well...do nothing!

So will Chicago be the second city in the US to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples? No, they won't! They've already been beaten by two cities in New Mexico (of all obscure places)! County clerks in Sandoval County, NM, declared that the law of New Mexico didn't forbid it, so they began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Well, they did for a few hours until an injunction shut them down. Still, the statement was made!

And last but not least, thank you, San Francisco! Though by most accounts the same-sex marriage licenses that have been issued will, by a court decision, probably amount to being worth less than the paper they are printed on, the US can never deny what thousands of same-sex couples made abundantly clear in San Francisco: we can and want to marry! (Well, by "we" I don't necessarily mean my partner and me! *wink*)

I do wish I had better news to report, but with Mordor's armies on the march, it's left up to the Fellowship of the CockRings to defeat the evil army of the Dubya! To arms!

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Wisconsin takes first step toward amending constitution to ban same-sex marriages

A legislative committee voted Tuesday to approve an amendment to the Wisconsin constitution that would prohibit gays and lesbians from getting married. The assembly judiciary committee voted 6-1, the first step in a long process to amend the constitution. An amendment must pass both houses of the legislature in consecutive legislative sessions and be approved by voters in a statewide referendum before it can take effect.

The amendment has outraged Wisconsin's gay and lesbian community, who claim it is meant only to be discriminatory and please Republicans' far-right constituency.

Wisconsin statutes already define marriage as a contract between a husband and a wife and don't recognize gay marriage. But Rep. Mark Gundrum, one of the amendment's main sponsors and the chair of the judiciary committee, said the change was needed to prevent Wisconsin courts from legalizing the practice despite

the state statute. He said the state constitution must be changed or the Wisconsin supreme court will follow the Massachusetts supreme judicial court, which ruled that barring gays from getting married is unconstitutional. "Our supreme court could do the same thing," Gundrum said. "This constitutional amendment will protect against an active judiciary. This is about trying to preserve what has always been."

The amendment next goes to the full assembly to vote on the measure as lawmakers face a tight time line to complete work on the amendment during this session, which ends March 11. Steve Baas, a spokesman for assembly speaker John Gard (R-Peshtigo), said the measure likely will be scheduled for a vote before the session ends. Republicans control the assembly 59-40. The next session starts in January 2005, and the earliest the amendment could appear on a statewide ballot would be spring 2005.

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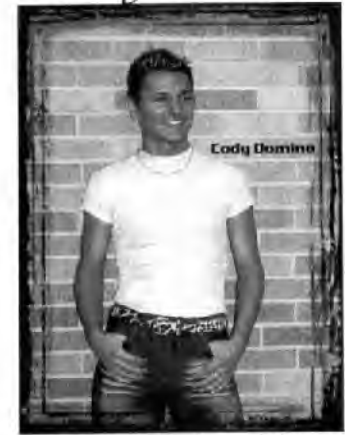
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In 1956, director Vincente Minnelli brought the controversial play *Tea and Sympathy*—the first of its kind to deal openly with masculinity, ostracism and homosexuality—to the big screen. That the plot revolves around individuality and separatism more than gay identity was probably lost on most viewers during its day; today many might not completely "get it."

Dubbed Sister Boy Lee by his classmates, a shy 18-year-old (Leif Erickson) retreats further into a solitary existence, pining secretly for his roommate, the only guy who treats him with any respect. Forming the other side of the love triangle, a teacher's wife (Deborah Kerr) appreciates his presence because he reminds her of her first husband, now dead.

Replete with gardening skills, sewing ability, calmness around faculty wives and a willingness to don a dress for the boys' school's

play, Erickson seems the epitome of gayness. His father, one of the "good old boys," takes offense at his son's behavior and prompts him to conform, get a crewcut, and buddy up to the other fellows. Ironically, these other "normal" fellows have a habit of tearing each other's clothes off; that none of them will touch Erickson's pajamas at the PJ Party compounds his pariah status.

Skewed toward a heterosexual audience, *Tea and Sympathy* does offer straights a chance to sympathize with Erickson's character. Since Erickson does eventually prove his masculinity by having pity-sex with the maternally-positioned Kerr, the film suddenly becomes about conformity and coming-of-age, dismissing the opportunity to defend, justify, or even explain homosexuality. In retrospect, Erickson's fear of the jock mob-mentality resonates as a self-preservation technique, rather than a desire to bed his own gender.

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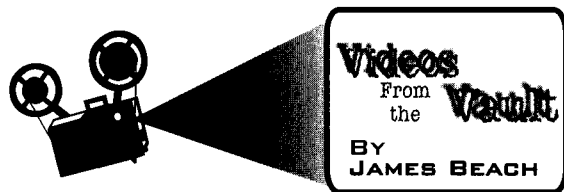
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Is retro chic or geek this week? You might want to check the latest issue of *Wallpaper* to be sure. Failing that, try renting some of these classic gay films to help you decide who's in and what's out.

The Sum of Us

In Australia's *The Sum of Us* (1994), homosexuality receives a fresh, albeit half-baked, treatment. Based on a play by David Stevens, this film stars Oscar and Golden Globe winner Russell Crowe as Jeff Mitchell, a normal, unassuming, twenty-something guy who just happens to be gay.

Because Crowe seems so comfortable in his own skin—whether playing "footie" (rugby) with the boys, hanging out at a gay pub, or introducing new dates to his dad, Harry (Jack Thompson)—viewers feel compelled to like and accept him. What's not to like? He's handsome, athletic, down-to-earth, and usually cheerful—the all American, er, all Australian, guy.

The blue-collar Crowe lives amiably with his dad, who is straight yet fully accepts his son's sexuality. Since Thompson's mum had a forty-year relationship with another woman, he apparently worked through any of his own internalized homophobia at a young age; when his son came out, he could accept the news relatively easily.

It's in the juxtaposition of Crowe's pub date (John Polson) and his intervening father that Stevens's writing shines, at once racy, irreverent and absurd. The closeted Polson, uncomfortable even with himself, hides a vast amount of self-hatred due to his homosexu-

ality. He cannot comprehend having a father who approves of, even encourages, his son's gayness. And when the meddling Thompson pulls out all the proverbial stops, Polson can't believe his senses.

"Bringing your boyfriend home and not having to lie and pretend makes me feel guilty," Polson later confides to Crowe. He then flees the premises because Crowe is "too domesticated."

After the first act, though, the script degenerates into an unfocused character study of the two leading men, Crowe and his father. Thompson goes on a computer-assisted date with a woman (Deborah Kennedy), yet their story never fully develops. Similarly, the relationship between Crowe and Polson never gets a fair exploration, and the viewer is left to ponder what the point of it all might be. Aside from approaching the father-son dynamic in an un-antagonistic and non-violent way, the film doesn't provide a clear sense of what its trying to accomplish.

And Thompson, though amicable almost to a fault, does have an irritating habit of divulging "filler" information directly to the camera. Even after a stroke incapacitates him, he continues to articulate hackneyed goings-on for the viewers. This throws off the equilibrium of the film, reducing it to an uneven, often amateurish amalgamation of comedy, drama, soap opera and home movie.

Still, despite its flaws, *The Sum of Us* remains a cinematic milestone when the notoriety of its star is considered. A decade ago, a film like this one would most likely have come back to haunt a megastar such as Crowe, covertly preventing his royal Hollywood crowning. But because of the relatively recent societal shift in regards to homosexuality, Crowe and other actors have been granted license to explore this previously scandalous and taboo topic.



Hello, my faithful readers! When I last wrote I mentioned the upcoming Mr. Club Wisconsin pageant being held at Club 94 North. It was a BLAST. Dawn Michaels and Jazmine Roberts did a phenomenal job and the place was packed to the rhinestone studded rafters! This very well may go down as one of the best pageants/contests this year. There were so many of Southeast Wisconsin's who's who that just sitting in the audience was a thrill. Samantha DeCarlo, Chantal, Katrina Roberts, Busty Sinclair,and the list just goes on and on. The contest was close and everyone did a spectacular job. It seemed that each contestant had their own cheering section and for once the audience was more into the contest than they were into themselves. After all was said and done, Steven Lloyd (Mr. Napalese) won with Randy Wray (Mr. Jo'Dee's) as the 1st Alternate. Randy incidentally, has been experimenting with tanning spray. The manufacturer must have been *Jimmy Dean Sausage* since he looked like a "Brown-and-Serve". It paid off in the end, though. Congratulations to the both of them – a job very well done.

A new face on the stage was Krystal Styles. She's a recent transplant from San Diego to the Milwaukee area. Besides an appearance or two at Club 219 and Jo'Dee's, we generally don't see her too much. Hopefully, this will change in the near future! The behind-the-scenes spotlight illuminated two non-contestants. Miss Gigi Lexus was spotted parading around downstairs in the buff desperately in search of a bathroom. Girl - when you're looking for the water closet, please put that cover-up to good use! You know what they say about Drag

Queens with big feet? They wear big heels. Christina Chase also made bar headlines while attempting to navigate the parking lot to some cute boys' car. Does the term 'ass-over-teakettle' mean anything? This is one time that her legs were up in the air and there was no spotlight on them! That had to hurt.

Speaking of Club 94 North, it appears that fences have been mended and all the gals are back together. Now, you all behave yourselves or I'll send Lily White down there to straighten you out. We like you all much better when you're getting along. There is no telling what these gals will come up with this summer to keep 94 North in the spotlight.

The next pageants of contention that will be happening after this is published will be Miss Triangle (Milwaukee – February 27th) and Miss Club 5 (Madison – March 7th) and Miss Club 94 North (March). Preparations are underway and everyone is working feverishly to make their stages shine. From what I've been hearing, there are quite a few surprises that will be hitting the stages as entrants for each of these bars – many from 'around' the state. Either way, from the contestants that I've heard mentioned each bar should have a wonderful representative no matter what the outcome. So if you're looking to add to your glass hat collection you may want to consider one of these.

Finished is the Miss Classic USofA Pageant held in St. Louis. Milwaukee's venerable Miss Tina Rennae pulled out all the stops to make it to final night! Unfortunately, she didn't bring home the prize but did a phenomenal job all the same. The winner was Ginger Manchester with 1st Alternate Latoya BaCall and 2nd Alternate Sweet Savage. From the accounts of the Milwaukee folks where were down in St. Louis for the show it went rather well for the first year of Miss Classic USofA and we could have no better representative than Tina.

Tawdry but probably true. A certain employee of an establishment in Madison has reportedly taken a liking to disparaging a queen or two on the internet. Now, granted you can't sue for slander to a 'stage' name and as a whole, Queens have some very thick skin, but it certainly isn't a proactive gesture toward the community. I guess it comes down to when you call a performer a "fat-assed-slut" (or was

it "Untalented fat-assed slut") complete with a scavenged picture of them and a rather large subway sandwich. It may very well be 'funny' – but its intent certainly is not. The way that performers come and go from stages, it may not be very long before they're buying this Queen a gift certificate to Subway just to get her on *their* stage. It's going to take a pretty big certificate, too! You think Karma is bad? Piss off a Drag Queen; forget the falling houses – you better watch out for the flying suitcases! It's just much better playing the part of the "Prince among Queens" than the Flying Monkey. I mean, I have some pictures of Sharon Bumps that would ruin any chance she has of a political career but I'll just hang onto them for now. Hell, we've ALL got pictures of Sharon Bumps!

This brings me to a new part of the column. It is apparent that Drag Queens and Bar Hoppers

are an internet savvy bunch since I see so many of them on gay.com claiming that they're either butch or twenty-nine or both. If you really want to check some good stuff out on the web, then I'll point you in the right direction every month. This month's site is for Club 94 North in Kenosha. They keep an up-to-date schedule of events and specials and a wonderful photo page that spotlights practically everyone that comes and goes from Club 94 North. It's a new site and always being updated at <http://geocities.com/club94north/> so bookmark it and enjoy. And again, thank you to Club 94 North (and Samantha for the shot), Jazmine & Dawn, for a wonderful Mr. Club Wisconsin Pageant!

Until next time, keep safe and keep the comments coming to:

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In the Spotlight

Hello Spotlight readers! Welcome to the March edition of the Edge Magazine. This month we will be spotlighting The Rainbow Room Bar from Madison, WI. For you out-of-towners the Rainbow Room is located on 121 W. Main St., one block off the capital square and next to the only parking ramp on the west side of the capital square. Just in case you can't figure that out, you can go to their website: www.rainbowroombar.com, there is a map there for your viewing pleasure. Plus they have a cute little intro to their web page, compliments of Master Mind Computer Technologies.

Now on to their drink specials. It's very simple. Monday through Friday from 5pm to 10pm (happy hour) features 2-4-1 drinks. See, now that wasn't so hard was it? Oh, wait. On Fridays from 9pm to 12 am features all you can drink tap beer. Now if that doesn't fill your stomach then I don't know what will. The month of March roars in like a lion with the Cass Marie Domino Show on the 12th and 26th. Also, on the 20th of March the Rainbow Room is having a Breast Cancer Fundraiser, so be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

I went out to check out the bar for myself, and there was some improvements made from the last I was in there. I asked Johnathon, the manager, what improvements were made. He gave me a run down of what was done, so here it is. They have redone the fireplace, put in new floors, re-designed the front bar, added a full bar in the show room, added more bathroom space, re-supported the existing stage, put in a new dj booth, and new sound system,

added a catwalk by the dj booth, added more dressing room space, and of course hired new staff. Including hiring Miss Cass Marie Domino as Show Director. Johnathon said they wanted to offer a new quality of show with someone who knows the national gay community put in charge. And Cass is just the person for the job. It's always good to see some new and fresh entertainment.

As we walked to the back of the bar, I met the owners, Jack and Christy. They both were very nice to meet. I asked Johnathon what his intake was on working for two straight people in a gay bar. He said that the three of them don't see gay or straight people. They just see people. Jack and Christy own many businesses and have supported the gay community for a long time. And that Jack and Christy sought out to buy a gay bar, and are willing to fight for the gay/lesbian community in any which way they can.

I thought that was a good answer and I was glad to hear that there are straight people out there that see no difference between gay and straight. I wish Jack and Christy the best of luck in their venture with the Rainbow Room. Well, that is all for this month Spotlighters! Remember next month there won't be an *In The Spotlight* due to our anniversary. So make sure to check back In May. Hopefully by then spring will be on its way. If you would like your place of business to be "*In the Spotlight*" please send an email to: editor@edgemagonline.com

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