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Saturday, April 3rd

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Horoscopes

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ARIES March 21 - April 19

Get out your little black book. Okay so it's a Palm, but whatever, get it out. Close your eyes and punch a number. Doesn't make any difference which one. Dial it. Leave a voicemail. Send a text message. Just get something out there. First of all, whatever you send out will get to the wrong person, likely someone you've never met. You'll maybe get a reply, and if you do and you're dumb enough to respond, then one of two things will happen. This one is the mother of all trolls who makes your ex look wonderful, or, Two, it is your ex and you deserve what you get. Try another number, the number who just made eye contact.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Let me spell this out carefully. K is for kink, those forbidden fantasies you've harboured for too long. A is for, well, you know that part of your anatomy located above your legs and below your spine. R is for either reprobate or retroflex, both of which describe your mind accurately. M is for your standard response to any pickup line, as in "M-m-m-m-m". And the second A is for what you usually settle for, which is anything, anyone, or anybody. Now let's put these letters on a string and see what the necklace looks like: K-a-r-m-a. Yup, karma. Remember, you earned this month, and there's no way you'll talk your way out of it. Next time you want to wear a necklace, duckie, try pearls.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

I'm already laughing so hard, I can barely keyboard in your month, so I hired the mythical one million monkeys who are working for infinity on composing the complete works of William Shakespeare. According to their drivel, you have more dribble, drool, and dross than any human being is capable of containing in a single bedroom of unearthly endeavour, which pretty much sums up your sense of the world. Get it on with a circus clown.....no, no, silly, not the one in the mirror, the one you're going to meet just about anywhere. Juggle the rubber balls, wear your fright wig, but please take pic-

tures. I want to see how you do it wearing those huge oversized shoes.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

This will be just the month you decide to attend a seance to speak with the Lost Spirit of the Laneways, who was known as Chuck fifty years ago in France and is now known in the spirit world as Nancy. You would not believe the drag they have on the other side. Gossamer white frilly lacy stuff like forever. Anyway, beware asking advice about where to find the love of your life. Chuck/Nancy, is more clueless than the medium running the seance, and you're about as likely to get good advice from the spirits as you are from your last trick, and we aren't going to tell that story in public, now are we? Thank Chuck/Nancy for the directions to the hottest park bushes at midnight, and then go to the tubs.

LEO July 23 - August 22

If you go travelling, remember that in this era of heightened security with international travel, there has been a dramatic increase in staff at border crossing points. M'gosh, think about this for a moment. All these butch numbers in uniforms, and they all want to do a scene. If your paperwork is not in order, or the computer check on your background flashes back "Screamer!", you may be asked to step aside into a back room for additional questioning. Oh, yummy, go for it. Stumble over your words, and you just might get more than lucky, you could get laid. You think all those questions are about security? Ha! Of course, there is one small hitch. Most of the "questioning" is done with hidden cameras running, and guess where the videos wind up? Yeah, in the pay-only section of several XXX websites.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Okay, the month starts out with work, moves quickly to career, takes a side trip over to health, but at least you don't have to worry about a pop quiz on sainthood this month. Stop. Abandon your teddy bear in mid hug. Throw away your game plan and your map. Get over to the wrong side of town. Walk down a street you've never walked down before. Yeah, a street even the sluts and hookers

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34. GBM. 5'9" 240lbs Hairy Cub. Total Bottom! Into all scenes. Looking for someone to rub oil on my back. Must have soft hands. If you're good, I might lick your toes. Mail replies to P.O. Box 12 Rockford, IL 61105 Per 103

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

Roommate Wanted, to share home in SwedishAmerican Hospital area, Rockford. Call (815) 871-1624.

wouldn't set foot on. (Feels like home, doesn't it?) Now you're getting closer to the action. This ain't down and dirty. This is downright dangerous. You're lovin' it, right? Yeah. When you wake up in the hospital with 85 stitches in your head and both your legs and arms in a cast, remember it was one of the best orgasms of your life.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Even if you decide to do nothing, which is likely what you will decide, it won't make any difference. The cosmos will impinge you, if not indeed expunge you, until you have no choice but to take action. Horrors! You're going to have to make a decision. And do something. (Look, sometimes the Universe shows no mercy.) And your worst fears and darkest nightmares come true. It doesn't work out, at least it doesn't work out as you planned, and that's the whole point. Instead of your carefully planned tasteful little whatever, oh my, it's a knock down, drag out night of roaring animal delights. Ow-w-w-w! Drag your knuckles, dear. Grunt, even.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Okay, the dungeon gear has been rusting and gathering dust for much too long. Time for some spring cleaning. What you need is some brainless little twit with the mental focus of centipede and the ambition of a wet square of paper towel. Perfect submissive material. I mean, who better to polish up the chrome chains and locks? Plan on a long night, or even a long weekend. After all, this is quite a collection of toys you've assembled over the years, and it really hasn't been properly looked after by the previous dwellers in your cavern of dark delights. Lower your voice a couple of octaves. And clean up your act, or rather de-clean your act. Skip a shower for a couple of days. Ambience counts. You're suppose to be mean, remember?

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

I know it's hard to imagine (your brains are more scattered than usual), but you also have this desire to communicate, to talk, to connect with the world with words. With a mind as organized as a pile of gravel, this means taking drastic action. Get out your black turtle neck sweater and beret. Sunglasses are mandatory. Go to the last-minute club and fly off somewhere you never expected to go. Assume your persona as soon as you get off the plane. You are (drum roll, please): The Poet. Speak in half sentences of unconnected irrelevant verbosity. Pause. Pretend you're thinking. Over dramatize everything. (Yeah, I know. This sounds like your average day, but be with me on this one, okay?) Some poor

schlepp who doesn't understand a word you are saying has the hots for you. Do us and the schlepp a big favour and shut your mouth when you shut the bedroom door.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Absolutely not the month to be making money flipping condos. Flipping condoms, on the other hand, or both hands for that matter, is a much better use of your hands and your time, and the one you thought you were going to sell the real estate to. BTW, it ain't no estate, but it's real enough to think about long enough to do the tour through the bedroom. Talk is cheap, but for a cheapskate like you, thinking of a return on your investment is paramount. Well the mount you might get, so skip the para unless it's a pair of them which would really be fun, and a return engagement won't be an engagement unless it's engaging. Note: all of this will make far more sense after the 15th of the month when there'll be some interest in your return.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Ever try to talk your way through a fish bowl? I'll bet it's been awhile since you've done drugs that weird. Oh, did I just lose that bet? Anyway, when they finish putting the wheels back on your ice cream, roll over and turn the lights down to medium rare. Now here's the plan. Just start talking. It doesn't have to make any sense. And it won't. Just keep talking. Say anything. It'll get you right where you want to be. Now not necessarily with whom you wish to be—you better have some wiggle room on that one—but don't sweat the details. A fun night is a fun night, even if it is with someone whose brains are more fried by unknown unregistered chemicals than yours.

PISCES Feb 19 - March 20

Why not? And that's the answer you need to memorize to get you through the entire month. Once you understand that you're never going to understand, and that is just the way things are, well sort of, remember your two key words. Why not? Probably the best pickup line ever invented, and this is your month to use it. Like over and over. Shopworn? Certainly, but then you ain't exactly chicken. A cliché? Of course. But doesn't that sum up your life? But the nice part is, it works. Here's your lesson for this month, Pisces. Who cares? Why not? All doors are bedroom doors. All fantasies are operative, although a few are inclined to malfunction at critical intervals.

A'Lotta Grease

.....is the WORD!



Hi everyone...here we are again, another month of news, gossip and rumors. March was a slow month in the gossip world. Everyone needs to be more consistently bad.

Let's see...the everyday stuff...The Office NiteClub Show Lounge had an interesting month. The first show of the month was a disaster. Three out of the six entertainers didn't show for their bookings. Taj really let them have it on the mic too. I must admit, they pulled it off with only three performers. They had a little help from Jeff their karaoke guy. I don't think we're going to see Lady Gia, Kitty Litter or Vickie Valentino on their stage for a long time.

Badger Productions brought the Mr. Gay Great Lakes Pageant to The Office stage. What a great and refreshing pageant it was. It was a nice change seeing the guys up there in their swimsuits instead of queens in their gowns. (Nothing against my sisters) They had special guests from Mr. Gay Wisconsin to Mr. Gay Great Lakes to Mr. Gay USA. Between Cody Domino's ass-less costume to Raphel Mathews see through g-strings, there were some enjoyable performances. John Ford was in the dressing room all night helping out the contestants and performers... I wonder what kind of performances he saw?? There were four contestants: Bailey Domino, Phil Stevens,

Marti Coopwood and Caleb Love. Marti Coopwood brought it home and is now your new Mr. Gay Great Lakes, 2004 with Phil Stevens as his first alternate, which sends both of them to nationals. Bailey Domino received the title of Mr. Borderline 2004, which sends him to the Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA state pageant, with Caleb Love as his first alternate. After the pageant, I happened to be in the right place at the right time and over heard that Marti might have a controlling boyfriend and doesn't like him going out. So I looked for Marti to ask him if it was true, and before I got through the crowd I saw him leaving the club as the party was just getting started. Hmm, I guess I will have to catch him another time. I hope this isn't an indication of what his reign will be like. Rumor has it that Rockford will be seeing Mr. Gay USA Raphel Mathews again in May at The Office NiteClub.

The last show of March The Office NiteClub brought in Shannon Dupree, Symone and Stella Bi-Starlite. This was Symone's first time on The Office stage and the buzz is that she did such a good job, she'll be back. The Office topped the month of March off by throwing the party of all parties...their Anniversary Party. The whole place was in party mode from Ronnie Nyles & Chix Mix on stage in the show lounge to the male dancer to Chris & Cody spinning awesome dance music to the food. Jim

said a "Hi-and-a-Bye". I know it wouldn't work, but I can't rid the feeling of 'maybe'. I hate being single (even though sometimes it has it's benefits), but I need someone in my life. I don't know what to do. Is there a cure for wanting a boy in my life?

Your devoted fan,
Damien

Dear Damien.

Baby I thought we were over this....I will have to start charging you triple for dealing with the same problem over and over. You are a smart and mature man and really need to move on. You may not think it is easy but it is really in your best interest. Having in a boy in your life may only make you miserable and really unhappy. If it happens and it is right then you will know it and there will be no doubt in your mind that it is meant to be. If you stop looking then maybe he will come to you!!! I realize how bad you want a man in your life but

baby you are going to have to love yourself before anyone else can love you. I know you are saying "I do love myself" but there is no one you can if you want to put up being with someone to avoid being alone.....that is not love, that is desperation! Damien handle your business and the next time I expect you to say that you are healed and have seen the light! No more "Hi-and-a-Bye"....walk past the asshole like he does not exist and make him long for you. Do me a favor....give your hand a name and let it be the someone in your life for now :)

Well girls and boys, guys and dolls and all in between.....Remember I am hear with an ear already available to listen. Do not hesitate to send me an email and let Lady Taj help you with your problems! Until next time know that love is in the air

Much love to all of you...

Lady Taj

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DJ'S TOP CLUB HITS

APRIL 2004

CLUB 5 DJ/VJ - Tim Walters - Top 15

1. Britney Feat. Madonna Me Against The Music
2. Madonna Nothing Fails
3. Pink God Is A DJ
4. Nelly Furtado Powerless
5. Whitney Houston You'll Never Stand Alone
6. Kristine W Fly Again
7. Seal Waiting For You
8. Kelis Milkshake
9. Industry Release Me
10. Kylie Minogue Slow
11. Missy Elliot Pass The Dutch
12. Christina Aguilera The Voice Within
13. Beyonce Me Myself And I
14. Widelife All Things
15. Thalia Baby I'm In Love

The Office NiteClub / Club 5 DJ Cody - Top 15

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1. Beyonce Naughty Girl
2. Missy Elliott I'm Really Hot
3. Eamon Fuck it
4. Janet Jackson Just a Little While
5. Kristine W I'll Be Your Light
6. Maroon 5 This love
7. Hilary Duff Come Clean
8. Kelis Trick Me
9. That Kid Chris Dirty Sex
10. Britney Spears Breathe On Me
11. 2Elvissa Hey Boy
12. Anastacia Left Outside Alone
13. Jason Walker My Life
14. Black Eyed Peas Shut Up
15. Seal Love's Divine

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presents

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Miss Gay Galaxy of Rockford
Pageant

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The Office NiteClub Show Lounge

DATE

Saturday, June 5th 2004

SPECIAL GUEST

Critqua Mann, Miss Gay Illinois USofA
Shannon DuPree, Miss Gay Galaxy of Rockford 2003
Miss Franchesca DeCarlo, first Miss Gay Rockford USofA
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Music Review

Saeed & Palash Addictive Beats



Disc 1

1. Main Course Formula Express
2. How Much Deepitch
3. Fat Chance Swag
4. Phat Dope Shit Loco Dice
5. Heart of Cuica Dj Pippi
6. Back Home Hess
7. Alessa De Loren & Colors
8. The Beginning Nick Demq
9. Tweakin' Thick Dick
10. Moon Levan
11. 2 Stoned Riders Guy Gerber

Disc 2

1. Enchantment Peter Tha Zouk & Di Simon
2. Cosmic Morse Code Grassinimoto
3. If U Want Me Dark Clark
4. Spin Hellpass
5. Echoes from the Doruma Chus & Ceballos
6. Vibe of the Iberican Beats David Gausa
7. Replica Tribal Tech
8. Searching Duran & Aytek
9. Suntime Grassinimoto
10. Prophecy Insight

The greatly anticipated 2nd release from S&P is finally here and whoooo baby...right outta the box this one is hot !! Saeed and Palash expand their range on this one by introducing some funky beats in addition to their mainstay of deep, dark, tribal house! The 2 CD set is very reminiscent of the feel you get at the club and at after-hours.... but in a twist that would make Quentin Tarantino proud...you go through it in reverse order!!

CD 1 - Saeed starts off with a cool splashy vocal dub that invites everyone back to a party at someone's house in "Main Event"...very after-hours flavor, with the sun coming up over Miami (or at your favorite hangout). Songs 2 and 3 kinda stall a little but then the party song of the year drops in....."Phat, Dope, Sh#%"...this song is absolutely CRAZY....funky, boppin' sexy...this brit vocal track tells a story of a guy waking up and diving back into the party....and the beat is insane!!! You'll love the words and the beats.... you won't stop playing this one!! Anyone that's been to a Patio Session or an outside sunny after-hours set knows the feel....hands in the air, standing under the smoke machine for relief...ahhhhhh !! Saeed maintains a good groove....dropping in his mainstay tribal tracks throughout but this cd keeps a sunny happy skinny boppin beat throughout...this is one of the best renditions of a Miami afterhours set I've ever heard on a "commercial" CD!! Great fun !!

CD 2 - Palash's set takes you back inside to the dark room...the main dance floor of the club....and he doesn't even let your eyes get adjusted before he rips the roof off !! Tracks 1-4 are some of the best-mixed deep dark hard house tunes even sewn together !!! Hooo Haaa.....If you like it hard.... then Palash is servin' up a titanium blend that will get you bouncing. This mix really pulls from his native Middle Eastern roots.....my only wish was that there were more tracks like #1.....its got a hard cerebral Moroccan feel to it....with the lush sultry female chant-wah that is distinctive to the region...so good it will give you goosebumps !!! Palash also serves up the S&P standard tribal but this cd is darker than its counterpart...and goes for a more nighttime feel of a club !!

Addictive Beats showcases some of the best in house music today and surprisingly covers a wide range of flavors....from funky to primal tribal and back to hard house. There are a few tunes that drag on a bit on both cds but overall the standout tracks: "phat, dope, sh#*" , "prophesy", "2 stoned riders" and others more than make up for this !! This cd is fantastic for after-after hours, bouncin' with your friends, and cruising around !!! Worthy of my finest 5 lollie rating !!!

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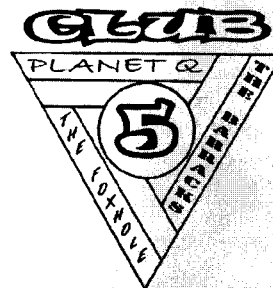
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Madison Happenings

by Travis Copeland

In the spring of 2002, I found myself with a lot of free time on my hands. Then an opportunity presented itself that I never in a million years though I would consider, but I did. About 10 other people and I joined the founding team of Madison Gay Softball. We practiced and batted and drank, and we played every last one of our games. Although we didn't win a single game, we had a hell of a lot of fun trying!

This year, my \$30 registration fee is in, and I'm gearing-up for another fun season. With that season rapidly approaching, I thought I'd dedicate this month's column to the Madison Gay Athletic Association (MGAA), the new umbrella organization to sponsor gay athletic teams and leagues in Madison.

With the inception of the MGAA, David Wilcox explains, a fostering of healthy recreation can be promoted, as well as creating an organization that can receive corporate sponsorships, and distribute that money to member organizations, such as Madison Gay Softball.

Wilcox, MGAA Treasurer, has been involved since the beginning, from that first season, watching my lousy, girly throws develop into something I can almost halfway somewhat be proud of! I contacted Wilcox for more information about the MGAA.

He notes that, since the MGAA articles and bylaws have not yet been officially approved, there are currently no official members of the MGAA. "However, we are interacting with a number of sports in preparation for their membership," Wilcox explains. "The current targeted groups are softball, volleyball, basketball, bowling, running and bicycling. MGAA will be open to any other sport orga-

nization that meets our criteria as well."

With the legalities of Madison Gay Softball entering under the MGAA umbrella aside, softball is en route to another fun-filled season. As of March 24, there are 57 people signed-up for the team, per Wilcox, with a goal of 72 total members. "We plan to have six teams," says Wilcox. "The first game is Monday, May 10," continues Wilcox, who also notes that there are practices scheduled for April 17 and 26, and a scrimmage on May 3. The season will run for 10 weeks.

The difference this year, however, is that Madison Gay Softball intends on having an all-gay league. This is in contrast to seasons past, when it was almost like "us against the straightsies!" I remember many of our first games, where the opposing team realized that something wasn't quite right about the Club 5 team, but they couldn't quite place it. Of course, a few "C'mon, gurls" and the opposing team was brought up to speed.

Since that first season, the team has grown and sponsorship increased. The Shamrock signed-on as a sponsor, adding a large customer base to draw players from. Now, two years since that first team, there are five times as many participants already enrolled, and the hopes of having the all-gay league looks like a reality.

However, we still do need a few more players. Believe me, you don't need any experience to join! You just need Monday nights free, \$30 registration (contact Madison Gay Softball on ways to help reduce that), and a softball glove. To sign up, ask any bartender at Club 5 or Shamrock, or visit the MGAA website at www.mg2a.org, or e-mail softball@mg2a.org. There's always a good time to be had by all, and it's a great way to make new friends and new battle scars. (I still have a little pink scar on my knee after an especially graceful fell-flat-on-my-face-while-running-to-base moment!) And what a great way to work off that extra five or 50 pounds you gained this winter!

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Wisconsin Green Party Urges State Senators to Vote Against Constitutional Amendment to Ban Gay Marriage Posted.

by jbusiere

Party Aims to Recruit Candidates With an Eye to Wednesday's Senate Votes

The Wisconsin Green Party today announced that it would pay particular attention to the votes of Democratic Wisconsin state senators on the constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage when recruiting candidates to run in November's election.

Dennis Bergren of Cottage Grove, convener of the Wisconsin Green Party's Lavender Greens Caucus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered individuals, noted "In last week's vote in the state Assembly, 12 Democrats voted for this mean spirited attack on the rights of all Wisconsin consenting adults to marry the person of their choice. We hope that Democrats in the State Senate are more sensible."

The Wisconsin Green Party believes in equal rights for all Wisconsin residents. Support for same sex civil marriage is a part of the Green Party platform: "Wisconsin Greens support the right of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people to be treated equally with all other people, in all areas of life, including in housing, employ-

ment, civil marriage and benefits, and child custody."

"Wisconsin Greens are not alone in the fight for equal rights — Greens across the country are taking a stand against this kind of discrimination," said Jill Bussiere, WGP Co-Spokesperson. "We support New Paltz Green Mayor Jason West's action in performing marriages for same-sex couples, and other actions throughout the nation challenging efforts to limit such basic rights. When the rights of any people or group are limited, we are all diminished. We are against any changes to the Wisconsin Constitution that would limit rights, and a ban on gay marriage would indeed be such a change."

"Wisconsin's motto is 'Forward!', not 'Backward.' This ban is not just out-of-step with the Wisconsin tradition, it is an insult to that tradition. Wisconsinites have always honored civil rights and fought hatred, and we must continue to do so," said Ben Manski, a Wisconsin Green and co-chair of the Green Party of the United States. "In 1982, Wisconsin became the first state to pass legislation including "sexual orientation" as a protected category under state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations."

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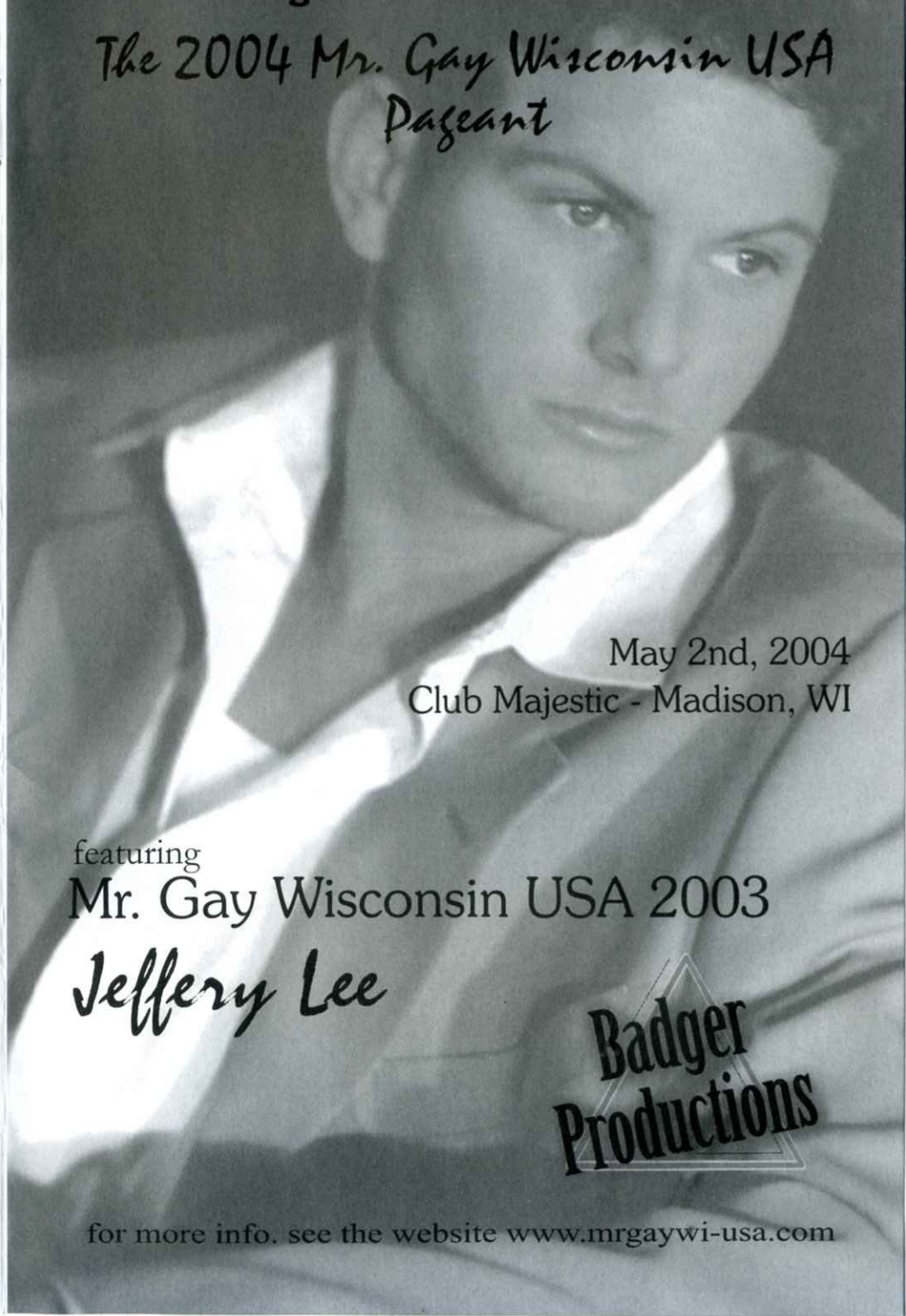
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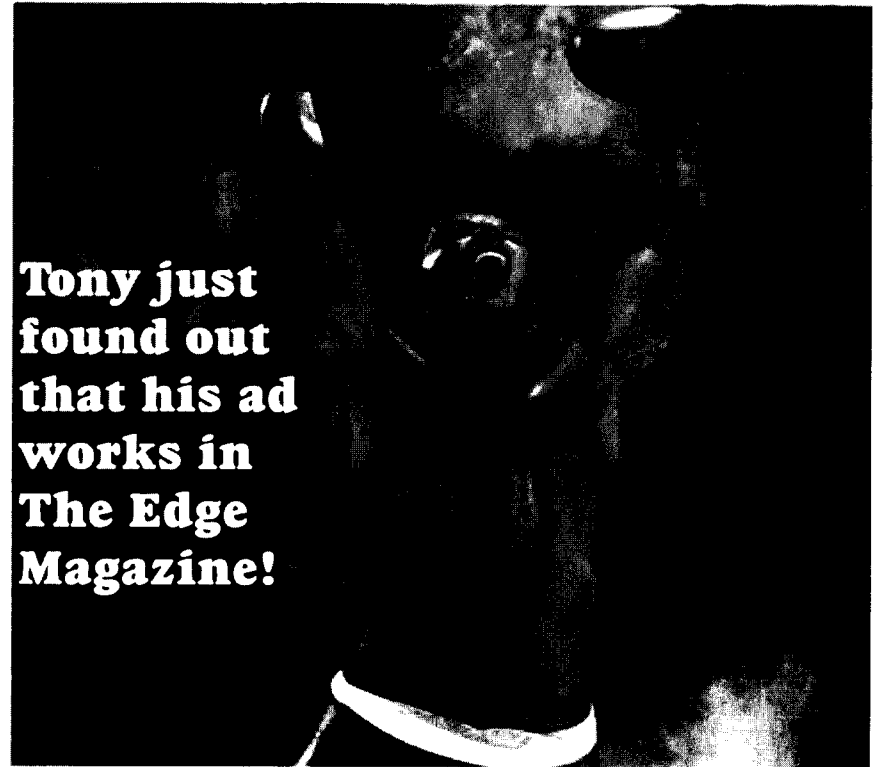
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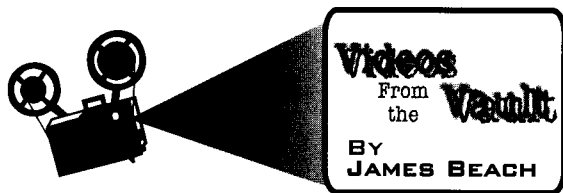
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To which Hurt girlishly retorts: "If more men acted like women, there wouldn't be so much violence."

This statement, too, becomes ironic later in the film:

by playing the part of a deceitful femme fatale, Hurt ends up killing them both. In the meantime, though, Hurt attempts to create a traditional home. Somehow he acquires a variety of feminine accoutrements, fresh tea and cups, romantic candles, a Bunsen burner, cooking utensils, and photographs. He also periodically receives bags of groceries, supposedly from his mother.

That Julia never suspects Hurt signifies that he's starting to fall in love with his cellmate. What other reason might exist for a politically-aware prisoner to unconditionally accept the myriad perks Hurt is allowed by the prison authorities? Babenco seems to suggest that, under the right circumstances, even a straight man could fall for another man, provided the other man used enough "woman's tricks."

Soon after, the viewer learns Hurt's histrionic femininity is an act, performed so as to extract vital political information from the unsuspecting Julia. Because they know Hurt was initially sentenced for having sex with an adolescent boy, the prison authorities agree to let him go if he hoodwinks Julia; catching the unsuspecting man in a web of pseudo-domestication eventually leads to the disclosing of Julia's political secrets. Hurt does shed his "spider woman" persona toward the end of the film, revealing that he's merely a man in love with another man; the South American government actually redeems Hurt by assuming the role of viler villain. By then, though, it's tragically too late for either of the men.

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.

Kiss of the Spider Woman

In 1985's *Kiss of the Spider Woman*—based on Manuel Puig's best-selling novel—director Hector Babenco explores homosexuality and gender with nervy tenacity. The film locks onto its viewers by delving into the psyches of two men imprisoned in a South American cell, and not letting go until the final moments. One of the men, Molina (William Hurt), passes the hours by emulating women and recounting Nazi-propaganda movies. Seemingly unaware of the irony of a sashaying homosexual lauding Nazism, Hurt meticulously rehashes hateful plot after hateful plot. He acts every bit the glamorous female star: veils, scarves and cosmetics help vivify his delusions of womanhood.

Incarcerated for political activism against the oppressive government, Valentin (Raul Julia) tolerates Hurt's antics, obviously for want of stimuli within the dull cement blocks of their cage. But the straight, married Julia frequently adopts a petulant air toward Hurt, especially toward the beginning of the film.

"You gays never face facts," Julia says at one point, while watching Hurt retreat even further into a feminine fantasy world.



Hello, Trollops and Sniffers! Milwaukee is in dire need of livening up. It seems that most of the dirt generated is still coming from Madison! Why is it that ever since Lily White & Joey Black left town that things have calmed down considerably? Not that I would ever put the two in the same category – Lily White is actually welcome to come back to Milwaukee. FREE MARTHA!! Oops – wrong column.

The Mr. & Miss Triangle pageant was held this past month. As with most events at Triangle – it was a packed house and a great competition. Miss Triangle 2003 was represented by Shannon DuPree who graciously passed on the crown to Taylor Roberts of Chicago. Despite talent hair that was feverishly trying to crawl off her head, Miss Roberts pulled off the win with Deserae Triumph as 1st Alternate. Honorable mention goes out to Krystal Styles who still gave it her all after a nasty and serious fall down the back stairs. Here's to a speedy recovery, Gal!

On hand were numerous notables from Chicago & Milwaukee and even someone you may remember for this year's USofA State pageant in Green Bay. Well, I can report that a certain well known Milwaukee DJ did a very last minute mix for Ol' Girl and saved her sequin-studded hide for her State performance. He got paid half his fee. Never got the other half or any replies to his numerous emails or phone calls since last November. So, the first meeting that they had was right there at Miss Triangle. Surprise!! "Hi, How Ya Doin'? Good To See Ya! Where's my %\$#@# money!" She was in the process of being torn up when she ran downstairs and hid out for the rest of the show. Apparently, she was recently job-deprived and was very short on funds. All I know, when someone owes me

money – I'm going to this DJ for the repo! It's not the cash – it's the principle. Respect goes both ways.

Congratulations go out to Miss Monique Marquette! The penniless and destitute lass managed to come up with funding to not only go to compete in Miss Gay Minnesota USofA and come in 1st Alternate but ALSO go to Wausau and enter the Miss Wausau Continental prelim where she came in 1st Alternate. Maybe if your bill paying habits were better, so would your Karma. Enough said.

What do you get when you put S. Suzie S. and Desiree Mathews in front of a microphone together? Probably the most politically incorrect time you can have in Madison! Miss Club 5 was held this past March 7th and was hosted by the two Madison Divas. I guess Miss Teen Club 5 was supposed to help out on the microphone but succumbed to a rather nasty bout of stage fright – poor thing. But being Desiree's birthday, and her being anything but quiet – she came to the rescue. This was the same night as Miss Madison Continental – but the large crowd obviously knew where to be THIS night! Kyllie West gave up her crown in much the fashion that she won it – tearing up the floor with the sound of *Orange Blossom Special* and Cloggin' Shoes! On hand for her send-off and to welcome the newest member of the Miss Club 5 family were formers Tammy Faye, Kelli Jo Klien, Cass Marie, & Annie Freeze.

Of course, no trip to Club 5 by the Milwaukee group would be complete without the 'rack that rules', Sharon Bumps. After a year of entertaining with Kyllie & Company she was now in the judge's seat. Also on hand was Jackie Roberts from Milwaukee! When's the last time you seen the Queen of LaCage outside the city of Milwaukee?! It's a good thing!

The winner this evening with a close contest was Shannon DuPree of Milwaukee and her 1st Alternate was Kandi Lishious of Madison. Good Luck, Shannon. It's a GREAT bar and a great staff – you'll have a blast!

As for Miss Madison Continental, contestants included Jazmine Roberts of Kenosha/Racine (The twin cities), Veronica Cummings of Madison, Erica Girl or Gurl or some other name that *really isn't a last name* and some other person of drag whose name I did not recall. Since I was too busy being Club-5'd – all I can go on is what some spectators of the pageant had to say when they idled over to Club 5 for last minute elbow rubbing. The talent

was clean and Jazming was on. It was pretty much a toss up but Erica pulled off the win. There was a bit of confusion with the judges since Trinity Mathews was supposed to be a judge and was replaced at the last minute. She apparently got 'sick' is the official tag-line. Not one to stew in her own calorie rich gravy, she made her way down to Miss Club 5 for a night of fun. Well, I guess the Pepto worked since she was dressing Miss Shannon DuPree! I guess you more than earned your keep at Club 5!

Oh yes, also from Madison. The unfortunate 'flying monkey' bar employee referred to in last month's column has been unceremoniously "employment-deprived" as of the writing of this column. I seriously doubt that HBO is hiring but based on his performance in a certain taxi cab he may want to send his resume to either Capitol or Yellow cab. If Jazmine needs a Gollum for her *Lord of the Rings* mix, this could also be an option! The score is Drag Queens of Madison – ONE / Flying Monkey – ZERO. What is truly hysterical is that his new employment prospect was 'going to the Fox Valley to manage a new bar there!' The only problem is that the bar he is rumoring himself to be headed for is now closed. So....now he's in Milwaukee. Milwaukee gals have had long experience with 'flying monkeys' and how to appropriately handle these creatures so stay tuned for further developments! And just when you thought it was safe to go on gay.com.....

No trek to Madison would be complete without a bit of Hotel Gossip! While staying at the Chateau du Bilge, Kelli Jo and Tammy Faye had their digs down the walkway. During a late night feeding frenzy, Miss Tammy prances down to the Milwaukee room with nothing on but underwear and a Kelli Jo wig. The first comment from Sharon Bumps is "WOW, YOU'RE SHORT!!" To which Tammy Faye replies, "Why Yes, I'm 5'5". Sharon is dumbfounded and amazed of this vertically challenged, wig-enhanced visitor. Not until we understood the quirky workings of her martini-olive sized brain did we realize that Miss Bumps actually thought Tammy Faye WAS the Amazon otherwise known as Kelli Jo Klien. I still have my doubts whether or not she believes us when we tried to convince her that there really WERE two drag queens down in that room – one BIG one and one SMALL one. Sort of like a Kelli Jo and a mini-Jo. After inhaling half my cheese Danish, the mini-Jo prodded back down to her room leaving Miss Bumps all the more perplexed.

Off to Rockford for the Mr. Great Lakes USA contest held at the Office Bar. Cody Domino was giv-

ing up his title to the lucky winner. Contestants included Marti Coopwood of the Wisconsin/Illinois Border area. Caleb Love, Phil Stevens and Bailey Domino from Milwaukee area. Phil actually pulled off a near-upset for the evening and almost – almost – got the title. In the end, it went to Marti Coopwood with Phil as the 1st Alternate by four points! The entertainment that night was as impressive as MsShalay and her enormous Ta-Ta's. Mr. Gay USA, Raphael, was showing off his considerable 'talents' on stage. The crowd and judges were speechless by the impressive 'package' he brought to Rockford and can't wait for him to come back.

It was the first time since the make-over that we've been over to the Office. Very impressive! A great bar and a fabulous show room! The place was packed. Good venue – great crowds. Any gal from the area that has the good fortune to be booked will be pleased. Just be certain to show up. The owner doesn't play and – as one Milwaukee gal found out the hard way – if you don't show you will never have an opportunity to redeem yourself.

The next couple of pageants coming up will be Miss Club 94 North April 17th and Miss LaCage on May 6th! The crowns are hot and the contestants are lining up. Both should be just a great time. Samantha DeCarlo is lining up some great entertainment at Club 94 North. If you want info on either one, contact Samantha at Club 94 North or Nova D'vine/Jackie Roberts at LaCage! Incidentally, there is mention of some 'blasts from the pasts' making their way back to the pageant circuits. It could be a very interesting spring!

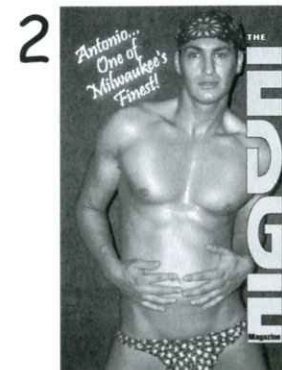
And now for the site of the month. For all you Divas and aficionados who like to see something other than the latest Drag Queen with a warrant out for her arrest (true, sad but true) on the internet – you need to wander over to www.dragtastic.com. Now this site has it ALL! Some familiar names keep popping up in this Chicago based web trek. Eileen Dover, Demanda Bump, Taylor Roberts. It's all there. Demanda Bump's column will leave you in stitches and Eileen Dover – Happy Belated Birthday Gal – keeps it all very Wisconsin Friendly.

Until next time. Got Dirt?? If not go make some and then tell me all about it at:

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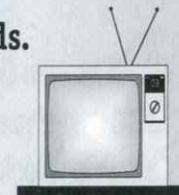
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