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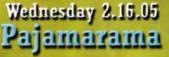
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ARIES March 21 - April 19

Ga-a-ak! Your lover walks out, your cat pees in your pillow, and your best friend turns up at your door in full leather reminding you that the porno film you agreed to star in needs you on set like right now. Oh, yeah, did I mention the landlord evicting you for your now-former lover's bad rent cheque? And that cute little trade number you met yesterday. guess who just stole your car? Now don't forget the reality film crew is taping this entire sordid episode for that sleazy television program you signed up for last month. Happy Valentine's day, Aries.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

If the boss offer's you a pay raise, make sure the new paycheque isn't written with rubber ink. If it is then don't sue the dirty so-and-so. This is the month, and I mean it, the best month you'll have in some time to get off your duff and move forward in your career. Of course, there's a catch. The catch is your crotch. Well, actually it's that new friend you met who's caught your crotch. And guess who's been caught and reeled in? Anyway, here we go. Taurus. We can be loveydovey for days with chocolate, flowers, romance, and sex for Valentine's Day, or maybe we can finally get the career in gear. You decide which. Make the wrong decision and it's karma for days, weeks, months, and years. Good luck.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Go to the video rental place and rent a stack of the latest DVDs, videos or whatever. But make sure you go to the right rental place. Uh-huh, sorry, your dirty mind took you to the porn rental place. Wrong store. Try the one with all the travel videos of exotic locals. Yeah, so damn respectable you could take your grandmother there. But leave granny behind. You're scoping out the exotic locale where you're going to be travelling for, ahem, a few things granny can barely remember these days. Then get your passport up to date and fly off. When you touch down, take off and have the fun of your lifetime. Just make sure you wind up in a place where they speak your language. Conversation counts before you get to the bedroom.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

The old saying is you can't fuck brains, but you're sure going to try this month, Cancer. It is true that the mind is the most extraordinary erogenous zone known to humanity. This is the month to explore that. The path to your crotch begins with a discussion of the existential absurbity of a comparison of Satre's view of futility with Spinoza's view of the ambiguity of detachment. Now if that doesn't get you all hot and horny (beware wet spots in your pants when someone points out Descartes would have found it all subjectively implausible), orgasm is achieved by examining the logical inconsistency of self-referential contradictions in the translation of Zen koans. The hell with your damned emotions. Try screwing brains instead.

LEO July 23 - August 22

There have been better months in the Royal and Imperial Realm of Leo-Land. My dear and beloved Majesty, if it please Your Highness, there is a third category of humanity, and if I may be so bold. I am not talking about a social class between the unwashed peasants and Noble Royalty you so ably represent. I am referring to Your Majesty's known penchant for classifying all personages as either family or strangers. Alas and alack, there is a third category, called friends, none of whom may be slotted into the former two categories. However, there is something which may be slotted into this new category of humanity, and this is your month to explore this cavernous realm.

VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

Ok, missy. now sit down for this one. Your brain is going to get stretched. Yeah, I know it's the other end of your anatomy which has been getting stretched lately. but we're talking a big change of pace here. Now take a big. deep breath. We're going to be talking heresy here which may offend you. Ready? Fine. Here it is: "The Details Don't Count!". Whew. We have smelling salts ready in case you pass out from this one . . . Skip the blinkin' details and just go out and live your life. You no longer have to count all the rats in the alley to know it's a slum. Just knowing it's a slum is good enough for you to get laid.

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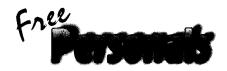
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26 GWM. 6' 185lbs, brown/blue, goatee, masc guy. I am looking for a date and seeing where it leads form there. You:20-40 height/weight proportionate. masc, no games

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LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

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To be a fly on the wall for you this month, Libra! You could truly be at your finest in any upscale social event. Yes, I know, you are always at your best in such venues, but my dear Libra, this month is so much better. You can swish or swoosh your way through a gathering of, oh so many dozens if not hundreds of guests charming them with your wit, grace, and saviour faire. Not only that, the wittiest and the most charming will be so taken with you that the inevitable Night With A Knight is almost assured before you walk in the door. Is this too good to be true? Almost. First you have to accept the invitation, and that requires a decision. And we all know what a wus you are when decisions need to be made.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Think of any four-letter word you can imagine. That explains, or at least describes your frustration. Here's the problem. You've finally arrived at a month where sex does not solve all problems, particularly with your lover. Remember how many people have reminded you of that? (Probably not, but that's another story, right?) There are a few things to be talked out and spoken through this month. Somebody has to take out the garbage and wash the dishes. Start there. Of course the major issue is some grand Cosmic principle which the two of you have never addressed before. Addressing and undressing are two different activities, and note that in alphabetical order addressing comes first. And ves you can come while addressing as well as undressing. Try it, for once. (Am I sounding like your lover?)

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

A new month to explore The Truth from a new angle. Yes, I know you are already imbued with The Truth, in fact hardwired for it, factory installed. But you can still explore it from a new perspective. Try grand lofty humanitarian principles and ideals unfolding in a great cosmic plan of the evolution of the planet and universe. Whew. Few months get conversation this good. Of course, we aren't just climbing up some exotic intellectual mountain. There is method to this madness. (Or madness to this methodbgive me some time to sort this one out.) The goal of this fine intellectual journey, as all journeys are for you, is the pants of the hot trick you just met. For once, this approach works. Give a box of Save The Whales chocolates for Valentine's Dav.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

So what Capricorn is not carefully calculating? Not you, my friend. You've got it all figured out. Ahem, not quite. Beware moving into implementation mode before you've explore the big picture first. Yes there's money, good money to be made, but there are some other things to me made as well. Now, here's the Universe having fun with you again. (You do amuse the Universe greatly, you know.) This month the test is that you can have sex and money at the same time. Aha! At last! Of course, the Universe being what it is, there is a catch, and the catch is that you have to look at the big picture first, before you dive in to do it. Darn. It may even involve reversing a major career initiative, which in the long run might be a good thing if you do get your nose out of, well whatever, and look at the Big Picture.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Oh my gosh and my goodness. What a month for Aquarius! It's your month again, and this year it's in spades, stars, and wonderment. Ask and it shall be given. But be careful what you ask for, my good friend, for the Cosmic metaphysical energy is ever so specific and you are ever so un-specific this month. You will get what you seek, but most of the rest of us will be giggling in delight when you recognize that it's a package deal and the rest of the package you didn't specify. In particular be careful about asking for lover on Valentine's Day. You will get that. But remember said lover may only last until Feb 15 and then be gone. Of course the way things have been going for you lately, this is big progress.

PISCES Feb 19 - March 20

One of the big advantages to spending most of your life on a candle-lit cloud off in the etheric realms is that it gives you a place to retreat when you get a month like this. Now don't get me wrong, this won't be so different from your usual month, it will just be more so. The material plane makes less sense than usual (I know that's hard to imagine, but trust me on this one), and what little that does make sense seems like karma for days. Well it's not karma for days, it's like lifetimes, which is why the candle-lit cloud is an easier option. Just remember one of major laws of time and space (oh, forgot about time and space already? You are having a good month), the impermanence of all things. Pisces? Pisces? Still with me? Oh well, see you next month, assuming you get back.



Dear Miss Tajma Hall,

As you know, Valentines Day is on its way and that means Romance! Kisses! Chocolates! And huggable stuffed teddy bears! With all the romance in the air and couples setting out to have a special night with each other, what do you think someone should do on their night if they are single? There are a lot of single boys and girls out there and I'm sure some of them are wondering the same thing. What does Miss Taj have in store for her V-day?

Sincerely, Singled Out

Hi Singled Out

Well being a single girl myself it is very hard for me to look at all the love birds celebrating Valentines Day. One side of me wants to put on black and protest while the other side of me is very happy for those who have found love and can celebrate on February 14th. I have learned over time that it is indeed a blessing simply to be alive. We take so many things for granted and forget to be happy for all the blessings that we do have. If you are single do not let it get you down. Hold you head and be thankful for all you do have. It is my hope that someone will throw a singles bash on Valentines Day so that all singles have a chance to mingle with others and maybe meet

the man or woman of your dreams. Personally. I will be judging Miss Heart of America Continental at The Baton in Chicago on Valentines Day. I am hoping however that some man will come scoop me up and we can celebrate the day after. Singles unite and show all the couples how much fun we can have also.

Waiting on her Valentine.... Lady Taj

Dear Lady Taj,

I'm sure you get tired of all these whiny people asking you for advice, but I don't know what to do on this one. I met this guy and we were going out for about 4 months, and we got along great! We rarely disagreed on things and I felt very comfortable with him at the 4 month stage. Then he left for school. I was devastated! We continued to talk for a month or so and then things started to slowly dissipate. Then I got a call and he was coming back for winter break and wanted to hang out. So we did, and things came rushing back like he hadn't even left for school. But now he's back to school, and i'm worried about the outcome of this story. I don't know what to do, your advice would be much appreciated!

Yours Truly, Pieces of Me



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Dear Pieces of Me

Are you worried about him or yourself? If this man is all you make him out to be then you have nothing to worry about. We all know how demanding college is and how easy it is to put all of your concentration on your studies and not knowingly forget those you care about. It does not mean you love them less or that you have lost interest. It just means that you know you have a job to do and you must do it. Think positive.

Now back to my question.....are you worried about him or yourself? If I read between the lines it seems that when he is away you may be tempted to play around or cheat so you assume he is doing the same. Do not fall to the temptation of lust for others that is caused by the insecurity of thinking he is doing the same. You never know what he is thinking or doing if you do not ask. What makes a relationship work is communication. If things start to dissipate then it is because you allow them to. Realize how busy he is with school and leave him messages to let him know you understand and support him. Maybe try sending cards and care packages so that he knows you are thinking of him. Do not sit back and let him get away because you mistake his busy school life with him losing interest. At this point he needs you to be his support system. Hang in there and everything will surely work out!

You can do it..... Lady Taj Hey Taj

What's your favorite hang-out spot... and why?

Yours,

Chillin'

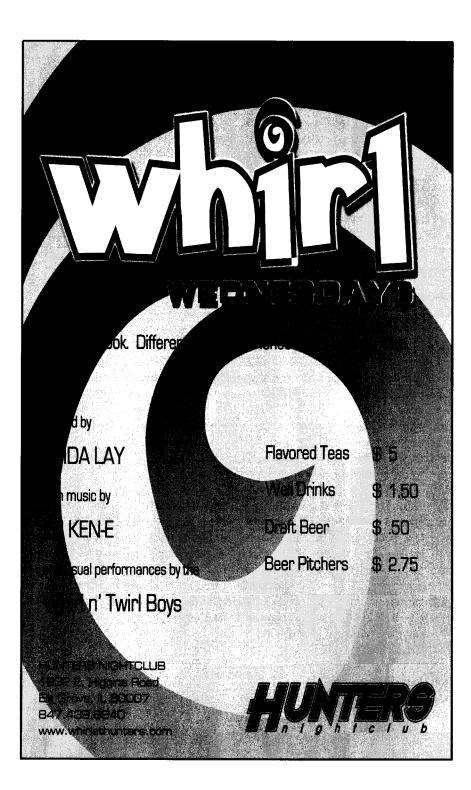
Hi Chillin"

My favorite hang out spot is my home. I enjoy spending time in the smoke free environment that keeps me feeling safe and sane. It is nice to relax in a quiet atmosphere where you can do what you want to do when you want to do it. This may shock some but I am not really a "club person" or "social gathering" person. I advise everyone to try staying at home sometimes and see how much enjoyment you can get from allowing yourself a chance to do absolutely nothing. Don't knock it until you try it!

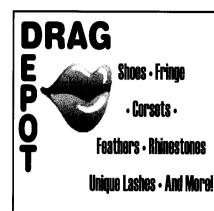
Smooches Lady Taj

Well boys and girls, this concludes another session with Lady Taj. I always enjoy hearing from each and every one of you so keep the questions coming. There is no problem too big or too small so do not hesitate to ask my advice. I love you all! Peace, love and hair grease....

Lady Taj

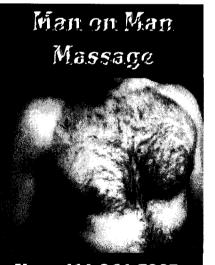






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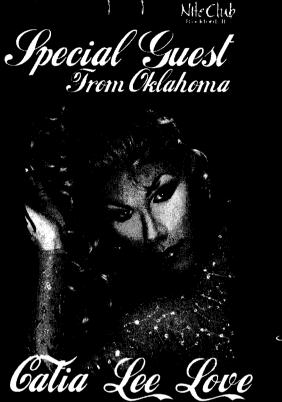
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Voice of Madison

by Travis Copeland

Well I'll be screwed in the eye by a tsetse fly if winter hasn't finally dumped an ass-load of snow on us! As I write this article. Madison is digging itself out of that huge January snowstorm. Maybe I'll find my car sometime before Valentine's Day...

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year's Eve. Christmas found me back home in rural Wisconsin, out at the bar, picking out my brother's future wife (and I found her, too!). So I got drunk used the guise of playing billiards as a ruse to get my brother and this nice gal together. Some people would say it's a little early, but I've already started planning the wedding! Ahh, always the bridesmaid. never the bride. *sniffle*

For New Year's I scrapped my original plan (a date between me and Jack Daniel's Old No. 7. and "Sunset Blvd." on DVD). and let a few of my friends toss me into the back of a Grand Am and force me to lose my Chicago virginity. We got a cheap hotel room and cracked open some booze, and tipped back a few drinks while putting on our party dresses to go out for the night. We stopped first to eat at a little Italian place called "Gioco." which was a little more upscale than we were looking for. but the food was very tasty. and I've never had better split-pea soup!

It was time to hit the bars. We couldn't get a cab to save our lives, so we hopped the "el" and zipped up to Boystown to Roscoe's. The cover was 20 bucks (!), but it included a free coat check (ahem). I threw back a few drinks, didn't see any guys worth sleeping with, and was feeling a bit melancholy so ended up ditching a little early and hopped the el back to the hotel. While riding I struck up a conversation with a pretty little gal with a real Prada bag and some great fuckme pumps. We discussed relationships and fashion and jobs, which cheered me up for a bit.

Then a guy who may or may not have been homeless tried to pick me up. and I'm still not sure if I should feel insulted or not. But considering it was the only time I'd been hit on all evening. I figured I'd at least talk to the guy for a while. He offered to come up to my hotel room (probably because he needed a place to stay), but I respectfully declined and gave him a fake number instead.

After a few more drinks and a few drunk-dials. the rest of the gang showed up and I popped open the bottle of sparkling wine I'd bought to kick-off 2005. According to my friends, who are notoriously untrust-worthy. I finished most of the bottle off myself. I think they were just being slanderous, but, nonetheless, we finished the champagne after one of my friends made a nice little happy toast that I almost vomited to. Then, after dropping the empty bottle out the hotel window, we went to bed.

It was back home the next morning. Now, what selfrespecting homo can avoid a stop to IKEA when passing Schaumburg? So I returned the virginity-taking and suggested we make a shop stop for my friends' first IKEA experience. They were amateurs, so I had to take the reins and show them how to "do" IKEA. One of the bois picked out some end tables and an area rug, and I found a tote bag and a teddy bear, both of which I gave to my ailing grandmother to lift her spirits.

After a quick drop-off in Rockford, we were on our way back to Madison. We got there safe and sound, but only after almost dying on an ice-covered bridge. And that AFTER having witnessed an accident at a gas station and then almost being hit by a flying desk on the Interstate! Needless to say I was kissing the frozen ground after getting home from that hellacious little death trip.

In all, it was a good time: Roscoe's was all right, but I liked IKEA better, and the bois were cuter there, too!

The rest of January sucked, with the only notable events being the start of school and me getting my wisdom teeth yanked. I'm not a winter person, and look forward to a quick end to the cold and snow. And since I've rambled enough. I'll cut this article short for now. I don't want to be like a certain columnist in a rival publication, who goes on endlessly about people no one knows, and events no one went to. I wish you all a happy St. Valentine's Day, and if you don't have someone special to spend it with, then RENT someone special to spend it with! Ciao!





My sidewalk is like navigating 'Little Baghdad'. my skin is drier than teen night at Cage and my cat's tongue has been affixed to the front window since it got below freezing - someone PLEASE make it April already! Aside from the usual wintertime complaints - I'll try to unload some more unsavory stuff your way since, after all, this IS the Drag Droppings for February!

So, first up, let's talk about something that will take many of you back a few years with fond memories and blackmail pictures. Lily White and copious amounts of alcohol! This January 19th was Miss Northern Star. Sure. it's held in Minneapolis but usually some of the local talent makes their way up there to compete for a ticket to nationals at USofA. This time around it was Taylor Roberts and Miami Richards trekking up to give a Minnesota regional pageant a try. Well, one of the judges was one of their newest Debutants - Miss Lily White. In the end. Minneapolis local and former Miss Entertainer of the Year, Nina DiAngelo, knocked 'em dead in every category while Taylor Roberts managed to place a respectable 1st Alternate with Miami right behind her. After the pageant, apparently the liquor flowed and before long the drama made its way back to Milwaukee! I'm still trying to digest all the madness.

Not certain who said what. Don't really care who said what. either. What I DO know is that comments were used where people were speaking for me – and I can do that nicely on my own accord, thank you. If I don't like someone or don't care for something – I can do well enough on my own without any help! It amazes me how when folks get out of town the sewer backs up. Then they bring it all back – completely offended, hands on the pearl necklace in a gasp of disbelief. Is this a "gay thing." a "drag thing." or a sign that people simply have too much time on their hands?

Natasha Marques - by contrast - had a relatively drama free night at her first preliminary pageant on the 19th and the only things coming back from this one are all positive. Miss Wausau WI USofA, held a Oz and promoted by DeeDee Winters and Mary. was described by the current reigning as an 'incredible success'. Well, no one goes all out like these gals and I'm certain that it was just great. There were two contestants for this one: Mercede Andrews of Green Bay and Kyllie Stevens of Madison. In the end, it was Mercede taking home the crown as the first prelim winner of the year with Kyllie getting a ticket to state that this early in the game will leave her almost the entire year to prepare! You may remember Kyllie Stevens at the double-crowning in Milwaukee last year doing a rendition of Kelly Osborne....and doing fairly well, too.

By the time this issue is printed, we'll have a new Mr. Club Wisconsin! Steven Lloyd will be handing down his title on the 29th of January in Kenosha at 94 North. You may not be familiar with "Mr. Club" since this is only the second year. Each bar that has a "Mr." contest can elect to send the winner to the state competition at 94 North. Dawn Michaels and Jazmine Roberts always do a GREAT job when they team up and this will be no exception. The contestants this year will be Mr. Napalese (Brandon), Mr. Cage (Topher Wood). Mr. 94 North (Phil Stevens). Mr. Triangle (Garrison Frasier). and I think Mr. Jo'Dee's (Mark Madison). Not entirely certain if this is the complete list – but if not it's certainly close. The interest generated in this contest seems to be get bigger with each year so I'm thinking that this will be one contest that will be around for some time. And to Steven Lloyd who is giving the title up - you did GREAT this past year! And...just a note...the emcee for the evening will be the unpredictable and never imitated Layonna Kooch. This should be one very interesting night! I don't forsee the Mistress of Ceremonies taking any prisoners (just the way I like

Coming up on the heels of this publication are FOUR bar titles that are synonymous with 'cut throat competition'. First up, we have Miss 94 North. Krystal Styles will be handing down her crown....or is it handing OVER her crown? The lucky winner will following the footsteps of Krystal, Jazmine Roberts. Phyllis Ann, Neely O'Hara. Kyllie West & Cass Marie Domino. Now that's a line-up to be associated with ! I would think that Samantha D'Carlo will be doing the honors behind the microphone. Last year she did an incredible job and the pageant was a huge success – BEST OF LUCK THIS YEAR. Samantha!

Next up, we have Mr. & Miss Triangle scheduled for February 20th. The winner will follow in the footsteps of Shannon DuPree, Taylor Roberts, Bob, Garrison and some other Miss winner that some try to forget. Each time out - there are about a half dozen or more contestants and this year (if the threats of competing are kept!) there could be as many as 10! Who knows - we may even see a return to the stage of 'The Rack That Rules' - Sharon Bumps (aka Shannon Dumps for you Madison folks). Well, at the very least I think that it will be a showcase for quite a few of the new faces in the community and its usually a great avenue to see some of the rising stars in Southern Wisconsin. As Bar titles go, this one is relatively new. Jesse Rivera (former Mr. Gay Wisconsin At-Large) is the organizer of this shin-dig and each year it just gets better and better! This is definitely a night in Milwaukee that you don't want to miss.

The next week we start all over again. February 26th is the Mr. & Miss Crossroads pageant held at the Crossroads bar in Appleton. This is one of the newer bars in the state and they have wasted no time in making their 'Mark'. In this

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2817 Fish Hatchery Road, Madison, WI 53713 P.O. Box 259125, Madison, WI 53725-9125 smickels2@mailbag.com case – that would be Mark Madison. He runs the Miss Gay Wisconsin United States pageant and is the entertainment director for Crossroads! So far, he's been batting 100% on all counts. No doubt that this will be one of the bars to watch in the future. This will be the first attempt at Mr. & Miss Crossroads. See....one more for the Mr. Club Wisconsin pageant for 2006! Good Luck Mark – no doubt it will be a great night! Say hello to that lovely wife of yours for me, too!

Following Miss & Mr. Crossroads is the coveted title of Miss Club 5 in Madison on February 27th. Shannon DuPree will be handing it down and someone will be the lucky winner joining the ranks of Cass Marie, Kelli Jo, Tammy Faye, and Kyllie West. Now the deal is that so many Madisonites were perturbed by out-of-town gals winning the title (what's a pageant without any competition?) that the rules changed a bit this year and the entrants can only be from the Madison area. Well, that's PARTIALLY true. As I understand it, there will be a window of opportunity for these gals to get their entry money in but if a set amount of Madison gals aren't entered by the 19th of the month then it's thrown open to the rest of the state! Personally, I'm not seeing a required number of Madison gals entering. So....when someone from outside Madison walks with the title maybe this year you'll just congratulate them and keep your mouths shut ... you had your chance to enter. Rest assured - there won't be any playing with this. S. Suzie S. is putting this show on and no one messes with her unless they want a rhinestone suppository. So - set your TiVo to record the Academy Awards that night and make plans to be at Club 5 for the festivities.

I will be worn OUT after these two weeks! Word of note – if the

Just to tidy some things up since the last column....the check finally made it! Natasha Marques was in Madison the end of January for Miami Richard's show and apparently Michael K. came up to her and tipped her the full amount of her pay from almost two months ago along with a five dollar tip! I'm not certain if any of the other performers who walked out empty handed ever received their pay – but it's a start and frankly, that's their problem since they've all been around enough that they should know how to handle things.

I guess some faux fur was well ruffled with the last column which included a rather terse diatribe over the phone to the editor of Edge about how all that was written was 'lies'. Now for the record, again. I will point out that I was not AT Mr. Great Lakes and did not witness anything first hand. All the information came to me from five individuals who WERE there. Oddly enough, all relayed their stories to me separately with uncanny similarities! If they're all lying then it's one of the best rehearsed conspiracies I've been handed in some time. Apparently, the promoter would like to set the record straight about the goings-on that night and more power to him. I don't know what there is to set straight. however. She went – she wasn't paid for several weeks – end of story. I would caution though that the players involved probably don't take kindly to having their perception of the events turned into something that – from their recollections – was not the case. So – don't kill the messenger – you've got plenty of people out there that are singing the same song. From what I gather from the headcount at the contest – this could be MOST of the participants and audience members! If the fur continues to fly I guess I'll have to ask ALL the performers there what their take on the night was to include in the next column! Otherwise – she got paid – END OF STORY.

I have also learned that some of the "Mr." contests have been relegated to other promoters. S. Suzie S. will be running Mr. Gay Capitol City (April 3rd) and Colin Styles will be promoting his title of Mr. City of Festivals (February 17th). Interestingly enough, the general venue for Mr. City of Festivals is Natasha Marques' home bar – Triangle in Milwaukee. As you can probably guess. I would think that the likelihood of this contest actually being at Triangle is based on the aforementioned money being paid, as well as being paid in advance for any future bookings so this type of nonsense never happens again!

It also seems that one bar in the state is really trying to set itself off from the rest of the show bars. Green Bay's newest bar, The Shelter Club, (www.theshelterclub.com) not only has a fairly regular show schedule but the owners. Brandon & Dale, as well as show director CoCo Channel, are doing their best to get national names and talent on their stage. This February is Tersa Matthews and on April 1st is Wendy Williams. Both Tersa and Wendy have placed in the top 10 at national pageants and 1'm certain that the both shows will be absolutely phenomenal and should not be missed. At this rate, we'll have Rockford, Chicago and Green Bay as the hot seats for entertainers in and around Wisconsin.

A "farewell" is also in order. Rumor has it that two of our relatively new faces are renting a U-Haul and setting off for warmer pastures. Taylor Roberts and Krystal Styles are supposedly packing up the boas and rhinestones and moving down to Springfield, Illinois. Between the bar titles and other crowns that they've amassed during the past year and will be giving up this year. I'm sure that well continue to see them for some time.

Well, on to the website of the month. Miss Marques has been a busy gal. You can visit her site at http:// natashamarques.tripod.com. Apparently, it's still a work in progress but will be showcasing the preliminary pageants in Wisconsin and scheduling information for her. Check out one of her many new promo pictures. too! Hot – very hot!

That's lt! Stay warm and remember – at some of our advanced ages. shoveling snow can be hazardous to your health! If this isn't reason enough for a houseboy – I don't know what is. In the meantime, play nice. If you can't play nice just email me at lottiedodge@sbcglobal.net.



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It was a sad event to have happen but we all lost someone very dear to us all, most of you have known him as "Jerry" but for those of you who didn't know him he was a very energetic ball of fun. Everyone who spent time with him knew what an interesting and joyful person he was to be around. There wasn't anything that he found to be very depressing in his life and if there was he hid it very well from most. The Office held a memorial show for him on a Sunday. Jerry, honey, you will be remembered and cherished by all, hugs to you baby.

Well most of you already know that a new club has opened up for the gay community to enjoy. that's the Club Impulse in Beloit. If you haven't already ventured out there take a trip and see what you're missing. From what I hear they have a lot of plans they are working on such as food service, entertainment events and some remodeling. So keep your eyes peeled on this club so that you won't miss anything new.

New Year's eve was an event at both clubs that everyone was out for. For those of you who were at the Office you got to enjoy the musical talents of Ronnie Nyles and the chic mix, as well as the standard balloon drop and DJ music. The Oh'Zone had entertainment in the form of Male exotic dancers and one of them really had the crowd on fire. He was a tiny little guy but not in that department below, just short and cute. Someone got lucky with him that night and it wasn't a girl, tee hee. Lucerne's catered a tastefully delicious banquet for everyone to devour, and you know us fat girls need our nutrition to keep our energy up (WINK WINK).

More recently, I've heard the Oh'Zone fired their main dj, Tom. I'm not sure how all this went down, but I heard he went down to the Office and was shooting off at the mouth, and then went up to the owner and asked for a job. I don't know about you, but I'm not sure if this is the proper time and place to having a discussion about a possible employment opportunity, especially if you're venting about the other bar. But some good new to come out of this is that veteran dj Joe is back at the Oh'Zone. and from what I've heard, he's banging the music out once again, so much that I think the fine china in the upstairs apartments fell out of the cabinets and on to the floor. Welcome back Joe!

Well that's all I have space to write about so just keep me posted on what you have heard or seen, and I will let everyone else know.

Remember to always be good to each other and yourself, but not too good that I can't gossip! If you don't have anything nice to say then email it to me, Kudos.

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Greetings to All:

It is so nice to be back after my long vacation that I took, and I am so glad that they didn't replace my article after all this time. Every girl needs a little break from all the grease to have a little fun herself.

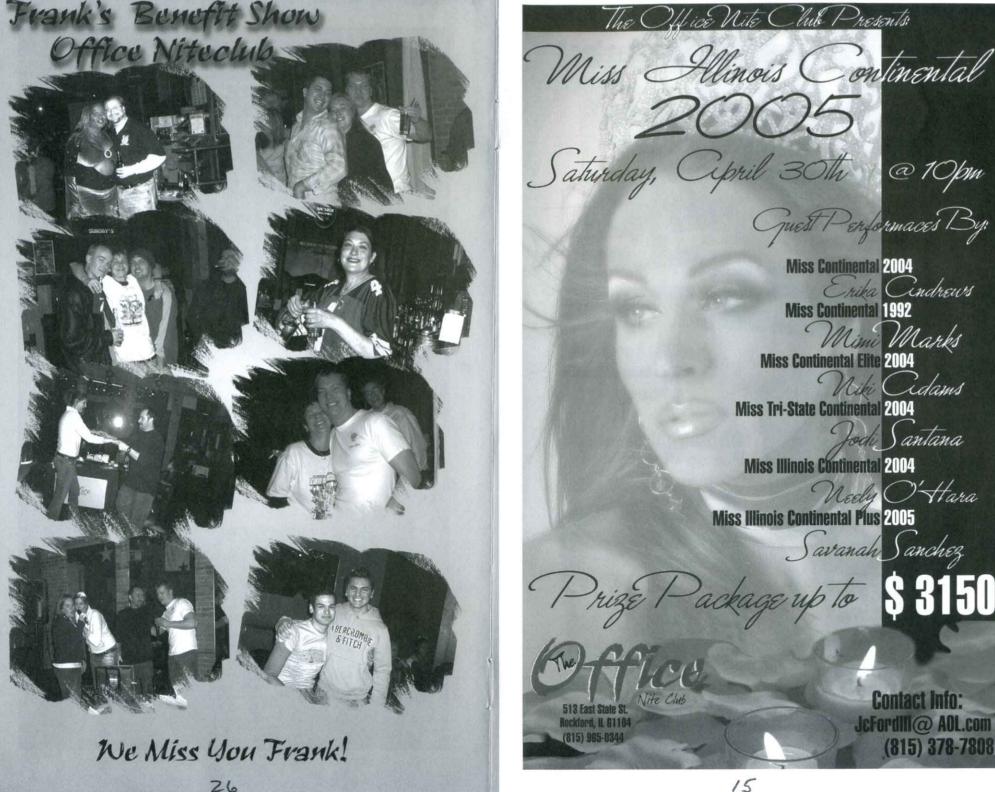
So let me reminisce a little about what was sent to me while I was gone.... I have heard about all the shows at the office. (and from what I have heard hasn't been really that good.) But after talking to people I have heard a little different as well, so what I am going to report is grease. Trust me, next month I'll be giving you the grease about the other bar, but for now here we go Lately a lot of the entertainment at the Office has been a little sloppy. What happened to all the high-energy numbers? Why are we getting boring slow numbers? Let's get the shows some more energy back to the stage. Shows have been starting later and later. They originally started at 10:30pm but now they are starting at 11:30PM when everyone wants to dance. so the upstairs has become a ghost ship. All the fabulous out of Towner entertainers that broke out their awesome numbers last, do not get any respect from the audience because no one is there to enjoy it. People want to have a good time and then dance and party, but those shows (that they wanted to see) have taken so long (and lost their energy) that they have to go down stairs to have a good time. Now as I see it, what the people want is important, if you aren't keeping the crowd there, then you need to revaluate the time that your are starting your shows. Other wise you won't have a show. As an advent attendee and customer I really don't want to see the shows suffer because of it. Let's pick up



the pace again and get some high energy back into the show and let's get back to an earlier start time, so people can enjoy dancing later and not have to be kicked out right after the show is over. Other wise keep up the good work with bringing in new entertainment. Speaking of entertainment, I hear dj Cody

is having another cd release party coming up at the Office NiteClub on Thursday, February 24th. I'm sure I'll be there, so make sure ya'll be there too!

Now both the Oh'Zone and the Office have tried something new that was well over due. That would happen to be The Drag King shows, for those of you who don't know what that is let me tell you. This is when Females dress up as men and perform. From what I saw this turned out to be an excellent event that brought out a lot of customers to view. These shows were benefit production for our local A.C.N (Aids Care Network). Raising a lot of money to help people who are living with Aids. The events started very close to on time and were very entertaining to all. Something fresh and new to enjoy. Now I understand these girls are all newbie's to the art of male Illusionists, so I won't be that mean to them this time, but they need a little work with their choice in music as well as some costuming. All in all it was a blast and I for one would like to see more of them. Now the grease on these events was all the drama that happened to the one in charge prior to the events. The second one was scheduled to be at the Office and the cast was all set as well as the time and place. From what I heard, about 3 days to the events and some of the girls, who were best friends, got into quite a disagreement at the new bar, Club Impulse. I guess one of the couple's girlfriends decided to try and kiss another couple's girlfriend and got caught. Girls, girls, girls, lets try and get along but not that well honey. Leave your



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Natasha Marques Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA

Welcome *Spotlight* readers to another edition of the Edge Magazine. I can't believe it's already February, soon we will be celebrating our 2nd anniversary. April will definitely be a month to remember. This month, we have our newly crowned Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA. Natasha Marques on the cover! I wish I could see that talent again. god was it amazing! So I had the chance to sit down last month with Natasha and talk about her win and such. so here we go:



Edge Mag: Why don't you tell us a little about yourself...

Natasha: Well, my boy name is Joel, I'm 24, a Virgo, and I live in Milwaukee. I work at Triangle for my husband, where my job is very much my home.

Edge Mag: How did you get started in Female Impersonation?

Natasha: I actually got started about 2 or 3 years ago. I entered the Talent Contest at Club 219 when Lily White used to run the shows, and I won!

Edge Mag: Tell us about your first prelim to Miss Gay Wisconsin.

Natasha: I entered a double crowning pageant called Miss Cosmopolitan and Miss Cream City Wisconsin USofA. (editor's note: For those of you who don't know, there are prelim pageants held all over the state and the winners go to the State level pageant) and I placed fifth overall. I felt disappointed, and I had a self realization at this point. I thought to myself that I shouldn't count my chickens before they're hatched. I had a good package that I brought to Miss Cosmo/Cream City. and Dee Dee Winters thought so too. She told me to bring it to state and expand on it. But first I had to get to state.

Edge Mag: So what did you do next?

Natasha: I ran for Miss Southeastern Wisconsin and I won! I had finally got my ticket to state. and I was freaking out because I had only a month to get ready for state. This included getting an evening gown, a talent, and brushing up on my interview.

Edge Mag: When you got to Miss Gay Wisconsin. what performer(s) did you fear the most? Natasha: I worried about Miss Shannon DuPree. Nova D'vine, and Gina Delicious.

Edge Mag: What were you thinking on Final Night?

Natasha: I couldn't believe the response I was getting from the audience. it was almost a rush. I was hoping to make top 5, that was my goal. I never expected to win.

Edge Mag: What went through your mind when they called your name as the new Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA?

Natasha: It was so weird... almost like an out of body experience. I was on cloud 9. I started to envision the people that I have looked up to over the years

Edge Mag: Who are they?

Natasha: Kyllie West, Shannon DuPree. Jackie Roberts, and Nova D'Vine. How do I fill those shoes? It's unbelievable what I have accomplished in a year. I'm the product of a team effort of friends and other title holders.

Edge Mag: What is your goal for Nationals? (Miss Gay USofA)

Natasha: I honestly didn't think I'd make it this far. I'm just going give the best that I can with the package that I bring. And also meet new entertainers and learn from everybody the whole week that I'm there.

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Well a New Year is upon us. Holidays over. and all of us are trying to get back on budget and our lives back on track. It is also the time of year to start planning for the months to come. Just for starters, a few things that we know of so far for the year that have been scheduled. Several of the Argonauts of Wisconsin's events have been planned. The Daddy Boy Contest held in Green Bay every year will be held in April. This year it will be the weekend of Friday 8th and Saturday 9th at Naupolies lounge. Daddy and I just may be running in this one this year so it could be fun to check out. The last one I went to I was the host when I held the title Mr. Northwoods 2001 and I can honestly say I had the time of my life. The Big Argonauts Event is the Joint run held with the Castaways of Milwaukee. my former club brothers. Miss you guys Woof Woof :) It is held just outside of Green Bay on a very well equipped old farm that has been converted into a rather nice campground. Bar, kitchen, dining area with a stage where club members perform fun skits and comedy and some serious stuff too, as filler to the Mr Northwoods contest held Saturday night. This event is always on the 3rd weekend of August 19th, 20th, 21st. It is open to all gay and gay friendly people men and women alike. There are people from all over the country that join us there. In the last couple years we have had close to 200 people attend. So if you would like to attend this event check out the Argonauts of WI web site http://www.argonautsll.org for details and an application. Now a little closer to home is Milwaukee's Pride Fest and it is always a good place to meet new people have some fun and see more hot eye candy then you're ready to see

in any one place at a time. If you make it to this event a great place to check out for some cold brew is the Castaways of Milwaukee's Beer Tent and I can promise it is always a good time and good for a few laughs. They are some great guys. so stop in and see them, tell them Marc sent ya.. Now even closer to home is the Rockford Aids Ride to be held sometime the week of July 13th. I believe this is the planned date, but I will let you know more about it as the date gets closer. This event is a lot of fun for both the riders and for the volunteers that help out in all of the city's involved. So if you don't want to ride in it and you have the time please feel free to volunteer. We can use all the help we can get. All support is greatly appreciated and the feeling of love from every one is something you have to experience to believe. So check it out! Also fast approaching is IML International Mr. Leather held in Chicago Labor Day weekend and it is a must for anyone who is into or curious about leather, you've got to see it to believe it. You won't believe your eyes and try to control the drool :) Well, I will keep you posted on events as they come up and if anyone has an event they would like me to publish. Please send me an email with all the info to one of the following addresses.

In the subject line add: ATT: Daddy & PUP EVENTS MTWSkinetic@yahoo.com or mtwskinetic@netzero.net or to MTWSkinetic@aol.com

Well that's all for now peace to all (Pup) Marc & (Daddy) Tom Grrr WOOF CYA !

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