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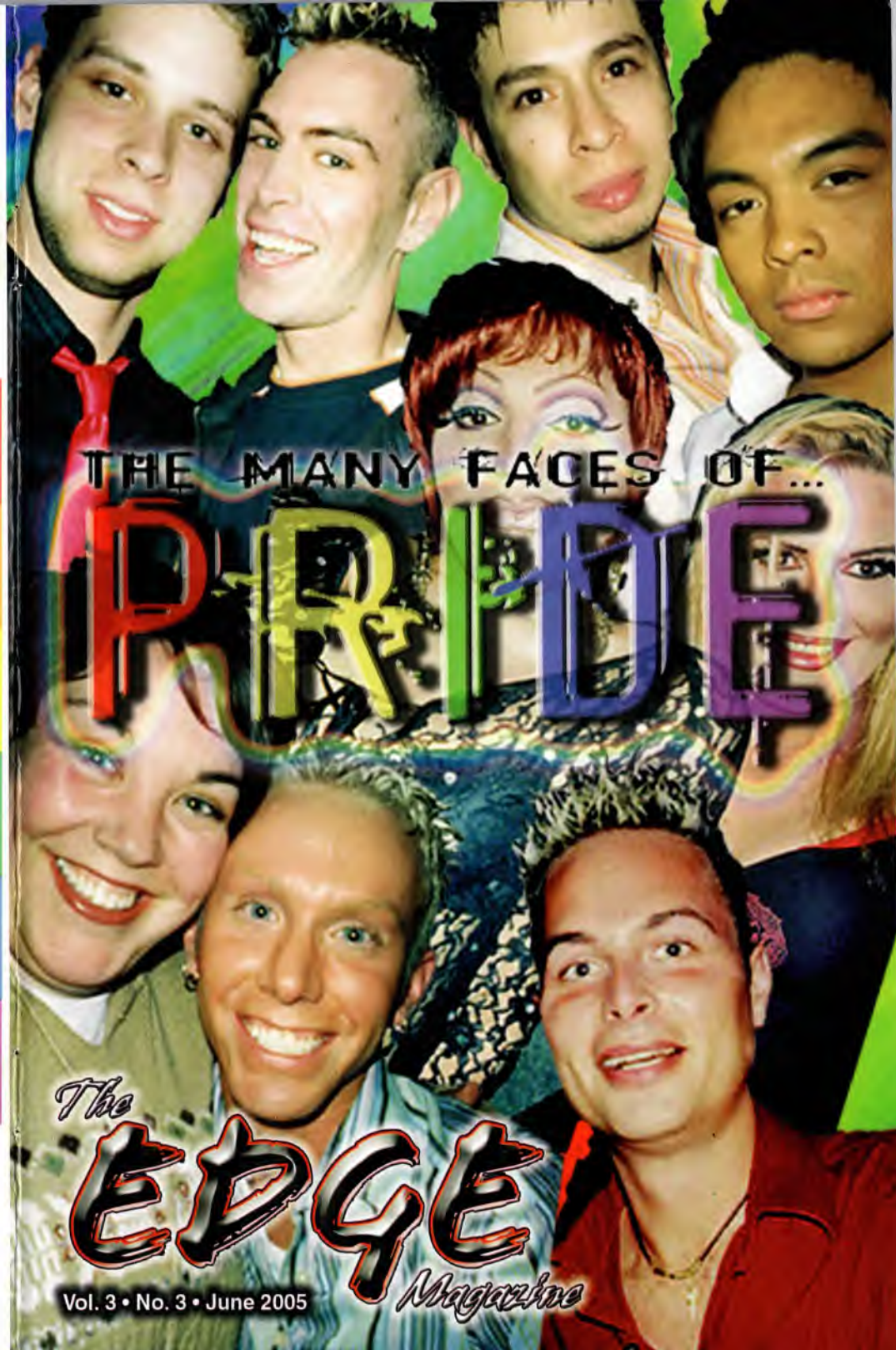
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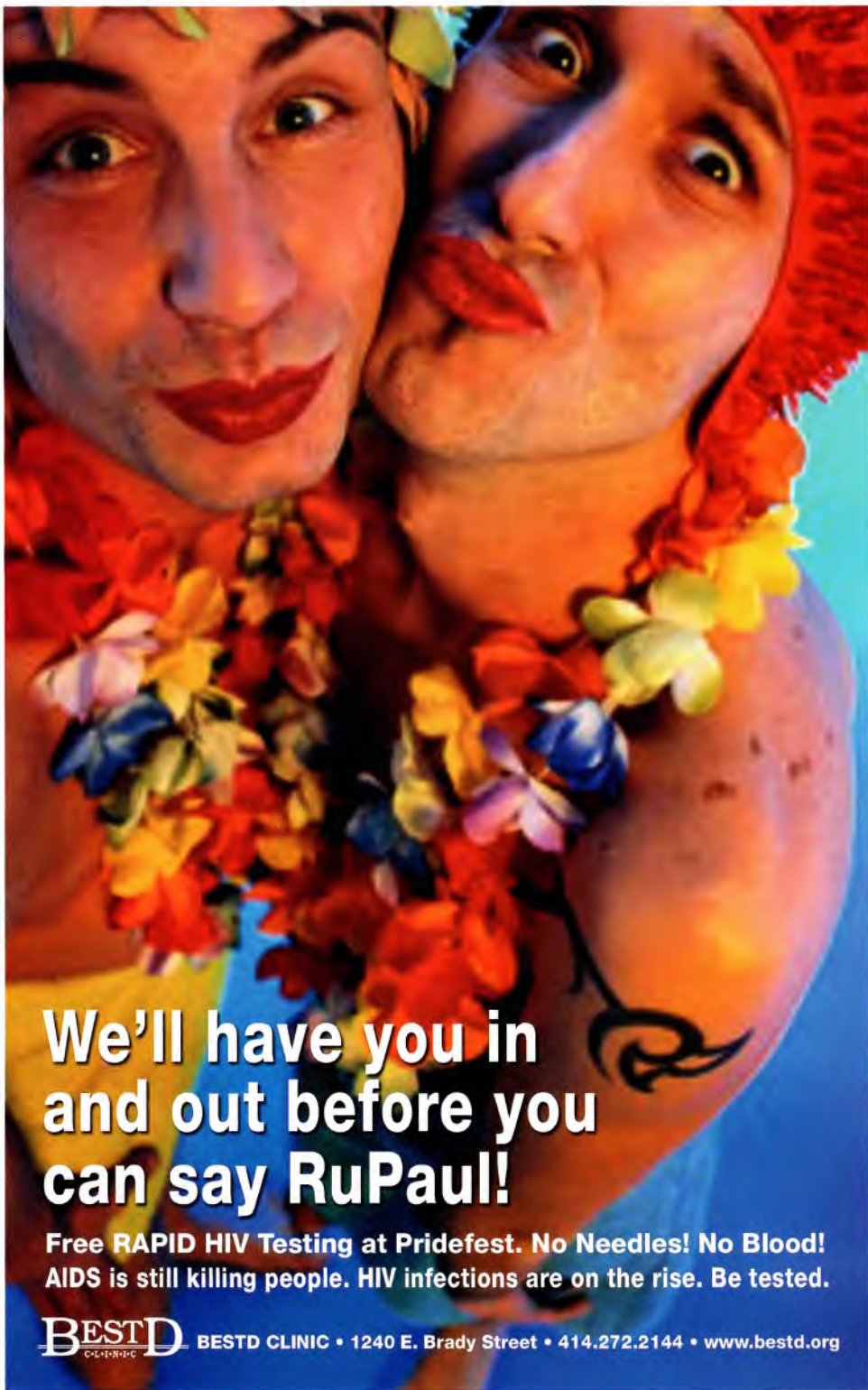
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ARIES March 21 - April 19

Conversation, which you once took for granted, now takes you to new highs, or lows depending on your point of view, which is likely on your back on the floor looking at your lover's naked steaming body hovering over you. (Don't you just wish that fantasy would come true?) Anyway, do not, repeat not, redecorate your bedroom with your lover this month. The stars say disaster, miscommunication leading to at least the worst colours you could imagine on the walls. Fuchsia and lime green are not what is meant when one speaks of pastel lavenders accented by art nouveau motifs. Dim the lights and drag your lover into the bed and do body language exercises instead. The walls can be repainted next month, after you've cleaned the stains off.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20

Another bad month with your bank manager. That's what you get for trying to sleep your way into an expanded credit rating. Instead, try a hot personal loans officer with a swarthy foreign accent, or better yet dip your credit card into some ice water before you do anymore damage. Relax, my friend. It's gardening season. Get those shrubs spruced up. You want them to grow big and bushy this year, like most of your day dreams. Plant lots of leafy plants so you have plenty of secluded outdoor places you can take your financial advisor to. Your weird friends get weirder still by mid-month. Not to worry. Give them a tour of your garden after sunset. Then you'll really see how weird they are.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

(Let's see if I can do this in one breath.) Even by Gemini standards, this is like a totally ditzy month, and that's saying a lot, which is exactly what you are going to do, assuming you get around to doing anything, although actually you'll be doing so much with so many there will be those who wonder how you manage, yet management isn't quite what you're doing,

rather it's who you're doing and when, well more like who, the when part looks after itself, but I'm not sure who is looking after whom, nor does it make a lot of difference this month, because the point is that there is no point, never has been and never will be, so why worry about that when yet another awesome hot night in June just presented itself. (Inhale deeply.)

CANCER June 21 - July 22

You could try whining, and you usually do. For all the good it does. Get ready. Are you going to have good reasons to whine or what? Warning. You absolutely deserve what you get if you call back the wrong number who just left a message on your voice mail. This is worse than your ex. I mean it. Truly. Of course, you will call back just out of curiosity, because I mean like how long has it been since you've heard a voice which oozes pure horny physical sex dribbling out of the phone. Remember, even trolls can fake a voice. Now on the off chance you are paying attention, which is unlikely, the chat rooms are worse. There are lies, damn lies, and then there are stats. Uh-huh, and like you've never lied about your stats either, right? Honey, when they start talking about 12 inches this month, they are talking about the ruler on their desk. It's more like 12 centimetres you're talking to, and BTW ask for a doctor's note certifying clean health first.

LEO July 23 - August 22

You'll take it personally. You always do. And you will be so-o-o-o-o-offended. You always are. How could anyone possible be so terribly awful to someone who is so sweet, kind, generous, and unselfish as you are. The Great You, who would just do anything for a friend. Cue up the stage lights and the orchestra, we're ready for the show. Make it a good one. My popcorn gets cold fast. Done now! Thank you. Okay, take another bow. Finished, finally? Good. FWIW, it had nothing to do with your friends, or you for that matter. The cosmic energy this month is just so snarled up for any Leo and said Leo's friends. Nothing personal, although you won't likely believe that, but sometimes the Cosmos just screws up. Get over it and head off to the tubs or the park. Get laid, or someone else who's somewhat useful.

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VIRGO August 23 - Sept. 22

There are very few months when you can be both a saint and a sinner at the same time, and fewer still when everyone in the world will be watching in awestruck wonder as you do it. Imagine heading off to your favorite seamyest rathole of a slum for the most dirty unspeakable sex you crotch could throb into, and not only do you relieve your basest physical desires, you save some poor hapless soul from a certain fate more appalling than all the fires of hell and damnation. All this while some twisted mind (like your evil ex) has a night video cam going to record it, and posts it on the internet where it becomes an instant cult classic world wide. Of course the whole house of cards comes tumbling down when some barbed-tongue wag on the net spots that the poor hapless soul you 'saved' was just another slumming Virgo who also just happens to live in the fanciest condo building in town. Enjoy your 15 minutes of fame.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

If you throw a Pride Day party this month, well don't come to me to complain afterwards, unless of course you really really really did not enjoy the unwashed slob from the construction site who wandered in unannounced and spent the night with you while the 'normal' guests carried on and even left a stain on your carpet. (Horror!) Actually, you could treat this as an opportunity, and likely will. I mean, wash up the dolt, do your Miss Manners routine and teach the slob some couch, and Viola! Eliza Doolittle becomes, well, a slobby construction type who still grunts in three languages. Back to square one, m'dear. Or just accept that grunting in three languages has a place, like in bed, but forget it with finger food.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

No Scorpio is ever happy when people start giggling while you're trying to lower your voice and be butch. Forgive it, duckie. Kurch ain't you this month. Put your black leather away and get out the feather boa. Those ruby red slippers have been getting dusty from lack of use recently. You're allowed to scream on Pride Day. We're looking for taffeta, lace, and enough mascara that Max Factor has to put on an overtime shift. Now you're ready. Well, ready to mince down the street to the store and start looking for an outfit to die for, or at least your credit cards will die for, assuming they're still

on life support. Jewellery, think jewellery. There's a sale on at K-Mart. Now stand in front of a mirror and practice shrieking until you no longer smear your lipstick. Beware eating chocolates when wearing white gloves.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Well, if you can talk your way into this one you can talk your way out of it. Right? Well, maybe in the past, but not this month. The more you talk, the worse it gets, and the worse it gets, the more you try to talk your way out of it. Look, no one, and I mean this, not a soul on this planet (except for you) believes you when you say none of this was your fault. Uh, like who was the one who started this? Right. Okay, now here's your path out of the forest. Oh, sorry, I didn't realize you weren't interested in leaving the forest. Well, yes, the forest does have lots of dark mysterious places and especially at night lots of dark mysterious individuals. So I suppose you'll have your fun. But do us all a favour. Say nothing. Better to be thought a fool than to open your mouth and erase all doubt.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Avoid all office politics at work. I know that's like asking water to flow uphill, but I have a job to do here, if it's all right with you. Avoid all office politics at work. It is like so easy to get sucked (in). First it's the gossip, and you will be seduced by the gossip, if indeed you are not seduced by the gossip, who has an agenda, oh yes quite an agenda, and you aren't being told about that. You are being primed for someone else's game, perhaps a little payback for some of your own past activities. By month's end it will all be clear, the game that is, and the torrid little office affair will be over. Oh, at least do us the favour of avoiding those steamy office emails forcing every electron in the computer to blush in embarrassment. Did you know the IT people have filters which flag such email so they can put them in a special file for future blackmail purposes? Oh, you are the IT person. Then beware the geek who smiles too much while eating twinkies.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Time to get started. Assume a new persona in the chat room. Any new persona will do. Just make it a complete departure from all the other phony personas you've used over the past year. I know that might take a bit of imagination,

but I know you're up to it. Now enter a chat room. No, silly, not your usual chat room. C'mon, use some imagination here. A chat room you've never entered. There aren't any in that category, you say? Pity. Well, then one you haven't used in say, three months. Okay, that's good enough. Off load a pickup truck filled with horse manure about your new persona in this chat room. Now you are likely going to score, I mean this. But, of course, you have to remember you are not the only one in that chat room with a pickup truck filled with horse manure. Too bad I'm going to miss it when you two first meet.....ever see a closeup picture of a wart hog?

PISCES Feb 19 - March 20

You can talk to your lover, but that doesn't mean your lover is listening or is even in the same

Universe you are in. But then few of us have ever travelled to that part of the Cosmos. (My travel agent doesn't do those kinds of bookings.) Well, you can't fight the energy. Try writing poetry. It won't rhyme, but then nothing in your life has any rhyme, or reason for that matter, so why should the poetry? Try chanting mantras with your lover. Read the recipe of apple strudel together. Check out Einstein's theory of relativity. (All relatives are theoretical.) Try a dialogue. (I'll dial. You log on.) Ever use telepathy? (I tried to tell Pacific, but she wouldn't listen.) You might get something happening with words. Of course you could just float off for the month playing volleyball with thought forms, but then you'd miss all the misconversation. Miss Conversation. Oh yeah, one last thing. If you ever do stop talking, the sex is great.

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Take My Advice

by Tajma Hall

Dear Taj,
 What's going on with you this month? Are you going to be in any pride parades? If so, what floats can we see you on? Can't wait to see you out!
 Later Diva Goddess, Midwest Fan

Dear Midwest Fan
 This pride month proves to be a very busy one for me. I will be traveling the country performing in pride shows as well as pre pride celebrations. I will be in Iowa, North Carolina, Kentucky and Toronto as well as my regular shows in Chicago and Rockford. I am still making final preparations for my appearance in parades so you will have to catch one of my shows for that information. Happy Pride to you and I hope to see you at an upcoming show.

Hugs Taj

Hey Taj,
 It's Miss Kim again! Thanks for the advice in the last issue, with a more practice I think my blending is getting better. I think once I get my makeup where I want it, I might enter a pageant soon. I know you have a lot of experience with pageants, so is there any advice you have for me before I enter a pageant? How do you know which pageant system works for you? What is the biggest mistake you've made during a pageant (if any)? Can't wait to hear from you!

Truly yours, Miss Kim

Hi Miss Kim
 Girl I am so glad to hear that you are making progress. The more you practice the better you will be. Do not be ashamed to practice painting your face because that

is really the only way you will become the true Diva that you long to be. Now as far as pageants are concerned the best advice I can give is "DO NOT ENTER UNLESS YOU ARE COMPLETELY PREPARED"!!! I think you need to research every pageant system and see which one interest you the most. Look at all the categories and make sure they fit who you are. Every pageant is not meant to appeal to everyone. There are certain elements that you will love and others that you will not. I can not stress enough though that you must research. Find out who has copies of pageants on tape and watch them. Take time and attend the various prelims in the area and see first hand how that particular system works. After you have completed your research you will be able to decide what system or systems are best for you. The one mistake I have made in pageants that I regret is changing my game plan because of what someone else thinks I should do. Once you make up your mind stick with it and I promise that is what you will present best. There will be all types of advice from others but you can not present the ideas of others as well as you can what you feel comfortable with. Good luck with your painting and pageant research. Do not hesitate to ask questions. I am always here to help. Have fun girl and remember...win or lose...the scores are the scores.

A toast to your first crown... Taj

To Tajma Hall,
 Here's a something new for ya! We always send you questions asking for advice and such, but what about you?! Do you have any questions for your readers? Comments and suggestions are much ap-

preciated too.

Sincerely,

Roles Reversed

Hi Roles Reversed

Thanks for the opportunity. I am sure most of you know that it takes a lot of time and money to continue to be a first class performer. I strive to excellence every time my foot hits the stage but my finances never meet my needs. I am in need for continuous sponsorship so that I may continue to look my best and keep you wondering what fashions I may appear in next. There are girls in the south who have endless sponsors and people who are always willing to make sure their needs are met. So here is my question.....Are there any sponsors out there? Are there any readers who would love a chance to be a part of The Lady Taj? I have just completed Miss Continental Plus and I am still in debt from lack of sponsorship. I am currently trying to prepare for next years pageant but do not see it possible at this time. If you are willing to help please let me know. I see myself as being Miss Continental Plus one day but I promise I can not do it without help. The Lady Taj is not afraid to say she is in need so please help. Thanks again for giving me a chance to ask a question.

Thanking you in advance for your help

Taj

Dear Taj,

I have been debating whether to write to you about this or not, but I decided to do it. I know this is a sensitive subject, but I truly believe in my heart that you deserved at least top 5 at Continental Plus this year. I don't know what happened, or what to say other than that, I know someday you will have the crown baby. It's just a matter of time. Keep up the good work, and best of luck in the future sweetheart!

Sincerely,

Pageant Pride

Dear Pageant Pride

Thank you so much for your comment. I am sure every girl in the top 12 thought she deserved to also be in the top 5. I had to continuously remind myself of something Vicki Valentino always says....the scores are the scores. I will take this years experience as fuel to energize me for next year. As I stated earlier I am starting early again and hope to find some help that does not back out like last year. Please keep me in your thoughts and know that your positive energy is appreciated. Its the people like who keep me going day after day.

You are simply the best.... Taj

Well Well Well.....Please remember what this month is all about. Please remember to be proud of who you are. Please remember that in order for people to love you, you must first love yourself and have pride in yourself. I love you all and am proud to be a part of this most loved community.

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Apparently, there is a new gal running around the State that had some sobering insight about how new folks are sometimes treated when they arrive. She complained that with the exception of a few, that most of the Queens she has encountered are stand-offish, aloof or just plain rude! Do you think? I guess when this new person goes out they're greeted by some 'looks' and some 'murmurs at the bar' but with few exceptions, no one even acknowledges her presence. Well, I take that back. She did say that Kyllie West, Natasha Marques & Brittney Morgan have always been friendly and open. With that said, you just named three people in the state that don't owe anyone anything, have been there done that and are way over most of it! Girl - I still get the treatment so don't feel bad! I can name a few - including the one that states, "I don't come up and speak to people - THEY come up and speak to ME". Which is all well and good with the one mentioned, but I got sick of picking her head up off the bar to have a conversation. I think it gets to a point that the face they put on has an entirely different personality attached to it. Oh, what a difference a crown makes!

And then there are those that it makes NO difference! Sharon Starr - same bawdy bitch. Lusinda Andrews - they just don't come any better. Alexis St. James - great person. Shannon DuPree will tell you like it is but will make you laugh while you're hearing it, and, of course, Natasha Marques.

The comment was made the other night by someone how well she's carried herself and brought some class back to the community. She's definitely raised the bar. If you think running for one of these pageants is nothing more than a year's worth of free drink tickets then that thinking went out the door last November and you probably should have followed it.

As of this column, Natasha is on her way to Dallas to compete in the national pageant representing Wisconsin. It will definitely be a learning experience and I'm sure that she'll have a blast. With Beja in tow and four dance-boys, a face that you can't forget and a self-assured style I'm sure that she'll leave her mark in Dallas. Probably not as much as the dancers - but that's another column! Also going down to Dallas were Tammy Faye of Green Bay (1st Alternate Miss Classic WI USofA) and Deja Voo (1st Alternate Miss Wisconsin USofA) and LaToya Bacall (she's from down South but came up to Green Bay to enter Miss Classic WI USofA - and won). Good luck to everyone - you worked hard these past months and hopefully it will pay off.

Whitney Paige was up at the Shelter Club this past month. From what I hear it was quite the deal. She absolutely wowed the crowd and everyone loved her. Well, everyone but a few slender little boys that Whitney took a liking to. Perhaps her final number should have been "I'm In The Mood For Love", at least it would have given them the cue to run and hide! Aside from all that - another great show at the Shelter Club by Brandon & Dale.

Down in Rockford the middle of May we had Miss Borderline WI USofA. This is one of the prelims for State this coming November. What was rumored to be the battle of the two Moniques turned out to be the battle of ONE Monique and long-time Rockford icon, Jennifer Marlow. Monique Green came out on top breaking the karma of a "not-so-great placement" at Miss Illinois Continental. Once again, two more gals who have some seniority under their skirts.

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It should be a very interesting year if this keeps up. From all accounts, Franchesca DeCarlo put on quite a show at the Oh Zone. I'm sure Michelle has her notes and Forest City this September will try for the 'eclipse' as friendly bar rivalry always incites.

This it will be last epic before a few pageants in the State. The first one is Miss & Mr. Cage on June 7th. Way back in 1985 it was Candy Stratton who held the title (and back then it was Miss "La" Cage) and most recently it was Taylor Roberts. The going thought is that Miss Nova will be able to save her 'step-down' money that was to go to Miss Roberts since rumor central is that she still has not acknowledged any calls and might not be in attendance. The boys will have a current reigning - Topher Wood. This will be, probably, his last appearance before the Mr. Wisconsin USA contest in the middle of the month. There were quite a few names popping up for this title. Towards the end, it seems as though a few have backed out. We'll have to wait and see who actually shows on stage. I'm not sure if it's a conflict of schedules, lack of interest on the 'droppies' part or fear of competition. If you're all waiting for that chance to enter something that has no competition then save yourself the entry fee - just go buy a sash and make up your own title. "Miss Mid-Towne Spa" isn't taken yet, unless Shayna Love claims it first.

The second one is the strangest - Chantal's Miss Nobody Pageant. "Anyone Who Wants To Be Someone Tries To Be Nobody!". The \$6.43 evening gown competition should be a riot! Needless to say, I have a few names of contestants who will be vying for this new title and incredible prize package. The names alone would make you want to pay for the price of admission (which isn't that much!) since it will be hilarious. There are a few raised eyebrows since it's not exactly a 'classy' pageant - but it does put everyone on the same muddy playing field. I know that there are a few that would LOVE to have the same cost-ceiling put on evening

gowns... perhaps a bit more than \$6.43 but that's the rhinestoned ceiling this time! That's on June 18th at 94 North in Kenosha.

Next up, we have Miss Wisconsin Continental at Cage in Milwaukee on Jun 17th. This year is a bit different since there were no preliminary pageants held in the state. Of course, it might be worth the price of admission to see if Taylor Roberts shows up to pass on her title. Who knows who will be there! Cage is certainly going to get the pageant work-out this month.

Then it's off to Mr. Wisconsin USA in Madison at Club 5 on the 19th. Let's just say that there has been more than a bit of drama about this one. There will at least be ONE national title holder on hand - Mark Madison, Mr. Gay Classique USA, along with plenty of performers competing from around the state. From Milwaukee we have Topher & Tyler, from Madison, Joel and any number of folks from the rest of the state. I know that in the past there were plenty of appointments to fill the stage but this usually backfired. We'll see how it turns out! Good Luck! After Wisconsin Continental on the 17th, Chantal's on the 18th and then this one on the 19th it makes you wonder how many folks will be in Madison for Mr. Wisconsin!

And just when you think that you're done with warp-speed contests, its back to Milwaukee for Miss City of Festivals. This will be Jesse Rivera's first try at a USofA prelim (organizing it... Not running in it!). He has a great prize package and rumor has it that due to some scheduling conflicts that it just may be Deja Voo who will be the representative on hand for the State Title. Should be very interesting, our first prelim pageant for Milwaukee. Good Luck, Jesse. If you need more information, email him at showboymike@aol.com

Then another new girl on the block, Miss Club Wisconsin in Madison on July 3rd. Interest has come and gone. Some folks said they were running and then said they're not. This is probably a chance for

someone to come out of the bushes (like we've never seen that before - paging Krystal Styles!) and snag themselves a state title. The winner can practically set their own guidelines since they're the FIRST. The FIRST...not 'emeritus'. Apparently there is still a feather-laden queen plodding around the state and Chuck E. Cheese Buffets attaching that title to herself for various pageants. Girl - Emeritus is an 'appointed' position as a representative to foster interest for the first run of a new pageant. It's a honor to be selected. This is according to most of the system pageants in the country and a practice that goes back YEARS. For example - Tina Devore the Emeritus for Miss Classic USofA. Girl...I've met Tina Devore...I've talked with Tina Devore.....and you ain't no Tina Devore! Probably right now, no one even remembers that you were the first Miss XXXXXX - and they're just happy that you aren't any more! Well, I guess everyone has to have a healthy appetite AND fantasy life.

Rumblings in Florida! Hurricane DeeDee should be making might be scheduled to make landfall in the Dairyland soon! Run for cover and lock your doors! For you pageant gals, get ready to lift up your dress so she can 'see your shoes!' This is all 'rumor' but it wouldn't be the first time that #13 came back from an extended vacation down south. The rumor mill also buzzes that her drag was all *sold* whilst she was on hiatus! Goodwill's having a safe next month, girl! Actually, if she can make it back in time and has \$6.43 in her coin purse. I know something that she can enter!

Speaking of returns, Miami Richards has resurfaced! She had originally went down to Missouri for some pageant the end of April or so....and wasn't heard from again. Discussion boards were abuzz with her status. Suffice to say, the affair with Hugh Grant wasn't all it was cracked up to be and she is now back safe-and-sound in Milwaukee. Haven't seen her yet - but I know she's baaack! Welcome back, My-Oh Miami!

And a particularly tragic little rumor from the Cream City. I guess that one of our Dark Divas has mistakenly written some checks that don't belong to her! Alright - so maybe she thought that they actually WERE her checks! I can understand how she would have found them lying around someone else's home or perhaps her glasses just didn't match the outfit that she was wearing so she couldn't see the name on them. At least she was resourceful enough to actually sign account holders name on them when she rang up a new evening gown's worth of withdrawals and spent a hefty sum of it on drinks for her friends at Triangle. Her whereabouts are now unknown but rumor has it that Georgia is on the list of new homes or it very well could be her summer home at the Milwaukee County Jail. By now she should have that cinderblock room accessorized to filth and her frequent visitor dance card should be FULL! In the end, she'll be back. Granted, she may be ready for WI Classic - but she always comes back.

And speaking of ends....this will be another one. After about two years, I've decided to call it quits! Before the rumor mill goes into full swing and starts swinging back to me, NO one to date has made some 'offer I can't refuse' or anything like that. Things just run their course and that's about the extent of it - so no reading between the lines! It's been a fun time but there are just other things I need to do. Plain and simple. There will be a few who will be having a small celebratory party on my exit so I'm sure you can find a house party somewhere in Madison or Green Bay, if this is your thought. Otherwise, trust, I'll still be watching! I'm sure someone will step in and take over the helm and you won't be without your cup of tea for long. So - thanks to all of you who made these months fun and 'dramatic' - I'll see ya' round!

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Montage

by Bailey D

Welcome to Montage! Yes it's the June issue and June is Pride month, so what else would I talk about but Pride. Some people have more pride than others, but everyone, gay or straight, black or white has pride. Pride is something everyone is raised with. Whether it be with your background, religion, or sexual preference. In this issue I am going to talk about the Milwaukee PrideFest. Since I am from Milwaukee, and most people who read this are from a different city, or state, I am going to fill you in on what we have going on this year. I can tell you this is going to be on the biggest and best PrideFest Milwaukee has seen in a long time. So lets go!

First I should mention when PrideFest is and where it is located for people who have not been up here, or know about our pride fest. Milwaukee has been voted one of the top PrideFest to attend in the country for many different reasons. Milwaukee has pride every year in the same area. It is held on our Summer Fest grounds, downtown on the lake front. We are always the first festival to start the season, but we have changed it this year. This year the PrideFest will be held on June 11th, and 12th. It is very simple to get to the grounds as well. Any way you come from you will get onto 94 east and head towards the lake front exit (also known as 794). When you get off on this exit you will be right in front of the grounds. There are plenty of hotels to stay at, and plenty of parking around the area so you should have no problem if you are coming from out of town.

When I was on the website I saw the list of people who are coming, and how much it costs to get onto the grounds. Yes I know for people who go to Chicago pride, there is no entry fee but here in Milwaukee we have one. Have no worries it will not cost you that much... the costs for tickets are

\$10 per day. You can also purchase packages with tickets, and food/drink tickets. I do not know how much these cost just yet but they should have it posted on the website. www.pridefest.com, I would say if you are from out of town, or even if you are from Milwaukee bring money with you for the awesome food, and great items they sell at PrideFest. If you don't want to pay for parking you can always park at the bars and take the pride bus to the park. It's safe, easy and FREE!

There is so much to do at pride you should never be bored. We have vendors selling shirts, hats, jewelry, and anything else you could think of. There are also places to get HIV tests done, and even find your real estate agent. If you are in love and want to take it a step further you can even have a commitment ceremony. They can be done in private or in a group. They do have a big reception for everyone, and it is a good time to see it, and even be a part of it. You will get a picture, a certificate with the vows, and the date and time you were committed to each other, all for about \$200.00. Not a lot for love!

The Summer Fest grounds houses many different areas, and stages. PrideFest does the same thing. We have the main dance tent. This tent is the dance tent, but also you can play bingo there, for to fashion shows, rallies and this is also where the reception takes place. It is really the hot place to be at night. Usually Cage is the bar who supplies the music. There is also a tent for the history of the Pride fest. This is really cool to go and see, since it shows you every year Milwaukee has had a PrideFest and is kept current. See how they used to do it, and see how we do it now. There are also many other tents to go and see and many other things to do. Way to much to even start to talk about. I am just going to hit the big things.

On Sunday we have the pride parade. This year the parade has moved to 2nd street. I say good move. It has always been right

Pride 2005

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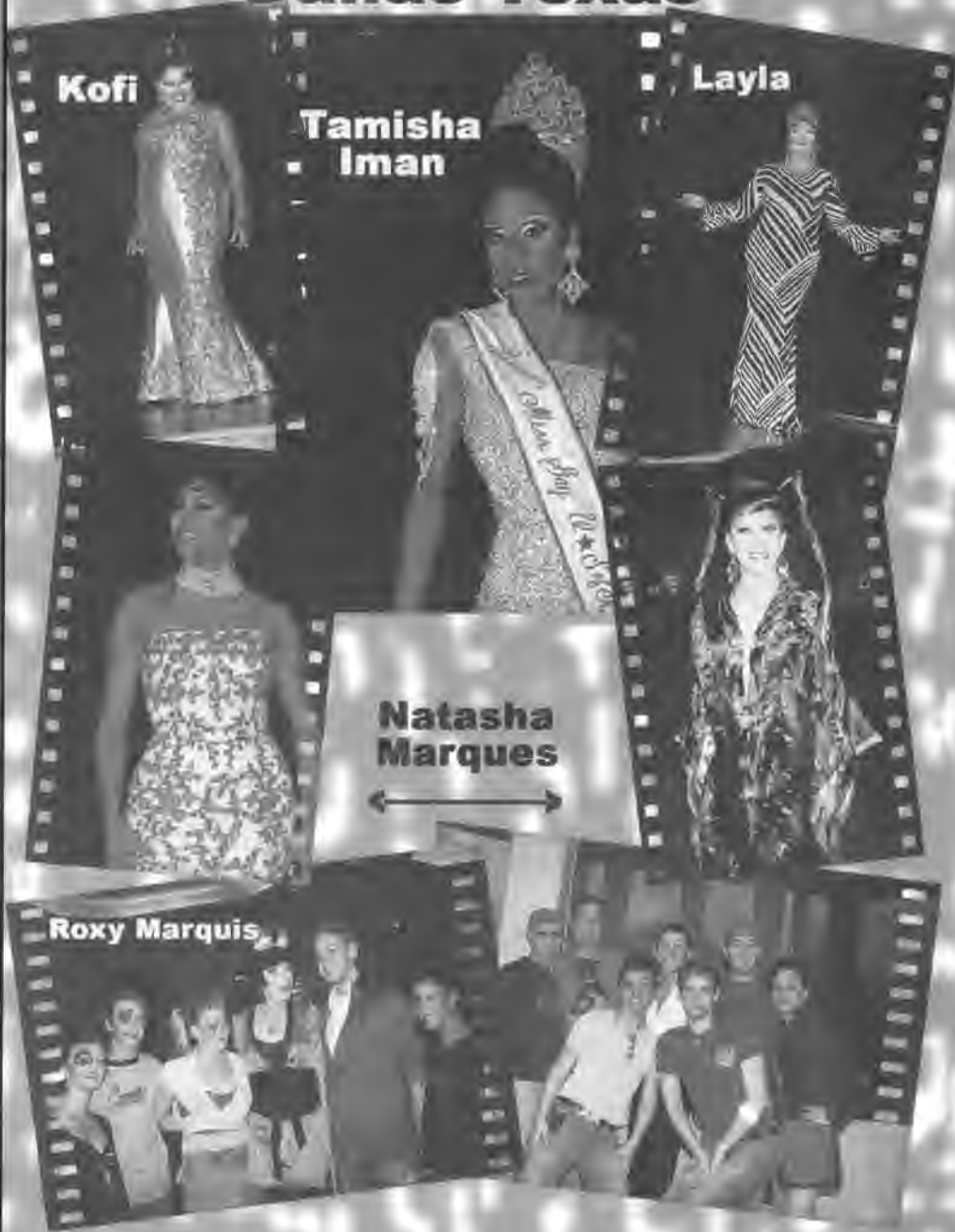


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in front of the grounds, but now is in front of the bars. Since the bars are raising the money for the parade I say lets show our pride for the parade and do it in front of the very bars we hang out at, meet friends, and form out families. Some people have put down the site for the parade. That is not showing pride, and giving yourself a bad name, and gives people have not been here yet bad thoughts about Milwaukee Pride. We can't have a PrideFest if no one has any Pride, can we?

Onto the last subject. Who could we have coming this year. Each year they have a big name person come and do the closing show on Saturday night, and then another one on Sunday night, before the Drag show. Well this year I am very proud to say we have Sophie B Hawkins coming, and the Diva of them all, RuPaul. Damn right, you heard what I said, RuPaul. She will be the closing act on Saturday night. We will also

have some other bands coming, comedians, and three female impersonators. We have a Cher, Barbara Striesand, Joan Collins, impersonators coming. They are the best in the country and should be a good show.

But if you have any questions please log onto the website. The website houses directions, and a list of performers. They also list any deals on tickets, and changes that maybe taking place. I urge everyone to come and support the Milwaukee PrideFest. Remember it is people like us, and people who love us who give us Pride, who show us Pride, and who are pride. With out us there will be no more PrideFest, and then how can we show people how proud we are to be who we are? Think about it!

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