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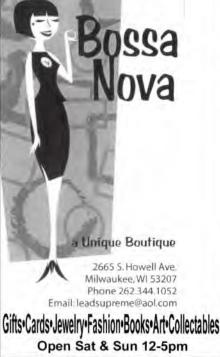
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Outbound's Cover Gal for July - Corey



Congratulations to Corey, winner of the Cover Guy/Gal Contest on June 11, held at Club 5 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Unbelievably, it was a four-way tie for first place. Those silly judges! The final judging was determined by the crowd at Club 5. Corey, a smooth moving, talented young lady won out with cheers galore. This is our first female cover guy (oops, gal) on our cover. She is representing Madison Pride and we are very proud. She proves that our LGBT community is willing to support a diverse cover for Outbound magazine.

Some of Corey's particulars: favorite color — midnight blue, favorite shot — Jack (of course), favorite drink — Ketel 1 & 7, favorite music artist — Pink; Stained.

Hobbies: Drag (AKA Marty Graw), rugby, weight lifting, playing guitar. Favorite sex position—Top, unless you can top me. The most unusual place that she has ever had sex is across the street from a cop, outside in a park. Her favorite type of guy the kind with detachable equipment.

P.S. Corey also does the Act II AIDS Ride (rider #69).

Thanks, Corey for a great time at Club 5.

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Second Place



Honorable Mention



Dear Ruthie



Happy Pride!!

Well folks, it looks like this summer is just about in full swing. I mean, it is already July, the temperature is climbing and yard sales are popping up all over the trailer park — not to mention that Pridefest ended on a very successful note. I hope you all attended and had as great of a time at the fest as I did!

Not only was Pridefest a terrific hit financially, but the grounds were filled with a heartwarming spirit, an overwhelming sense of friendship and more gorgeous men than you'd find at a Siegfried and Roy pool party.

I had a fantastic time judging the Gay Pop Idol contest. My cohorts (Don Hoffman and Bo Black) and I had a nearly impossible time selecting the top two finalists out of all the sensational songsters. In the end, the talents of Corky won us over, and he took home the Grand Prize. (And the hearts of everyone in the audience, I might add.)

I also had the opportunity to emcee this year's leather show, Hot Folk in Leather.

What can I say about the leather show? Incredible people, fun numbers from Shoreline Dancers, an impressive performance from Milwaukee's new ROTC and more hunky leather men than you'd find in one of my Kahlua-and-warm-milk inspired dreams. What's not to like about the leather show?!

I hope everyone who saw the show had as good of a time as those who were involved in it. I know I sure did. I had such a good time, in fact, that they could barely keep me out of the men's dressing room!

So as I was saying, summer is here, so get off your keester and enjoy it.

And speaking of keesters, if you're like most people, you're probably reading this while you're sitting on the john. I don't want your feet to fall asleep, so I guess we better read a letter.

This one was posted on the "Ruthie's Messages" bulletin board at the Web site, www.dearruthie.com. Let's take a look at it, eh?

Dear Ruthie,

I got married 6 months ago, and my husband does not want to have sex. There is always an excuse why he can't have sex.

At first, I was understanding and even left him alone on our honeymoon. I am a very horny woman and need to have sex often.

It has now been over six months and still not even foreplay. He sleeps with his sweats on and rolls himself up in the blankets so tight that the claws of life would not be able to get to him.

So do you think he is gay? Could it be that he cannot perform sexually? Maybe he is not attracted to me and is cheating with someone else. What should I do?

He won't talk to me about it and I am sexually frustrated. What's a girl to do? Please advise me with your womanly wisdom.

(Signed) Barbie Girl

Announcements

BESTD OUTREACH CLINICS

BESTD Clinic, staffed entirely by volunteers, does free anonymous HIV testing at various outreach sites on a regular basis, as a service to the community. The following is a listing of upcoming outreach dates and times:

- July 1st, Thursday, 10pm 1am, La Cage
- July 8th, Thursday, 5pm 8pm, Midtowne Spa
- July 17th, Saturday, 10pm 1am, Club 219
- July 21st, Wednesday, 6pm-9pm, Midtowne Spa

As HIV Treatment Advances, Stigma Spreads Like Disease

Boston Herald (06.06.04):: Vincent J. Lynch

"...[Today] we know how HIV is transmitted, and we know how to prevent infection. ...Thanks to [treatment] advances, HIV is on its way to becoming a chronic medical condition. Support services for HIV have also improved....

"Yet, despite all this progress, the terrible stigma associated with HIV and AIDS still has not lifted. Isolation, fear and shame continue to cloud this diagnosis for many. What's worse is that the stigma surrounding HIV actually helps to perpetuate the epidemic... Each year, tens of thousands of people who have contracted HIV do not get tested out of fear that an HIV-positive diagnosis will mean a life of isolation and discrimination.

"We can't afford to let another 20 years go by before we separate the myths surrounding HIV and AIDS from the reality. It's time we started seeing the disease for what it is: a serious communicable disease that is both avoidable and treatable. We need more open and frank education and more community leadership to address this epidemic. We must also target resources to address the changing demographics of the disease, so that information and education programs can be tailored to the audiences that need them most. "Finally, people living with HIV/AIDS must have access to the medical care and prevention and treatment information they need.It's time that the human progress in how we handle HIV/AIDS in our community begins to match the advances being made in the research lab."

Vincent J. Lynch, PhD, is director of continuing education at Boston College Graduate School of Social Work and founder/organizer of the Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS.

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Miss America. I want to say Hi to a Myla Hey GRLLLL love to watch you dance on the Cube at Club 5 on the weekends. Some call her Liz and others call her Suzanne Sugar Baker — all the same, we Love Ya.

I hear rooms are tight for this year's Madison Pride Weekend. So if you need a place to stay bring a sleeping bag or Air Mattress and crash at my place. I have put an extension onto the Trailer so I am able to accommodate a large GROUP. (editors note: Perhaps he meant GROUPIE). Greg from Boom, and Chi-Chi from M&M Club, both from Milwaukee, will be helping tend bar on Saturday, July 17th at Madison Pride. I have heard this year's Madison Pride is going to have MORE entertainment, MORE ticket booths and MORE bartenders. So, lines should be minimal.

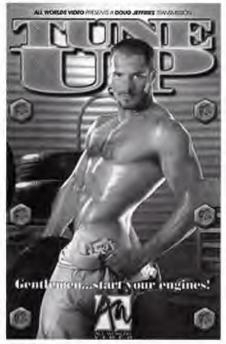
Hope you all have a Great Month, Thanks for reading and do check out www.justterry.com for my Gay Group Puerto Vallarta Nov13-20th. 1 blocked more rooms and the price is Awesome or call (608) 833-8400 and mention Terry's Puerto Vallarta.

Oh, I almost forgot to mention — John, I am so glad you traded in your Soccer Mom car for something much more trendy.

Hope you all have an Awesome Month. Until next time, from Trailer Terry.

XXX Video Review

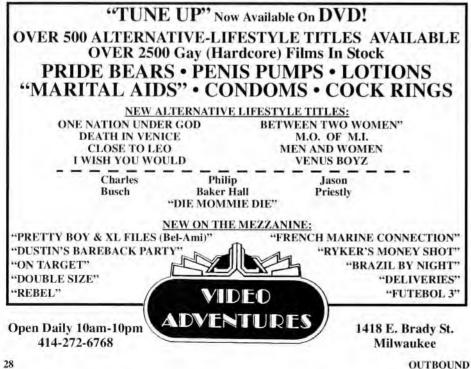
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Dear Barb,

Boy this is a tough one. Most young couples do it so often they break the bed. Heck, I know one newly-wed couple who actually broke the kitchen sink! (Don't ask.)

From your letter I take it that you didn't conduct a test drive before buying the car. Correct? Personally, I like to check under the hood before signing the lease. Oh, who am I kidding? I not only check under the hood. I work that stick shift like a mad woman, practically cranking the shank across country to make sure I'm not getting a lemon.

In any event, I don't think you can jump to conclusions just because your hubby ain't jumping you. In other words, he may not be gay at all.

Take this guy I dated about 10 years ago. His name was Blaine. He used to cut my hair and we started dating. I took him to dinner, bought him new clothes, paid his rent - you know, the usual.

drop his drawers, he certainly wasn't gay. Our relationship ended only because he and a costume designer for the South Beach Ballet Company.

Then came Monroe. Monroe was an artsy type. We dated for a little while, but we never hit the sheets. He just didn't seem interested in a big-boned redhead like me. But he wasn't gay!

styles were just too different. I liked my www.dearruthie.com trailer home and he liked his eastside condo. I liked art made with dried pasta and glue guns; he liked posters of babies dressed as bumble bees and radishes.

Anyway, the last I heard of Monroe, he was living in Las Vegas, imitating Shirley

MacLaine and Phyllis Diller in some show ... but he isn't gay!

Of course, I'll never forget Anthony. He really knew how to get my engine purring. But he also never followed through with any advances...of course I was always the one making the advances, but still!

Instead of going to bed, he wanted to stay up all night and dance to Madonna records (or CDs or whatever it is that the kids call them these days). Instead of making love, he made drapery. Instead of re-igniting the flame, he redecorated the bathroom

Yes, it's true that he eventually moved to South Beach and now lives with Blaine, but he is not gay!

Trust me, honey, I know a gay man when I see one. And just because you're guy isn't punting the ball between your goal posts, doesn't mean he'd rather hang with the guys in the locker room.

Instead of wondering about what the problem "could" be, you better focus on getting him to actually talk about the problem. While I never was able to get Blaine to Even if he is gay, you won't find out until he talks to you about it. Try talking with him some more, and explain that you're moved to South Beach to become a florist really hurting and that you need some answers.

> I know you don't want to hear this so early in your marriage, but if he won't open up to you about this, you're both probably going to need a little help from a professional therapist.

Got a question for Ruthie? E-mail her at I broke off the relationship because our dearmsruthie@yahoo.com or visit her at



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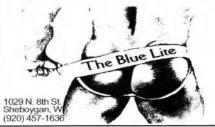
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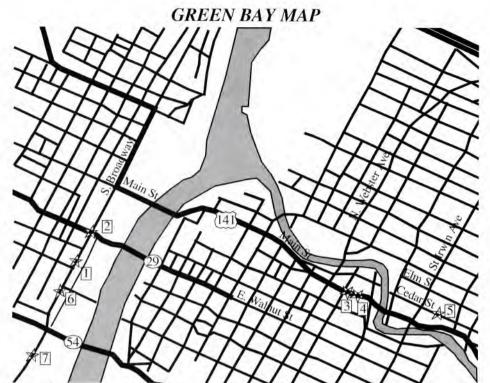
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Smiling Faces at The Blue Lite







Cruisin' Carl-continued from page 21

found myself back at the railroad tracks again. There was no one around and all the buildings were businesses with no lights on. I was beginning to get a bad feeling in my stomach but then I noticed some lights in my rear view mirror. A vehicle was coming up the road. Great! I'll stop this car and ask for directions to somewhere familiar.

As the vehicle got closer, I could hear that it was a diesel. Probably a pickup. Yep, it was Him. As it got closer, I stepped out of my PT Cruiser to flag Him down but he sped up and flew on by. I quickly got in and started following. I squealed the tires and floored the pedal to catch up. He was a long way ahead but I was gaining. Eventually I was close enough to ease off the gas and follow at a polite distance.

His brake lights came on, signaling his intentions of stopping but instead he

turned off at what looked like a warehouse loading dock. I suddenly became a bit apprehensive, since he really did not know it was me. He might think I was a burglar or worse. So I drove on to think of a plan. But I could not think of a plan and decided to just turn around and go back to see what he was up to.

When I got back to the warehouse I noticed the name on the business and realized that it was where He worked — the power tool retail and distributor company that he told me about back at Ballgame. But I noticed something else that was not there before — a large semi backed up to the loading dock and two big beefy guys carrying in large items into the building. Oh yeah, rear deliveries! I thought he was just making a clever come on, to tease me.

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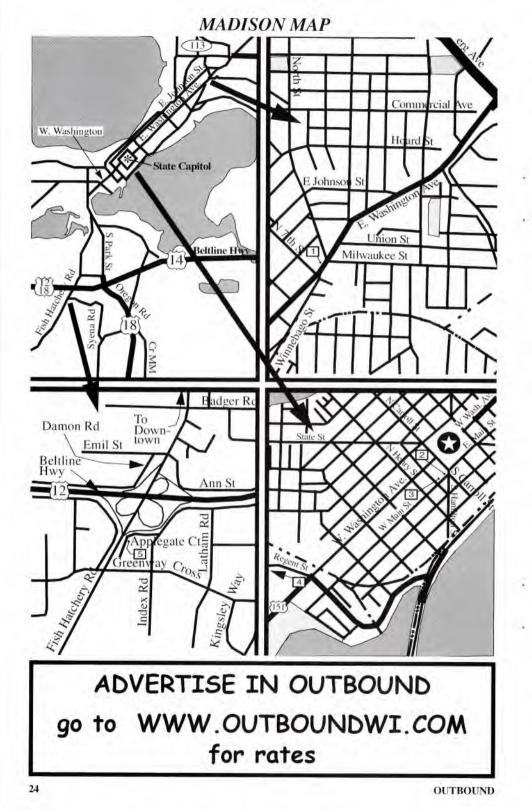
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Tales from the Trailer By Terry Halverson TERRY'S TALES FROM THE TRAILER PARK!

Hi All,

OMG can you believe all the rain we have had. I was in The Dells. Captain Dix on Memorial weekend with Bob, a friend of mine. We actually sat in the Bar and watched a river form through the resort. I said "Where are all The Lesbians with Canoes when you need them?" I ran into another friend of mine, Rod, who had The Hot Tub Room booked. He said, "Let's go to Ho Chunk." So off to the Casino we went. I said we will stay one hour and leave. I ran into Rod about a half hour into our Gambling or shall I say Cruise. At least, that's what I went for. Rod had put \$20 in a DIME machine, mind you, and 2nd pull hit for over \$300. For The Love of God! Needless to say, since I drove, he owed me a couple of tumbler's of Dr's so we headed back to Captain Dix Gay Resort in The Dells.

Then it was off to Ken's Birthday @ The Shamrock Bar. Hmmmm, heard he was over 30 but you didn't hear that from me. He had a nice turnout and, you know me, I was scoping the room to see how Ken assembled his Guest list or Trick list. Darling do tell me how many were Tricks of your's in that room? Toni, a Girlfriend of mine, was tending bar for this gayla event, and she is now selling Real Estate as well. Please look her up if you're in need of purchasing any property. No, I don't make any commission on this but would love to **OUTBOUND** see a friend do well right from the start. You can check my Web Site for more info on Toni at www.justterry.com. Also, I have some of my Gay Group Travel Pkgs on this site.

What a month it was - on to Belleville. Wisc. for yet another birthday - a new friend, Jenn. Well, her girlfriend, Trina, must have planned this for weeks. You would of thought a Gay Guy was having a party. She had the entire house REDONE. Did get the opportunity to meet Trina's parents. Can I say, "Way cool!" I think her DAD had the Hot's for me. I had on a lovely platinum wig, bright pink cocktail dress, bat wing glasses and, of course, a boa. Let's just say her mom, Diane, seemed to go for the guys at this party, as she loves flowers and the Lesbians wanted to run over them with their Crotch Rockets. This party was too much Fun for Kids.

Milwaukee Pride seemed to go over well this year. However, I missed not having a Parade. I met up with Myrna, AKA Greg, and also met a new friend, Ryan. Ryan tends bar at BOOM. Stop and see him. Well the two Darlings thought I was in need of a new boa and had one created just for me — it's FLUFFY and Fabulous. I wore it with PRIDE to the Miller Party. Oh yes, thanks to one of the local bar owner's in Milw, I was a guest. Hi Miller Girls you were Awesome but I still want your Brother, Tchehe, and you know what I mean.

Then it was off to Club 5 Madison for Out Bound Cover Contest for July. Congrats to Corey, she is the first female to hit the cover. Once you meet her you'll know why. She is absolutely irresistible. I wish you Fame and Fortune and hope you get LAID. You're a Star now. Just think, you are on your way to being the first Lesbian

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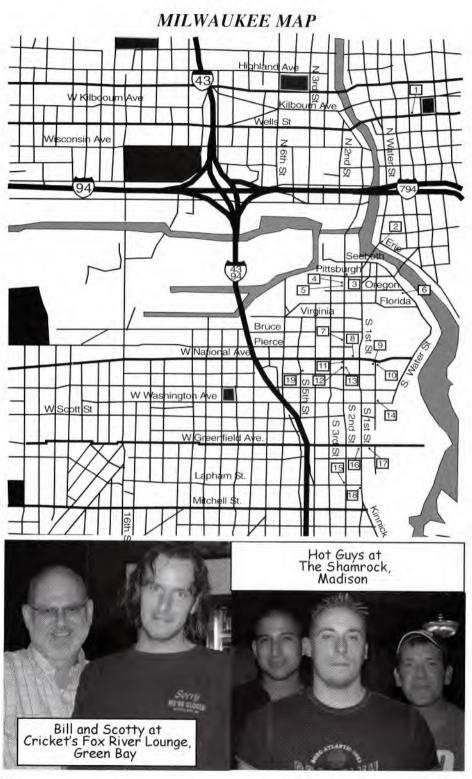
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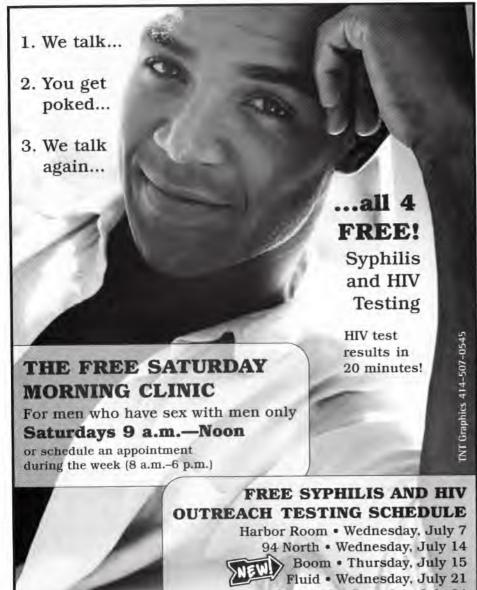
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saying hello, as I nonchalantly groped my prize possession. This time he grinned again and I was sure it was because he liked what he saw and surely the God Of Cruising knew I liked what I saw.

He took a second look at my tight package and said, "Let me buy you a drink. You need to sit back, relax and loosen that load of yours." Then he looked back up at me in the eyes as he readjusted his own equipment which I think was beginning to stir and swell too.

I accepted, saying, "I do have a big load that needs loosening, thanks."

After that, we started talking and eventually I asked him how he got so beefy. His answer was that he works hard at power tool store and distributor. He said he does just about every thing except take the deposits to the bank. He sells power tools to every kind of person, from big beefy truckers to wimpy little weekend warriors. Unloading the semis when they come in is how he gets his best workouts. He flexed one bicep and grabbed my hand a placed it on the hard muscle so I could squeeze it as he told me that last bit. That made my tool stiffen up and throb even more and the look in his eye told me he noticed.

I was getting real horny now and lucky hour was fast approaching. "Lucky hour," You say? Well that is the last hour before the bar closes and every body is going berserk trying to get lucky. I turned on the bar stool to face him and reached out with both hands. I grabbed his thigh and squeezed enticingly and gently massaged my way up to his bulging package while I asked if he would like to go and loosen our loads.

He looked at me with the saddest look I ever saw and said, "Sorry, I have to go to work and fill in for a guy who is getting married tomorrow. His shift starts at 3:00 in the morning, works on the loading dock

and some rear deliveries are expected tonight."

Casually, he got up and groped his huge bulge, winked and grinned at me, and turned to go. He looked back over his shoulder as he was going out the door and said. "I'm expecting some rear deliveries tonight."

Well, I was devastated. It was like he teased me just to be a tease. I felt used and decided to go home and go to bed.

Just as I was getting in my PT Cruiser, the traffic light behind me changed to let the cross traffic go and a big pickup truck turned the corner. As it passed me I barely saw him through the heavily tinted windows. He looked at me and gave a friendly wave and revved up the engine, speeding up 2nd street.

I got in ol' Blue and headed in the same direction, intending on going home, alone. I was deeply depressed and all I could think of was him and what we would do if things had turned out different. Streets passed by, traffic lights changed and changed again. I hardly noticed anything. It was as if I was asleep at the wheel and the car had a mind of its own. It was taking me home.

Suddenly, I stopped. The lights were flashing and the crossing guards came down and I was waiting for a train. I put the car in park and waited for what seemed like an eternity.

When the train had finished it interruption of traffic, the flashing lights stopped and the gates lifted. That's when I noticed that I had gone past my turn off to my street, way back and now I was in a area of town totally unfamiliar to me. The street signs were faded and I could not read the names. I was lost. I drove awhile and turned back to see if I could find a familiar street and

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Cruisin' Carl — Power Tools. By Cruisin' Carl

Saturday night, I had been cruising all my favorite hot spots and it was 1:30. I was tired and figured that I might as well head home. Hopping from bar to bar, even hitting some more than once, there just were not any guys that interested me. I would probably get more lucky in my dreams than I was that night.

But, there he was. I saw him going into Ballgame just as I was driving by. I hurried around the block and pulled into a parking spot right out in from that was just being vacated. Aha, my luck had just changed!

Well, I got in and looked around and I saw him seated at the end of the bar and there was an empty seat next to him. The place was quite busy with a moderate buzz of conversations and no one seemed to notice me. I walked over and sat down next to him and I nearly tripped over my own feet as I ogled his finely chiseled muscular body. He was wearing a tight plain white T-shirt with his chest and abs plainly visible since he was a bit sweaty. His arms were just as beefy. The kind that makes you want to reach out and squeeze with both hands while your tool throbs and stabs at your jeans.

Throb and stab is just what mine was doing. I sat down on the bar stool and propped one leg up and left the one closest to him on the floor so as to advertise my condition to him. My greetings to him came out a bit broken though and he started to grin a bit. But, perhaps he was just noticing my swelling tool and liked what he saw.

Hoping for the latter, I regained control of my voice and made a second attempt at

Cordially Yours By Michael Johnston

And now it's "Cordially yours," Happy Summer 2004! As we prepare for our nation's 228th Birthday -- picnics, parties and fireworks 1 will share a little light Summer reading...

If you are looking forward to making your own fireworks as well as watching them head down to Switch on the Sunday, the 4th for a "Foam Party," beginning at 9:30 PM until close. HIT (Holiday International Tournament) will be the beguiling benefactor of this bodacious bachanal. What better way to celebrate?

Mid-July will bring a fabulous assignment for me. Who else turns their vacation into a "Journalistic Jaunt?" I should check with my accountant Jerry D. to see if this is tax deductible. I will be covering the GALA Convention in Montreal, Canada. This international songfest will unite Gay, Lesbian and combinations there of in choral music. The Milwaukee participants "Men's Voices Milwaukee" (MVM) will be representing us proudly! Princess Charlotte Lorraine and I will be "Chaperoning." Watch out, you Canadian Mounties...

This time of year, I always like to rate the patios of our town. I have been very impressed with the flora face lifts and reconstructions I have seen. Tops – The M&M Club! Their lanai is now tastefully draped and tented bringing a bit of romance to your al fresco experience. Chuck, AKA C.C., is your cocktail consultant. It's as fascinating as any tales of Shaharazad! and think of the ones you will create...

The Triangle, in honor of their "Sweet 16," transformed their garden into an envious Eden. Lana has the most unique out-

door drive-in, with videos and such shown on the back wall.

While I am sharing architectural adventures, move over Whitney Gould — Boom has a new room! Certainly a welcome addition to our night life.

The mural, executed brilliantly by: Peter, is a must to see... actually, so is Peter!

Coming up this Summer Out And About's favorite belle, Bev will be turning four decades. A party, like no other is in the planning... The same can be written about their First Anniversary come August 31. Rumor has it, a hot special "Male Dance Troop" will be coming our way to entertain our troops...

Happy Sixth Anniversary Legs & Shoes-On!!!

Switch is offering a sweet deal this season — A free quarter barrel of beer with every birthday party planned on their palatial patio. All Craig asks is that you give them at least a one week notice — then your celebration can become a reality!

Yes, Summer is slowly, but surely on its way. What better way to usher in the season of fun but with Pridefest? PrideFest 2004, was even more special this year because, it almost wasn't. So many of us take it for granted. Congrats to all the people who rallied and pulled a profit! Now that is something to take Pride in! I was thrilled to be asked to emcee "The Wisconsin Gay Singing Idol." Thirteen talented troubadours sang their hearts out, leaving a highly entertained audience with raw palms from overwhelming ovations! The celebrity judges were the cast of "The Don & Bo Show." Elizabeth Bo Black. former Czarina of Summerfest, Dear Ruthie - my sister-in-print and Don Hoffman rounded out a pleasing and pleased panel. They were very sweet to work with making for a pleasant afternoon. Kevin

Call 414-915-3806 For Appointment Paap, winner of WKTI's Songfest Competition crooned his chart buster original! Trust me, we will be hearing more from his voice. I must thank the power behind the curtain, and the competition Daniel Klangler of ARCW and the Bag Boyz. It truly was a labor of love! The winner: Corky Morgan representing The Pint. He brought the house down and won the title with "Dream Girls" - "And I am Telling You." He certainly did! Stars from Green Another fave of my Polly Draeger will Bay, Kenosha and right here impressed the standing-room-only crowd.

On the flip side, in this year of political change with elections, campaigns, conventions and what not, it was worthwhile to take in the Political Platform. Hosted excellently by attorney Brenda Lewison, the be-hatted one assembled an awesome assemblance of local politicos: State Senator Tim Carpenter, Gwen Moore - both vying for the same congressional seat. Mark Pocan, Lena Taylor (truly a woman to watch), Paul Williams of HRL/PAC and Elna Hickson of PFLAG were but a few of the participants in a most enlightening round table. The audience was just as impressive: Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager, Peggy West - the first Latina elected to be a county supervisor, Dr. Robert Starshak and Ross Draegert of The considerable charm and wit to any party or Cream City Foundation.

The Opening Ceremonies included our fair Governor Jim Doyle, and everyone's hero Tammy Baldwin. We certainly have come a long way ... Taking a break from Pride-Fest and taking advantage of the PrideFest Shuttle, thanks Sprecher - I had dinner and an art show. Only in Brew Town!

A quick bite at Botanas and then "Transformations." At the Living Room Gallery at 703 South 2nd Street down the block from Boom, the art of Armando Gallegos - noted photographer of the now defunct InStep was featured. Photos that really stay with you! Armando did a successful

photo study of "The making of a Drag King." Ouite the eve opener! I loved the use of black & white film.

On the topic of the Arts, a true passion for me we had the Lake Front Festival of the Arts. My dear friend and unfortunately former colleague Shelby Keefe was exhibiting - second year in a row! What a talent!

have her stunning jewelry on display at: Morning Glory Craft - Saturday & Sunday, August 14 & 15; and Mount Mary Starving Artist - Sunday, September 12, 10 AM - 5 PM.

Internationally acclaimed Artist Patrick Farrell was understandably honored to hear his work will be featured in Roger G. Taylor's (of the U.K.) updated 2005 version of: "Marilyn In Art." Mr. Farrell's 1991 oil of Monroe - "In Pink, With Diamonds" is being rightfully included. This is bound to be a collector's item! Other works of Patrick's pallet can be seen this Summer on display at Carol Craven Galley - Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and Edgewood Orchard Galleries - Fish Creek, Door County, W1. As long as we have Patrick here in Milwaukee adding his event, as priceless as his artistic expressions.

While I obviously adore the applied arts, the performing ones mean much to me too! I loved Bialystock & Bloom's pornfriendly play that closed their ninth season. I can not wait for their tenth - talk about a decadent decade! And the return of late night productions ...

The Milwaukee Chamber Theater, now in their 30th year, will open their season this August with "Hedwig And The Angry Inch!"

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Cordially Yours-continued from page 14.

But, for that theatrical itch you need scratched — The Skylight will be doing "A Grand Night For Singing," a musical salute to mastery of Richard Rodgers.

"Cats," T. S. Elliot's opussy will be returning to our hamlet — The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, July 6 - 11. Come and enjoy the "Memory" a prrfect production for the entire family.

Do not forget or miss John McGivern's "Odd Couple," the Neil Simon classic.

Acknowledging The Milwaukee Reps Golden Anniversary, I caught William Luce's "Barrymore" starring Lee E. Ernst. In a word — mesmerizing! A total tour de force. Thanks Paul, for an unforgettable afternoon. The Great Profile was Great!

My pals of the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd. did their perennial favorite: "Gay Cabaret" - VIII True Stories, Songs inspired by real life. Due to conflict of schedule, I could not attend. Please, please keep me in mind for next time!

I, x-tatic to report "Ten Chimneys." The Lunt-Fontanne Estate is now a National Landmark! Well earned! Congratulations Richard Quick, I must get out there again! Are the calla lilies still in bloom?

Keep in mind UPAF (United Performing Arts Fund) is quickly winding down their annual campaign. Make sure to take part, so we all can take part.

Parties - I know you know I never say no to an invitation ... Without a doubt, the grandest of the grand has to be: "The Challenge Party." It was their 16th! I finally made it! \$50,000 was raised in one night to benefit: ARCW - Legal Services. The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, and The Milwaukee LGBT Center. The hosts with the most: Dr. Michael Bernklau, Steve Biondi, Dr. Rich Grunke, Christine Harris, Ruth Irvings, Denny Miller, Mike Ryan, Dr. Dave Stowe and Dr. John Wirth. Bravo! The extraordinary home on East Newberry Boulevard the castle-like Gothic abode of the Wickman's. This is where all the magic took place ... Michael Tarney's fine food - tempting, tantalizing

taste treats of the gourmet persuasion. Michael Gaffney's Tulipomania bedecked the rooms in outstanding floral creations, (To find out how you too can do the do milwaukeeschoolofflowerdesign.com) a musical combo wafting through the air keeping the beat and all of us in step. And of course Patrick, making sure the bubbly was flowing ... And what is a party without people? Included: State Senator Tim Carpenter, ARCW's Doug Nelson and Paul Milakovich, Tim Elverman, Dan Reidl, Neil Albrecht, Jim Schlief and Jack H. Smith of Shorewest, Giles & Polly Draeger, UPAF's Johna Rogovin, Andy Cicero, The M's Rona, Patrick Farrell and at least three of his masterpieces on display along with original Warhols, French Posters, Tiffany Lamps, other works of art: Biorn "B.J. Daniels" Nassett, Jeff "Betty" Anderson, Doug Church, Sal Z. & David C., Craig Larabee, Martin and I must of course make mention of the lady of the manor - Suzy Wickman - who opened her doors and heart to us!

Sal Z. & David C. hosted a marvy housewarming/RiverSplash Party. Their new digs are d-vine and located ever sooo conveniently!

Two weekends after, neighbor Billy Kirchen did an afternoon condo-warming. Capping the party off in song. You can catch this rising star weekends at Coast where Wisconsin Avenue meets the Lake.

Fluid commemorated their first or sixth anniversary! Way to go Bill! What a time with Brian, James, Duchess and DJ Kelly.

Switch made their fifth! With Loie, Rona & Holly, David Howser, Michael Jonas, Chad & Ray, Patty and Marie, Jay and Sheila, Cindy O., Duchess and Dylan quite the entertainer! Brad from Bay View, by way of Chicago, Tod and Lee, Paul Milakovich and David Sagura and my pen ran out of ink... drats.

Remember it's the glamour, not the grammar - Happy Birthday U.S.A. and all the rest of you as I remain,

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