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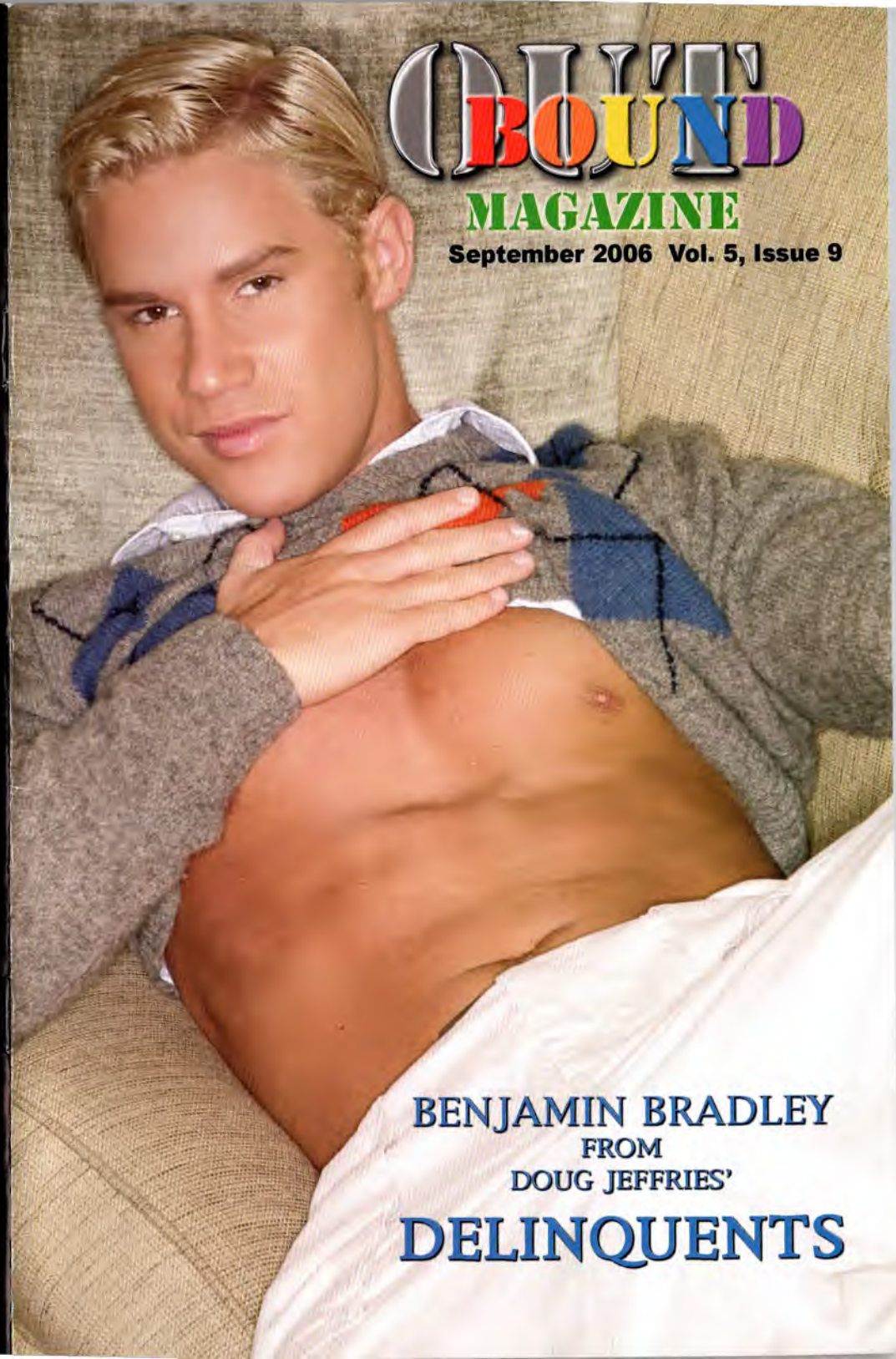
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DVD REVIEWS Pina Colada from Bel Ami

The boys of Bel Ami have certainly been busy this year. Following the colossal release of Lukas Ridgeston's two-part star-studded swansong, **Lukas in Love**, connoisseurs of the prime Eastern European boy flesh from Bel Ami's ripe stables have been treated with such additional titles as **Flings 2**, **The Private Life of Tim Hamilton** and **Pillow Talk Part 1**.

Newest to the DVD player nearest you is Pina Colada, which is bursting with hot young men but perhaps leaving you wishing for a bit more Brazilian sizzle.

As **Pina Colada** begins, Manilow and Mark Aubrey trip to sunny Brazil. Brandon work horse with ten films deserves this holiday. When to take along, he tells Mark off for a photo shoot to make – as if these lads ever need

Brandon's photo shoot Pawlowski and Matt Phillippe, photo shot is fun and playful more going to happen once camera away. Well, his still

Ryan Pawlowski wanders his clothes but Sebastian's Cameron follows in close Ryan naked and aroused ample talents. All the while Playing voyeur gives Brandon before he and Matt relax in Indeed, Matt proves to be a



Bel Ami favorites Brandon are packing for an intended is something of a Bel Ami under his sarong, so he richly he can't decide which outfits to pack for him while he goes some extra spending money to spend a dime!

includes cute blond Ryan another Bel Ami favorite. The but we know that there's Sebastian Bonnet puts his photography camera, anyway, off first, ostensibly to change hunky assistant Chris pursuit, keeping the adorable with another of his more than Brandon and Matt look on, an idea and it isn't long each other's carnal company, veritable sprinkler.

But what of poor Mark, left to do all the packing? Well, come on, it isn't like these two boys have many clothes to pack – they're going to spend most of their holiday naked. And Mark is quickly ready to go and fetch Brandon, once he's finished off with Matt.

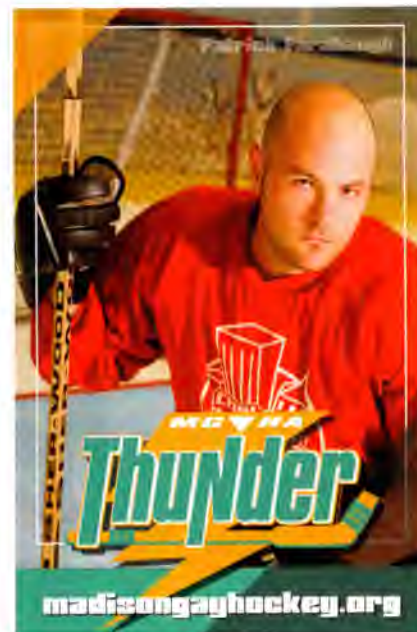
Magically, Brandon and Mark are transported to Brazil and for a few minutes, they and we are treated to some touristy moments of native dancing After an exhausting morning of sight-seeing, Brandon and Mark are soon off to the beach. Mark is already bored, "As beautiful as this is, I can't only just walk around... go shopping and dance with Indians." No truer words were ever spoke. What Mark really wants is some hot one-on-one action with Brandon and they soon set off to find a willing playmate to join them. When they spy Ruslan Brodovich massaging gorgeous Bel Ami newcomer Oleg Tartowski, they know they've hit the jackpot.

Mark happily pairs up with Oleg who might look quite virginal but happens to have done a slew of films under such interesting aliases as Karel Rok, Richard Hrosik and Cole Powers. Meanwhile, Ruslan takes Brandon out on his canoe. After some fun in the sun, they take a well deserved rest and Brandon introduces Ruslan to his own rather substantial canoe.

Later Brandon and Mark compare notes on their afternoon and spy two more Bel Ami regulars Alex Orioli and Steve Jennings who just happen to ride by on horseback. Didn't they know Brandon and Mark were also coming to Brazil? Rather than join them, Alex and Steve happily wave to their friends before riding off for some fun on their own.

Finally Brandon and Mark find just the ideal lad for their ménage-a trios: mop-headed cover boy Troy Allen. For some absurd reason Troy has taken his psychology textbook to the beach. In Brazil. Deciding that Troy needs some special tutoring, Brandon and Mark offer the lad some deep psychoanalysis. Troy decides he's studied enough and tossing his book aside, joins his hot new friends for some very extracurricular activities. From the smiles on all their faces, Troy has definitely gotten an A+.

Boasting seven scenes and two hours-plus, **Pina Colada** is a sunny, sexy romp. Other than twinkish Troy Allen, the new generation of Bel Ami model is buff, very well endowed and blessed with boy-next-door good-looks. As is usual with recent Bel Ami titles, **Pina Colada** substitutes playfulness for real passion and this reviewer wondered how it could be possible they didn't find some gorgeous Brazilian lads to pair up with Brandon Manilow and Mark Aubrey. Perhaps in the sequel.



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Dear Ruthie



Howdy-Do, boys and girls? Howdy-friggin-do? I hope this September finds you well, and that this summer has been all wanted it to be...and then some!

I want to take a moment and give a big "thank you" to everyone who caught me in Off the Wall Theater's production of "Die, Mommy Die!" I hope you had as much fun as I did!

And if you didn't see the show, don't look too hard for a Halloween-party invite come October!

(Just kidding...sort of.) With that, I think it's time to read a letter.

Dear Ruthie,

HELP!!! My partner has gone vegetarian. I'm the cook in the house, and I've never been big on veggie dishes. I'm more of a meat-and-potatoes gal, myself. As soon as she told me that she'd no longer eat chicken or beef, I decided to write you for some (easy) recipes. Any ideas? And please, let's keep the tofu to a minimum.

(Signed) Chef Rhonda

Dear Chef,

Here's a simple recipe that you should share with your gal-pal. It's call

Tough-Shit Stew. You simply stick your lover in the kitchen and let her figure out how to cook for herself while you enjoy a Big Mac. After all, she's the one who chose to give up sirloin, so let her fend for herself.

I know, I know. You're a caring dame who wants to make your lover happy, and it's your job to do the cooking. Fine, fine.

Never one to pass up a big hunk of beef (in more ways than one), I was lucky enough to receive some easy recipes that may help get you started.

I suggest beginning with salads since you'd need much know how and likely have some the ingredients on hand. In the end, however, you'll find that cooking without meat is really very easy and won't put much of a strain on your normal routine. And, actually, you'll likely find yourself eating less red meat, and cutting back on beef can be pretty darn good for you. Good luck!

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Ruthies Bitchin Kitchen

Here's a couple of meatless dishes that folks have shared with me. Whether you're cutting cow out completely or just looking for a basic summer bite, these recipes fit the bill. Now eat good and shut up!

Spinach & Avocado with Basil Vinaigrette

Sounds fancy, 'eh? It's really not hard to toss this impressive salad together. My friend Rick shared the recipe, and I loved it! It's so easy...sort of like me on a Saturday night.

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped broccoli
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 packages (6 ounces each) baby spinach leaves
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 3 avocados, peeled, pitted and sliced

In a small bowl, whisk the first five ingredients together until the sugar dissolves. Season with salt and pepper, and set the dressing in the refrigerator.

In your best salad bowl, combine the spinach, onion and nuts. Right before serving, add the avocados and toss with the dressing.

No-Fuss Easy Waldorf Salad

Here's a crunchy dish from a hottie named Matt. It's cool and a little sweet, sort of like him I bet! It's a crunchy change of pace from the green-leaf and pasta salads you see at every barbecue and party you attend this time of year.

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- 1 cup pecans
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piercing? I am in my fifties and I really want some piercings but I am worried about how my peers might react. Also are there any added health issues for older people when they get pierced?

Paul.

Well first thanks for being an avid reader of my column, and kudos for having the courage to write in, now on to your questions. First in my experience as far as peers go, I say to hell with them. You are old enough to make your own damn decisions and have the right to do to your body what you will. So to your peers if they can't deal with your piercings then maybe you should find some better friends. As far as your second question, health issues are always an important thing to consider when getting a piercing at any age. However as you get older time takes its toll and the body gets sick more often and things of the like, but when it comes to piercings the only additional concerns are if you have any health conditions that would hinder your body's ability to heal, such as diabetes. As long as you are free of conditions which could hinder your healing, or are on medication to offset these hindrances then you will be fine. Thanks for the E-mail Paul.

Well, it seems I have run out of space again, just in time too my wrists are starting to hurt from this damn keyboard . . . or maybe it was the porn party last night, either way don't forget to keep those e-mails coming to Avantgarde@voyager.net just put "skin and steel" in the subject line and I will be sure to answer you as soon as my little fingers allow.

Oh there was one more thing coming up on September 23 there is the 3rd annual Motorcycle ride for the AIDs Walk. The eye openers start at 9am with a 10am departure. The public is invited and all the proceeds raised will go directly to AIDs Walk Wisconsin. The route will begin at 39th and Park Hill Ave, a.k.a. Piggsville Heights. The ride will be approximately 6 hrs with comfort stops for fuel food and the like. Bikers are asked for a \$20.00 donation for the all inclusive day. A cook out and raffle are also planned at Tazzbah. For more information on this very worthwhile cause please contact Papa Joe at leathertailor@aol.com. Until next month have a great Labor Day and month of September.

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Tortellini Salad

I got this tangy recipe from a guy named Vance, and damn, is it good. Best of all, it's simply a bunch of store-bought ingredients that you can toss together without much effort.

- 1 large package of refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 sweet red pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Prepare tortellini according to package directions. Drain. In a large bowl (hopefully you have one by now...it seems that everything requires one these days), combine all of the ingredients. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

- Try toasting the nuts in these recipes before stirring them into the dish. Toasting them in a skillet on the stovetop (with a little butter or non-stick cooking spray) really brings out their flavor. And if you're looking to shed a few pounds, toasting the nuts allows you to use less of them because the flavor is stronger.
- Feel free to experiment with the amounts of ingredients in the Waldorf salad.

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By: Brent

Well here we are again, back in print but with a slightly heavy heart. After a long discussion with other people involved in the Skin & Steel contest I have decided to postpone the '06 contest in lieu of making the '07 contest the best that it can be. I talked with many people at length about the contest but all agreed that any contest that we put on would be half assed at best, and I believe that my readers as well as everyone else who wishes to attend deserves only the best. So without any more further babbling from me let's get on to the piercings of the month, that's right I decided to do two piercings this month just to make your head hurt.

First I would like to talk about a very popular piercing that you see almost every single day, the Eyebrow piercing. The eyebrow, like many other of the "mainstream" piercings primarily started in Britain during the large punk movement of the 70's. It was a symbol of rebellion like many other things and simply grew from there. There really isn't much else to say about it other than people thinking for the past number of years that there is a gay side and a straight side. This stems from the whole left ear piercing makes you straight and if you have your right ear pierced you are gay. Personally the whole thing is a crock of sh@t if you ask me. As far as keeping it clean it is just like any other wash it with soap and just leave it alone, let your body do it's thing. (No you perverts, the OTHER thing your body does.) So that is really all there is to tell about the eyebrow, pretty simple and standard.

The second piercing I would like to talk about all you leather men should know about, the septum. For those of you who don't know where the septum piercing is located it is the fatty tissue located in-between your nostrils, yes that's right, I'm talking about the piercing that makes you look like a bull. (Although for some of my readers I think the term bull-dyke might be more appropriate but hey, on to bigger and better things. P.S. Don't forget to start writing that hate mail girls!) The septum piercing has long been a piercing which shows power and strength which makes it a natural piercing for the power playing leather crowd. However in the recent past, ten years or so, it has also become a symbol of servitude being worn by bottoms everywhere. The septum piercings origins are spread all over the world and many different cultures have it in the body adornment arsenal, but the common use is by a tribe's shaman. The shaman wore the piercing as a sign of power over many different things and once he took on an apprentice, the apprentice would be pierced with a smaller piece of jewelry and once the apprentice had mastered all that he needed to be the shaman he would then be given a larger and more decorative piece to wear. (Now that the history lesson is over lets get to the good stuff!)

The septum, as I said before is a powerful image and the leather community has taken this idea and run with it. If you go to any type of kink affair don't be surprised if you see someone's leash attached to the septum and or numerous other piercings. The piercing can be worn with many different types of jewelry from simple rings to large ornate tusks and spikes, and it easily stretches to allow you to get bigger and bigger jewelry hanging from it. (See and you thought there was only one way to get big balls close to your mouth). Other than that there really isn't much more to say about the septum piercing, other than it looks really hot on just about any one.

Well I now have this gut feeling that I think we are in for some more reader mail; let's see what we have in store this time.

Dear Brent,

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John Allbanger crossed the Pond to see his Madonna on her nu-soil London. Now that's a devoted fan! My Madonna, Miss Joey Cross returned to the I.C.C. to serenade and charm us under the stars, like the star, she is. Tom and Donna were kind enough to invite us to join them at their table - S.R.O. how apropos. Shine on!

As of deadline, Melissa and Peter are working diligently to **open M's by month's end.** M's marks the third woman owned, woman run Gay Bar. It is in the good company of MONA's and Walker's Pint.

City Lights...Chill with Patrick and Jeremy is worth the trek southward. What mischief we got into with their music machine recently. Love those juke boxes!

This season provided for remarkable reading: M-Magazine /Milwaukee's LifeStyle did a perfect profile on Scott S. Stewart, The Florentine Opera Choral Master. Loved the Beauty Column penned by Bjorn Nasett, of Beauty. We sang together years ago, under Scott! Figuratively - that is! Milwaukee Magazine did a thoroughly tasteful tell-all on the thoroughly tasteful Patrick Farrell. So glad to report he is mending quite well since his recent malady.

Marshall Fields, the fashionable anchor at MayFair has changed their name to Macy's. For Personal Shopping/Fashion Expertise: Joe.Massimino@macy's.com Jay, Marc and Mike hopefully will stay on and aid in Milwaukee's fashion conscience.

I loved cocktailing with realtor-extordinaire Bill Lison - the party got bigger & better when Bill's mentor Jack "Shorewest" Smith - the Trump-ster himself, joined us on the occasion of his B-Day. Joining the real estate game, following in his sister's foot steps (pumps, optional) is Wayne Benning AKA Vanessa Alexander - Ms. Gay Wisconsin. Wayne's now with First Weber. Let him help you acquire an adorable abode @ 414-737-1135 or wbenning@firstweber.com

Wisconsin AIDS Fund will hold their 11th Annual Friday "**Absolutely The Best Party**" on October 6th. The Pfister Imperial Ballroom at The Pfister Hotel and Tower 7:30 PM - Midnight. "The Rat Pack" is back and that's their theme. Head lining Tommy Femia as Judy Garland. What happens at Absolutely, stays at Absolutely! Glamour, glitter, Viva - Las Vegas!

Later in the month on Saturday, October 14th "**Big Night Out**", **The 4th Annual Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Gala.** Ari Gold will bring the blitz, the glam and the gold to the night. Brew City's very own Dear Ruthie - direct from her highly successful hitch of "Die! Mommy! Die!" will femcee the fete.

Congratulations go out to Jeff Miller, R.N. on his new title of Mr. Harbor Room. His top charities: The BESTD Clinic where he volunteers and Camp Heartland. Saturday, September 16th 10 AM - 4 PM Car Wash, to help out Camp Heartland. Cook Out from 11 AM - 4 PM. Sign-Up for The H.R. AIDS Walk Team \$25. Donation and you get a H. R. T-Shirt.

Brava to Claudia Ernst and Karl Scheife the new Mr. & Mrs. Scheife, on their nuptials. True elegance... I can't wait until we can have the right to wed. Some day... Joel & Jay? In closing, remember it's the glamour -not the grammar Happy Labor Day, Grandparent's day, Patriot Day, Mexican Independence day, Autumn, Rosh Hashanah and everything else you can celebrate - as long as I can celebrate with you as I remain STILL "Cordially Yours"..

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By Michael Johnston

After the long hot Summer – what better way to settle into September than curling up with "Cordially Yours,"? As we say so long to Summer this month, something tells me it's going out as HOT as it came in!

Labor Day Weekend is always the "Dairyland Classic". Our Softball Tournament taking place at Wick Field. I always enjoy covering this athletic endurance event -- across the street, in the air-conditioned Dana's Field House! **Switch** will host their ever-popular "**Foam Party**" to entertain our Ball Players. The Switch-Hitters cordially invite all Players, Teams and Milwaukee At Large to jump in! Saturday, September 2nd 9 PM – Close.

Boom/The Room will be Bar-b-qu-ing Brats on Monday 09/04 – You all come! An old fashioned Labor Day Picnic! Basket optional...

The final **Switch** "Foam Party" this summer will take place two weeks later on September 16th. The farewell Foam will flow in honor of owner Craig's B-Day as well as Doug from Switch's Kick Ball team. **Switch** has their **Packer Season** under way that weekend on Sunday, September 17th. Packer Games are as easy as 1, 2, 3 - \$1. Tappers, \$2. Rail Drinks, \$3. Call Drinks and Domestic Bottled Beers. Also as a reminder every Friday, **Switch** has **Male Dancers** to entertain you – no cover charge – that is and the Strippers start their revealing review after the 10 o'clock hour.

The Art Bar will be the place to be on Sunday, September 17th as they hold a "**Talent Show**" with profits going to ARCW's AIDS Walk Wisconsin. Milwaukee's Queen of Comedy herself, Baby Jane Hudson will be hosting the festivities. Go on down and share your performing Arts skills and be discovered!

Art Pop! Pops up once again, Sunday, 24th 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM Taylor's 795 North Jefferson. This cocktail & art party is a special fund raiser to benefit Wisconsin AIDS Walk – 2006. \$20. buys you a priceless piece of sculpture, a drink and the good will that you are helping those in need.

This marvelous month will conclude on Saturday, September 30th with The AIDS Walk. It's time to take a hike – show 'em you have soul! Award Winning Actor B.D. Wong all the way from Broadway ("M. Butterfly") and Hollywood ("Law & Order SVU, "Oz") will serve as the Honorary Chair – you can't be wrong, with Wong! The added Hollywood glamour always gives this fete a better footing and an added incentive to participate. Speaking of participating, **Triangle, Switch** and **Pump** are signing people up for this year's AIDS Walk at the respective bars.

The Milwaukee Rep has a smashing season slated, "**Great Things Await!**" 414-224-9490 Shakespeare's "King Lear", "Gem Of The Ocean" by August Wilson, Garson Kanin & Ruth Gordon's timeless "Born Yesterday", "Translations" by Brian Friel, "The Voyage Inheritance" by Harley Granville-Barker and Moliere's "Tartuffe".

Renaissance Theaterworks offers "**A Season Of Premieres**": "Memory House" by Kathleen Tolan, 10/19 – 11/12 "Top Dog Under Dog" by Suzan-Lori Parks 01/11 – 02/04/07 "String Of Pearls" by Michele Lowe 03/22 – 04/15/07 Renaissance is a theater company run by women, for women, and yes men are welcomed and encouraged to attend, enjoy and become enlightened! Kind of a live version of TV's LifeTime, but with real cultural value.

Dear Ruthie the Advise Goddess of all there is, exercises her considerable thespian talents in **Charles Busch's "Die! Mommy! Die!"**. Dale Gutzman's Off The Wall Theater 127 East Wells Street running now through Sunday, September 10th.

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persuasive; two checks came in of monumental consequences one for \$2,500 another one for \$1,000. People are putting their money where their mouth is! Each Contributor received a paper doll to represent them, in my role as a runner I got to creatively display all these dolls on the backdrop. Talk about Toys R Us!

Rona my bubbly co-bartending bud on Fridays at Boom/The Room and I had fun on the road. We took in Ram Rojas' exhilarating exhibition at The Gay Arts Center. Enjoyed fluid with Dee at Fluid. Loved being guests of Michael & Kris at La Cage. Their weekly show "Transformations" could become habit forming, beware! Nova D'Vine is still exactly that, with Jackie Christine, Lady Gia and two other lovelies put on a hell of a show. Jackie Roberts and the other half of the cast were participating in a Pageant out of town. Garrison "Mr. Gay Midwest Classique 2007" and "Mr. Gay Wisconsin Classique 2006" and in the real world a Fred Astaire Dance Studio proprietor in Wales, WI. added a tempting dose of testosterone to the revue. Of course as far as teasing, pleasing, tempting gents go Christian and Chris AKA Poodle/CoCo Chanel were on hand and hands were on them! Chris is enjoying parenthood and quite the proud papa with pictures and all!

DJ Tim was all agog over his 40th Birthday Bacchanal "Cher And Cher-A-Like". An original concept to celebrate his new decade and Cher with ARCW with a show full of Cher tunes! It was a thrill to perform once again at La Cage and to work with the likes of Jackie Roberts, Nova D'Vine, Basia, Adam/Ivana Botom ... special thank you to my Rod Stewart.



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While looking forward is always exciting and unpredictable, lots of unpredictable, exciting fun has been going on. Since last we communicated, trying to bear up during our recent heat wave(s) have lead me everywhere, including Oz!

In the air-conditioned movie houses this Summer "The Devil Wears Prada" was warmly received. A silly escape from the sizzling season. Very in, tres chic – and "that's all!" Meryl Streep rocks!

Robert Parrish & Richard Steele hosted a Holiday Gala - "Christmas In July". Due to the extraordinary weather and their beautiful gardens it was more like Christmas in Beverly Hills! Holiday trees, wreaths, boughs, carols...nothing was left out, just five months early. Good cheer was shared with Giles & Polly Draeger, Nita Soref, Rosemary Gernette, Denny Miller & Tim Elverman, Father Mike Hammer, Scott, Jerry, George, Terry & Ken, Jody & Bill, Mary Pat and countless lucky Holiday-ers. We all took part in a white elephant gift exchange – but no elephants, they are hard to come by, especially this time of the year. The most wonderful time of the year, doesn't have to have a foot snow! As always Patrick was on duty, bartending us into the mood, it was all so magical!

While parties are a passion of mine, I still adore the American Theater scene. Closing out the Broadway Season at The Marcus Center was a pleasurable treat indeed Miss Maureen McGovern as Marmie in "Little Women". She turned 58 while singing here and her voice in a word: powerful and her appearance: radiant. Vocally, one of the best productions I've ever heard. Amazing how a stuck fireplace prop center stage earned mass applause.

"All Shook Up" shakes up the new Broadway season at The Marcus, sock hopping all the way into our hearts. The dance starts September 12th – 17th. Described as the best retro rock show since "Grease". 414-273-7206. The National tour starts shaking right here!

I finally made it to Oz, better late than never! Getting caught up in the tornado to Chicago to see "Wicked" with Aurora Healthcare's Paul Milakovich. What a wild day in the Windy City! A luscious luncheon at Rhapsody, no reason to be blue there. On to the theater for a matinee, but before hand a champagne toast. "Wicked" is "The Wizard Of Oz", before that pesky little farm girl from Kansas crashed the scene. Great humor, music, sets, costumes, lights... Just what Broadway should be – wherever your Broadway is! After the show, it was off to meet with Paul's frat brother Dave for Martini(s) and nosh at Extra Virgin. That's the name, not the patronage! Dave's wife Kelly is up for a national TV talkfest "The Kelly Show", I'll keep you posted! In my program I see "Annie" will be finding a home in Illinois this month. Remember we had her here at The Marcus, first!



Fair Wisconsin held a flawless fundraiser a Café LuLu. I understand they'll be holding similar "Cocktail Rallies" all over the State. What better way to launch this fun way of fund raising, but at the Sardi's of the south side? While Sarah and Cammy are very straight – one is even married, they are not narrow and very positive in helping out Our Community. The Buffet, the Servers, PK and the Bar Staff all top-notch, natch. My dear friend Jay Reinke drafted me in on this one and what a rewarding experience. Marina Dimitrijevic – 4th District Supervisor/County Board of Supervisors was the Keynote Speaker. Definitely a political candidate with a bright future ahead, as long as voters are bright. She endorses our right to marry and encourages all to vote NO! Marina is quite

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