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analyst on his way to an important meeting. While picking up his suit at the dry cleaner, good-hearted Shane takes the time to rescue an adorable but mistreated pooch and takes "Boner," as he dubs the doggie, to the vet. This "good Samaritan" act makes Shane late for his meeting. When he does arrive Shane finds the meeting over and his pink slip left awaiting him. The day can't get any worse or can it? Arriving home early. Shane finds his cheatin' boyfriend Derek Cruz in a moment of afterglow with Anthony Martinez, their scene tepid at best.

To his credit, Shane boots his two-timing boyfriend out, cuddling up with Boner instead. How sad is that? Hot gay guy cuddling with his dog?

The next day, while taking Boner out for a walk, Shane spies prospective boyfriend Brett Matthews in a rendezvous in the dog

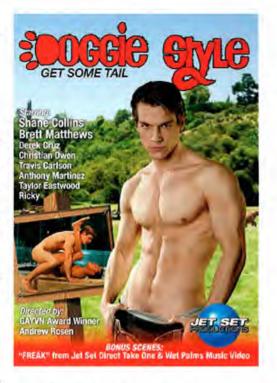
park with Christian Owen. Coupling on a park bench, their hot action draws two voyeurs, Taylor Eastwood and Ricky. Both seem content to remain on the sidelines, leisurely stroking solo while watching Brett and Christian get it on. Not that Shane can tear his eyes away from the hot action. Yet Shane ultimately decides that maybe Brett just isn't the man to he's meant to be monogamous with.

Still, Shane is on the cover of the DVD box for a reason and that is his participation in final two scenes. The first happens as Shane decides to accept an invitation to the opera from Boner's vet, Travis Carlson. After all that glorious music, they are ready for something a bit more physical. To his credit, Travis manfully takes all that Shane can give him and that is certainly saying a lot! But when Travis becomes psycho jealous, Shane runs back to Boner before deciding that he shouldn't have let Brett Matthews get away. Shane's coupling with the exceedingly accommodating Brett is both hot and passionate and a suitable climax for Doggie Style.

Ratings: (\* to \*\*\*\*\*)
Boot Black Blues \*\*\*\* 1/2
Doggie Style \*\*\* 1/2

### On Our Cover this issue

We feature Josh Vaughn from the new Rascal release Starting Young 2. The film just arrived and we haven't had time to do a review yet, so that will come soon. It stars Brent Everett and Benjamin Bradley in the opening set and they really heat things up. Also starring is Chad Savage who appeared at Boom a few months ago. Rascal Video is released through Channel One Releasing.





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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Have a helluva 2007 my little studs and stud-ettes! I hope that all of your dreams (both wild and mild) come true in the New Year.

I can't wait to hear from you (via e-mail or in person) and hear how New Year's Eve treated you. And if you'd like, send me those damn resolutions you made this year and maybe we'll share a few here...names withheld, of course.

Personally, 2007 is showing to be promising. I hope to release my line of T-shirts (titled Ruthie Wear), as well as a few bumper stickers and other knick-knacks to make you smile. I also plan to re-release my Web site (where I can sell these goods), and I've got a book in the works as well.

At Off the Wall Theater, I'll be appearing in the comedy "The Lady in Question" by Charles Busch this spring. I'm also in talks with other theater companies to possibly do some projects such as a reading of "The Women" and other fun things. More on those productions as they develop.

So those are my plans for 2007. What are yours? I'd love to hear them, so drop me a line at dearmsruthie@yahoo.com.

In the meantime, let's read a letter (or e-mail or whatever the kids call 'em these days). It's from a nice young man who included a great photo of a half-naked guy in a kitchen. I'm not sure if it was the fella who sent the e-mail or not...but the photo really melted my butter!

#### Dear Ruthie.

I can't believe the holidays are here! This is crazy. It seems like yesterday that I was laying out in the sun and now it's Christmas time! As you so often and eloquently put it, "Holy Crap!"

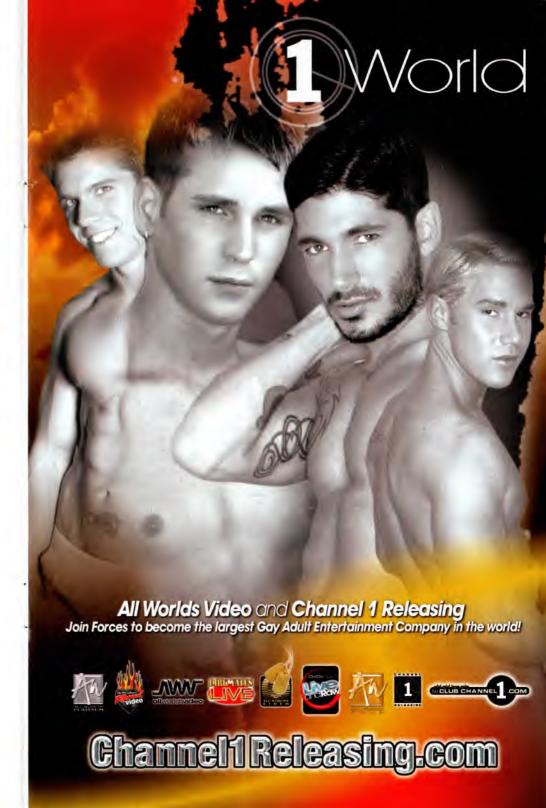
I've been evaluating my life and wonder if it's a good or bad thing that time is going by so quickly. Do I need to stop and smell the roses more often or is good that my life is so busy that the days fly by? I'm not getting any younger, so any tips on how to best manage my time would be appreciated.

#### Thanks, A Friend,

#### Dear Schmoe.

Stop wasting time by thinking about time! What kind a nutcase are you?! No, no, no. I'm just kidding ya. Why, if I got a nickel whenever someone mentioned how fast time flies, I'd have enough for that Jennifer Lopez butt implant I've been saving for.

If one day is melting into the next for you, I think that means your calendar is full of events you enjoy. Your days (and nights) aren't spent alone and your certainly know how to occupy your time. Be thankful.



### DVD REVIEWS Boot Black Blues from Buckshot & Doggie Style from Jet Set.

BUCKSHOT

If Charles Dickens was into gay porn and living today, his waifish little Oliver Twist might well have become Danny Roddick's boot boy in Buckshot's sizzling new release. Boot Black Blues.

When poor Danny wakes up in his miserable excuse for an apartment, he finds an eviction notice hanging on the door. Gosh, don't you hate when that happens? Looking ever so adorable in his baggy jeans and cute little suspenders, Danny's off to make some rent money. Other professions might be more lucrative but doubtfully as much fun as Danny is going to have in the course of Boot Black Blues.

After a stern warning from Policeman Alex Chandler, Danny's real-life squeeze, our hero is off to shine some boots. First up is former Falcon favorite Josh Weston who is as buff as ever. Danny must thinks so too as he makes sure to take extra care of Josh's boots. As the scene progresses,

it is more than just Josh's boots that get a spit-shine.

Exhausted but hungry, Danny's off to the local café for a bite to eat. He's in luck as baby-face Simon Angel is behind the counter and ready to offer Danny a very special bargain. Simon's rock-hard cock is just the appetizer in this yummy scene.

Sadly, the address to this cute luncheonette is not provided.

While Danny is munching his well earned sandwich, Policeman Alex chances upon a nasty bathroom scene. Having already gotten off, Colby Taylor ditches his playmate Kyle Lewis who is still handcuffed to the toilet roll dispenser. Kyle's punishment for this indiscretion at first glance might appear a tad unorthodox, involving some boot-licking and cocksucking before being bent over backwards. This must be what they call tough love.

Back at his post, Danny begins servicing muscle hunk Lucas di Fubbiano in his chair. But not for long as Lucas' swarthy Nick turns up determined to teach his wayward boyfriend a lesson. Danny makes a discrete getaway as Nick manhandles Lucas. But just where did the vibrator come from?

Parker Williams is in desperate need of a shoe-shine from Danny and it is fortunate that he's got plenty of equipment. Add a blistering three-some between Parker, Danny and Trey Casteel, throw in for good measure a happily-ever-after ending and Boot Black Blues proves to be another mighty fine release from Buckshot.

Next up: Jet Set's Doggie Style. Can there be a more ludicrous plot than Jet Set's latest high profile release, Doggie Style? None seem possible. Who would even consider cheating on cover star Shane Collins? Who in their right mind? No one, that's who.

Yet such is the absurd premise to Doggie Style.

Handsome, chiseled and wonderfully endowed, Shane Collins plays a financial

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### Ruthie's Bitchin' Kitchen

Since we're all looking for a little free time these days, why not get your keester outta the kitchen as quickly as possible. Here's a meal-in-one pork dish that comes together on the skillet. I think you'll like its south-of-the-border flair. Now eat good and shut up!

### Crazy-Ass Pork Chops

Here's a snazzy one-dish wonder that'll have you outta the kitchen in no time. Even a novice cook can have this Southwestern dinner on the table in less than half an hour. Black beans, peppers and onions cook in the same skillet as the piggy chops, so cleanup's a snap, too. It makes four chops, but check out my Culinary Clues for ideas to use up any leftovers.

Tequila

3 tablespoons olive oil

4 bone-in pork chops

I tablespoon chili powder

1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

I small onion

I large green pepper, julienned

I can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained

1/2 cup barbecue sauce

Dash (or two) of salt

Pour yourself a shot of tequila and slam it down. Good! Now you're ready to cook!



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Music Plant Group is proud to announce that "I Believe" by Georgie Porgie (Live Entertainment), rises this week to the #1 spot on the Billboard Dance Club Chart! "I Believe" replaces another Music Plant Artist and Single, "Lost Yo Mind" by Pepper MaShay (Live Entertainment). Although Pepper MaShay has had a string of hits on the Billboard Dance Club Chart such as "Dive Into The Pool" & "I've Got My Pride" this was her first #1 and Georgie's Fourth! "I Believe" follows "Love Is Gonna Save The Day", "I Love, I Love" and "Sunshine" to the top of the Billboard Dance Club Chart.

Music Plant is currently doing a little research about whether Holland/ Dozier/ Holland (Motown) or Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff (Philadelphia International) ever did the same on the Billboard R&B charts. We do know that back in late 1977 & early 1978 the Bee Gees had a sting of hits ("Love Is Thicker Than Water" by Andy Gibb, "Night Fever" by The Bee Gees, "If I Can't Have You" by Yvonne Elliman and "Staying Alive" by The Bee Gees) that may have in part or all replaced each other on the Billboard Hot 100 Pop Charts at #1.

Whether Georgie Porgie & Music Plant shares this moment with legends such as Holland/ Dozier/ Holland, Gamble & Huff or The Bee Gees or stand alone on this pinnacle of success, one thing is sure, we were too excited to wait to tell the news to the world!

This caps off a very exciting year for Music Plant Group artists as Georgie Porgie, Pepper MaShay, Fredrick Ford, Rachel Panay, Ohsha Kai, John Kano Feat. Gia 7, Helena Paparizou, Lauren Hildebrandt, Teri Bristol, Josh Harris, Tod Miner, Jamin G, Dimension X, Dj Mike Cruz, and Dj Escape that have shared in the success of their own individual records that topped the Billboard Dance chart while touring the world. We are also proud to announce that this year Pepper MaShay and Georgie Porgie where made spokes people for RealDanceFM. RealDanceFM is a networking website for the dance music industry professionals.

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Spray a large, deep skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Drizzle 2 tablespoons of oil into skillet. Set chops over oil. Sprinkle half of the chili powder over chops. Turn chops over and sprinkle with remaining chili powder. Drizzle top of chops with I tablespoon oil. Cook the chops over medium for 3 minutes. Carefully flip chops and cook for another 3 minutes or until no longer pink inside. Remove chops from pan and keep warm. In the same skillet, sauté the garlic, onion and green pepper until the pepper is crisp-tender. Carefully and slowly, stir in the black beans, barbecue sauce, salt and I/2 teaspoon tequila. Heat through. Set the chops back in the skillet and heat through.

#### Ruthie's Culinary Clues

- Shake things up by mixing in a half-cup of your favorite salsa instead of the barbecue sauce.
- If you don't have minced garlic handy, get some! A small jar is a cheap time-saver; otherwise, you'll need to mince one garlic clove yourself.
- The tequila in this entrée is pretty darn mild, so add a bit more to taste if you wish. Or add some dried oregano or basil.
- Try sprinkling the finished dish with shredded Mexican-blend cheese.
   Cover the skillet and allow the cheese to melt before serving.
- Round out the meal with bread or a green salad. And if you really want to be a gourmet, whip up some corn bread muffins via a boxed mix.
- Use up the leftovers by slicing up the pork and wrapping the pork, beans, peppers, etc. into a flour tortilla. Served hot or cold, the wraps make a nofuss lunch or super-duper supper the next day.

Have a recipe you'd like to see published? A question on which you'd like Ruthie's advice? E-mail dearmsruthie@yahoo.com.



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So the moral of this is to go out to Waukesha or Menomonee falls where the shops have been around for at least 10 years. Also, don't just pick a shop because it is close to your house or just because your friend said that they think it is good. Use your own mind! Ask questions poke your nose into everything and make the tattoo artist work for your money! Don't just give them a free meal ticket because odds are that they will rip you off and possibly screw up your body for a lifetime to come.

Well that is about it for those topics if you want to know more please Email me at <a href="mailto:Avantgarde@voyager.net">Avantgarde@voyager.net</a>. I might have enough room for one email let's see what's in the mail bag.

### Dear Brent,

I have been wondering about getting my genitals pierced but I don't know what to get. I have gone online and looked at the pictures but I still don't understand which the best is. What does each one feel like? Which ones hurt the most? Please help! -- Johnnie Well Johnnie, thanks for writing in with a great question. And I'll tell you that to answer all your questions I would need a whole new column so that's what I'm going to do. Next month will be all about genital piercings their pro's and con's and everything else and in between. Until then I hope you all have a great month of January and I hope to see you all soon. Don't forget to keep your emails coming send them to Avantgarde@voyager.net and just put skin and steel in the subject line. Have a great month!





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Well we are back again and this time with a new year! I trust that you all behaved yourselves on new years and didn't drink too much or get all hot and bothered by the hot one sitting across the bar from you. But of course I must be fooling myself, I know my readers, and I am sure that you did all sorts of nasty things, and you liked each and every one of them. Well I think I have babbled enough for this column lets get on with it, shall we? This month I would like to talk about two topics, both have come up quiet a bit in the last few weeks. This first one is why nipple piercings tend to grow extra skin on the sides of the piercing. The second is how to select a good tattoo shop.

Starting with the nipple issue. The main reason this happens is because the piercing was done too deep. Now don't get all hot and bothered thinking that your piercing is all screwed up. The reason I say this is because sometimes nipple piercings are placed deeper than normal to help them heal. I know that doesn't make sense but here let me explain. A lot of people have under developed nipples (basically they are part of the itty bitty titty committee) and in order to keep the piercing from just migrating through the nipple in a week or so the piercing is placed deeper than normal in the hopes that the piercing will eventually grow into the proper place. If the piercing doesn't grow into that place then you get the extra skin commonly referred to as the triple nipple. So when we get down to the nitty gritty if you have the extra skin and it doesn't go away during the first healing period of 2-3 months go to your piercer and have them remove the jewelry and repierce it in a different spot. Now there are other reasons that cause the extra growths such as touching or playing with your piercing, or sleeping on the piercing. So don't just yank it out, talk with your piercer and have them take a look and they can give you the best course of action.

Now onto our second topic how to select a tattoo studio. Over the past few weeks I have been asked so many times about tattooing that I figured I had to do another column on it. Now this time I am going to get a little more specific about shops and the type of work they do. I am going to be very blunt. DON'T GO ANYWHERE IN THE CITY OF MILWUAKEE!! The reason I say this because the average experience level of artists in this area is about I year or less. The change over of artists is extremely high and in most shops you can walk in one day and go back one or two months later and that artist has been fired or has quit. In my world, I want someone who has been around for along time and I know where I can find them.



## By Michael Johnston

Happy New Year and happy new column! Has it really been seven years since Y2K? Due to the dreaded deadline and time restraints, not every thing will be reported

in as timely a manner as I would like. However, it will be reported. Please bare/bear with me as we enter a new year together as once again, "Cordially yours,".

First off a correction from my last effort — as we went to press in November, I was promoting Trixie's B-Day Show at The M's. Unfortunately, due to a scheduling situation the "Trixie Show" has been postponed. It will take place at a less hectic time.

"A Cudahy Christmas Carol" is sooo popular - that it has been extended at Vogel Hall The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts through Three Kings Day - 01/06/07. I was lucky enough to catch this sensational send-up to the south side with Ellen Winters.

Due to a medical malady, Ellen has been sidelined and Laurie Birmingham is pitch hitting in the role of Edna. Chris Flieller and Linda Stieber - who was so great as Garland, add to the first rate talent. The Off-B'way Series will include: "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" April 10<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>, "A Mid-Summer Night McGivern" June 6<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup> starring Milwaukee's favorite McGivern – John McGivern! "The Wonder Bread Years" October 23rd – October 28<sup>th</sup> – also starring John McGivern all at Vogel Hall – The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

The Lake County Players, Where Community Takes Center Stage! Will offer up this year: "The Odd Couple" – the FEMALE version, "Godspell", "Mary, Mary" and this Summer a Children's Production... definitely, worth the drive!

Jeremy C. Welter made quite an impression with Off The Wall's production of "Clockwork Orange" – could a Shakespeare opus be far off?

Your eyes did not deceive you – that was thespian Mark Hagen fixing his own muffler on the expressway recently. In fact he had it repaired in record time! Talk about a man for all seasons!

As we say hello to 2007 and good-bye to 2006, I must congratulate the hardworking HIT team for a successful Tournament Weekend. "The Roaring Twenties" was a killer! The Holiday Invitational Tournament has placed Mark Horan and Jeff "Sasha" Sonneburg into their Hall Of Fame. Truly earned and deserved – I have had the pleasure to know and work with these guys and they are simply top-drawer! I had a blast with the "Welcome Show" – where anything that could go wrong – did! Talk about an exercise in ad-lib! Thank You to Bob (BoBo) Gliniecki and Steve (Maya) Machajewski for their warm back-up and moral support. You are le jazz hot! An honor to work once again with two pillars of the community – Dear Ruthie and Debi Vance (now appearing at The M's) I would have been lost without you! And what is a HIT Show without the unique talents of Candy Stick and Sandy Shore? It was like reuniting Mary Martin and Ethel Merman! Unless the show was

on radio, I could have never done it with out Goldie Adams giving good face and the hard work of Joe Kender perennially turning a sow ear into a silk purse!

The HIT Banquet was tremendous once again! Northern Lights, Mrs. Fun, 180 Bowlers, a fun table of Liz, Mark Groth and Stuie – where are those photos? Across the way from us was Cole Ryder – that hottie of Porn-dom. Boy can that boy eat! Just ask my neighbor lady Rosalind Hoffmann



Ryder. Later on when the Ryder had a gig at Boom — we were all very thankful on this weekend celebrating thankfulness. Rumor has it Cole Ryder will be returning for an upcoming engagement...

ARCW (the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin) hosted their highly successful/enjoyable "Jolly, Holly, Folly". Celebrate the Holidays with a Purpose!

25 outstanding restaurants – I loved them all! The most popular of the night - not a restaurant but, Potawatomi Catering. Jerry D and I had a ball eating our way through the well-decked Milwaukee Center. The bar was well stacked with product and body – John and Ron really rocked and poured, Madonna would be proud! Of course the most important component – the people – a sell-out! Congratz goes to Doug Nelson, Dan Mueller, Joseph, Chad and Co.

Mixing, mingling and munching were: Celebrity/Artist Patrick Farrell looking amazing with Jim Schroeder, Patrick is both proud and flattered to be a part of Milwaukee's first digital billboard in the USA. Check it out — <a href="https://www.newmke.com">www.newmke.com</a> you must visit! Equally smashing Dr. Beto & DJ Tim from La Cage, Jeffrey — my favorite galloping gourmet, Jody from Northshore Funeral Home, Stewart, Roland Hoffmann, Peter S, David & Allan, Andy Cicero, Claudia & Ed Egan, Rick Clark & B.J. Gruling — who currently has a photo-exhibit at The Milwaukee Gay Arts Center "Life In The Islamic World" running now through the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month. B.J. has a very discerning eye and after living in the Mid East and becoming part of the culture — was able to record the images and perhaps de-mystify and shed light on how much we all have in common sharing this planet Earth. Greg Plowe & Dr. Steve Debbink, Willard Romantini, Real Estate's Jim Schleif & Bill Morley and scores of diners making the night the place to be! Before long, we will be lacing up for AIDS Walk — 2007!

Good Life – Caribbean inspired bar and cuisine - 1935 North Water Street (414) 271-JERK (5375) where "Jerk" is a delicious thing made their debut. Congratulations Cassie Brooks, Chef Lois' granddaughter. Proving good taste runs in the family. "Served Chilled" takes place at Good Life every Wednesday around the 10 o'clock hour. Pump Production brings you another alternative – alternative!

Happy Golden Birthday Gregg H. from Pump Productions. I hear tell the "Black Party" was the place to be and absolutely no mourning was taking place. Drat those early Monday mornings forbidding me from tripping the light fantastic with



loosely as they appeared, knew no better. Too bad there wasn't an usher!

On the same note of Chorus – CCC (The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd.) is celebrating 20 years in existence! Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM "Why We Sing" Plymouth Church 2717 East Hampshire, near UWM. Spring will bring "Every Possible: Signs Of Hope" Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Unitarian Universal Church West 13001 West North Avenue Brookfield. For the Summer Season: "In Our Own Words" Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Off Broadway Theatre 342 North Water Street - Second Floor.

In this, a special two-decade celebration of the singing group they are reaching out to all their alumni to unite in song or attendance and jubilation of their record anniversary. So let them know where you are, with an updated bio – and they can keep you up to date.

Pleased to report Barney's Brother, Kip's swanky downtown salon was named in the Top 200 new salons in the country for doing so well, so quickly! Good for you! Although having the tremendous talents of "hairdresser to the stars" Joe Kender on staff how can they not excel?

A Shout out to Robbie! See I remembered and no story about your auto – either! Owen Smith the "I'm Alive, Alive" man is home – safe and well – after a horrendous nightmare. So good to have him here – for you know there will never be a dull moment...

Madison barrister Christopher Krimmer was seen recently celebrating at Elsa's, Milwaukee Magazine named him one of the best lawyers in the state! Well earned!

That's it for this time out, still a bit exhausted from the Holiday merriment! Although, I eagerly await to be with you once again next month as I remain --STILL Cordially yours,--



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Thanks to the Kids at The M's, I was asked to appear in their first drag show, what an honor! A fund raiser for ARCW's Food Pantry "A Show Fit For a Queen". Working with the Giants of the "dynel-set" is always a thrill for me. Velveeta, ChiChi, Lizzie and Joan turned their little Pub into the Hollywood Bowl. Along with: Alexis Winter, Dear Ruthie, Chad, Tracy Michaels, Ashley, Hot Fudge, Baby Jane Hudson and forgive me if I forget any other Star-lets - it was quite the christening! SRO and in the audience the recently retired Brittany Morgan dressed to the nines and Angel – who recently is taking the stage by storm at The Triangle. Melissa & Jane, Peter, Brian and Staff were outstanding Hosts. Also thank to BESTD Clinic's Kevin Lynch and sweet Jim/Dan for their warm chivalry! A sweet, friendly crowd, very crowd-ed! Tod and Marie joined me on stage as we all went "DownTown".

Messy Bessie commemorated his Birthday at Switch, recently. Raising glasses and voices in party were DJ Dave Elliott, Randy and Friends sailing into the night with Rita and Pex at the helm. A flawless Male dancer had Bessie – even more messy than usual as well as the rest of us!

HIT also hosted a lovely wrap-up Holiday Party with Rita at Switch. A sumptuous buffet, flowing drinks and videos of "Welcome Show(s)" of years past!

Monday, January 29 from 8pm – Midnite Switch will be the place to celebrate a Holiday Of Madonna. Along with The Exclusive Company THE Pre-Release Party of Madonna's "Confessions" tour – UN-Edited! Crucifix and all! The exclusive DVD will be shown in its entirety and then for sale after 12am, with a \$2. discount. Drink specials and surprises as always expect the un-expected...

I can't believe how fun the Packer games are at Woody's! Wall-to-wall woodies and athletic supporters a-go-go!

Boom/The Room reports that they will be doing a "Men's" Magazine Promotional this month. Tickets for the "Chita Rivera Show" - this May, at The Marcus Center will be going up for sale. Rona's famous "Wheel Of Miss Fortune Show" commemorating his date of birth will be coming up soon and sadly, Lee Trudell – popular Sunday night Broadway & Show Tune Bartender will be turning up on WKRP in Cincinnati, and ending his stint at The Room. He will be missed – hopefully the tradition will carry on!

Congratulations to Kris & Michael they have completed their first year, their maiden voyage as owners of La Cage. What an outstanding "Customer Appreciation Party"! Free food, beer, no cover charge, prizes and an All-Star Trans-Formation Revue Starring: Jackie Roberts, Nova D'Vine, Shannon DuPree with special guests: Kitty Litter and Dominque Mahon took place mid-month.

Speaking of the beauties of our community, The Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA Contest was held in early December – talk about an early Xmas gift! 16 gorgeous, talented contestants all vying for the highly coveted title: Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA! I've been doing shows for going on 20 years and I don't even have a key chain! The Pageant was a classy, first-rate weekend with top honors going to



that entertainer extra-ordinaire Miss Shannon DuPree. La Cage's very own Jackie Roberts is the First Alternate for 2007. Both luscious lovelies will be taking part in the Nationals – May, 2007. I know they both will do the Dairyland proud!

DJ Kelly can be heard there every other Saturday night 9pm-3 am. He was sooo excited about doing his well received Top 10 Count Down of the Year in Music. On an average 45 tracks of music is played per night at La Cage.

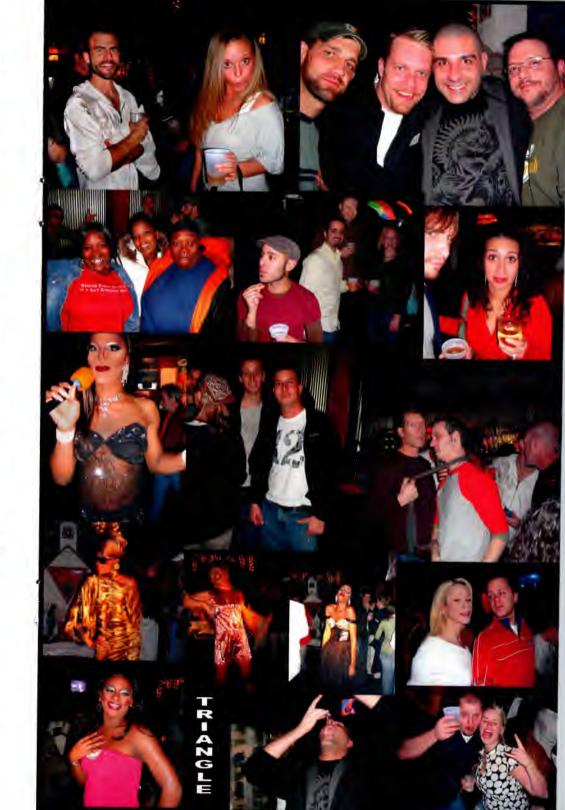
La Cage turns 24 this month! It's hard to remember a Milwaukee without our dancehall. A SPECIAL Party commemorating this milestone will be Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> Check out the center-fold of this very issue for all the details! Cheers! I intend to be there toasting in their Silver year.

Kruz has finally opened and is fast becoming THE hot spot! Who doesn't adore Jerry & Serge? Jake their adorable bar-back is so very sweet, I was there the other night appreciating him for taking my glass and making every thing fresh and pleasant... so of course, I thanked him and got no response and I thought well the music is too loud, he could be tired ... Turns out Jake is deaf! Well I don't sign, but had to communicate to him what a wonderful job he was doing and just what a sweet kid he is. Sir Steve was there also holding court, to a court of fine, leather men – woof!

Speaking of which Ray and Chad hosted a great Christmas Bash – with Tony R. from The Room on the piano and catered ever so deliciously by The Tazzbah. Happy to report Craig is back filling you up and making your night at the Tazzbah. Ray also has a new addition to his household with Minna – soon to be the toast of Lavender Hill!

As of this writing New Year's Eve will mark the opening of yet another emporium to venture to, The Pump House. What a great to start a new year, a new bar! Lots of Local-ites will be helping get this nightclub flying — so far Wes will be a bouncer and Hot Fudge will be tending bar — daytime. The club will be co-managed by Bobby formerly of Harbour Room and Becky who used to co-own Walker's Pint.

MVM's Holiday Show - "Together For The Holidays" was a well - put together exercise in getting their capacity crowd into the spirit of the season. Again they welcomed their friends of WVM - Women's Voices Milwaukee - who added a lot of spice with "Merry Christmas Darling", "Santa Baby" and when WVM's Conductress and M's Owner herself, Melissa Beastrom literally stopped the show with an awesome and awe-filled rendition of "Silent Night". No one was in their seat when she hit her final note - a rousing standing ovation. So happy I didn't have to follow that one! It was wonderful seeing sooo many friendly, familiar faces in the audience. I sat with Debi Vance of M's, Jerry Gin & Tonic, Jay Reinke, Princess Charlotte Lorraine and Craig from Switch. Patrick Farrell & Jim Schroeder, their new neighbors Joe Pabst & Tim Clark, Jody, lots of Members of The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd showing a pleasant bonding in music and community. Unfortunately, two over-served "girls" at least that's how they were acting even though they were well into their twenties, decided that this Concert was a place for their inane conversation and gum popping... their ignorance was unending after looks of daggers did no good, the almighty Charlotte proving his "Princess-Hood" told them just how rude they were. Obviously, these ladies and I use the term as





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