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Ruthies Bitchin' Kitchen

Here we are again, my sweet little sugar boogers! How the hell are ya? Did you have a good Pride month?! I sure did. I was so happy to emcee the Shoreline Dancer Show... or the "Shoreline Summer Country Hoedown," a name we created about 5 minutes before the show started.

Did you catch "Cheer, Dorothy, Cheer at the Rainbow Stage?" What a fun bunch they were!

How about Kathy Griffin and Hedda Lettuce. What a blast! And if you had a chance to stop by the fantastic Outwards booth during Pridefest, I hope you and I were able to visit for a while.

If you didn't get to the Outwards booth, go to the store on Milwaukee's East Side! It's a helluva store with something for everyone. In addition, they are the only retailer that carries RuthieWare, so stop by soon!

Anywho... July is upon us, which means hot weather, hot men, explosives and alcoholic consumption. As such, I decided to dedicate this column to easy summer beverages you can store in your freezer for last-minute pick-me-ups. (The fact that I received two drink recipes from readers over the last 7 weeks didn't hurt either.)

Lemonade Slush

Welcome to your new summer drink! A gal named Maria shared the recipe, and I tried it myself. I finished the whole damn container of the stuff. (Then I fell asleep for 3 days.) And because Maria sent the recipe to me dearmsruthie@yahoo.com, a free Bitchin' Kitchen T-shirt is on it's way to her!

- 4 cups boiling water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 (6 ounce) can frozen lemonade concentrate
- 1 (6 ounce) can frozen limeade concentrate
- 2 cups rum
- White soda or ginger ale

Stir the boiling water and sugar together until sugar is dissolved. Stir in concentrates and rum. Transfer to a freezer proof container. Freeze overnight. Spoon slush into individual glasses and top with white soda or ginger ale. Stir and serve.

continues...



Ruthie Camps it up at a promo shoot for "The Lady in Question"

I'm not kidding when I say how terrific these drinks are! Try one and you'll want to make it again and again.

Oh, and I almost forgot! My manager/ex-husband, Schlomoe, would kill me if I didn't mention that I'll be appearing in the fantastic comedy "The Lady in Question," July 19 through July 29 at Off the Wall Theater on Wells St. (Directly

across the street from The Rep.)

I play pianist Gertrude Garney, a hard-boiled dame with a classy exterior traveling through 1940s Germany. Along the way, Gertrude finds love, Nazis and a nymphet who makes The Bad Seed look like Cindy Brady. (This role is played by Karl Miller who I hit the stage with in "Psycho Beach Party" several years ago!)

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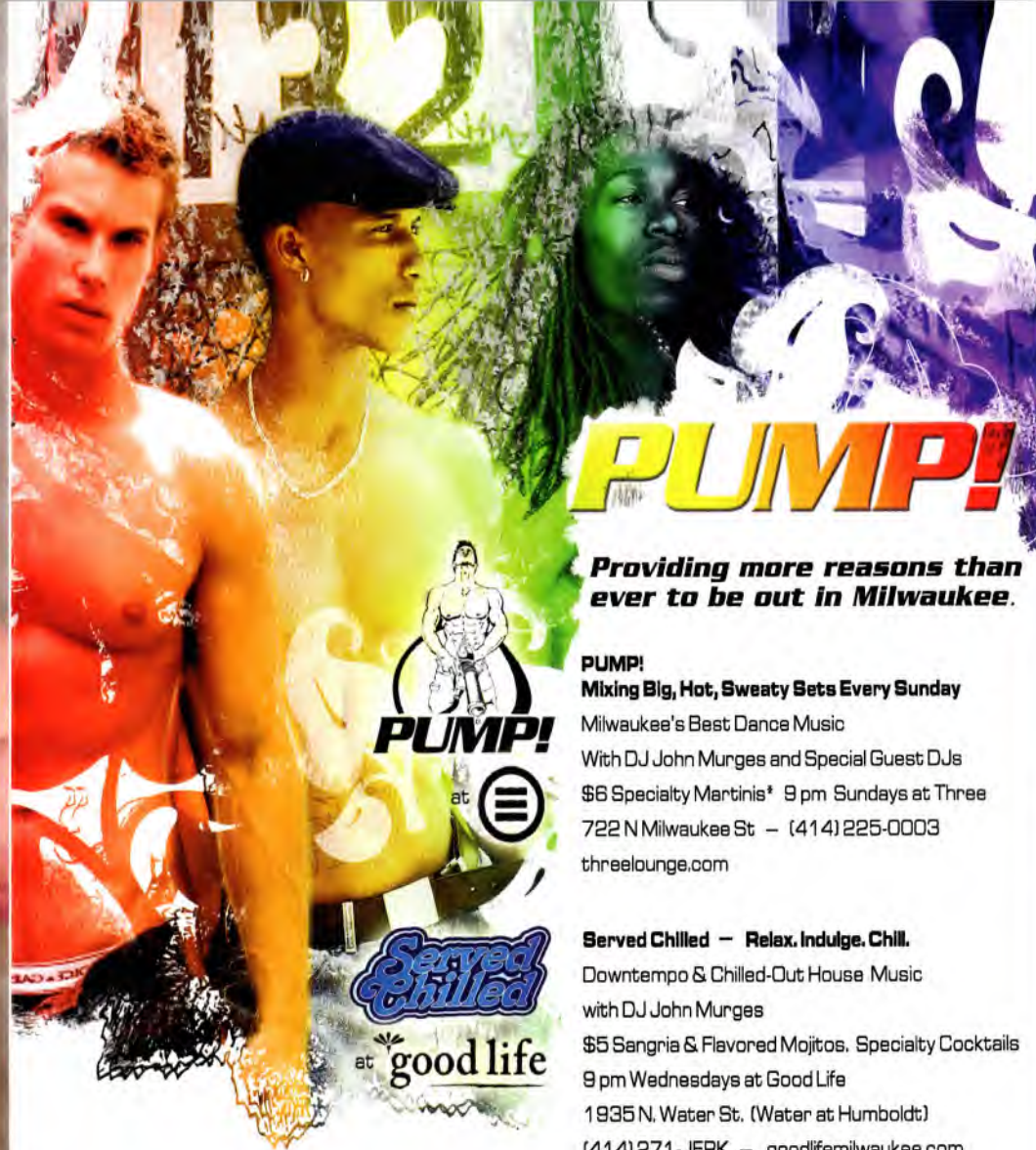


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La Cucaracha Punch

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- 1 (6 ounce) can frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 (6 ounce) can frozen lemonade concentrate
- 1 (6 ounce) can limeade concentrate
- 9 cups water
- 2/3 cups tequila
- 1 (12 ounce) can ginger ale
- 1/4 cup grenadine syrup, optional
- Ice cubes

Put concentrates in a medium punch bowl or large pitcher. Stir in water. Add tequila, ginger ale and grenadine syrup if desired. Add ice, stir and serve.

Peach-Brandy Slush

Here's a favorite from my own recipe box. I always I thought I coulda been the next Streisand...if I only I hadn't discovered the joys of Peach Brandy. After a few of these warm-weather sippers, however, I sing like a bird all night anyhow!

- 3 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tea bags
- 1 cup ice water
- 1 (6 ounce) can orange juice concentrate
- 1 (6 ounce) can lemonade concentrate
- 1 cup peach-flavored brandy
- White soda

In a large kettle, combine the water and sugar. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat. Add the tea bags and let them seep for 5 minutes; remove the bags. Add the ice water, concentrates and brandy. Transfer to a freezer proof container and freeze for at least 6 hours. (Contents will not freeze solid.)

To serve, set 1/2 cup slush in a glass and fill glass with white soda and stir.

Have a recipe you'd like to share? Send it to Ruthie and if it's published you'll get a free Bitchin' Kitchen T-shirt. (Include a mailing address with submission.) And be sure to check her line of RuthieWare at www.dearnuthie.com!



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really don't think I have an attitude. I like to think of it as my writing style, and it's not my fault that I do it in my own little crass way. I also have the attitude I do because this is something very important to me, and I will never step down to anyone when it comes to things that are important to me.

Well it seems I have run out of room again. I want to thank you all for reading and don't forget if you have any questions that you want answer email me at avantgarde@voyager.net. Until next month, have a great time in July and enjoy the fireworks! (Whether they are in your pants or in the air!)

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Hi Boys and Girls, Did everyone have fun during our beautiful Pride-fest? I certainly did seeing the incomparable Kathy Griffin and the divalicious Chaka Khan in which I had front row and center thanks to the lovely Suzie Q. Everyone seems like they were in great form down at the Summerfest grounds. Sunday for the parade the community was well represented however I guess there was some kind of glitch in the voting voting of the floats. It was brought to the attention of the judges that there was a minor error in the tally with Icon taking top honors and M's close behind in second and Fluid taking third. Can't wait till next year when it looks like the awards ceremony will tentatively be held at M's street party with the great job they did with Melissa and Brian and staff holding the fort during the crazy day that Sunday was. Kudos goes to Milwaukee's very own version of Joan Rivers Miss Lizzie Bordeaux MC'ing the entries in the parade. With the crowd we had we could not have done it without many helping hands from friends of the bar helping us out thanks, Bootsie Janet Ginger Irene Janice and any others if I forgot please forgive me.

Well, let's get to the dirt. I am happy to announce that Miss Baby Jane Hudson is gainfully employed once again at a new venture Mr. Miyagi on 68th and Forest Home. She's doing it all however if she's bar-

tending there is no dice cup at the bar.

I met some great guys from the Crew bar that were recently up here to see a Cubs game and one of them was named Cha-Cha, he could have been my granddaughter very yummy.

Miss Anastasia Deveroux will be competing for the Miss Club Wisconsin title on July 15th at LaCage. After earning the coveted tittles of Miss City of Festivals and Miss It, good luck girl.

If you feel like getting a little spanky you might want to stop at Kruz, I was there recently and my belt had more action than I have gotten in quite a long while

The Drag Kings are coming to town with a send off for Cheryl at M's on July 7th. Some of these gals can certainly pass as very cute boys, so be careful it might be a crying game. Not to be outdone, Lucky Cones will be holding there soiree on the 27th of the month.

Speaking of drag impresarios Miss Goldie Adams will be celebrating her 30 years in drag on July 28th at the fashionable PumpHouse. I hope I don't follow Miss Hot Fudge since she makes quite an entrance for her numbers.

On a sadder note I wish to send my heartfelt condolences to Tom Gauke on the unexpected passing of his mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you

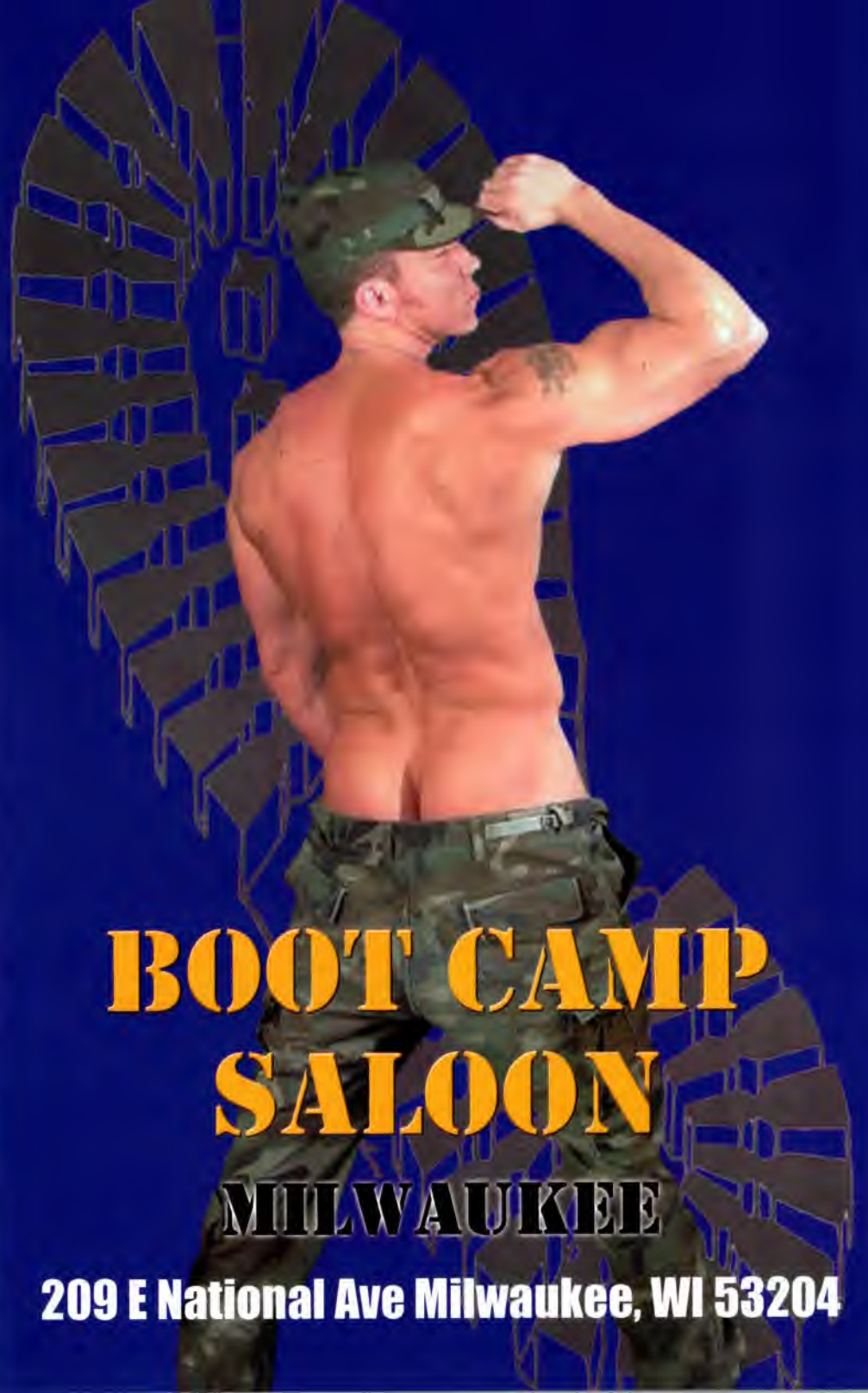
Betsy and Sheena will be celebrating their anniversary at Walker's Pint on the 13th, so I will be with all my gal pals at the bar to help celebrate. And to the person who still owes for his check next time you see me you can give me the 35 dollars that I had to cover for you. You know who you are!

Congrats go out to Bobo and Candi Stix on 20 wonderful years together. If you ever see them at Boom wish them well.

Tazzbah will not be serving their fabulous brunch for now on Sundays, which makes me sad because now Marcia and I will not be able to reload on our carbs that we will have spent playing tennis

Well that's all for now thanks to everyone that said they were glad to see me writing again, it is much appreciated! Until next month keep the talk cheap and the liquor flowing!

-- Love Chi-Chi



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Well here we are again, in the wonderful month of July. And yes, for those of you who remember this is my birthday month. And no, I won't tell when it is or how old I am, you are going to have to get me pretty drunk to tell you any of it! Well having said that I just want to say that I hope you all had a great time at Pride-fest and at the Pride parade last month. Please also keep in mind all the hard work that went in to making those two events such a success. So if you get a chance let the Pride Parade and Pridefest know how much you care by telling them through their websites, www.prideparademke.com and www.pridefest.com respectively. Now that we have all of that out of the way let's get on with the purpose of this column.

I figured this month I should talk about some of the extremes of piercing, especially since now we are starting to get into the extreme temperatures of summer. So without any further babble from me let's get on with it.

The most common extreme piercing you will see is the surface to surface piercing. These are the piercings you see on the back of people's necks and on their arms, and pretty much any where else you can think of. These piercing are fairly new to the piercing industry and because of this everyone has their own ideas about the way they should be done. I could get into the reasons for why you should get this and why you shouldn't get that, but that would make for a pretty piss poor and boring column. So I am going to tell you this, check your shop out and be very comfortable with them before you think about getting this type of piercing. Also remember that just because you know the piercer and they are cool this does not make them a great piercer and hell they may have never have done a surface piercing in their life. So ask and be thorough, and also remember that there is no reason not to shop around.

Surface piercing take quite a while to heal, they can take as long as 6 to 9 months before they are healed enough to even change the jewelry. They are irritated very easily, so make sure that you take good care of your piercing and don't monkey with it or play with it! Always remember to keep your piercing clean and don't let it get sunburned!

One of the other more extreme piercings that are beginning to be seen are implants. That's right I said implants, and I don't mean boob jobs or dick jobs! Implants go under the skin and create a design that looks three dimensional once they are healed. As with surface piercings these are not to be taken lightly as major problem can arise if the procedure is not done correctly.

That is about all I really have to babble about this month, so having said that lets get on with some reader mail.

Dear Brent,

I have been reading your column for a long time and there is one thing I have to ask. How do you come up with the ideas for your column and why do you have such an attitude about it?

John

Well thanks for writing in John. As far as how I come up wit the idea's that is easy. I just sit down and think of something good to write about. As far as my attitude, I

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By Michael Johnston

Let freedom ring – Independence Day, the Summer's on! As of this writing I'm recuperating from a wild, fun, extraordinary PrideFest. My heartiest congratulations to the Parties who obviously dedicated hours on top

of hours in making the Twentieth Anniversary the success it was!

First off the picture perfect weather did assist greatly in the record-breaking attendance. The five-star entertainment: Kathy Griffin opening the weekend doing 90 minutes live! Chaka Khan made Saturday a must! Capacity and all, pity she could not keep her SRO through out her concert. A climax like Joan Jett on Sunday – what a way to do it! But, before Joan closed out a most memorable time - - the Pride Parade for the third year in a row made South Second Street the place to be!

From Woody's who were hosting Kenosha's Club Icon to Mona's who were hosting the Parade set-up to M's that had a tented side yard looking very Rodeo Drive to the Judge's panel desk – where I got to share honors with Lori Jean from Steny's and Michael & Mark from ASAP Financial – www.asapfinancial.net to Fluid who had their windows open to the Parade route to LaCage that had a set-up out side to the opposite side of the street that had Walker's Pint and Switch shining in the sun.

In the next block Boom/The Room had a SRO reception and the Parade continued passed Cest La Vie and the legendary Ball Game. Thank you, thank you, Chip (Wagner) & Frank for the thrill of viewing the thirty entrees, as a Judge! V.I.P. (s) were also apart of the Parade with County Supervisor Peggy West, delighted to be the Grand Marshall and Mayor Tom Barrett and State Senator Tim Carpenter on foot! The Party PrideFest weekend truly never ended.

Speaking of parties - - applause to all the bars that outdid themselves! Boom/The Room with David, the return of Tim, Dan, Joel, Rona, Roman, Lance, Lee and newbie Christian all rocked! Of course Dr. Slippy was in residence and his advise for this effort – "If it feels good – do it!" This month Boom/The Room will be celebrating David' B-Day Thursday, July 5th come on down and see the fireworks! Saturday, July 21st brings the return of Adult Film-dom's Tyler Ryggz talk about an impressive re-

covery time, give this stud the lift he deserves... Thursday, July 26th is The Room's Anniversary Gay-La, be apart of the toasting and the roasting! Also Local, Live Bands will be bringing a new sound to Boom/The Room soon!

LaCage was sooo popular, they had a line going around the block! Nathan was holding court Sunday nite on my visit – Happy recent Birthday. You must meet this man – woof! Kris & Michael always make me feel so welcomed – in fact, they even played some special retro tunes just for moi! Merci! America's Birthday month will be observed at LaCage as well...

Saturday, July 7th SSBL will have their annual Kick-Off/Fund Raiser. I'm very excited to be their M.C. – you all know what an athletic supporter I can be!

Miss Club Wisconsin will be held at our premiere disco on Sunday, July 15th. Each bar will have their own representative and they will all converge at the Cage for this extremely prestigious title.

LaCage also has an exciting new Entertainer in town, Buttons, she will host a bi-weekly show on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month. I personally, have not had the pleasure of meeting Buttons yet – but my curiosity is certainly piqued!

Fluid was a great place to have the Judge's panel desk, providing me a chance to catch-up with Kitty (Brian) who did so much again, in getting the Purrrade up and marching. Mrs. Beasley (Don) was helping to keep the whistle's wet. He also informed me that his sister, Victoria Liberty, may be coming for a visit. They're baaaack... Here is where I witnessed the return of Tom & Sandy, for the Summer! Of course Mr. Fluid, the genial Bill Wardlow was on hand as well, after his turn in the Parade.

The M's was decked out like something in Rancho Mirage, with a V.I.P. Tent and all! The tent was full of all my favorite VIP-ers: Princess Charlotte Lorraine, Legs, Ginger, David Howser, Patrick Huberty, Lizzie & Wally, BoomBoom Gurwitz, Dear Ruthie & Mr. HIT: Todd Richards, Jerry Warzyn,

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Velveeta Head Cheez, Suzie, ChiChi (so glad he's back in print) Max, Debi Vance and more names than I have room for! By-the-by Lizzie Bordeaux's (Signature Design's Jon Allen) Birthday Bash was just that! From 7P – to close, not a dull moment! A first-rate Show Starring: Goldie Adams, Dear Ruthie, Velveeta Head Cheez and on live vocals: Lizzie B, Kelly and Gay-Bob. This show flowed into the monthly Singsational Show – the first Saturday of every month. So it was Karaoke until close! Oh what a night... Definitely a high note in the month of June!

For Karaoke Koo-Koos: Boom/The Room – Tuesdays after 9P. Switch – Thursdays after 9P. As for The M's, due to a scheduling snafu Karaoke with Jon and Jay. (Singsational) will be on Friday, 07/06.

Kruz with C.C., Jerry, Surge, Bobby and Steve was a great place to chill out and catch the shuttle down to The Grounds. Talk about elbow-to-elbow... And what elbows! Love their Bloody Marys, Mary!!!

Switch had the spirit too! In fact with all their Foam Party(s) and goings-on, Craig missed the Parade! Not to worry Pecs, John and Guppy did him proud – courtesy of Michael & Doug's vintage vehicle. The Foam Party is tres popular, so much so, it's become a monthly event!

Saturday, July 28th Foam Party/Shower Contest – the place to cool off or heat it up! Remember it's a full-Moon eve, the festivities start after 9PM. John is a new pretty face, a biker from Whitewater on Fridays with Pecs. Thursdays are still Karaoke-Knight with Brett and now, Shawn - I haven't heard him yet, but he is as dreamy as Brett and I can only imagine the joyful sounds he makes... Props to the fun, innovative Switch-Project Runway Fashion Show held last month.

Doug with a tongue to rival Gene Simmons, along with Alisa and the remarkable work from Spa-Roma on Milwaukee Street's very own Marc and Sarah on hair and make-up provided quite an eye-ful of au currant styles saluting "New Wave Hookers". Fashion-ista's take note Seal was #1, Pickles Surprise a close second and pulling up the rear was Pussy Galore, the other five contestants – in a word stunning. Unfortunately only three prizes – helping me in the conundrum of selecting top awards were: Debra Fox, Liz and Sandra. This To-Do was such a must, there will be one in September to help you with your Fall/Winter look. Look-Out!

Walker's Pint will be hosting a fun fundraiser for County Supervisor Peggy West Thursday, July 26th 7-Midnite. "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" the 80's revisited!

"Sweet Charity" starring Paige Davis will be headlining at The Marcus Center for the Perform-

ing Arts Tuesday, July 17th thru Sunday, July 22nd. You can see a brilliant Broadway Show and help out ARCW, when purchasing your tickets through the box office or any Ticket Master Outlet please mention the offer code ARCW and \$10. from EVERY ticket, will be donated to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. What a Sweet way to make a difference to a favorite local Charity. It's not too soon to plan for Wisconsin AIDS Walk 2007. Scheduled for Saturday, September 29th – with a brand-new route!

This Is It hosted a "Masquerade Party" for ARCW's Food Pantry. Joe Brehm and Orry (the Happy B-Day Boy, himself) were busy running the bar while Daris and Nancy Doughty kept the nostalgia and old Hollywood via music, clips, trivia contest and ancient photos flowing wildly!

Remember, please – people have to eat all the time, not just the Holidays. Give a can or two, when you can – or a case...

This Is It has a brand-spanking-new Bar Mate named Clark doing cocktail hour, drop by and make his day and your's!

"A MidSummer Night McGivern" is playing thru Sunday, July 1st (Hopefully, it will be extended!) Vogel Hall is offering a hot time in the old town this Summer with Johnny Mc. A season of nostalgia, reminiscences, simpler times... keep an eye out for his new, xciting vehicle coming this Autumn – truly a man for all seasons!

Chita Rivera's "Dancer's Life" was thoroughly an unforgettable night of theater. For a woman of a certain age – with such energy, vitality – simply incredible. MONA's first couple Bev & Pam sat in front of me, enjoying a very rare date. Besides all the work it takes to run one of Brew Town's favorite Nite spots, Bev does the website for the Marcus. Pull it up and enjoy her vision and view. The Cast Party at the Inter Continental provided not only a chance to chat with Chita, but to see the marvelous facelift this jewel of a hotel has just completed. Brava!



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Devon's is a new sensation in Bayshore Mall, if you are looking for a little seafood on the North shore, try them – you won't be disappointed. The Olive Pit, formerly Lava Java, formerly the 1100 Club, formerly the Alternative is a flawless pizza parlor. With the new name, I thought it was a Martini bar - - go figure right down the street from Chez Jacques. Bon Appetite! You can eat yourself around the world...

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I've become aware of and impressed with the works of Jeffrey Ripple. Keep an eye out for this modern day Rembrandt.

A shout-out to Tricia, thanks for reading me! AND Ryan, too!!! Congratulations to the newly appointed Executive Director of Fair Wisconsin Eva Shiffren.

Remember, it's the glamour- not the grammar – keeping it cool and enjoying all the hot times the Summer of 2007 has to offer, as I remain STILL Cordially Yours,



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