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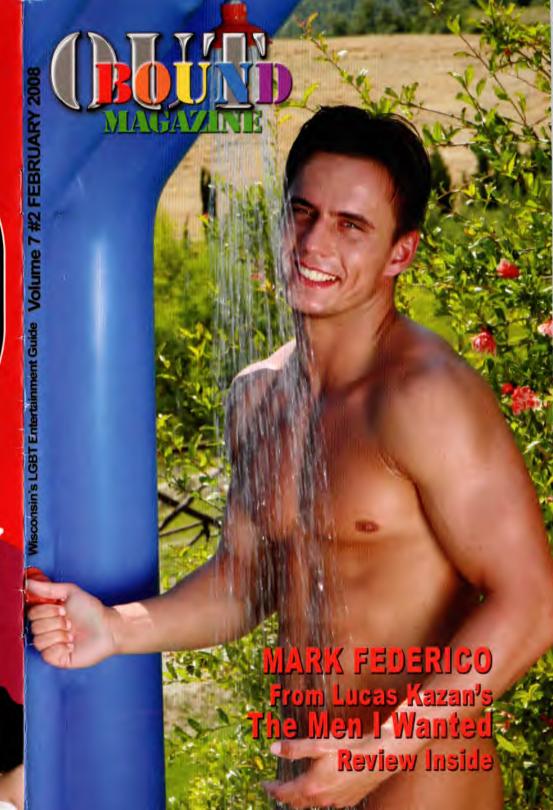
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Dear Ruthie

Dear Ruthie,

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and I'm not sure what my partner and I should do. For years we celebrated with dinner at the Glass Menagerie at the M&M Club, but since they're closed, I'm not sure what to do. He says that we should just forget about it this year and not put much into it. I don't know if I feel that way.

Last year wasn't a great year for us as he was in the hospital on Valentine's Day, so I'd like to surprise him with a fun night out. I thought maybe you'd have some ideas.

Signed, Sir Lost-A-Lot

Dear Lost.

Honey, I know what you mean about the M&M Club closing its doors! I still miss that damn place and it's been more than a year. Once Valentine's Day rolls around, I'm sure you and I aren't the only ones who think about dinner at M&M's.

It just goes to show you that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. So many people have said to me, "Ruthie – I sure do miss the M&M Club." But many of them are the same jackholes that only frequented the bar once or twice a year! So, I say, get your sweet keesters out there and support your local watering holes.

The weather is chilly in February, and sales aren't always stellar, so get out there and support them. Flip through this issue of "Outbound," find some spots you haven't been to in awhile and stop in for a visit. Remember, today's gay bars, lesbian bookstores and gay-friendly

restaurants aren't going to be around tomorrow if they don't have enough patrons.

Okay, so I'll get off my doily covered, Oil-of-Olay soapbox and answer your letter. **HELL YES, TAKE HIM OUT!** Talk to some friends about their favorite gay-friendly restaurants and visit them. Then, hit a bar or two for a glass of wine or a lovely coffee drink....or seven. Take in a show... La Cage, M's, Triangle and other hot spots offer lots of entertainment.

You could also meet him in the middle. Prepare a lovely dinner at home (see my recipes below), then hit the town for a nightcap or two...or seven.

****RUTHIE'S BITCHIN' KITCHEN****

It's that time of year again. Time to celebrate your feelings for that special someone, time to snuggle together and make mad passionate love all night long. Then, in the morning, when you're trying to remember that person's name...trying to find your jeans...trying to get the hell outta there before they wake-up...you'll look back on the day with regret.

As you're walking back to your car, you'll say, "Damnit, Ruthie! I'm not going to do this next year. I'm going to prepare some incredible treats for a special lover and celebrate Valentine's Day the right way."

Well, I'm here to say, don't dick around with Valentine's Day this year...do it up right. Here are some incredible recipes you can prepare for your boy- or girlfriend and make it the most memorable VD yet! Now, eat good and shut up!

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Ruthie's Bitchin' Kitchen

Stick-It-In-Me Linguine

Pasta and seafood in a no-fuss white sauce makes this romantic dish perfect for Valentine's Day. Dennis of Brookfield e-mailed me the recipe, and it's awesome! It's sized right for two, so if you're into the group thing, pick up a bucket of chicken and celebrate Valentine's Day your own way.

I pound linguine

1/2 cup butter

2 cups heavy whipping cream

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

I cup shredded Parmesan cheese

1/3 cup prepared pesto

I pound large shrimp - peeled and deveined

Prepare linguine per package directions. In large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Slowly stir in the cream. Mix in the pepper. Continue heating, stirring constantly until mixture begins to thicken (about 8 minutes). Stir in the Add the Parmesan cheese until well combined., Add the pesto; continue cooking for 3 to 5 minutes or until sauces thickens. Add the shrimp. Cook the mixture until the shrimp turn pink, about 5 minutes. Drain linguine. Serve sauce over hot linguine.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

For a little flair, toss a handful of frozen peas into the sauce with the pesto. You'll find pesto sauce near the spaghetti sauce in most grocery stores. Look for shredded Parmesan cheese in the refrigerated cases in the deli.

Oreo Truffles

This insanely tasty candy recipe comes from Ann of Milwaukee. The homemade truffles will impress your sweetheart so much, you're bound to get a little action on the big day.

I package (I lb. 2 oz.) Oreo cookies, finely crushed, divided
I package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
I/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 packages (8 squares each)
white baking chocolate, melted

Mix 3 cups of the cookie crumbs with the cream cheese and vanilla until well blended. Chill until

it can be handled easily. Shape into 1-inch balls. Dip balls in melted chocolate (Ouch!); place on waxed paper-covered baking sheet. Sprinkle with remaining cookie crumbs if desired. Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm. Store the truffles in the refrigerator.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

Extra melted chocolate can be stored in covered container at room temperature and saved for another use...such as body painting. Swap out the vanilla extract for almond if you'd like. Cream cheese is one of the only things that feel better in my hands when it's soft. Take it out of the refrigerator shortly before starting the truffles so it's soft when you need it.

Cookie Dough Bites

Here's another homemade candy that's simply irresistible. Make these once and they'll quickly become your signature sweets. (And if you're not truly gay until you have a signature sweet, damnit!)

I/2 cup butter, softened
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
I can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
I teaspoon almond extract
I/2 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
I-1/2 pounds semisweet candy coating, melted

In a mixing bowl, cream the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add the flour, milk and vanilla; mix well. Stir in the chocolate chips. Shape into 1-in. balls; place on waxed paperlined baking sheets. Loosely cover and refrigerate balls for 1-2 hours or until firm. (Sounds relaxing!)

Dip balls in coating (shave them first); place on waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate until firm, about 15 minutes. If desired, re-melt remaining candy coating and drizzle over candies. Store in the refrigerator.

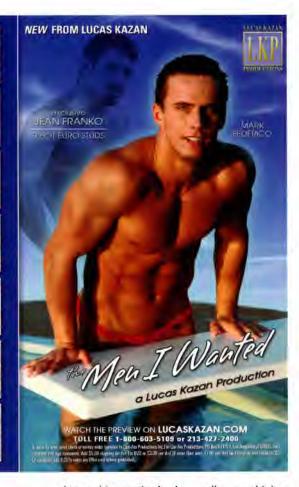
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secluded part of the meadow and immediately Alexy is on his knees worshipping Franko's every inch. After Alexy works out a thick, creamy load that dangles charmingly from his chin. Franko returns the favor. Round two finds Samuel still intently watching as Alexy rides roughshod Franko's sheathed monster to another shattering climax.

Next up are "The Honeymooners" Roberto Giorgio who is surely one of the hardest working bottoms in the business and former Bel discovery, Ethan Ami Clarke. Kazan's camera seems almost to caress Giorgio's muscular physique as he tongues Clarke, Clarke noisily tonguing Giorgio's tantalizing butt hole in way of thanks. Clarke is rewarded with a masterful handjob before Giorgio surrenders his studly butt, one muscular leg raised impossibly high in the air.

"The Waiter" finds beefy, inked Brazilian Lucas Andrades fantasizing about waiter Glenn Santoro. Lucas is so hot for Glenn; he jacks off a load just at the sight of Glenn's magnificent uncut slab of Hungarian hardon. Meanwhile, Glenn seems mighty pleased to receive an impressive deep throat massage from Lucas. Once their first orgasms are taken care of, Glenn is ready for the main course. Bending Lucas over the dining table, Glenn leisurely but completely pummels Lucas from behind, pulling out completely and thrusting back in over and over. Later, his hands no where near cock, Lucas fires while impaled. Glenn quickly follows suit.

And what of Samuel? In the final scene, the adorable Samuel picks up hitchhiking coverboy Mark Frederico. In front of the authentic Tuscan fireplace, Samuel writhes seductively while Mark



shows his gratitude by orally worshiping Samuel's solid column of manmeat. The two switch roles and Samuel jacks off a copious load while enthusiastically slobbering over Mark's more manageable meat. He then jacks off his partner in earnest. Whatever Samuel's cock might lack in length is more made up in thickness and Mark clearly feels every inch that Samuel thrusts deep into his bowels in the scene's finale.

The Men I Wanted is Lucas Kazan at the top of his game. Combining eight extraordinary men, gorgeous scenery and some of the most beautifully filmed sex to be found anywhere, this disc is a real treat.

Ratings: (* to *****)
Oliver Twink ***
The Men I Wanted **** ½

ADULT DVD Review

OLIVER TWINK & THE MEN I WANTED

Poor Charles Dickens. If the myriad of dodgy versions of **A Christmas Carol** are not enough to do the trick,, Peter Z. Pan's **Oliver Twink** should certainly send the great man's coffin aspinnin'.

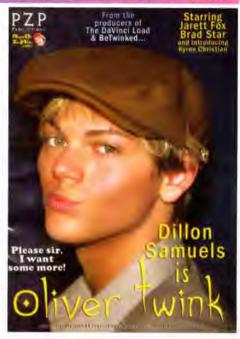
Cute, blond twink Dillon Samuels assumes the title role, that of the poor lad who dares to ask for more. When he does so – curiously with full bowl of delicious looking gruel – Brad Star's big-dicked Mr. Bumble decides to give the newly legal boy a different sort of treat. Samuels gamely swallows as much of Star's impressive cock he can before showing off his real skills lay. Samuels smoothly slithers down upon Star's rigid boner, then Star turns the tables on him by pounding Dillon's pert little ass in a variety of positions before firing his load into the boy's open mouth.

Oliver finds his way to South Beach where he meets newcomer Kyros Christian's mop-headed Artful Dodger. He might claim to be a street mime but this randy Artful Dodger is soon playing dog boy to Ryan Thompson's Preacher Man. Thompson is hiding one very large cudgel under his cassock. He spit-shines the boy's hole, opens him up with a huge black dildo before finally slamming his own cock deep into the willing bottom. Another facial frosting results.

Former surfer boy Jarret Fox, his trademark blond locks shorn, is one hunky Fagin. Fagin gladly takes on the cute new twink but not before putting him through his sexual paces. First Christian's Artful Dodger, then Samuels take Fox's girthy monster balls deep, one after the other. Samuels cranks out his load while Fox rides him, then Fox nearly drowns the new kid with a most unbelievable gusher.

Oliver Twink is soon plying his ass on the street when fate should send him a cop as his first john. Detective Riley Burke takes pity on the poor waif and instead of busting him, takes Samuels home. Samuels is delighted to earn his keep by servicing the hairy-chested cop, enthusiastically providing the cop's fleshy nightstick with a spit shine. Just as enthusiastically, Burke returns the favor, before plunging deep into the obliging bottom boy.

Oliver Twink keeps Dickens' happy ending as Samuels' Oliver Twink is reunited with Burke and Fagin walks off into the blue-screen sunset with



the Artful Dodger.

With their trademark irreverent humor, extraordinarily endowed group of tops and talented bottom boy Dillon Samuels, **Oliver Twink** is a both worthy successor to the **DaVinci Load** series and is sure to score with PZP Productions many fans.

In **The Men I Wanted**, Lucas Kazan once again transports viewers to the scenic glories of Italy, a land of gorgeous, beautifully sculpted studs possessing enormous uncut manmeat.

As usual, Kazan forgoes any real plot. Instead, gorgeous Samuel Dolce is introduced as a most hospitable farmer wiling away a sunny afternoon, dreaming about two former guests. In a clever montage, Samuel masturbates, imagining two others doing likewise: Pietro, an adorable, baby face, solidly hung lad and Mark Federico who stares piercingly into the camera as he fires off his load. These are just two of the hot men Samuel wants.

"The Swimmer" quickly follows. In it, brawny and bronze Kazan regular Jean Franko spies dark haired beauty Alexy Tyler poolside, sunbathing. The sight of his ripped, tattooed body is too much for Franko. In a tick, the two nude studs go to a



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Viva la Valentine's Day 2008! Happy month of love! I hope the New Year, 2008 is treating you all well.

Things are finally slowing down a bit and with a most welcomed warm wave, I watch the "Alps" in front of my flat melt.

How did you usher in 2008? It was great fun being apart of all the parties and celebrations, the last night of 2007.

I started off my night of nights, with a fantastic gourmet dinner at Taqueria Azteca. Roland our host, Wayne our server, Jon doing table side Caesar Salad and Banana Foster, Emmanuel helping out, and of course, owner Frank going table to table wishing everyone a Buenos New Year, they were all tops, even Vanessa! What a royal repast!

Enjoying the feast with me were: Tim & Michael, Jay, Jerry D., and Gary & Peter. This was the second NYE in a row we dined here – and it is not just the same old taco-toria.

Going northward to ring in the midnight hour we stopped first at The PumpHouse. Everything was hopping there! They have some of the sweetest bartenders, including Yum-Yum, Janet, and my sister, Hot Fudge. He was all ecstatic about the new year — and his and Ron's milestone Anniversary! Later in the month, a flawless Gala was held naturally with a Show, and it was great fun taking part in it.

D.J. John Murges was spinning – if that term is still relative, the sounds of the night. Loved the updated version of Freda Payne's classic "Band Of Gold". Gregg of course was assisting in setup, as well as John Hale completing this terrific Trinity of night club entertainment/promotion. I love their new ad campaign in these very pages. OutBound's "photo-hound" Sharkey & Jake were in their party gear, seeing what was developing... Scotty was having fun upstairs at his "White Party" and no one looked better in white!

Boom/The Room – my home bar was next on the tour. I wanted to be there to do the "Countdown". Thank goodness I still knew my numbers! As "Auld Lang Syne" serenaded the capacity crowd and complimentary splits of Champagne were circling The Room, we viewed the re-enacted Ball Dropping in the Big Apple, with Ryan Seacrest and Dick Clark. Jose Milan & Richard

Beckman with dear friends, were sitting next to me sharing their magnum of Bubbles – while Jose and I had a chance to catch up and reminisce about our Miller Brewing days...

Lance & Nick, Tony, Eric and Amy my — Friday Night Favorites, were on hand to add their special sparkle to the night, as well as: Servers: Paul and Dan (Oblivia) in The Room and Lance and Joel in Boom, David and Dr. Slippy helped out wherever necessary.

Brian, Joel & Natti, Tod with one D, Chris Francis & his special Beau, Dan & Charlie, Chicago Kevin, Mark Hagen & Todd Richards via a busload of 27 Friends — Jeff Gosseck, Amy, Keith and Karen, Jim, Jeff — to name but a handful, as well as my dining posse and the staff of Taqueria Azteca all ringing in the special hour together.

Dan & Charlie were kind enough to extend an invite and limo-ed me on a mini-bar crawl. By 1:30 or so, it was time to cruise on down to Kruz. Jerry was in full uniform and had wall-to-wall hotties, all partying around the clock. Serge was clad in the most wonderful ensemble of the night. In fact, so hot — I suggested to C.C. — another fine Kruz bartender that it should be their new uniform for 2008. Bobbie was holding down the other end of the bar impressively. In the mix: Mark Pilsnik, Jerry Gin&Tonic, Jeff L, Jeff Hughes and his charming Guest from South America, Walter, Dr. Beto & D.J. Tim, She-Devil, Mr. Harbor Room — Ross, Jeffrey, Peter Konrath as well as the Carpool Crew.

After closing Kruz at 3:30 am, nearly every one rallied down the road to The Boot Camp. Sy was happy, if not a bit surprised to see me – I love The Boot Camp and would go there more often, I just run out of time. Brent, OutBound's very own Leather Columnist and Lecturer was on duty as Doorman, it was nice to be able to convey my best for 2008 to him. I enjoyed the tasty eye candy of the Bartenders at The Boot as well.

Before I knew it, Sy was thanking every one for stopping, wishing every one a Happy New Year and informed us they too would be closing. Definitely time for bed – I mean sleep and so ends my 2007/2008. To-Do, at 5 A.M. !!!

You would think after all that, I would have had enough - - oh no, not me.

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"DO NOT's" well first don't go swimming, the reason for this is tat the water will loosen the scabs which have formed and without them the tattoo's color will fade. Direct sunlight will damage the fragile skin which is already trying to heal and cause the colors to fade and the ink to leach out of your skin! And finally scraping off the scabs, Sand is very abrasive and can easily break the scabs off. Also even if the scabs haven't formed yet you are even more at risk as the sand could get in, under your skin, and cause a very nasty infection.

When talking about piercings the risks are pretty much the same. By swimming with a fresh piercing you are "washing" the piercing in very dirty water. I mean think about it, that 400lb man who hasn't been able to reach his butt, let alone wipe it, in 3 years is in the same water as you are. Now I know you are all saying, "Well the water has chlorine in it and that makes it safe!" Well guess what, chlorine is a poison that will kill you if you get too much of it in your body! And on top of that it is a mild acid that will eat away and damage the fragile skin attempting to grow around and heal your piercing. So for this reason avoid the water! And as far as open water like the lake or ocean. Same thing stay out of it! The water is unfiltered and the little bits of stuff floating in it can and will get into the piercing and could possibly cause an infection. So the best idea is just to stay out of the water! And now we get to talking about sand. Sand is absolutely horrible in a piercing and will always cause an infection if it gets in the piercing. You see when the sand gets in the piercing nothing can get it out, with the exception of digging it out with a needle of some kind, and I doubt that any of you want that.

Well, that is about it. I have run out of room and I just can't stand to look at this computer anymore so I will end here with this. If you are going on vacation soon please be careful with your piercings and tattoos, that way you can have them to show off for years to come! See you next month, have a great Valentines Day! Don't forget to over spend on flowers chocolate and body jewelry!

Do you have questions about body piercing? How about a tattoo? You know you do so let me know! Send your questions to Avantgarde@voyager.net.





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I love going out on New Year's Day looking for Survivors. Dan Musha, Michael Jonas, and Jerry D. joined me, starting at Fluid around 3-ish Don AKA Mrs. Beasley, AKA Viki Liberty was donned in pajamas, and had just completed the "day shift", Brian AKA Kitty was to my left, and B.J. (who recently returned) took over the reins. Of course Bill Wardlow AKA Wilma was on hand wishing us all well and offering home-made fudge! D-lish even with Bloody Marys! Matt & Todd, Joan Monet from The PumpHouse, Tim & Jeff, Chris & Ryan, Bianca AKA Tim all looked surprisingly spry... their secret, many were not out the night before! Oh well...

Then it was onto This Is It, I just love that jukebox, what can I say? Clark was running the party, as only he can, while Paul & Owen, Tony Rhodes, Scott M., Shorewood Florist's Dale, Paul, and many others toasted and roasted in the first day of the New Year. From there a world famous burger, at the world famous Elsa's and then home again, home again.

Lots of extraordinary Holiday Parties this past Season – thank you all, for the invitations my apologies if I didn't materialize – if only I could be cloned.

Jon & Tom freshly returned from out East, weren't prepared for a houseful but did host a lovely Holiday Brunch at The Fox & Hounds, Tony R. — my favorite PianoMan had a few folks to his flawless pied de terre, Roger did a marvelous ethnic gathering. Ray & Jeff & Chad opened their doors celebrating Chad's return, as well the time of the year.

Jim & Deb hosted a chic Cocktail Party, Larry & John, Ed & Tom, Tom & Nic, Bill Wardlow, Jerry Gin&Tonic, and BabyJane Hudson all were in the spirit this past year and lit their trees and their guests to great glee.

I did catch "The Cudahy Christmas Carolers" at Vogel Hall — if possible it was even funnier this year! Afterwards Tony, Jerry D. and Cordially yours did the Penthouse in the Third Ward, and another new bar — so new, it wasn't even named, in the building that use to house The Holiday House — but on the south end of the complex. Both places earned a return visit in the near future. What better way to cap off a day of theater and cocktails than a visit to Chez Jacques for a little din-din.

Peter Konrath held a swell Thank You Wrap Up Dinner for all those involved in RicFest, 2007. The celebration was held at the scenic Fox & Hounds, and while last year's attempt was highly successful – he already is planning RicFest, 2008! That's devotion!

Enough with last month, what do we have to look forward to - - Believe it or not, February will mark the Eighth Anniversary of Boom!

Opening back in early 2000 – they got started with the Century! Congratulations! The Room

will be offering "A Night At The Opera" on Sunday, February 10th 7-8:30 P. Uber-Diva Erika Sunnegardh —Swedish/American Soprano will perform live!

Grand Opera, is not just your Grandmother's Opera! The Florentine Opera has a revered 76 year history in our Community. This month "Salome" will be presented at The Marcus Center. "Salome" is the outrageous opus of Oscar Wilde and Richard Strauss, where King Herrod's daughter demands the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Scott S. Stewart a 30 year veteran of the Florentine, cordially invites you to this original meet and greet — an ideal opportunity to give something not necessarily new a chance.

It's time for the LGBT Community to step forward in the pursuit of promoting the Performing Arts in our city. Miss Katie's Diner will graciously have delicious hors d'oeuvres to enjoy and a cash bar to keep the evening flowing. See you there! Any questions about this truly unique evening, please call Scott at — 225-1958.

Tuesday, February 5th The Cream City Foundation will be conducting their yearly meeting at The Renaissance Place 6 PM. If You are looking to network, find a place or make a place for yourself in the Community - - I urge you to attend and see if there is a place for you with CCF.

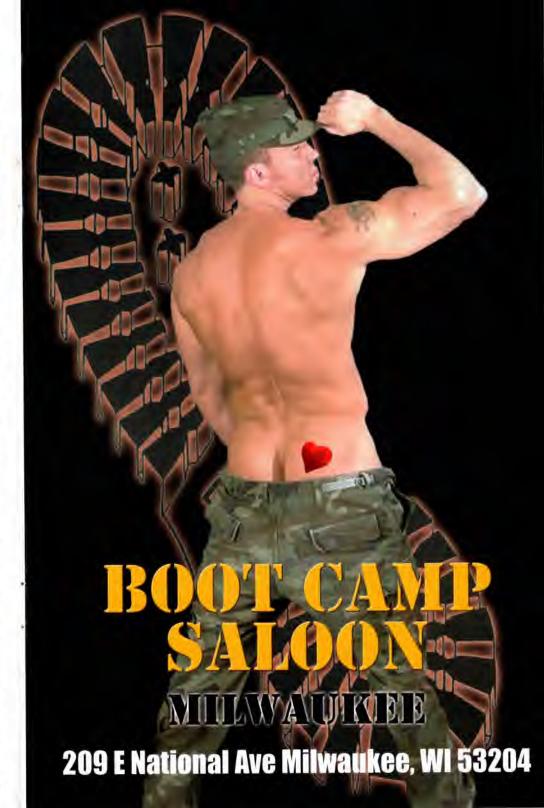
Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Celebration in Walker's Point is the same evening. Celebrate afterwards, starting at The Triangle at 8 PM, then it's time to switch to Switch at 9:30 PM followed by Fluid at the 11 o'clock hour, then last but never least, LaCage at 12:30 AM. Judging promptly at 1 AM – over \$500.00 in Cash/Prizes so bead and feather them, earning those beads and having fun!

Craig the SwitchMaster, promises the freshest "New Meat" in town - - not only on the Stage - Fridays and Sundays, but behind the Bar as well... Stop in!

D.J. Doug, Switch's Saturday night MusicMan is taking to the stage in Soulstice Theatre's production of "Beautiful Thing". The Marian Center For Non-Profits will be the venue, located at: 3195 South Superior Street Bay View. This Show will be running: February 7, 8, 9, 15 and 16 (Thursday the 7th Opening Night is also Pay What U Can Nite.) For more on this fascinating Project, please call: 414-431-3187.

LaCage is certainly celebrating a New Year, with new changes gay-lore! Rest assured, these changes all seem for the much better... Kyllie West, fondly remembered for keeping Club 219 going as long as they did, is taking on the mantel of Show Director!

There is a new cast, the Beauties are: Lady Symone, Beja, Lady Gia and DeVry Sha. Of course





Well we are here again waiting for Mother Nature to warm us up. Lord knows January was cold enough and snowy enough. Just too bad that the Packers couldn't pull it off last month. Just wait; next year will be a whole lot brighter. Anyway, after all that dreariness and disappointment lets talk about something fun and warm to bring up our spirits. This month I thought I should talk about vacations, well not really vacations but how to protect your piercings and tattoos while you are on vacation. After all, what better time of the year to take one! First we will talk about old healed piercings and then we will talk about fresh piercings. So let's get on with it.

There really isn't a whole lot to worry about when you are talking about healed piercings and tattoos when you are on vacation but there are a few things to keep in mind. First, for tattoos make sure that you keep them protected by using sun block. The higher the rating the better, SPF 80 and higher are the best as they truly do block out the most harmful rays of the sun. If you don't do this after a few years of tanning your tattoo will fade and loose a lot of the color and details that you so loved to show your drunken friends every chance you get. As for piercings, the real important thing to remember is that if you are going to a place with a beach

or sand that the sand can be your worst enemy! So if you do go into the sand make sure that you give your piercing a good cleaning after you are done do that the sand does not stay in the piercing and irritate it and possibly cause a nasty infection. With those points being made there really is nothing else to keeping your tattoos and piercings happy while you are getting happy on your vacation this year.

As for tattoo's and piercings that are not healed, there are a lot of things that you really need to watch and be careful of, other wise you and your piercings and tattoos will not be on a healthy track to healing.

There are a number of things to remember healing a tattoo, and here they are. DO keep the tattoo moist by using a very light coating of a healing salve. DO wash your tattoo twice daily with anti-bacterial soap. DO NOT go swimming for the first three weeks. DO NOT allow direct sunlight on the fresh tattoo. DO NOT place the tattoo against anything which could break off the scabs. Now having said all of that I hope that you my readers are smart enough to figure out that you really shouldn't go to the beach or swimming with a fresh tattoo, but of course, I know better. The "DO's" go without saying and really don't have a bearing on this so we can forget about them. The





Guest Performers will appear from time to time as well. Hopefully Ms. Kyllie will get back on the boards too! The New Show starts Friday, February 1st 11 PM promptly!

LaCage is Pageant Central — Miss Great Lakes, USofA is returning to WI and the Cage has it! This popular pageant is out of retirement, and by winning this Tiara/Sash To-Do you go directly to Nationals! The Festivities are slated for Sunday, 02/10/08 at 9P. Asia O'Hara, Miss Gay USofA returns, as well as all the talented Contenders and our Dear Ruthie, a beauty in her own write or is it right, is the esteemed Emcee.

Following the motif, of all new, all 2008 – there is a new Saturday night D.J. on rotation, Will Calder from 103.7FM, you got to give this guy a listen... Valentine's Day my pet holiday, for obvious reasons... is being commemorated at our pet disco with a Valentine's Day Dance Party Saturday, February 16th 10 PM. Love is in the air...

Roland Hoffmann is now in residency at Hotel Metro, on hand to help you mark a special day or event or meal. Roland has many years of experience going back to his days as an Event Coordinator at ARCW. At the time I was at Landmark Enterprises, Roland and I got to work on the "Catch of the Decade" when Miss Bette Midler did the AIDSWalk.

I am intrigued with all the press I see about Milwaukee Guerilla Gay Movement. It seems once a month a mob of Milwaukee Laven-dears gather and try a new establishment. Nothing wrong there, right? The only surprise besides 50 or so Part-iers converging on a bar — all at once, (a Bartender's nightmare) they specifically choose a "Straight Bar." It really is a great way to break down fears and pre-judged notions. I wish I were available on Fridays — alas, I still have the thrill of doing The Room 6-9:30 PM where I have plenty of movement. After our Friends of Dorothy, do their Outreach Program, they choose a "Community Bar" to come down at. Viva La Revolucion!!!

Bravo to my dear Patrick Farrell, included in Milwaukee Magazine's 25th Year Retrospective – as a Master of Illusion with his award-winning Still-Life Masterpieces.

Fabu B-Day Party at Boom for Matt celebrating three decades, thrown by his equally dreamy other-half Collin and Co. Both look younger than Springtime, to me!

Happy Speed Limit (55) Harold !!!

My heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mark (HIT) Groth and his soon to be other-half Ozzie. The bedazzling twosome will make it legal in Canada in March! The Honeymoon? Amster-

dam - and I don't mean Morey! Strike!

Kudos to Bob P. AKA Marian the Librarian, AKA Blanche, being named one of three who had the most impact on South Milwaukee in 2007.

Are you all into "Dancing With The Stars"? While the Show is on hiatus, why not learn yourself? The Milwaukee Gay Arts Center, just down the block from Boom/The Room will be offering BallRoom Dance Lessons for LGBT Same-Sex Couples beginning Monday, February 4th, 2008 7-8:30 PM. Please call Laura at 414-747-0388 for details.

They do it all at TMGAC, in January: The Gallery was offering "Double Exposure" "Domestic Tensions – Axes of Longing", "Making Dreams Come True Without Ruby Slippers". Talk about fascinating titles... This just in, Internationally known Performance Artist, Tim Miller will be doing his acclaimed show "Glory Box" at the TMGAC on Saturday, February 16th @ 8 P \$20. Mr. Miller's Creation will also be repeated the following day at 12:30 PM at Woodland Pattern 720 East Locust Street; both appearances will include a writing workshop.

Continuing in the Theatre vein – This IS the month we have all been waiting for! "The Lion King" (02/03 – 03/02) now in it's tenth year will bring the thrill of Broadway and Disney in an ideal marriage to The Milwaukee Theater. You owe it to yourselves to splurge and take in the show of the decade!

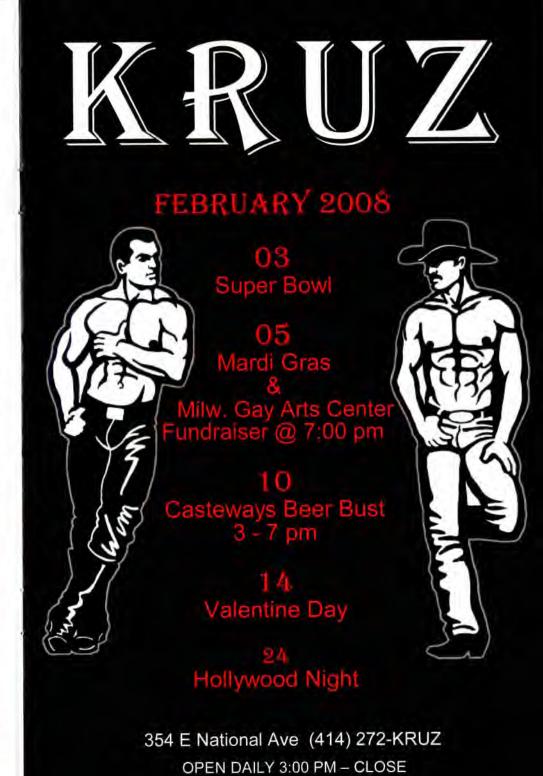
"Avenue Q" is up at the end of this month - - Tuesday, February 26th thru Sunday, March 2nd at The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. This Production has been dubbed as Sesame Street, after dark... what fun!

Brian Reinkober and Mona Garcia are diligently

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working to bring the Gay Softball World Series in 2009 to BrewTown. Wishing them much success in this extremely worthwhile endeavor for our Community, City and State.

A Thank You to both my sister(s)-in-print Dear Ruthie for her kind comments with regard to the Holidaze Show at The Room and Q. Voices', Q. Theater Maven Ray Bradford for naming me in his list of 2007 Outstanding Entertainment (Local Celebs).

I am left speechless (thank goodness, I'm typing) that my friends at Fluid — Bill Wardlow, Jimmy, Donny, Kitty, Beja, Alexis Winter and Shannon DuPree are honoring Moi with a Valentine Show at Fluid on Valentine's Saturday, February 9th 8 PM. They along with many other Guest Performers still signing on, will be on hand to commemorate my Twentieth Year in the Business of Show! Proceeds to benefit AIDSWalk — 2008, it is not too early!

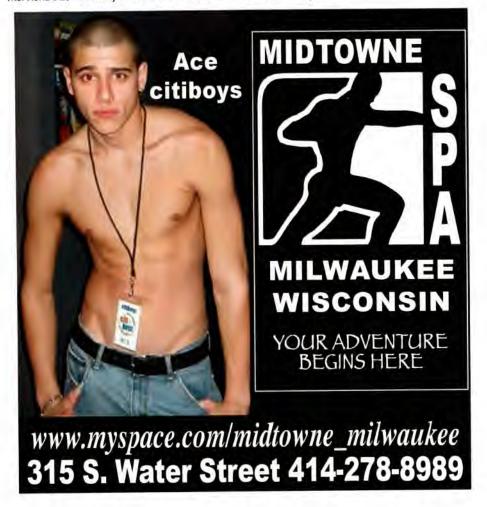
It all started at The M&M Club February, 1988 Ms. Rona's 29th Birthday Show and Benefit for The

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd. I did "Let It Please Be Him" and almost strangled myself with a telephone cord. That's when telephone's had cords...I even got an encore! My second number was "I Heard A Rumor" with Margo Muckraker and the ravishing Rochelle of the M's DiningRoom fame. Ah yes, I remember it well!

What fun we had recently at DragQueen Bingo with Milwaukee's own Vanna White, Miss Beja. Bill, Kitty, Michael & Mark (ASAP Financial) and the tag-team of Ameeka and Andrew representing Jagermeister added to the afternoon.

As Boom/The Room's favorite fixture Dr. Slippy would write, if he had his own column: Boom/The Room - - Romance, Excitement, Fun, Danger - it is Valentine's Day and their eighth Anniversary.

During this month of love – I wish you that, because it's the glamour, not the grammar and sooo much more, as I remain - - Still Cordially Yours.



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bed if they are both interested. I guess the bathroom guy should have introduced himself.

Speaking of looking for some action, I guess there was more than just docking at another one of our fine drinking establishments. I guess the service station at the bar is literally that.

Velveeta and I went on a bar hop to help promote the gay world series on the 16th. We stopped in at Mona's where I am sorry to say I have not been for awhile. Pam the owner was kind to buy me a birthday shot as well as Thomas and an old friend Lucy with her wife Patty. Ramona was holding court behind the bar. They were getting ready to host Billie Blaze's birthday show. Happy 37th! It was on to La Cage where the very lovely Alex was working on the main floor, but since she was on dice probation we had to go downstairs to see my "I wish he were gay" Nate working. Such a sweetie pie! Maybe if I could get him loaded I might get a chance. Yeah right!

We ended the night at Kruz with my old barthe eyes and no attitude as well.

cer. We will both be in my prayers.

One person who has not seen their demise is Miss Phyllis who let me know she is alive and well after a rumor was started that she had kicked the bucket. Some rumors are made in jest but ones like these can be very hurtful.

Miss tortilla flats of ballgame fame and her husband Paul have become permanent snowbirds to Florida to help take care of tortilla's ailing Poppey. We will miss both of you very much.

Some news to report for February are that KV will be hosting her 20 years in show business with moi. as well as tentatively Velveeta, Dear Ruthie, Vickie Liberty, miss Rona, dame Edna, miss maple on the 9th. I will also be doing a show with Velveeta at our sister bar at least for that night at walker's pint on the 26th. I hope most of the girls will remember I am really a boy not a girl. By the way thanks Betsy for putting me over the edge. You make a great Elton John to my Kiki Dee.

I was sorry to miss hot fudge's show on the 19th





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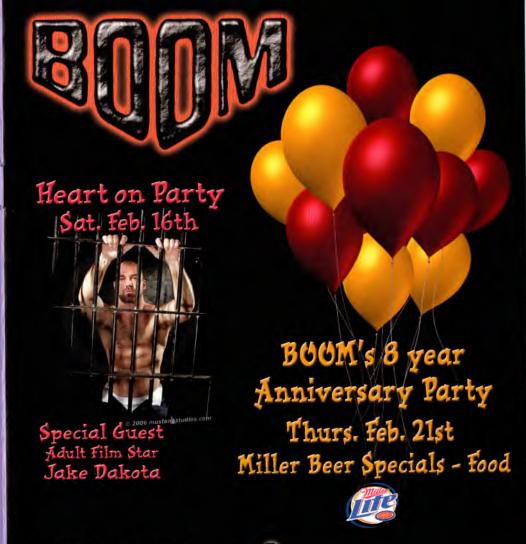


Tim Miller

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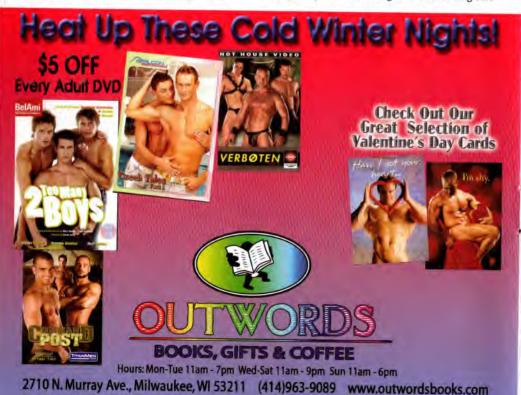
Greetings gossip mongers sorry I did not get out a column the last time out however with the holidays things can be a bit hectic. I am back though for this month so let's get to the happenings in January and February.

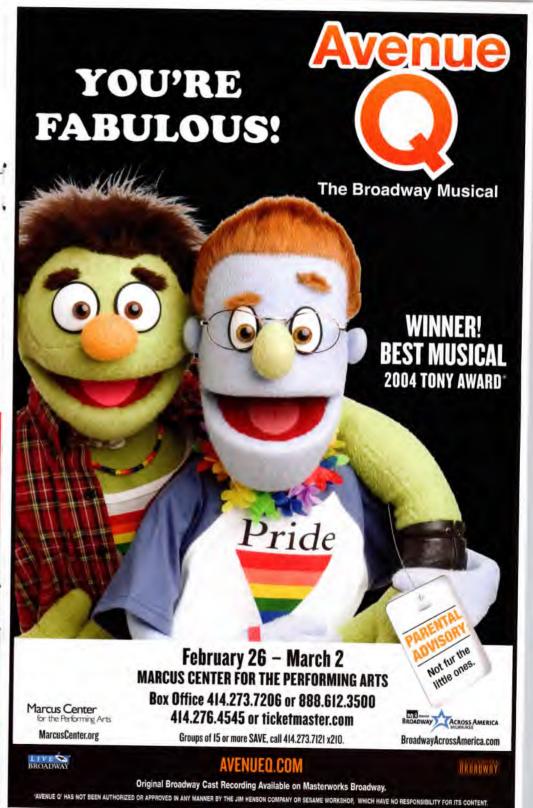
NYEve night was the wwf! As the blow-up doll sailed to the ground there were some right hand cuts sailing as well. Everything got back under control thanks to gay bob and Lizzie playing referees. I couldn't get in the melee since I was running the music and making sure the champagne was flowing. Afterwards Lizzie and I decided it was our turn to be serviced so it was off to fluid where we bumped into Jeff and Damien tending bar. We also saw Peter Vella of Miss Katie's Diner and Maryann from Victor's taking a much-needed brake as they were working at their respective establishments as well. It was on to triangle where we went with Tommy who used to work at M&M club and it was time to play dice. My fellow namesake chuck was behind

the bar and we could not when for the life of us. I did ring in the New Year in a more fun way while I was at triangle with a very hot man who I think his name is mike. In the condition I was in I am not sure; but I remember he was a very good kisser.

Mardi Gras is coming up and most of the bars will be hosting fat Tuesday parties including triangle, switch, fluid, la cage, and m's. So earn those beads while you can

I celebrated yet another birthday on the 17th of last month by filling in for my boys Jerry and Serge at Kruz so they could take their staff out for their x-mas party. Velveeta and I did bartending duties and I received quite a few double takes by customers when they first walked in. I did have two very cute boys from chi-town, Jason and jimmy. They made quite an impression on the men at the bar especially one guy who kept following Jason into the bathroom. It was a no deal since these guys are very much in love even though they do host other guests in their king-size





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