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Okay, okay. Enough of that "We Are the World" crap. Let's party! Pridefest only comes once a year, so get off your keester and hit the park grounds for some fun. If you ask me, nothing beats a pride celebration in Milwaukee. It doesn't matter if the sun is out or not. Grab a friend or two... or seven or eight and have yourself a ball.

I can't wait to see the hilarious Wanda Sykes, take in all of the gorgeous men, check out a few shows, enjoy Sunday's Pride Parade, toss back a couple of cold brews and take in all of the gorgeous men. Nothing beats Milwaukee Pridefest except maybe Rummage Weekend at the Rusty Nail Trailer Park. I mean, where else can you get a bottle of Hai-Karate for a buck?!

Last year, I had the honor of writing the opening letter in the Pride Guide. At first, I was intimidated to pen such a fancy-smancy article, particularly since I knew that so many people would read it as they made their way through Pridefest...or while sitting on the crapper in their homes.

I was happily surprised, however, when I sat down at the computer and the words shot outta me. It wasn't difficult singing the praises of the community. After all, we've grown in leaps and bounds, year after year. If you don't believe me, you're likely too young to remember what it was like to be gay only a few decades ago. You likely don't understand how it felt, knowing you could be fired for being gay...and not having any laws to protect you. You likely don't know what it was like to live the majority of your life in fear that other would find out about your orientation. You likely didn't lose dozens upon

dozens of friends to AIDS.

If you don't know about these things, find someone who has lived through these struggles and listen to their stories. Stop by Pridefest's history tent and take a moment to appreciate the sacrifices we as a community have made, the steps we've taken and the struggles we've won. Then celebrate our successes and toast to our future.

I wasn't asked to write the introduction to this year's Pride Guide (cheap bastards...they're probably bringing in some no-name floozy from Chicago to write it), but I'm not bitter. I am a part of this community...as are you, dear reader...and as are the thousands of people walking through Pridefest's gates. And that, my amigo, is something to celebrate. Happy Pridefest!

Ruthie's Bitchin' Kitchen

During the pride-filled month of June, I thought it best to get some recipes from a queen. No, not THAT kind of queen! Haven't you seen enough of those prancing around the Pride Grounds?

I'm talking about Milwaukee's Cupcake Queen, Sandy. Don't believe me? Check out her popular blog at www.mkcupcakequeen.blogspot.com. She's a cupcake fanatic, a sweetheart and a superstar to everyone who has ever met her.

Not only is Sandy an award winning cupcake baker, but she's a top-notch designer. In fact, Sandy's the artist behind RuthieWare...available at the Outwords Books booth at the Pridefest Marketplace (or check out my store at www.cafepress.com/shopruthie).

Most people I know want to find a few sweeties to wrap their lips around during Pridefest. But if you can't find Mr. Right, you can still give your lips a sugary treat with one of Sandy's specialties. Bake up a batch of her creative cupcakes, share 'em with some friends, and eat good and shut up!



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puts to good use.

On the plus side, **The Porne Ultimatum** is a fun send-up of Matt Damon & Co with Kaydon a perfect Chason Porne, boasting rock-hard abs if not always a rock-hard erection. He even matches Damon's wooden delivery of dialog which admittedly isn't really that hard to do. If there's to be a sequel, let's hope director Mike Donner can get his performers a bit more fired up in the man-sex department. Rating: ***

In Brief:

Some Like It Big from Bel Ami

Veteran Bel Ami director Marty Stevens scores an unqualified hit with **Some Like It Big** which features horse-hung American twink Ralph Woods. In the first of six scorching scenes boasting multiple cumshots, Woods is paired with adorable Andre Pagnol. The film's highlight features Keith Johansson, a blond with a smooth swimmer's build and Mark Zebro, a hardworking brunet with a jaw-stretching ramrod. Rare for Bel Ami, this pairing generates real sparks, with Keith erupting hands-free while Zebro pummels him. Hot! The remaining four scenes are just the frosting on the cake. Rating: *****

Wet Sex Part One & Part Two from Jet Set Men

First came **Wet Palms** in 2004, a nine-part Adult Soap Opera from Jet Set Men which featured some of the biggest names in the business. Now, four years later, **The Ultimate Wet Palms Sex-Only Collection** has been released in as **Wet Sex Part One** and **Part 2**. For those who want their adult entertainment undiluted with any sort of story, these two DVDs are exploding with hot men and plenty of sizzling sex. **Part One** features a cast of 13, including Chad Donovan, Cameron Fox and Jason Ridge in 10 generous scenes. **Part Two** boasts a whopping 18 men including Jason Adonis, Zak Spears and Marcus Iron in 9 scenes and over three hours of hot, throbbing action. Without the stories, a few of the sex scenes prove puzzling. Why on **Disc One**, for example, does Chad Donovan jack off a big load on Brad Benton's crisp, designer shirt? In the **Disc One** highlight, Benton then bottoms for a fired-up Michael Soldier who in turn steals **Part 2** with a scorching scene with adorable little bottom, Bret Wolfe. Lot of great sex, not a lot of bucks. Rating: *** 1/2



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ADULT DVD Review

THE PORN ULTIMATUM BY DIRTY BIRD

Porne Ultimatum by Dirty Bird Pictures

It was just a matter of time before someone noticed the similarity of the word "porn" and the popular series of Bourne films starring Matt Damon. And so, *The Porne Ultimatum* was inevitable.

In the film's arousing opening, a bound and gagged Matt Damon look-a-like (Kaden Saylor), is found being anally assaulted by a gang of naked men. In proper Jason Bourne fashion, he manages to undo the ropes which bind his wrists and flees, eluding his still naked captors by jumping into the ocean. Washed ashore, he is found unconscious by a hospitable jogger, former Cobra Video bad boy Brent Corrigan. Luckily for the injured man, Chason Porne, Brent is a medical student happy to do what it takes to nurse this hottie back to health. In gratitude, Chason carries Brent off to bed for a bit of afternoon delight. This



limp scene finds both young men desperately in search of even one erection, although Brent's ivory column stiffens admirably once Chason begins fingering Brent's always eager hole. Despite his memory loss, Chason remembers he's a top and the scene gains some much needed steam, as Chason pummels Brent until he erupts an impressive load.

After a quick kiss, Chason is off in search of his memory. Finding himself in San Diego's Balboa Park, he spies a mysterious black car, lurking in the background. Again Chason flees, this time by leaping into Mason Wyler's backyard. Quickly stripping down, he jumps upon the surprised, naked young man who had been longing poolside. Then, rather than ravishing the eminently fuckable Mason right then and there, as most will expect, Chason demands his car keys. While Mason refuses to give his car to a total stranger, he is happy to act as chauffeur. So off they go, in search of a black Mercedes.

When they find the black Mercedes, they also find Barrett Long on guard and it is down to Mason to distract Barrett long enough for Chason to sneak into their headquarters. So what does Mason do? Sauntering up to Barrett, Mason is on his knees

worshipping Long's legendary schlong in the blink of an eye. No erection problems here as Mason gets Barrett primed for the main course. Dutifully, Barrett gives Mason a good old-fashioned ass reaming as Mason flinches and moans quite convincingly. Once Barrett fires off on Mason's abs, Mason turns the tables on him by knocking him out with a handy baseball bat. Yup, Barrett is now totally distracted.

Once Chason is inside, he gets to play voyeur. First up is a bad-guy threesome involving his two would-be assailants. After a hard day not finding Chason, Colin and Kasey decide to relax which here equates to some rather tepid foreplay where once again, erections are a problem. Perhaps they just can't get it up while the head bad-guy Levi watches? Hoping to inject something to this little scene, Levi joins in but not before most viewers will have fast-forwarded to the next scene.

Chason does watch this scene to its uninspired ending, then stealing a gun before continuing his search. Upstairs he stumbles into a room where two cute brunet boys, Seth and Brant Moore, are engaged in an enthusiastic round of 69. Sensing a new hottie in the room, they disengage limbs and thinking Chason to be a new bad-guy recruit, invite him to the party. Brant is the star in this scene, manfully keeping up a steady pounding of Seth's hairy derriere while managing to keep Chason's touchy piston fully cocked. Chason spurs on the expected creamy climax by later skillfully mounting Brant. Once spent, Seth and Brant take a snooze, while Chason once again flees the group of naked bad-guys. Mason Wyler has been waiting in the getaway car and leads the bad-guys on quite a merry car chase thanks to his many years as a pizza delivery boy!

Sex is only way Chason can think of to thank this new Good Samaritan but that's okay given the sort of movie this is. Shirts torn off, they explore each other's trim, muscular torsos first with their hands, then tongues with tantalizing slowness. Mason, always the pro, has a hardon at the ready and with his extraordinary oral skills, even manages to get Chason to a surprising steely hardness, which he then

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Let's face it! Pridefest just wouldn't be the same without plastic cups full of the beverage that put Milwaukee on the map. Here, Milwaukee's Cupcake Queen adds a little beer to her golden bites for a sweet treat you'll never forget.

- 1 (18.25 oz) package yellow cake mix
- 1 (3.5 oz) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 cup beer
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Add paper liners to cupcake/muffins pans. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix and pudding mix. Add the beer and oil and

mix lightly. Add the eggs. Beat at high speed until mixture is thick, creamy and smooth. Pour into the liners, 2/3 full.

Bake for 18-24 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cupcakes comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely. Frost as desired.

Corndog Cupcakes

You know you can't wait to sink your teeth into a corn dog at Pridefest this year. As such, a cupcake-filled tribe to Pride wouldn't be complete without this particular specialty from Milwaukee's Cupcake Queen. After one bite of this combread, deep-fried, cupcake (that's right...I said "deep fried") you'll devour the whole damn thing.

For Cupcake: 1 (14.75 oz) can cream-style corn

- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon mustard powder
- 1 package all beef hotdogs, diced
- 3 jalapeno peppers, diced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease two 12-cup cupcake pans. Combine the creamed corn with the white sugar and dark brown sugar. Stir in the eggs and the oil. Combine the baking powder, flour, baking soda, mustard powder and salt. Add the flour mixture to the corn mixture and stir until just combined. Mix in hotdogs and jalapenos. Pour batter into the prepared cupcake pan, two-thirds full each. Bake for 20 minutes. Let cake cool completely and freeze overnight.

For Batter

- 1 quart oil for deep frying
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup spicy honey mustard
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1-1/4 cups buttermilk
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Carefully heat oil in a deep fryer to 365 degrees. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder and salt. Make a well in the center and pour in the egg, buttermilk, mustard and baking soda. Mix until smooth.

Dip frozen cupcakes into the batter one at a time, shaking off the excess. Deep fry one at a time in the hot oil until they are golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Serve warm. Refrigerate leftovers.

Morning-After Cupcake

Okay...you indulged a bit too much celebrating your gaiety. You can't remember the name of trick you woke up next to, but you know the sooner you feed him, the sooner he'll leave. (And a little breakfast would probably help your spinning head, too.) Bake up a batch of these dark chocolate and bacon cupcakes before you head out for the night, and you'll be awfully glad the morning after. Thanks for sharing the recipe Sandy!

- 12 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 cups white sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup cold, strong, brewed coffee
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder, for dusting

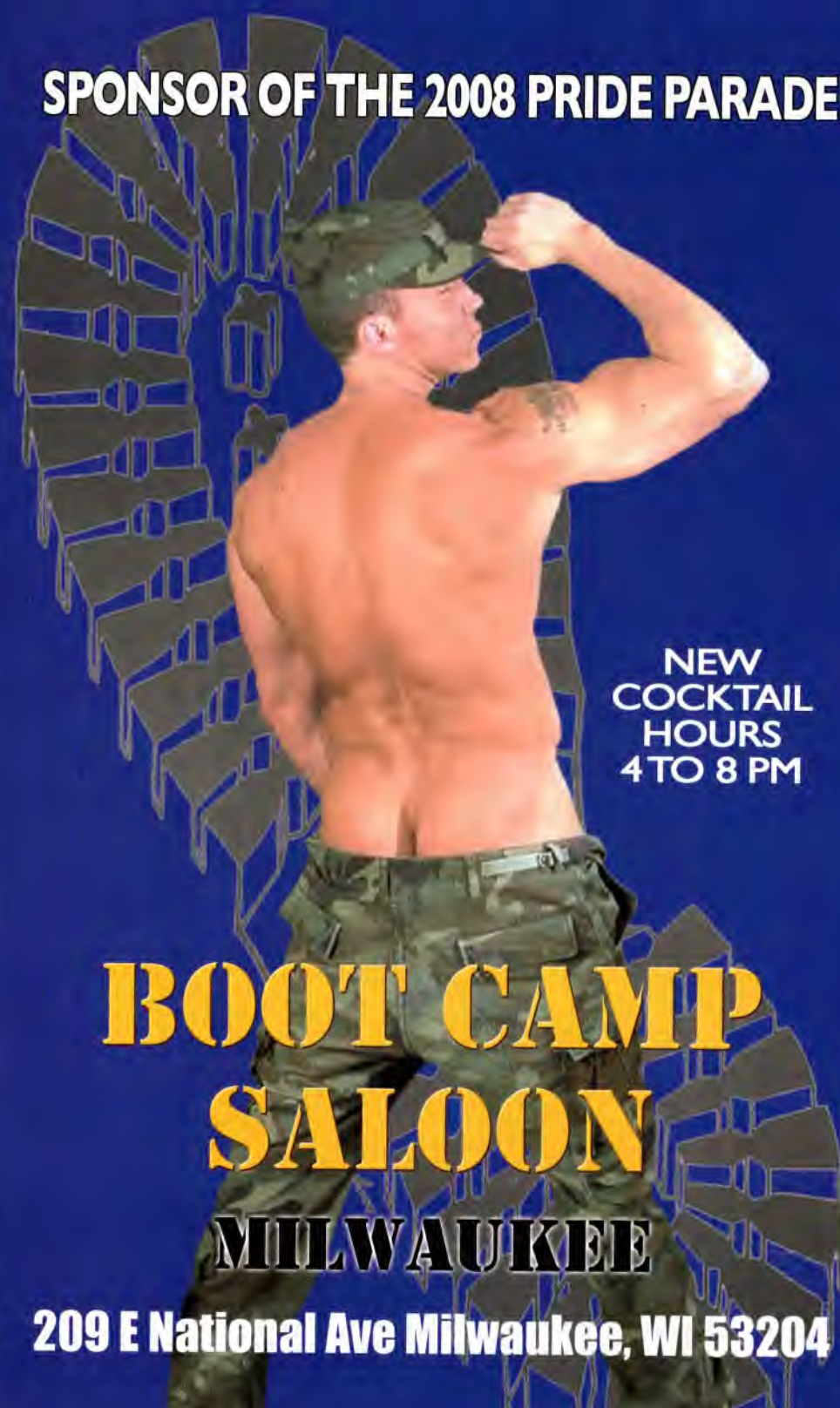
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, 3/4 cup cocoa powder, sugar, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Make a well in the cen-

ter and pour in the eggs, coffee, buttermilk and oil. Stir just until blended. Mix in 3/4 of the bacon, reserving the rest for garnish. Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin cups, dividing evenly.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until the tops spring back when lightly pressed. Cool in the pan set over a wire rack. When cool, arrange the cupcakes on a serving platter. Frost with your favorite chocolate frosting and sprinkle reserved bacon crumbles on top. Dust with additional cocoa powder. Refrigerate leftovers.

Got a recipe to share with Ruthie? Send it to her at dearmsruthie@yahoo.com. If she publishes your dish, you'll receive a free Bitchin Kitchen T-shirt of your very own.

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name, is also a metal which is not good for fresh piercing. This metal with discolor and tarnish in as little time as a few days of the jewelry getting put in the piercing.

The biggest reason for not using metals other than the ones I will list below is this. Your body reacts very differently to metal when you are talking about a fresh piercing, which is basically an open wound, versus a piercing that has been healed. When a piercing is healed your body can deal with a lot more as the skin is healed and your body has some protection from allergic reactions.

Now let's go over what should be put in a fresh piercings. Obviously surgical steel is the best to put in a piercing. It is the same material they use in surgical applications in the medical industry. The next item on the table is Titanium. (yes it's the stuff from the space shuttle). This metal is completely 100% inert and will never cause a reaction within the body. Platinum is always a good choice as it is the only naturally occurring metal that is safe to be implanted in the human body. It's only down fall is it's cost! The final metal that I will recommend is 14kt Gold. Gold is safe but out of all the metals listed above gold does have the highest concentration of Nickel. Nickel must be blended with the gold for many reasons. Unfortunately nickel, like we said before, is one of the reactive metals in the body and is also a very common allergen.

Well it seems I'm out of room again. I guess that since I got two letters in last month I guess I have to give up space this month, but hey I can live with that. So have a great time at pride, and don't forget to thank all of the volunteers who make Pride weekend such an event. If you want to talk to Pridefest check out their website at www.pridefest.com. And if you want to talk to the Milwaukee Pride Parade go to their website at www.prideparademke.org. Until next time have a great June and get out there and enjoy some nice weather! (hopefully!)

Do you have questions?? Would you like Brent to talk about a topic that concerns you? You know you have something to say! Email Brent your questions or suggestions at avant-garde@voyager.net.

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Gordially Yours

by Michael Johnston

What a month ahead! Fasten your seat belts Wisconsin, have we got a calendar to look forward to...

First off, welcome June, welcome Summer, and welcome PrideFest 21! Women's Voices Milwaukee will launch Opening Ceremonies in song, you won't want to miss these Ms(s). They also will be doing a Full Concert on the Summerfest Grounds over the lavender weekend. Last month they turned the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center on their collective ears - with their "Best Of" Show.

Saturday night, LaCage proudly presents Natasha Bedingfield. In May, Natasha proved herself on "American Idol". "Bearapalooza" a musical review from the Bear World at 8 PM., The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd., will be doing "Pridefest Musical" at 2:30 P, and on Sunday, June 8 @ 3 P. Later in the day - by popular demand, the Indigo Girls will close our Rainbow Rendezvous.

DJ Kelly has a busy, busy month he shares with us - Pridefest Pump Dance Pavilion Friday, June 6 10 P - Close, the First and Third Saturday of each and every month he spins at LaCage. The Second and Fourth Saturday Club 5-Madison is his "playpen". And I thought I had a full dance card! Never a free Saturday!?!? Thank goodness he has that ever so adorable Aide de Camp near by.

Don't let the Pride Parade pass You by - Sunday, June 8 2 PM on South Second Street. A special surprise ending is promised... I've been invited to ride in Pride with Boom/The Room, my home bar - so we'll be watching for you, as we bead and feather 'em! Way to go Roland, Jerry, and Mark!

WKLH's Marilyn Mee will be one of three Celebrity Judges. I had the pleasure last year. Beware girl, the competition is fierce, tighter than this Election! Of said radio station, I have had the joy for the past couple of Broadway Shows at the beautifully illuminated Marcus Center, to sit with sports jock/Theatre maven Jason Wilde and his gorgeous fiancée Paula. You can enjoy Marilyn mid-days on KLH 10 - 3 PM and Jason is a charming regular with Dave and Carole early mornings.

The following weekend, let the Pride continue at The 2008 Challenge Party. In the 20 years that the Challengers have been in existence, over \$543,000.00 Has been raised and shared through out Our Community. This year, The Milwaukee

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That Sunday, June 15th Broadway comes to Television with The Tony Awards live from the Big Apple with the View Mistress, Whoopi Goldberg hostess-ing.

On that harmonious note, that very next Saturday, June 21 8 PM the big Broadway Sound comes home to BrewCity as Men's Voices Milwaukee proudly present, live and in person "Show Stoppers." MVM's SummerSong is sponsored most generously by Mr. Jack H. Smith of Shorewest Realtors. John Schaefer returns for his second go round as Maestro. This Concert will be the concentrated efforts of the music of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and our own Country's "Sir" Stephen Sondheim. To order tix for the tux-ed Singers please call 414-425-7921 \$15. The Helene Zelazo Center-UWM,

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By Brent

Well, we have made it here again, this is Pride Month! So don't forget that Pridefest is just a few short days away, running from Friday June 6th through June 8th. They have one hell of a weekend in store for us all. Also don't forget that the Pride Parade is right around the corner as well! That event is happening on Sunday June 8th with step off happening at 2:00pm. The route this year is the same as last year running from 2nd and Greenfield to 2nd and Seeboth Ave. If you want more information on either of these events please visit their websites at www.pridefest.com and www.prideparademke.org, respectively.

Now that I have gotten the plugs out of the way lets get down to the nitty gritty shall we. This month I want to talk about something that we haven't done in a while, this month we are going to talk about the different metals used in body piercing. So with out anything more let's get on with it. Before we get started let me say this, all of the metals I am going to talk about in this column will only relate to an initial piercing.

Before we get into describing the metals you can use for body piercing lets go over the ones that are not appropriate. First and fore-

most, any metal that you have ever seen at the hardware store, or anywhere else for that matter, should never be used in any body piercing. EVER! These metals are not made to be in the body and most of them will rust very easily, and who really wants rust in there body?

Now lets get specific. Silver, real silver, should not be used in the body as it carries so many different impurities that the body will almost certainly have some sort of reaction to it. Reactions are very bad for piercings and healing.

Plated or "coated" metals should also never be used in fresh piercings as in 9 times out of 10 the coating of these metals will flake off and could then become stuck in your body. When the flakes get stuck under your skin it can also cause nasty infections and on going irritation problems to the point of needing surgery to remove the piece of metal. Another point of concern with plated and coated metals is that the metal that is often plated is a very poor type of metal for piercing. Most of the time this metal is tin or nickel, which many people are very allergic to, or sometimes even worse!

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as always.

Boom/The Room's Softball Fundraiser was as expected a wild, wild time on a Saturday afternoon. The Party started at 2PM – continued to 2 AM! Kind of like New Year's Eve in May! David Whitney had the place rocking with Bar Olympics – Roland loved your "Little Pony", Karaoke with Tuesday's Midnight Karaoke Queen Patty and Company. Patty is soooooo much fun that besides her Tuesday night date with You, You can play with her now on Saturday afternoons from 2 PM on — as she bar-tends in Boom.

Boom/The Room's Pride Idol was chosen and Mona Garcia's B-Day was celebrated. Talk about a jam-packed bacchanal! Brian Reinkober, Steve – the Woody's man, Tommy Salzseider, Jim "Tootsie" Ruff, Tom & Nick, Tony, Chuck Brotz, Tim the Singing Machine – you can hear Thursdays at Switch as he Karaoke's his way into your hearts, Doug & Dwayne, Chris & Chris – and his magic camera, Tony the PianoMan, Jonathan and many, many other generous athletic supporters turned out to cheer, contribute, and party the day away. I had a ball working with Joel, Travis, David, Paul, and Dan AKA Oblivia. As a special treat, Brian aired the Award Winning video that in part won Milwaukee the 2009 Gay World Series. Everyone was in this StarStudded Cavalcade of Wisconsin's hospitality, from Mayor Barrett to each and every bar, as our

own "Laverne and Shirley" – Dear Ruthie and Velveeta HeadCheez toured our town and taverns. Boom's bombastic star Lance celebrated a B-Day to rock any Thursday in mid-May. Beer, food, shot ski and major fun... Remember, Thursdays are Pinnacle flavored Vodka Cheers to Lance and Pinnacle, and welcome Patty!

Fluid turned a Decade, applause! They have added a softball team as well! Besides the Flaming Aardvarks, they now have Home Plate covered by "The Hole Fillers" – don't even ask! ChiChi one of Moo-Town's favorite DrinkMasters is now mixing at ETC, downstairs at LaCage. How long before he and Miss V. (as in Velveeta/Brian) are reunited? I hope you all enjoyed the Celebrity Interviews I did in last time's Quest with Christina Chase, Alexis Rogue, Kylie & Dan and Beja. They were all dreamboats to chat with and not just another pretty face(s). Bravo/Bava to the New Miss LaCage and the New Mr. LaCage, reign in Pride.

Switch is now offering Sundays as Local Dancers Night, after 11 P. Anyone interested in taking it all off, see Craig to audition. In honor of PrideFest both Friday and Saturday a "Foam Party" will take place, weather permitting. DJ Smoove will be serenading you – Dancers all three nights of Pride WeekEnd. On Parade Sunday, Switch will be in full operation early – as will all the Walker's Point Establishments, in time to take in and take part in our own little

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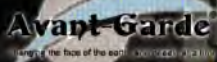
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I laughed myself silly, or is that sillier at "Monty Python's Spamalot" starring the Tony Award Winning Gary Beach as King Arthur and the beautiful Esther Stilwell as the Lady of the Lake. The Post Party at the sumptuous Capital Grille was glorious as Bonnie DeLueew, Jerold Fox, Joe Kender, Heidi Lofy, Connie Place, Jason & Paula, and the Stars grazed and glazed. New Broadway Adventure? That would be "Oprah Winfrey Presents The Color Purple", The Musical about Love. August 12 – 17, 2008 The Marcus Center For The Performing Arts.

A big thanks to DJ John Murges and Gregg H. for inviting me down to Pump Sunday and help LaCage's Friday Night Star/PrideFest's DeVry Sha AKA David select their Pride Singing Idol Marj. Otherwise known as Decibels downstairs from Beans And Barley. J.J. runs a sensational tight ship. T'Pesto Alonzo was my Bartender Extraordinaire and every single inch of him was... Dr. Lance & Nic, Dr. Andrew, Maple, Roger, Jerry Gin&Tonic, Winnie Walgreens, Scotty who sang so nicely, Maya making her debut – ooh what a night. Unfortunately, it took place during my major move, the first in a decade – all the way across the street! Kudos to the hunkiest, hottest, moving crew and new home preparers: Dan, Jonas, Jerry, Jerry, Jeff L., Roger, Kyle, Andy, Dale, John, Meg – you all made a house, my home! It is beauty-full; it should be in Architectural Digest.

Peter Konrath reports that while RicFest-2008 is busy being orchestrated, that Scholarships in his late lover, Ricardo Correa's, Memory have been awarded to two outstanding Students that either are members of the LGBT Community themselves or Straight Ally Students. Each Student received \$1,000 towards their college education they are: Emily Bunzel – a Straight Ally from West Bend and Amber O'Connell, from East Troy. Who just happens to be the first open Lesbian to be selected. To two bright futures – congratulations! Peter is coordinating participation in this year's Pride Parade for past Winners and Friends of RicFest.

Affable Cliff Hiese's premature retirement has led to a great win/win situation for both he and ARCW. Cliff is utilizing his considerable business acumen

as a Volunteer for the AIDS Resource Center, which just happens to be one of his favorite charities. Happy new career!

It was bon voyage to Cest La Vie, the venerable "love shack" of Gay Bars on South Second. Cest Pool as it was lovingly referred, served up over 34 years of cocktails and good times. How many drinkeries will last that long? John Clayton, the original proprietor was very generous including The Cream City Foundation as an Heir to his estate. So now, John may be gone, Cest La Vie may only be a memory – the Community will benefit ten-fold. Or maybe that is more like a million-fold?

On a personal note the Cest La Vie was the first bar of this nature I ever stepped into, way back on Sweetest Day, 1979! Cocktail Hour was 10 P – Midnite, with quarter drinks! And such a great jukebox!

The Cream City Foundation is proud to be presenting "The Gilbert & George Exhibit" opening at the Milwaukee Art Museum Thursday, June 12. Mention the CCF and get a 20% discount throughout the entire exhibition. CCF is very Art, Design and Fashion conscience this season with month's end bringing "Stepping Out Fashion Show" at Cuvee Monday, June 23 7PM.

The Florentine Opera's flawless Lindsey Denil will be one of the show-stopping models. Don't forget next month offers up – "My Best Friend Is Straight" Party.

Besides saying farewell to Cest La Vie – recently we had to say farewell to a dear friend Corey Rabitz, R.N. leaving us all too early at only 38. You may remember him as a Server at The M&M Club, he also appeared as entertainer Jessica Rabitz a Miss Gay Wisconsin Finalist, as well as a singing member of The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus. Sweet dreams. Always a sobering reminder that life is too damn short - -

Also, a so long of another sort to Tod with one D who has made this Column time and time again. Tod is seeking greener pastures and sunnier horizons in Arizona. Safe journey, you will be missed Tod-tianna.

Have a joyous Pride time of it this month, Dear Readers. After all it is the glamour not the grammar as I look forward to once again being STILL Cordially Yours, next time.



Above: Switch Anniversary Party

Below: Fluid Anniversary Party



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