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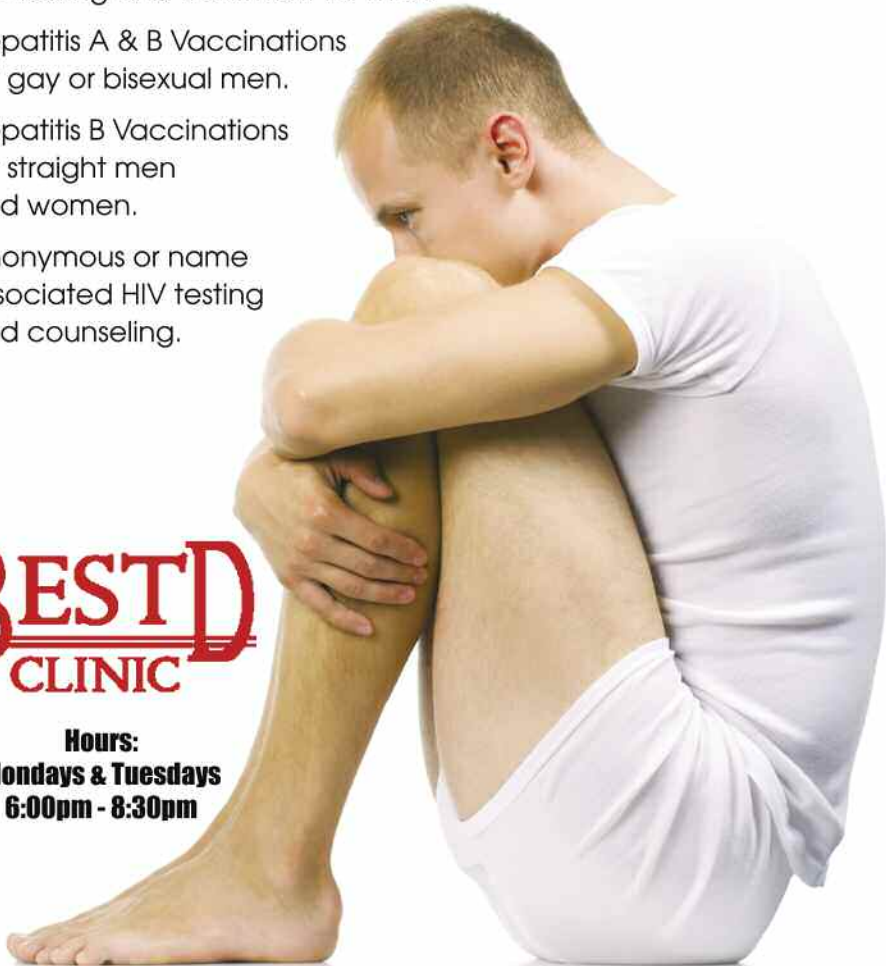
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Welcome to Ruthie's Bitchin' Kitchen



It's that time again of year again. What time? Christmastime!!! Deck the halls, be merry and gay, fa-la-la, and all that crap. I hope the holidays bring you all of the happiness you deserve. Lift a glass to the coming year, laugh with friends and family and have yourself a ball because it's Christmas, damnit, and that's what you're supposed to!

Speaking of drinking, laughing and celebrating, stop by Boom/The Room for the annual Christmas show. On December 10, Karen Valentine, Maple and myself will take to the stage for some good, old-fashioned fun. You'll also want to ring in the New Year with an underwear party at DIX. Thanks to the 17 contestants who entered the contest in November, particularly our top two winners, Brittney and Eric - first and second place respectively. (See pics in this issue) The November Pants Off/Dance Off was a huge hit, so watch for announcements on the January event! I'll be back to host this wild and crazy night



SSBL votes Ruthie into their Hall of Fame

along with the crew from DIX and White-Star Clothing.

It's been such a wonderful, crazy-ass year! Thanks to the folks of SSBL (Saturday Softball League) for voting me into their Hall of Fame, and thanks to everyone who voted me as Wisconsin's favorite LGBT personality in a recent poll taken by the Wisconsin Gazette. I'd also like to thank everyone who came out to see me in the hilarious comedy "Psycho Beach Party" at Off the Wall Theatre this fall. It means so much to see so many smiling faces in the audience. Wow...that's three incredible honors in one incredible year. Thank you, and I wish you all a helluva holiday!!!

Now, enough of this sappy business! Let's eat! I've included three no-fuss recipes in this month's Bitchin' Kitchen. They're perfect for holiday get-togethers, hostess gifts, cookie platters and all that jazz. Try them out, and see for yourself. Then sit back, enjoy the holiday, eat good and shut up!

Bitchin' Pumpkin Torte

Here's an all-time favorite from Jeff of Jackson, Wisconsin. You've GOT to try it this holiday season. It's so good, and so easy. In fact, you can have the whole thing ready before the oven pre-heats! It's good...damn good.

- 1 can (16 oz) pumpkin
- 1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk
- 3 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 box (18-1/4 oz) yellow cake mix
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup butter, melted
- Whipped topping

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Using a mixer, combine the first seven ingredients. Pour into a prepared 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Sprinkle the dry cake mix over the pumpkin mixture (dish will be full). Top with pecans. Gently drizzle or spoon butter over top. Bake, uncovered, for 50-55 minutes or until golden brown, and knife inserted in the middle comes out with moist crumbs. Cool. Serve with whipped topping. Refrigerate leftovers.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

If you just love pumpkin, feel free to use 4 teaspoons of

pumpkin and leave out the cinnamon. You can swap out the pecans with walnuts or use a little bit of both. Feel free to cut back on the butter a bit if you'd like. You can also serve squares of the torte with vanilla ice cream.

Ruthie's Bitchin' Cookies

If you're making cookies this Christmas, this is the recipe for you. They may not be too fancy, but they truly kick ass. Featuring three types of chips and two types of nuts, these crispy cookies can't be beat. Best of all, the no-fuss recipe makes a huge batch which is perfect for hostess gifts, cookie exchanges or simply pigging out in front of the TV.

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon almond extract
- 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 cups each semisweet chocolate chips, milk chocolate chips and vanilla or white chips
- 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
- 1-1/2 cups chopped walnuts

Preheat over to 325 degrees. In a large (I'm talking about a big-ass, large) mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars.

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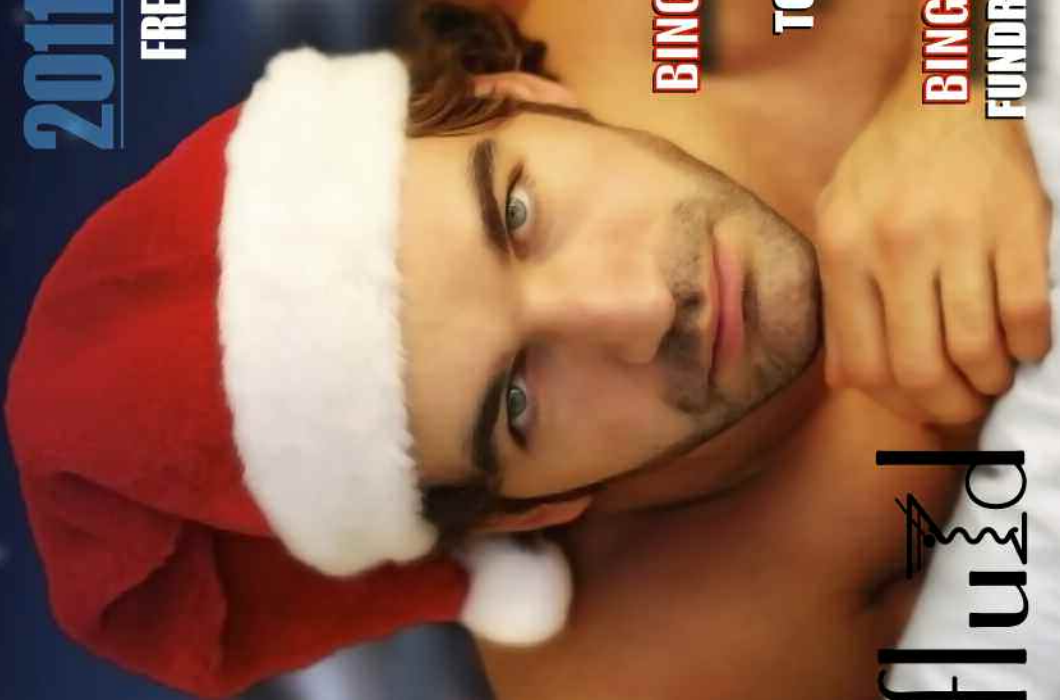
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Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the extract. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir chips and nuts into dough. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or until easy to handle. Drop by tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

If you don't have time to refrigerate the dough, skip that step. Spritz your spoon with cooking spray to easily drop the dough onto the cookie sheets. Make sure cookie sheets are completely cool when setting the dough on them. Warm sheets will make the dough spread too much during baking.

Merry and Gay Sticks

Here's simple recipe that doesn't involve an oven or stovetop. Wrap up some of these sweet and savory bites

for gift giving during the holidays.

2 cups (12 oz) semisweet chocolate chips

1 tablespoon shortening

1 package (10 oz) pretzel rods

40 red and/or green hard mint candies, crushed

Place chocolate chips and shortening in a 2-cup microwave-safe measuring cup. Microwave for 1 minute; stir. Do not allow to boil. Microwave for 30 seconds; stir. Continue to microwave at 30-second intervals until chocolate is smooth and melted. Break each pretzel rod in half. Dip the broken end halfway into melted chocolate; roll in crushed candies. Place on a waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate until set.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

Jazz things up by drizzling melted white chocolate over the sticks if you'd like. You can also roll the sticks chopped nuts or red and green M&M candies instead of the mints.

Got a recipe for Ruthie? Send it to her at: dearmsruthie@yahoo.com or look her up on FaceBook. If she publishes your recipe in "Outbound," she'll send you a free Bitchin' Kitchen T-shirt.

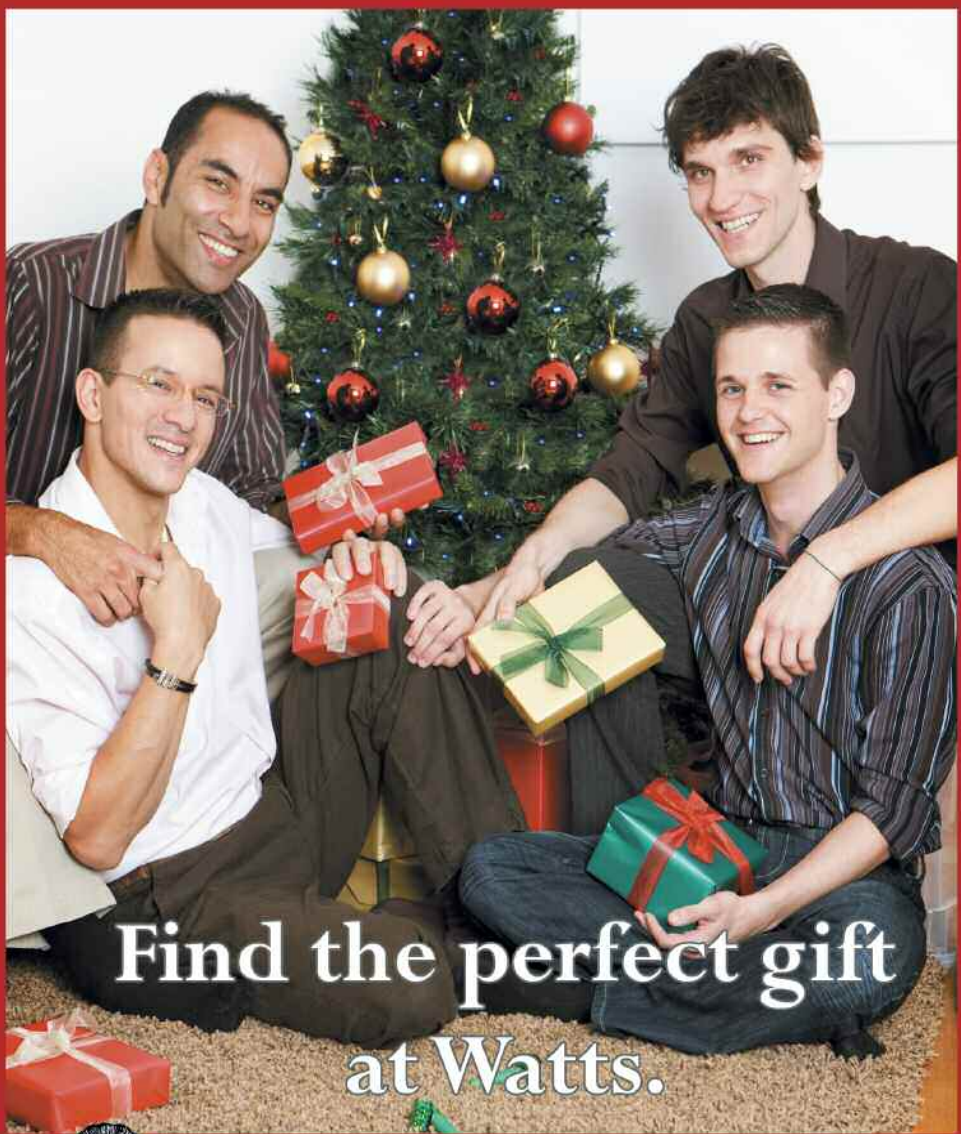


ON THE COVER

On behalf of James the owner of triangle and the staff members alike we want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. We are grateful to Outbound magazine for over a decade of allowing us to grace the Christmas cover. This year Triangle brings an unprecedented occurrence to the Christmas cover which has always had staff or loyal customers in the cover pic-

ture. This year there is not. This background was designed by James David Kingan with also some group help. We would also like to invite you on Monday December 13th for our annual Christmas party. We want to thank Outbound for their continued support and Lgbt community again have a wonderful holiday season thank you.

Written by Laval Rhone



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Cordially Yours by Michael Johnston

Welcome to the Season of Enchantment! It's the happiest time of the year and I wish this sentiment to each and every one of you! How better to celebrate the Holidays than with Theater? Our community is rich in culture and the arts as follows:

"John McGivern's Home for the Holidays" will be presented by Next Act Theatre, Stienke Studio Wednesday, December 1 – Sunday, January 2, 2011. John has recently won an Emmy Award! WGN-Chicago Midwest Region Emmy Awards, in the category of Individual Excellence on Camera: Performer for "The Early Stories of John McGivern" on WMVS PBS-TV. Congrats John, what a great gift to the Cream City this man is!

Thursday, Dec. 2 – Sunday, Dec. 26 "A Christmas Carol" The Milwaukee Repertory Theater at the Pabst Theater. This is the Rep's 35th turn at this Dickens' must.

In Tandem Theatre always does a unique interpretation of the obvious from Friday, December 3 – Friday, December 31 "Scrooge in Rouge" hits the boards, and skies into your heart as a seasonal favorite.

Vogel Hall at The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts will bring a nutty Nun's view to this sacred time of the year with: "Mother Superior's Ho-Ho-Holy Night" Wednesday, December 8 – Sunday, December 19.

"Monty Python's Spamalot" returns to Brew City Friday December 10 and Saturday, December 11 – The Milwaukee Theatre.

For those of you who enjoy dance – "The Nutcracker" another winter time fave – Friday, December 10 – Monday, December 20 Michael Pink's Milwaukee Ballet will pirouette to your applause at The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

The Northern Lights Theater at Potawatomi Bingo Casino has a bounty of joyous performers this month:

Better Than Ezra Thursday, December 1.

Tuesday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 8 "An Evening with Cyndi Lauper" 8:00 PM She will share with you the True Colors of this time of year.

Saturday, December 11 Larry the Cable Guy is here to tickle your funny bone at 7 PM and 11 PM!

"Spirit of Christmas" Tuesday, December 14 and Wednesday, December 15 at both 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM guaranteed to get you in that festive mood.

"An Evening with John Legend" Saturday, December 18 and Sunday, December 19 8:00 PM.

Coming up on February 9 – Lily Tomlin!!!

Merle Haggard & Kris Kristofferson March 2 & 3, 2011.

Patrick Huberty AKA Lovey Handles who bartended at the original M&M Club is now at the Casino's Fire Pit stirring up drinks and fun! For reservations (what a great timely gift) 414-847-7922 www.paysbig.com/entertainment.

Miss Maple Veneer & I will be co-hostess-ing "Drag Queen BINGO!" Sunday, December 5 4:00 PM Fluid. A Toy and Food Drive to make sure that all the children of the community can enjoy the most wonderful time of the year! Please bring an unwrapped toy for the Students of Prince of Peace Grade School and/or some non-perishable food items for Hope House. In turn you can play BINGO! with us and enjoy the festive festivities.

Boom/The Room will once again present their annual Holiday Show – "Whose Been Naughty Or Nice" Friday, December 10, 2010 at 10:00 PM. Come and unwrap the talents of Dear Ruthie, Goldie Adams, and Cordially Yours, as well as a couple of other Dolls Santa isn't finished with...

Women's Voices Milwaukee – A Holiday Concert Friday, December 10th and Saturday, December 11th 7:30 PM The Marian Center for Non Profits 3195 South Superior Street Milwaukee Lori Gillard, Artistic Director and Stacy Ellens on piano. The Ladies will also be making a joyful sound at The Mukwonago Community Library Saturday, December 4 3:30 PM and the Mitchell Park Conservatory The Domes Sunday, December 5 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Saturday, December 11 The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center will offer up their annual celebration "Home for the Holidays". Caffe' Deco at the Ambassador Hotel 2308 West Wisconsin Avenue 6:00 – 10:00 PM \$15. Members, \$20. Non-Members.

When you think of the Holidays your heart fills with song – right? So head on down to Miss Katie's Diner 1900 West Clybourn Street every Thursday 9 PM – Close for Switch-Back Karaoke with Craig. Craig will bartend as you sing your way onto fame and glory! Peter Pitch is always pitch-perfect so you're in for a fun night!

Fluid's one and only Lizzie Bordeaux AKA Jon Bauer is doing double duty. Besides bartending weekends at Fluid, you can find him managing The Red Accordion 1137 North Old World Third Street. This tres chic pub & eatery offers a little bit for all! A sports bar, with many televisions, as well as accordions that not only decorate the establishment, but can be utilized in making beautiful music, especially when Lizzie is on!



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Fred Stewart shared with me the most charming story of what he and some of his pals have been doing as part of the Vietnam Memorial. Ever since 1996, a group of colleagues from The Ball Game have purchased bricks down by the War Memorial's Vietnam Memorial - The Three Pillars on the Lake Front. Every year the group gets bigger, now up to 108 members! They start at their favorite haunt The Ball Game with a Champagne Toast, compliments of Rick. From there down to the Site to see their brick, as well as all their friend's bricks and the new ones added. This year to remember, celebrate, and say farewell they've added: Homer Bliss, Paul Haase, and Jack Schulz. Afterwards it was back to The Ball Game to continue their special day and hoping for a Packer victory. Feel free to join this thoughtful brotherhood and sisterhood next fall... Cheers!

Craig Randall of adult filmdom dropped in and trou at Boom/The Room to heat up an autumn Saturday. Thanks to Rocky & Pals - I had a bird's eye view - chirp, chirp...

Brian & Chris, Tim Hampton, The Boom Softball Players, my favorite Boys of Summer as well as Lance, Brad, David, Mark, Paul, Brandon, and Brent all adding to the heat of the night and the testosterone high!

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The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, LTD's Kristen & Ebbie have gone from songbirds to lovebirds and have tied the knot as best they can in these antiquated times we live in. With a lovely Commitment Ceremony, followed by a Chili Chow down! Singational Productions - Sharon, Jay, and Passion Patty provided song karaoke-style. Ken Weske, Jerry Gin&Tonic, Peter (Ricfest) Konrath, ShirI, Chuck, and many more raised their voices in song and their glasses in toasts - long may they love!

Those of you looking for this year's ARCw's Holiday Event: Jolly Holly Folly, You haven't missed it; it will be fashionably late - Sunday, January 9th! Instead of launching your Holidays, this year it will conclude them. Make sure to place this must-go on your calendars.

Time for me to escape into the Season, with the Reason; however you Celebrate, Commemorate, or Observe this most precious time - I wish you it All - as I remind, it's the glamour, not the grammar - As I remain Still Cordially yours., Talk to You next year!



Employment Opportunity HIV Prevention Research

The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin announces openings for two positions in a new National Institutes of Health-funded research project that will develop, implement, and evaluate the effectiveness of community HIV prevention programs for African American men who have sex with men (MSM). The project's objective is to determine if friend-to-friend HIV prevention approaches that work through natural social networks of African American MSM in the community can reduce sexual risk behavior, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV infection. Both Research Associate positions require extensive experience, knowledge, and understanding of Milwaukee's African American MSM community including settings, ways, and places where African American MSM at high risk for HIV can be reached. For both positions, relevant community experience and involvement with organizations that serve African American MSM are more essential than prior formal research experience. Positions will require frequent field work on evenings, nights, weekends, and during nontraditional hours.

Research Associates will perform activities related to the identification of community settings in Milwaukee for reaching African American MSM and for carrying out community outreach to recruit, interview, and conduct HIV prevention activities with social networks of Black gay or bisexual men. The Research Associates will also be responsible for outreach-based recruitment of friendship groups of African American MSM in community settings, for interviewing participants, and for seeking to engage friends of already recruited men to also enroll in the research. Strong interpersonal communication skills and comfort in community settings where the target population meet are important position requirements. Relevant community experience may substitute for some educational requirements.

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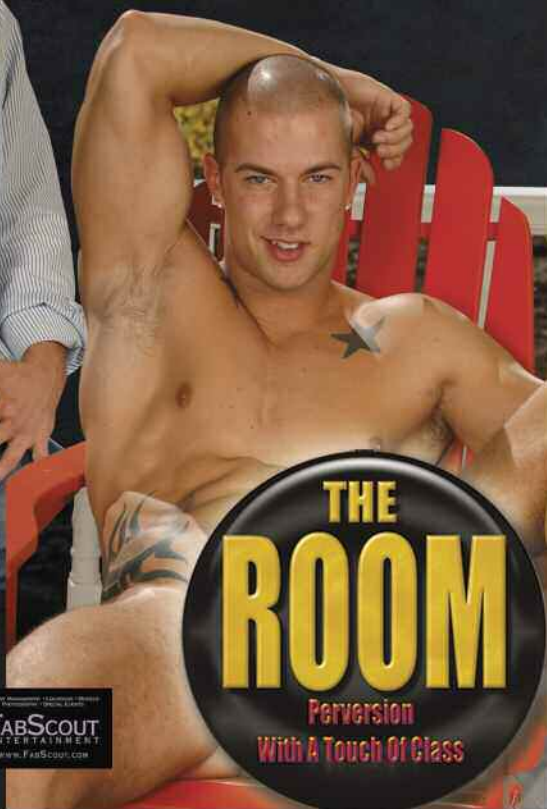


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Michael Johnston Interviews **CYNDI LAUPER**

It is my supreme honor to share with all of you a quick pre Thanksgiving chat fest I had with the woman who has "Bopped" her way into our hearts, she has bravely shared her "True Colors", "Time After Time".

This mega-Star will be shining brightly here at Potawatomi Bingo Casino's newly refurbished Northern Lights Theater on Tuesday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 8. Rumor has it, it is already sold-out! Don't believe them, give a call and see if you can at last spend the evening with: Ms. Cyndi Lauper!!!



Cyndi You do it all! Act, sing, write songs, philanthropy, etc... – and you do it all sooo well – how do you see you? I love new challenges. Maybe that's why I am doing something different all the time. As you can see, I love to mix some old into something new with each performance. You should hear how "Girl" sounds with this tour. I have to say it's really good. Come to a show and you will know what I am talking about.

The last time you played Milwaukee was PrideFest June 2009. You return Tuesday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 8 to play Potawatomi Bingo Casino's Northern Lights Theater. What's your take on our humble Hamlet, Milwaukee?

What's not to love? I had a blast at PrideFest in 2009. Can't wait to be back again to party with you all.

"Memphis Blues" is your current opus; you seem so passionate about this album. What is your favorite selection? That's tough. I love them all. All of the tracks on this album were selected because I've admired them my entire life. I had so many songs in mind. For me the best part of the blues are the songs that tell stories. I look for elements that are uplifting, about perseverance and strength. When Alan Toussaint first hit the keys in 'Shattered Dreams, I knew we had something special in the studio. It was also the moment where I knew this had to be part of the play list.

My personal favorite Cyndi Lauper masterpiece is "At Last"! Your interpretation and cover of such classics as: "Walk On By", "La Vie En Rose", and the title number "At Last" is without compare – any special memories of this 2003 work of art? Wow that is so nice of you. The whole project was so fantastic to do. Working with Russ Titelman who I always wanted to make a record with. Got to record with Sarah McLaughlin COME ON and the one and only Tony Bennett...great memories.

What does Cyndi Lauper listen to? Do you have a pet performer, group, and/or genre?

Of course, some of my favorite artists are female blues artists. They were the ones who first got me hooked on the genre - Ma Rainey especially.

I also love the Gossip. Beth Ditto and I started writing a song together a few years back when we were on the True Colors tour together. I love the Cliks. Love, love, love Lucas. I would love to write with him one day. We talk about it a lot but haven't had the chance. Love the Nationals and the Hives. I did collaboration with them a while back. I also would love to work with Jack White.

I personally remember seeing you here in the Brew City at Summerfest, 1997! You opened for Tina Turner. You were five months pregnant, wearing a form-fitting leotard. How is your 13-year-old son, Declan, doing? Is it true you named him after Elvis Costello?

Declan is a character and a great kid. My husband and I are convinced he is going to follow us into the industry in some way. He is creative and smart and funny and gorgeous... wow I sound like a typical mom but he is a great kid. Elvis Costello's given first name is Declan and I am a huge fan, but we were just looking for a name for our son that reflected his dad's Scottish roots... so we didn't name him after E.C. but we felt our Declan was in good company sharing name with one of our favorite artists.

You're always on fashion's cutting edge. You were the first pregnant woman I ever saw clad in a fitted-fashion. Will there ever be a Cyndi Lauper Line of fashions?

I may somewhere along the line. I just love fashion, always have. Since I was a kid when I poured thru all my Mom's glamour magazines. For the last 5 years I have been working with Nikki Fontatnella, a really talented NY based stylist. We are a team!!

I understand Simon & Shuster have engaged you to write your autobiography. Is this true? Do you have a title? When will it be released? A perfect Holiday gift!

It won't be out till late 2011. It will be my life story. There are ups and downs. But I have lived an interesting life. Also I have had amazing experiences, met awesome people and I am looking to share that with all of you. Let me know what you think after you read it.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Making music, touring, maybe not so much then as I do now, would love to do Broadway and TV.

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You've done it all – music, concerts, recordings, television, movies, Broadway – do you have a preference?

No I love and enjoy them all. It would be tough for me to choose one. Sometimes I try to combine them together. I am currently writing songs for the Broadway adaptation of the film *Kinly Boots*. Harvey Fierstein is writing the book and Jerry Mitchell is the director. It's very exciting. Stay tuned.

Cyndi you are such a consummate advocate, such a leader! Thank You! Do you think you'll ever run for elected office? Come on... talk about a divided country. I think I'm a black and white kind of person. People love me or they don't... no grey so I probably wouldn't be so great at unifying the country. Plus it's way too hard. Even when you do good there are people trying to drag you down. I'm no good at politics.

You are so current, so today, so fresh – how do you keep reinventing yourself, without selling out, or loosing your well-earned credibility?

Thank you so much for saying that. I just try to be true to myself and follow my spirit... ya know? The fact that it's all worked out is a blessing.

What's your recipe for a perfect evening?

Just being home with my gorgeous husband & beautiful son.

How do you always stay so positive? What's the secret?

Yoga and cardio exercise... lol. Trying to keep up with my 12-year-old son Declyn is probably what keeps me inspired.

What's Cyndi Lauper's greatest guilty pleasure?

I read tarot cards, but I think a lot of people know that. I am not that good at it but its fun. I also like to watch old movies from the glamorous Hollywood years, and I like to hang out and play scrabble with my son.

You are such an icon to our Community, who do you look up to? Who's your hero?

My mom is my hero. She raised me, my sister and my brother pretty much on our own. She encouraged us and loved us for who we were/are and made us feel good about us by believing in us.

How will you be celebrating the Holidays this year?

I'm looking forward to some time with my family during the Holidays. I have been traveling and working so much this year. I can't wait to be home to relax and rest for a bit.

You shared with the world, *Girls Just Want To Have Fun* – how do you have fun Cyndi?

Just keeping up with my son... lol.

In closing, anything you would like to share with our readers here in America's Dairyland?

I love you all. Can't wait to be back and see you all at Northern Lights Theater. XO!!!

Thanks so much Cyndi Lauper for sharing your True Colors with us!



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Well it's that time of year again Christmas is back upon us with New Year's right around the corner. And with this year's big thing being how to stretch your Christmas dollar I though this month we would talk about what you can do with your piercings after they are healed. Well I hope most of my readers know what to do but I am sure that more than a few of them require flash cards to figure it out. So let's get to it and see what wild and crazy things my sleep deprived brain can come up with.

First and most obvious I hope, would be to change your jewelry. That's right there are many different styles of jewelry from rings to studs, to dangles, to weird stuff made out of bone and stone. All of these things can be placed in healed piercings with no risk of harm to the wearer although there are a few things you should keep an eye out for. The big one being wood body jewelry. Wood is a very porous material and thus can be bad when placed in piercings which are not 100% healed. The skin can actually attach itself to the wood; the wood can actually absorb skin and the smells which go along with having large gauge piercings etc. So when buying wood the number 1 thing is to look at the polish. All wood, and to be very honest all body jewelry, should always have a mirror polish on it. This will ensure that there are no pores of the jewelry open to your body and you won't have any problems down the road.

Secondly one of the easiest, albeit not so painless, ways to change your piercing is to change the thickness of the jewelry. Now after reading that line you probably think it is really painful to stretch a piercing. And to be very honest it is very easy to stretch a piercing, the piercing will feel "tight" and you may feel a slight burning sensation for the first few hours but after that it will subside. Now there are a few things to remember when stretching piercings as a rule you should not stretch more than one size at a time as going larger can, and usually does, cause a piercing to tear and then you have to heal it all over again. The exceptions are the smaller sizes usually you can stretch 2 sizes when working with gauges smaller than 12g. This all depends of course on which body part you are stretching how old they are and a host of other things so for the sake of this let's just stick with one size per stretch. After a piercing is stretched you should wait about 3 weeks before stretching again to allow your body to get used to the new size and to allow the skin at the piercing site to relax enough to the point where it won't rip if you try to stretch it again.

One of the other ways you can mix things up is with charms, novelty beads, and novelty balls. Charms can be added to almost every single piercing very simply. You just take a ball off in the case of a barbell or the bead out in the case of a ring and




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slide the charm onto the shaft of the jewelry and then replace the ball/bead and the charm is held securely in place. There are a few other types of charms with actually replace the bead on a Captive bead ring and they can also provide a nice change in looks. Novelty beads and balls are easy and inexpensive ways to change up jewelry. Beads/balls can be jeweled, glow in the dark, colored, and much more. And they can be placed on fresh, or healing, piercings as well so these are very versatile.

Speaking about all of this I do feel I should bring up the topic of why you would want to change your piercing. Well apart from looks you can gain some increased sensitivity, especially if said piercing is a genital or nipple piercing. By changing the size, Shape, thickness, or weight you can trigger a very large increase in sensitivity and sexual gratification. Hence why I recommend every person with genital piercings should change up their jewelry every 3-6 months to keep the sensitivity up. This will also prevent you some experiencing a so called "drop" in sensitivity at the site of your piercing after about 6 months. In reality you don't lose sensitivity you just get

used to the level you are at. If you change the jewelry, even slightly, your body picks up on this change and your sensitivity will jump right back up.

That about wraps it up with regard to this month, But remember if you have questions please let me know by emailing me at Avantgarde@voyager.net. But I do have a little room left so I guess I could "stretch" this month's column out. (Get it stretch? Oh never mind I think everything is funny after 7 games of bar dice in 2 hours.)

One thing to bring up though keep in mind that this is a wondrous time of year, pass on the gift of giving to everyone you know. Whether it be through charity work (like actually eating Ruthie's food and telling her its good) or by helping the needy (like trying to take the fork away from KV at dinner time) or even just donating some money (like to me so I can afford to write for a decent magazine like "The Sh*thole Times"). No matter what you do, be kind to your fellow people and remember to keep them in your heart always. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, and Merry/Happy anything I missed. See you in 2011!



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