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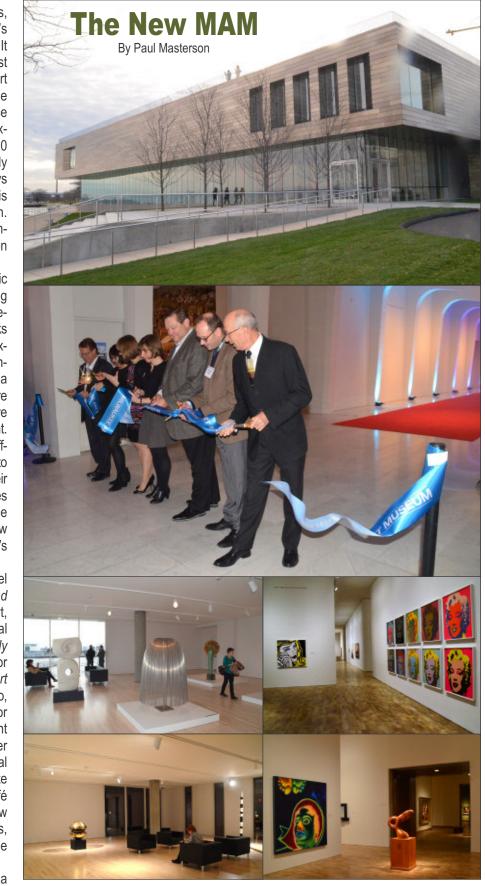


The Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM) has, after six years of planning and a year's renovation, reopened on November 24th. It is, in a word, spectacular. This is the first major reinstallation of MAM's extensive art collection and includes a new lake-side façade and entrance. The gallery space with the new entrance addition now expands the institution's space to 150,000 square feet. The increase allows not only for a more open atmosphere with views through one gallery area to others. This provides a better means for navigation. Yet, despite the openness and the increase of 1000 additional works of art on display, intimacy still pervades.

Unlike the former, more claustrophobic arrangement of smaller rooms containing specific works of an ism with no real cohesion with the art in the adjacent ones, works are now displayed far more logically. For example, visitors will find American art concentrated in one area. They will also enjoy a new experience in various galleries where paintings, sculpture, furniture and decorative art are arranged to create an environment. That means, in some galleries, the once offwhite walls may be red. blue or slate gray to enhance the works, returning them to their proper context. One grouping of sculptures is found in a special, second level lounge with seats, benches and an incredible view of Lake Michigan. It's perfect for a moment's meditation.

Other innovations include the lower level Herzfeld Center for Photography and Media Arts. It contains light-based art, photos, and videos. A second special exhibition area, the Bradley Family Gallery, now doubles MAM's capacity for changing exhibits. The popular Kohl's Art Generation spaces now include a lab, studio, and a gallery that provide inspiration for young budding artists. The new lake front entrance area not only provides another means of access but also an additional café and wine bar serving small plate snacks. The original Windhover Café located in the Calatrava addition now serves a broader menu of sandwiches, and pastries. It will soon be offering wine and beer as well.

Speaking of Kohl's, it is sponsoring a Community Free Day, Sunday, December 6! Take the opportunity to visit. Or, just join as a member for free admission for the whole year.



The Milwaukee Art Museum is the city's York City. It should not be missed. greatest cultural asset. Now, with the reopening, it offers a wonderful visitor experience on a par with Los Angeles or New

For more information about the collection, special exhibits, events and hours go to www.mam.org

My Fair Lady at the Skylight – a review

The Skylight Music Theatre continues its season of women themed works with a special holiday production of Lerner and Loewe's award winning musical, My Fair Lady. Directed by Dorothy Danner with musical direction by Shari Rhoads, this well-staged study of class, gender, linguistics and love is perfect seasonal entertainment.

My Fair Lady is the adapted George Bernard Shaw play, and later screenplay, *Pygmalion*. The familiar tale concerns the working class flower girl Eliza Doolittle (Natalie Ford) who becomes the subject of a bet between language Professor Henry Higgens (Norman Moses) and his fellow cerebral snob, Colonel Pickering (Rick Richter). Higgens wagers he can teach Eliza to speak and act like a duchess in six months. Pickering believes he can't. What ensues is a battle of the classes and of the sexes. And it's about far more than just the manipulation of a poor young gutter snipe to fake her way into high society as a scientific experiment. Higgen's machinations and their surprising results portend more than his own undoing

Skylight cast explodes with talent. All of the leads and ensemble give sovereign and vigorous performances from the supporting roles of Freddie, Eliza's would be suitor, performed by Tom Mulder; David Flores as wily Hungarian bon vivant Zoltan Karpathy who truly puts the "pest" in Budapest; and Joel Kopischke as Eliza's father, Alfred Doolittle. Not to be forgotten is Higgens mother played by Diane Lane.

Ford offers a particularly delightful Eliza. She is cepts his creation on her terms. simply wonderful, delivering those familiar tunes



By Paul Masterson

like "Wouldn't it be Lovely" and a brilliantly stirring "I could have danced all night". Her Eliza transforms from naïve flower girl to a self-assured woman with conviction. By the end of the play, one can imagine her as a suffragette as she falls for the professor as a woman but also as his egual with her own empowered voice.

Moses, too, shines as the embodiment of the condescendingly social conscious and colonialist Englishman who believes in status and male dominance. His performance as Higgens is classic class warfare. Subdued in the end, he ac-

Especially noteworthy in this Skylight produc-

tion is the costume design by Chris March. The well-to-do, of course, sport smart Edwardian suits and dresses while the working classes are in their rather worn-out versions of the same For the ladies, there are hats, lots of excessively utterly overly extravagant hats. March's orgasm of plumage explodes for the opening day scene at the Ascot where the races provide a mere backdrop for the peacock parade of the rich and famous vying for best of show chapeau.

If you missed the special LGBT BeOUT Night performance at the Skylight on December 3, go to skylightmusictheatre.org for ticket information.



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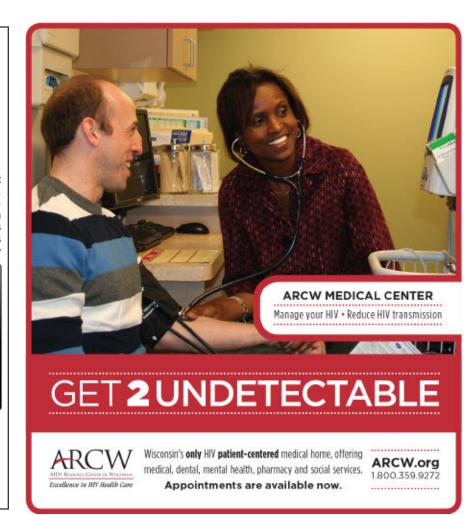
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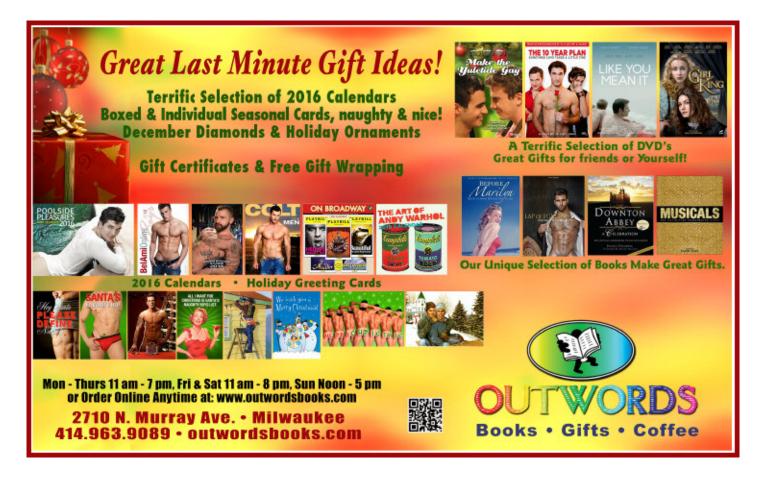


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The Iron Diaries — Fitness & Health

7 Ways Exercise Will Improve Your Sex Life

Lets face it. 99% of the general population works out for one specific reasons: To Get Laid. Its as simple as that, you wanna look good naked and put that body to good use. Everyone wants to have a body that performs, and looks damn good while doing it. No matter how you get around to it though - the better you look, the better you will feel - inside & out.

Now don't get me wrong, there is a legitimate amount of people who need exercise for health reasons: diabetes, pre-diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol - you name it. But that discussion is for

Today, we get to learn how to put that body to good use in bed – or anywhere else the mood strikes. Lets start with the boring ones:

Exercise improves stamina, endurance, and **strength.** Meaning being able to have sex longer, stronger, and in a variety of positions. Sweet right?!

Exercise is a mood booster & antidepressant. When was the last time you ever said, "Man, that super sad person over there is getting me all hot & bothered!"? Never? Yea me neither. The two usually are extreme opposites on the emotional scales and tend to counteract each other: in fact one of the common side-effects of depression is the inability to experience pleasure...not even down "there".

It helps you relax. Chronic stress is one of the leading causes of anxiety, depression, and sleep problems - all of which make it tough to get a little frisky. But by training,

your body learns a better way to deal with stress, meaning more relaxation more often.

Now on to the more MUCH better ones:

Exercise gets your blood PUMPING. Pretty simple concept at work here, better blood flow = heightened arousal = better bumping & grinding for both men &

Stimulates the Nervous System. That might not sound too sexy, but research has shown getting turned on down there is linked to NS stimulation. Even just 20min of cycling leads to a measurable increase in arousal in a couple studies.

Increases sex drive. Hormones are the key to a healthy sex drive. Exercise regulates those hormones to creating a much better testosterone/estrogen ratio, which leads to.....SCHWING!

And I saved the best for last:

Exercise will strengthen the muscles that control the **size & intensity of orgasms.** Here's how it works -Your pelvic floor muscles contract when you have an orgasm. keeping those muscles strong will ensure that you continue to have toe-curling orgasms. I'm sure you've heard of kegel exercises but doing other workout moves like squats, deadlifts, and many other compound lifts - you actually have to engage those same muscles to maintain a tight core. SIGN ME UP!

Take Home Message:

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having great sex...BUT...that stuff isn't as much fun. An intense roll in the hay can easily burn up to 300 calories or more - sounds like the perfect cardio for any training program. -- Happy Humping.

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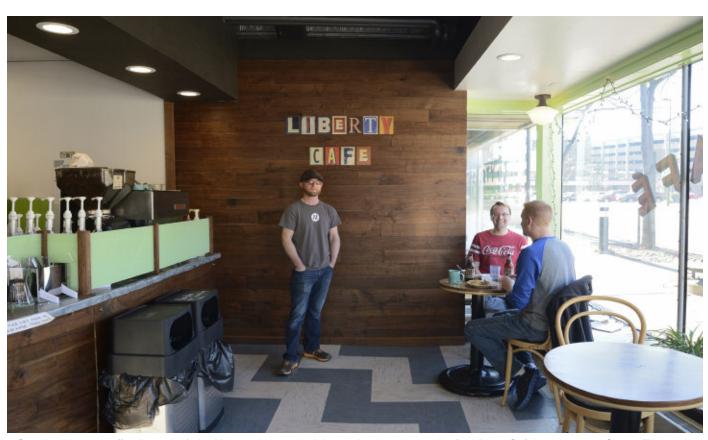
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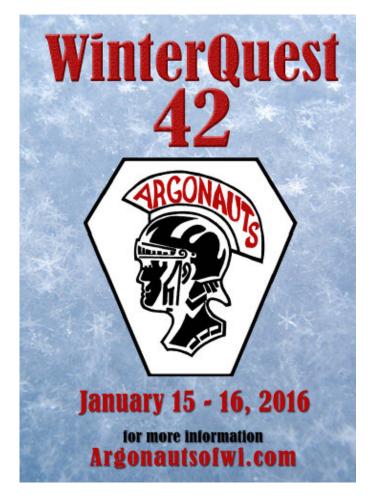
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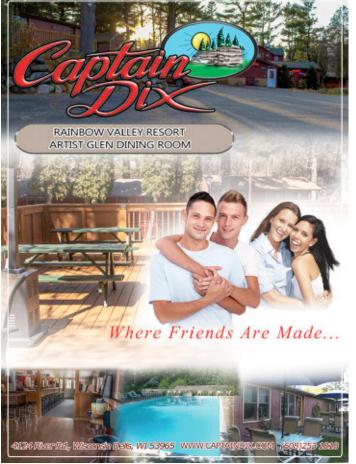
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Love is Love



Opening his own coffee house/cafe had been a long waited dream that is now a reality for Liberty Cafe's new owner, Corey. (Pictured center) Come show some love. The food is yummy, the coffee is fabulous and as you can see in the picture, Brandon, Jason and I had a great lunch. Liberty Cafe is located downtown Green Bay at 228 N Adams Street. Call for more information: 920-4892374









Amidst the pages of fabulous Halloween snaps and **Quest's** usual lineup of fine features in November, several loval readers noticed something missing: Glenn's monthly DVD review. Evidently worried, a few lovely folks even emailed. Not to worry, Glenn is okay.

Well, it was always going to be a daunting proposition for Glenn to organize a cinema night during the oh-so hectic fall film festival season. First, the extraordinary Milwaukee Film Festival took up residence in various iconic local cinemas beginning Thursday, September 24 and continuing through Thursday, October 8. Sadly, due to the lack of proper motorized transport, Glenn had limited moviegoing options. Nonetheless, Glenn did manage to catch and enjoy very much a delightfully quirky Swedish rom-com, Stockholm Stories.

With nary a moment for LGBT cinema aficionados to catch their collective breath, along came the always fabulous Milwaukee LGBT Film/Video Festival, opening a mere 7 days later with the excellent, From This Day Forward and running eleven days in total.

Considering the sheer number of fabulous films on offer, it was all Glenn to do to stop himself from repeatedly uttering. "So many films. so little time!"

Despite being Glenn's turn to host, scheduling an October cinema night proved to be, quite simply, a film screening too far! And to get back on track, there's no time to cry over spilt celluema circle, mused Glenn.

age who comprise the monthly cinema circle traordinary project. chose In the Grayscale, a debut effort from

NEW ON DVD In the Greyscale By Glenn Bishop



Chilean filmmaker Claudio Marcone, chosen surely due to the seductively sexy DVD box cover. Yes, without coercion of any sort on Glenn's part, a subtitled film, albeit a film boasting one of the hottest sex scenes Glenn has witnessed in some time was chosen; Glenn's poor fingers were singed just by putting the DVD into the player.

Handsome, fit and blessed with the most amusing mop of curly hair, Bruno (Francisco Celhay) possesses from all appearances an enviable life. At 35, he's a successful freelance architect, his portfolio boasting award-winning designs. His home life includes his lovely wife, Soledad (Daniela Ramirez), a precocious 10 year-old son Daniel (Matias) plus his criminally adorable grandfather, Toto (Sergio Hernández).

So, why has Bruno moved out, preferring to live in the tumbledown room adjacent to Toto's workshop? Cue: (in your very best Greta Garbo) "I want to be alone. I just want to be alone."

Even as he is trying to find himself within the isolated existence he's carved out for himself, Bruno is offered a challenging new commission. Coming as it does in the wake of the tragic collapse of one of his apartment buildings, the builder, Germán Schulz (Marcial Tagle), wants an iconic landmark in Santiago and thinks Bruno is the right man for the job.

Some might consider such a commission as a dream job but it is decidedly outside Bruno's current comfort zone and Bruno is initially skeptical. Sensing Bruno's reluctance, Schulz deloid. So, on to November's regular monthly cincides to pair Bruno up with Fer (Emilio Edwards), a historian, sometime tour guide who After much debate, the gentlemen of a certain might assist Bruno in conceptualizing this ex-

When they first meet, both men are suitably

Buy it, Rent it, or forget it...

Claudio Marcone's skilled screenplay develops the relationship between Bruno and Fer in a sure, measured pace allowing moviegoers to become emotionally invested in their developing story. Both Francisco Celhay and Emilio Edwards offer nicely understated performances; their on-screen chemistry a real plus.

Reminiscent of Andrew Haigh's much acclaimed, /eekend, Claudio Marcone's In the Grayscale is a thoughtful and poignant debut, indeed a film which will stay with Glenn long after the final credits have rolled.

Just the facts...

In the Grayscale clocks in at 96 minutes and is in Spanish with English subtitles. In the Grayscale is available on DVD with a SRP: \$24.95 In the Grayscale won the Jury Award for Best First Feature at the Frameline, San Francisco LGBT Film Festival, Expect Wolfe Video's usual lack of DVD extras.

circumspect. Bruno seems entirely oblivious to the unique places Fer has chosen to share with him. Indeed. Glenn wondered how such a man as Bruno is here portraved could have created the daring, harmonious designs Schulz credits him.

Later, Fer happens upon Bruno in a gay club. Bruno is totally embarrassed, taking great pains to come up with a (totally unconvincing) story as to why he is at the club. Fer thoroughly enjoys Bruno's discomfort.

Curiously, filmmaker Claudio Marcone chooses to have their first kiss off-screen, yet their subsequent discussion makes clear that their relationship is developing into something beyond mere friendship. Fer understands the pitfalls that come when falling in love with someone whose sexuality is not black and white, someone like Bruno.

Meanwhile, Bruno has lost his previously familiar scowl, even managing some surprisingly dazzling smiles whilst in Fer's company.

Everything changes when Daniel happens to hear, thanks to Santiago's extensive gossiping network, that his father was seen kissing another man. Daniel, whose only wish was to see his parents back together again, is devastated.

Bruno is left, both emotionally and professionally, at a precipice. He's got Toto firmly in his corner; will that enough to help Bruno to become the man he wants to be.

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Milwaukee's LGBT Center hosted the 14th annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck attended by over 100.



Shall Not Be Recognized exhibit reunion held at the Milwaukee LGBT Center on November 6

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Yuletide Greetings! The twelfth month of the six- costume shop, which included an introduction to teenth year of the new century, wishing you the magic of the season!

Time does fly when you're having fun! Let's close the year out in style, shall we?

The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre (108 East Wells Street, 414-224-9490) offers up in their 40th Anniversary season favorite "A Christmas Carol" Running Tuesday, Dec. 1 - Thursday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. Come take in this Holiday Tradition! In the mood for comedy and something a wee bit formal? "Guys on Ice" at the Stackner Cabaret now through January 17, 2016.

In honor of Dame Agatha Christie's (the Authoress) 125th birthday, "The Mousetrap" plays for all its mystery and nuances through Sunday, December 20 at The Rep. Come help us solve the auestions of the night.

dream to take in! My favorite part of this Theater adventure was going to the pre-performance chat with the dashing Chad Bauman, Managing Director and Costume Designer to the Stars Alexander B. Tecoma – what wit and wisdom they shared! My friends at the Cream City Foundation (CCF) invited me to this once in a lifetime visit to the Reps

Chad and Alex – we saw drawings, costumes, wigs, material – just a fantasy! Thank you all!

"Bravo Caruso" by William Luce featuring a special engagement with the Florentine Opera Company is brought to you by Next Act Theatre. To reserve your seat, please call: 414-278-0765. Next Act is located at 255 South Water Street (with a huge parking lot) – a great marriage for two fine performing art groups - Now through Sunday, December 6th.

The Milwaukee Art Museum's (700 North Art Museum Drive) current exhibit, "Larry Sultan: Here & 1110 North Market Street. Showtime is 7:30pm Home" now through January 24, 2016. One of photography's shrewdest observers of American life, to guote The Wall Street Journal, come judge

I loved The Reps' "Dreamgirls." It truly was a 271-1371) has on their Holiday boards – a less traditional, but equally entertaining "A Twisted Carol." Catch a show between Friday, December 4 – Sunday, January 3, 2016 to take a new look at the most favorite time of the year! Guaranteed to give you a Santa belly laugh!

Stocking BINGO at Fluid (819 South Second

Street) Sunday, December 6, 4-8pm. Come on down and be a winner!

Wednesday, December 9, BLU at The Pfister -I'm guest bartending with my good friend, Jay

All proceeds will support the United Way! Come see the Pfister dressed for the Holidays and have a hot totty with us!

On Thursday, Dec. 10, Miss Maple Veneer and Miss Karen Valentine get you in that "Holiday Spirit" at Fluid. Come on down and enjoy Bill's 2015 Christmas party! Food, raffles, drinks, entertainment...join us and unwrap an evening of presents.

Women's Voices Milwaukee in Holiday Song "Christmas Memories" takes place Friday. December 11, and Saturday, December 12, at The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center - The Community Room

and tickets cost \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Michael Pink's Milwaukee Ballet Company will transform The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts (929 North Water Street) into a toy box. Order In Tandem Theatre (628 North 10th Street, 414- your tickets at 414-643-7677 and spring into the season with "The Nutcracker" Saturday, December 12 - Sunday, December 27. Return to your childhood, if even for one evening...

Tuesday, December 15, 7:30pm Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts will host: Ms. Darlene Love. Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Madison Brooks will be doing her Ornament and and her Holiday Songfest (414-273-7206). See the Diva who always ushered in the Season with the



Reason on The David Letterman Show. I can't wait to hear in-person Christmas (Baby Please Come Home) Live! One night only!

P.S. I loved "Wicked" at the Marcus! It must be the fourth time I've seen this Broadway classic. With each viewing, I fall more in love and see something new/different with this opus.

Keep in mind – "Newsies" at The Marcus January 5 – 20, 2016. This will make banner headlines a Brew City debut. "Newsies" won the 2012 Tony and is in the genre of "Annie" on testosterone! Come see the boys peddle their papers and talent!

Dale Gutzman's Off The Wall Theatre (127 East Wells Street, 414-484-8874) has the great gift of Holiday fare with Sondheim's "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." See the show between Wednesday, December 16 and New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31. Who can't use a little "Comedy Tonight" during this canbe stressful time of the year...

"The Second City's Holidazed & Confused Revue" travels north from the Windy City Wednesday, December 16 - Sunday, December 20. Chicago's famed sketch and Improv Comedy Theater returns to The Marcus Center's Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall for tickets call 414-273-7206.

This show is so special it will be a part of the 20th Annual Jolly, Holly, Folly benefitting the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) on Wednesday, December 16, at 929 North Water Street -

The Restaurant signature tasting in the Bradley Pavilion starts at 5pm, followed by a 7:30pm private Jolly Holly Folly Performance of "Holidazed & Confused". Please visit ARCW.org for your reservation. This Event is perfect for a Group – be it professional, personal, condo complex...it's a great way to gather and toast the Season with

Nova D'vine has designed a holiday version of Bubbles & Beauties on Brady Sunday, December 20. "Christmas – Dame It!" 6pm at Hybrid Lounge. Anyone in red, green or white receives special holiday pricing on their cocktails. She'll get you in the mood – along with the flawless B.J. Daniels, the electric Shawna Love and Chanel D'vine – the knock out new girl on the block — next year at this time she will be on everyone's Christmas list!

Tis the Season so embrace it and patronize all your favorite LBGT and LGBT friendly pubs, bars and restaurants - Every place hosts a party so get out there and say "thank you" by visiting these places and investing in our community!

This Is It has their annual Holiday Swap Party on Wednesday, December 9, 3-close. See yesterday's bartenders once again make your drinks at This Is It.

Wednesday, December 9 is the same evening Taylor's rings in the holiday so have fun in Milwaukee's Easttown!

Fluid will be commemorating the season on Thursday, December 10 – come slide down the

Sunday, December 13, The Harbor Room has their Yuletide Gathering - promising a Santa Claus, you've never seen before! Come on down and bring Virginia too!

This Is It has Jacob Bach "Dapper and Dashing Through the Snow – Winter Formal" benefitting Project Q of the MKE LGBT Community Center. Thursday, December 17, 9pm-close.

Also shopping, don't forget to pick up that perfect gift for that perfect person in your life and Out-Words, 2710 North Murray Avenue. Carl always has a phenomenal selection of must have books, magazines, music, and even gift certificates - let them pick their own prize!

Doug & Dwayne have the Thrifty Ewe on 111 East Mitchell Street, just down the block from Transfer Pizza. You can even spot Paul Scalcini and this wizard knows what everyone wants!

Uncle Ned's has a new home - 1412 South 73rd Street West Allis. Pay a call on Steve and the marvelous Maple Veneer - they'll stuff your stocking!

Clinton Street Antiques, 1110 South First Street both Doug & Curt are most helpful in checking off vour list!

Kerry Shannon at Residence – Downtown (612 North Broadway) has an extraordinary array of

as does Stewart Dempsey at Samara 5211 West North Avenue.

Now you know where Mrs. Claus shops!

December Bucket List

December 1 – 24 "A Christmas Carol" The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre 108 East Wells Street

Now – Jan. 24 "Larry Sultan: Here & Home" The Milwaukee Art Museum 700 North Art Museum Drive

Now – December 20 "The Mousetrap" The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre 108 East Wells Street

Now – January 17 "Guys on Ice" The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre East Wells Street

Now – December 6th "Bravo, Caruso" Next Act Theatre 255 South Water Streets

December 4 – January 3 "A Twisted Carol" In Tandem Theatre 628 North 10th Street

Sunday, December 6 "Madison Brooks Ornament and Stocking BINGO" Fluid 819 South Second Street

Sunday, December 6 Christmas Train through The Historic Third Ward

Monday, December 7 Pearl Harbor Day also Chanukah begins

Wednesday, December 9 BLU-tending at BLU- The Pfister for United Way

Wednesday, December 9 Annual Holiday Swap Party – Yesteryear's Bartnerders This Is It 418 East Wells Street

Wednesday, December 9 Holiday Soiree Taylor's 759 North Jefferson Street

Thursday, December 10 "Christmas Party and Show" Fluid 819 South Second Street

Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12 "Women's Voices Milwaukee Holiday Concert" The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center 1110 North Market Street

Saturday, December 12 – 27 The Milwaukee Ballet's "The Nutcracker" The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts 929 North Water Street

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Sunday, December 20 "Bubbles & Beauties on Brady - Christmas Dame - It!" Hybrid Lounge 707 East Brady Street

Monday, December 21 Winter begins

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day

Thursday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Friday, January 1, 2016 New Year's Day

January 5 – 20 "Newsies" The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts 929 North Water Street

I've had a blast as of late with some wonderful activities to share with you...

A true thrill to salute and celebrate the great commitment of Brian Reinkober and Mona Garcia to SSBL (Saturday Softball Beer League) with an evening I hope they never forget. In recognition of their dedication, Eric Peterson brought Maple Veneer, Dear Ruthie and moi to do a Roast and Toast at Montage high above La Cage. If you're looking for a place to hold a party, Montage is it!!! David Whitney, Kris & Michael, Danny and Adam bartending - food deliciously prepared by Peter Pitch! Outstanding - - a night that put Milwaukee

Loved the Halloween décor at KRUZ – Kudos to Jerry & Serge and Ginger AKA Bill, the rats did get me! Maple did a bang up job hostess-ing their Costume Ball! Also Happy Ninth Anniversary of successfully providing us with a premiere place to party!

Thank You La Cage for inviting me back to judge your Halloween Costume Contest – 2015 what a ghoulish time. Kevin Lynch, Jerry "Miller Lite", Tom and me had the task of picking a winner – actually four winners. Lady Gia was oozing in glamor and Patrick and Danny kept me well fueled! A Piñata and Poker won first place and was executed bril-

The other Halloween Costume that floored me was the roster of Dear Ruthies at Fluid. Five or six stunning red heads with oversized glasses – each one showing our very own "Martha Stewart" AKA Ruthie at her best. The best part was when

Ruthie came in – surprised is an understatement!

After all these years I finally made it to Empty Bowls (www.milwaukeeemptybowls.org) This is a worthwhile charity event, offering a day of soup sampling and profits go to the hungry. MSOE was the place and various artist and artisans made the bowls you purchase...these great works of art you eat out of! Lunch was some of the best soups in the area. I even ran into that legendary kitchen God, Cookie Sue, who was ladling up Heaven for a chance on the 50/50 drawing and having a us to eniov!

If you are like me and still send out Holiday Cards – consider purchasing them from The Hunger Task Force. Sherry and Team, including the jaunty Jonas, have three flawlessly designed cards by local artist you will be proud to send out. And you're helping feed the world - two for two!

This fall I finally made it to Door County - one more thing to take off the bucket list. A beautiful piece of nature!

"A Night Out at The Cabaret" – a party/fundraiser for the Cream City Foundation (CCF) was a blast! Casablanca (728 East Brady Street) rolled out the lavender carpet once again and what fun!

Dora Diamond and her troop of entertainers bewitched us, celebrity bartenders created our sips and a bountiful buffet – very tasty! Loved the photographer and being snapped with Mary H. Nelson, Elizabeth Salone D'Acquisto, Elaine Malv. Lex Allen, Kevin Rude & Mark Krueger, Israel Ramon & David Marstellar, Gerry Coons - Diverse & Resilient, Michael Lisowski, Charles Hill, Griselda Aldrete of course Pete Carlson (T.C.

Hoffman) and Eddie Lapella – and so many more. Casablanca is turning into my favorite spot!

Thanks to George and Shia of This Is It for engaging Toyota Corona and Karen Valentine to cohost the "Pink Hat Party" 8-11pm the last Wednesday each month. You come to This Is It and we have a mini fundraiser for a local charity. Toyota and I promote the agency of the month and you support it by buying raffle tickets, taking happy Hump Night! Great prizes, great peeps, American Horror Story is on the tube and we all mix and mingle and try to make the world a better place. ARCW, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and most recently the Diabetes Foundation were all recipients. We have a very generous community out there – Thank You!



What a kick I had representing the Mitchell Park Domes as Wild Space Dance Company presented "Luminous" at the Domes in the Conservatory Annex, Another ideal location for an event ...





CHRISTMAS PARTY COLT

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At this time, I have to share some very difficult news – which isn't that new any longer, still rather painful - - the loss of Dawn Bloomfield, the First Lady of Club Charlies. We lost our beloved Dawn to cancer after a five year battle, which most of us didn't realize she was wagering. Dawn's energy, light, warmth, charm and love of life I celebrate and remember and cherish – as I do all the memories. Sleep soundly, dear Dawn, knowing you've made such a difference.

Food Time - Casa Noble - Mexican Restaurant & Bar - Ess La Differencia! 3710 West Lincoln Avenue, 414-383-4666. Open Wednesday-Monday 11am-10pm (closed Tuesdays). Dorio and Junito (you all love him from La Cage) are your host and you are guaranteed quite the festive feast when you have vour fiesta at Casa Noble!

And that's a wrap!

Happy Holidays and wishing you all the best this special time of the year! Remember: it's the glamor, not the grammar as I remain Still Cordially Yours.

See you all in 2016 – in the meanwhile embrace the magical moments!

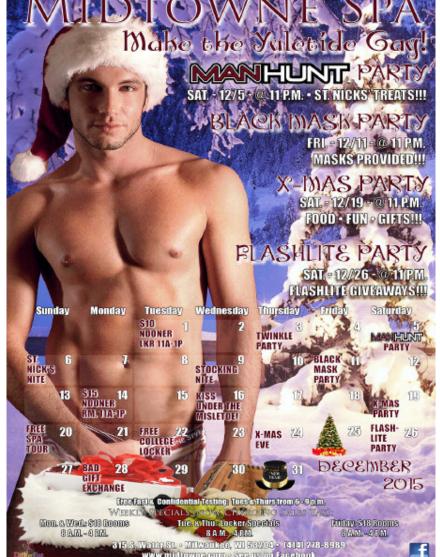






Happy Holidays

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Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Merry...whatever 1 pound provolone or mozzarella cheese, cut into bite-size cubes the hell you celebrate! It's that time of year once again and Wisconsin is hopping with excitement, cheer and overall joy. Even if you're reading this column on the john, which you likely are, surely thoughts of the holidays are on your mind to some degree.

Let's share a little holiday cheer! Ring in the holidays with me at Hamburger Mary's on December 20. For just \$20 you get your choice of one of five menu items and a free dessert, plus a 7:30 pm holiday review starring Karen Valentine, Myami Richards, Toyota Corona and myself. Dinner seating starts at 6:30 pm, but come early because there will be great vendors on the heated lanai selling all sorts of unique items. We're even offering gift wrapping for your last-minute purchases.

Call Hamburger Mary's at 414-988-9324 and reserve your \$20 ticket today or buy one at the door for \$30. Best of all, proceeds go to Ruthie's Kennel Club, helping animal related charities in Wisconsin. See you there!

In the mean time, let's eat a little snack, shall we? This is the time of year when everyone is looking for appetizers, and I've got three great ones for you. They each come together easily, making them perfect for yuletide noshing. It's the holidays! Let's all eat good and shut up!

SLOW-COOKER SEAFOOD SPREAD

I whipped up this warm and cheesy appetizer for the Thanksgiving potluck at my trailer park, and everyone loved it. With just a hint of spicy flair, it comes together easily in the slow cooker and with just a few ingredients. What could be better? I don't know, damn it! Try it and see for yourself!

1 (32 ounce) brick Mexican Velveeta cheese, cubed 1/2 teaspoon Cajun seasoning

2 (4 ounce) cans small shrimp, drained

1 cup finely chopped imitation crabmeat 3/4 cup salsa

Crackers

Spritz a 3-quart slow cooker with non-stick cooking spray. Add the first five ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 1-1/2 to 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Stir to combine before serving. Serve warm spread with crackers.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

If you can't find the Mexican-flavored cheese, simply use regular Velveeta and increase the salsa to 1 cup. Add a dash or two of hot sauce if you like things extra spicy. Don't have Cajun seasoning? Leave it out. No biggie. You can find packages of imitation crab near the seafood in the grocery store, but save some money and hit the salad bar instead. Many salad bars offer imitation crab, so just get a small container there. I like to serve this spread with whole wheat crackers, but use whatever you like most.

BITCHIN' CHEESE BITES

I'm not going to lie...the idea of marinating cheese cubes seemed completely crazy to me when I first heard about it years ago. Back when I worked for a caterer, however, I found the cheese to be easy, delicious and a complete change of pace from cheese platters and the like. This recipe is simple, travels well and offers all the make-ahead convenience you want during the busy holidays.

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 cup lemon juice

2 teaspoons minced garlic

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon fennel

Combine the first six ingredients in an extra-large resealable storage bag.

Seal the bag and shake it up to combine marinade. Add cheese cubes, reseal and shake to coat cheese. Refrigerate overnight, turning occasionally. Drain marinade and serve cheese cubes with toothpicks.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

You can actually make this appetizer two days ahead of time, letting it marinade in the refrigerator. Add color and flavor by including a bit of fresh lemon peel in the marinade, or garnish the cheese with lemon peel before serving. For an extra-special presentation, cube the cheese very small. Using a slotted spoon, remove the cubes from the marinade and set them into packaged phyllo tart shells from the grocer's freezer section.

PESTO BRUSCHETTA

Like the idea of bruschetta but not all the fuss? Try this unique version. The green and red colors make them perfect for the holidays.

1 loaf Italian bread

Olive oil

1 (8.1 ounce) jar prepared pesto sauce

1 (12 ounce) jar roasted red pepper strips in oil

Pine nuts

Shredded Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut the bread into 1/2 inch slices. Arrange bread in an even layer on a baking sheet and lightly brush tops with oil. Bake at 375 degrees for 7 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven. Top each piece of toast with pesto, a few strips of red pepper, pine nuts and cheese. Serve immediately.

Ruthie's Culinary Clues

Some folks like to toast the bread on both sides. This keeps the bruschetta intact for a longer period of time which is a great idea if it's going to be sitting on a buffet table. If you'd like, you can also set the bruschetta back in the warm oven for a bit to heat the toppings through and melt the cheese a

Got a recipe for Ruthie? Share it with her and she'll send you a free Bitchin' Kitchen T-shirt if it gets published in her column. Email Ruthie at <u>DearMsRuthie@yahoo.com</u>. Watch her cooking web series at www.RuthiesBitchinKitchen.com and learn more about her charity at www.RuthiesKennelClub.org.





Here we are once again. Staring down the end of the year with a full belly, and a full fridge, of turkey. As the year winds up and we start all over again I have been flooded with emails regarding one very simple issue. The question that you wrote me in droves is, "I had my <blank> pierced a while ago and took it out. Can I get it done again?" I mean heck I even get this question when I am sitting at a bar having a beer! Usually alone because some people just don't want to have a beer with me. (You know who you are! j/k) Because so many of you have this question this will be the topic of this month's column! Without any further complaining out of me lets get on with it.

So here is the real skinny on getting things repiereced. It can be done! Yes it can, about the only thing that will stop you from getting a piercing redone would be if the place you wanted to pierce fell off of your body. And I really think that if you have pieces falling off of you, you have some bigger issues than getting something repiereced. Of course it is not as big an issue as people who don't want to have a beer with you. The only thing you really need to do to get something repiereced is wait a while before you get the piercing done again. Basically after a piercing is taken out, you usually want to wait at least a month or sometimes even longer. The length of time needed varies greatly by what the piercing is and how long you have had the piercing prior to taking it out. When you are in doubt of course talk with your piercer for a clearer answer.



One other thing to consider with regard to this major question that I ask of people all the time is WHY? Why did you take out the piercing in the first place! Usually the answer is for their lover, or work, and sometimes they just got sick of it

Let's start out with the first one, lovers. In my opinion what you do to your body is not some one else's damn business, if you want to shove holes in your body or get tattooed, then do it. Hell even if you want to wear clown make-up everyday then do it! I say f*ck everyone else and just do what makes you happy, in the long run it will pay off with not only you being happy, but whoever you are with will be happy as well.

Next we will tackle work. If you have a job, or think your job, doesn't allow piercings then ask your boss and ask to see any policies that state this. If there are not any policies then legally you can get anything you want, however keep in mind that if you want to force this issue be prepared for a lot of legal fees. If the piercing is old enough remember that there are pieces of jewelry called "retainers" which are designed to hide a piercing from your work. So before you take the piercing out you may want to explore this issue.

Lastly, just taking a piercing out because you got sick of it. I urge you to really think about what you are doing before you take something out. Odds are you are stressed out or drunk and that is why you didn't want the piercing. So do the same thing that you would when you start to think about getting a piercing. THINK! Don't be impulsive just think about it before you do it!

Well, now that I have gotten all of that out of the way I hope that I have answered all of your questions regarding repiercing a part of your body. That's over now so let's get to some reader mail.

Brent,

I have a few piercing and was recently at my doctor, and he told me to use hydrogen peroxide to clean my piercings. I have read quite a bit online and everyone says not to use hydrogen peroxide, what should I do? — Sherri

Well Sherri, thanks for writing in first of, now on to your question. Your doctor is right, kind of. You can use hydrogen peroxide to clean a piercing and it will do fine but the piercing will take up to three times longer to heal. I would recommend not using the peroxide and just using an antibacterial soap to clean your piercing twice per day. By using the soap you will keep the piercing clean but you will not over clean the piercing and cause a longer healing period.

Well I think I have run out of space once again, so it is off to celebrate another . . . uh something. . . Well, I will figure something out to celebrate. And hopefully people will drink with me. Until next month have a great holiday and a happy new year! SEE YOU IN 2016!

Want to know why the hell I complained about drinking buddies? Have a question about tattooing or body piercing? Then drop me an email at avantgarde@voyager.net!

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