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q: COMMENT Issue 21

Firstly this month - Champagne and shopping in luxurious style beckons through to mid-March with the Rialto Hotel on Collins' latest promotion aimed squarely at the luxury shopper in all of us.

Two friends stay at the Rialto Hotel on Collins for \$99 per person per night, for a minimum of two nights instead of the usual \$210 in one of the hotels spacious Deluxe rooms. As part of the promotion, the hotel's 'champagne guests' will receive complimentary champagne upon arrival, more complimentary champagne if they dine in the restaurant, complimentary valet parking* in the heart of the CBD and free breakfast in the restaurant until 1pm on Sundays plus a fabulous pack full of freebies and goodies. To book, simply phone 1800 331 330. If you take advantage of this deal though - make sure you tell them Q Magazine sent you.

And finally - one event I attended [and had a backstage pass for] was the special Christmas eve show at the Greyhound. Laurie, Lindsay, Jeffrey and Steve put on a fantastic show - the pictures to the right and below tell the story and are exclusive to Q!















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q: CELEBRITY

Courtney Act - Boys Like Me - A One Woman Cabaret Show

After two sell-out shows in her home town of Brisbane, Courtney Act will bring her first-ever one woman show, Boys Like Me, to Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide in 2006.

It is said that nine tenths of a woman's charm is illusion...and Courtney Act is living proof. Audiences will be dazzled when Courtney uses her glamour, wit and legs in this funny and fabulous cabaret show.

MELBOURNE

Chapel off Chapel - 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran 7.30pm February 1, 2 and 3Tickets \$30. Bookings: 03 8290 2700

SYDNEY

ADELAIDE

Civic Hotel Theatre - Cnr. Pitt & Goulburn Sts. 7.30pm February 8 & 9. 8pm 10 & 11 Tickets \$30. Bookings: 02 9209 4614

Nexus Cabaret, Lion Arts Centre - Cnr North Terrace & Morphett St. 8pm March 24 and 25Tickets \$30.

Bookings: 08 8225 8888

Courtney Act's Search for a Model

Catch Courtney Act performing community service as only she can. Taking young male chunks of coal and applying the pressure and heat of competition in the form of a classy model search she will produce a cluster of new diamonds. She will teach the boys that buff bods and solarium visits are not a crime and, with the help of industry professionals, teach them to walk, talk and pout like they're on the runways of Milan, Paris or New York.

Heats will be held in Sydney at the Stonewall Hotel, in Brisbane at the Wickham Hotel and in Melbourne. The winners from the Melbourne and Brisbane heats will go through to a semi-final in their respective states, which will be a fashion parade event. The semi-final winners from Melbourne and Brisbane will be flown to Sydney to compete in the final, a Mardi Gras Festival event, a fabulous night of this summers hottest fashion and this summers hottest boys... just in time for the Party.

q: NEWSWORTHY

Order of Perpetual Indulgence - Melbourne House

Members of an international order of 21st century nuns, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence was started in San Francisco, California in 1979 by 4 gay men initially as a combination of street theatre and political activism. Orders can now be found across the United States and in several countries around the world including a House in Sydney and a House in Perth. No matter where they are, their mission is the same: Public Manifestation, Habitual Perpetration, The Explation of Stigmatic Guilt and The Promulgation of Universal Joy.

The sisters are a great deal responsible for shaping gay culture through its social conscience. It was Sister Chanel 2000 who designed the rainbow flag which today is known worldwide as the symbol of gay freedom. The San Francisco order produced and distributed the VERY FIRST safer-sex pamphlet, PLAY FAIR, at the very height of the AIDS pandemic.

As Sisters, they volunteer their talents to help other charities raise money. They also help to facilitate community events, and promote awareness of safer sex. The Sisters worldwide have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for AIDS and other social causes. They visit the sick, educate and promote safer sex, and generally service the community. They take their vows to serve the Gay & Lesbian community very seriously. They vow to perpetually indulge in life and to serve and protect their Gay, Lesbian and Transgender brothers and sisters.

If you are interested in joining the order, or finding out more information about membership, please contact Sister Annie Cockledoo at opimelb@hotmail.com





The winner of the competition will collect a great package of prizes and will be shot for a fabulous fashion spread in DNA magazine. There's plenty of cash and prizes to be won.

A NEW DAUN a new beginning

Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras 2006 presented in partnership with gaydar.com.au



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q music: HAPPY NEW YEAR



Ultimate Queer as Folk

The ground breaking UK anthology series that started a worldwide phenomenon is celebrated here with the arrival of the dazzling new release, 'Ultimate Queer As Folk: The Best Of And More!'. It truly is the ultimate. definitive collection of 'Oueer As Folk' essentials, featuring many new tracks and mixes that have been featured on the show's international editions. Collector's should note that this beautifully packaged double disc set includes exclusive material that was not included in the first two UK sound track volumes (both of which are now deleted!). Out NOW through Central Station Records



Fresh Volume 8

Also through Central Station comes the eighth in the "Fresh" series. 34 hits that are sure to make this summer an absolute blast from artists such as Deepface, The Disco Boys, Fast Crew, Paul Van Dyk, Royal Gigolos, Tina Cousins, Melissa Tkautz and more. Don't miss out on getting your copy.



Fat Boy Slim

If you missed the amazing New Years Concerts by this guy - don't worry, you can still get the soundtrack with the compliments of Shock Records. A CD literally jammed packed with the best of the best in music for this year.



Bruce Springsteen

For lovers of GREAT music, Devils and Dust is a collectors dream. Available now through Sony BMG and recorded on a "Dual Disc" - one side is a CD, the other is a DVD. It is M rated (so don't buy it for the kiddies), but it is one hellofa superb album - and the DVD features personal introductions by Bruce himself.



Shakira

The all new English album "Oral Fixation Vol 2" is yet another Sony BMG release you should get your hands on. Whether you're a fan of this young lady or not, you will love this album from beginning to end. Out now in all the best places.



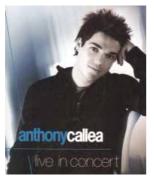
Bette Midler

For those of you old enough to remember Peggy Lee OR simply clever enough to love the talents of Bette Midler, Sony BMG release this tribute album which is by the way produced by Barry Manilow. Featuring such all time favourites as "fever", "Mr. Wonderful", "Is That All There Is?", and "Big Spender" - it's in stores now!



Dannii Minogue

Dannii Minogue returns with her new single entitled 'Perfection', this is another club-based smash with Dannii adding her own inimitable vocals. Written by Dannii herself alongside writing legend Rob Davis ('Can't Get You Out of My Head' et al), 'Perfection' looks certain to give Dannii another hit single. Look for it in stores through Central Station Records.



get free: GET INTO 06

Sony BMG

Kick start your year with this fabulous DVD - Anthony Callea Live in Concert. Recorded and filmed at Melbourne's Palais Theatre, it is 13 tracks of pure Anthony. Email getfree@qmagazine.com.au OR sms 0429 88 QMAG with "Anthony" in the subject line to win one of the 5 we have to give away.





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Melbourne Gems

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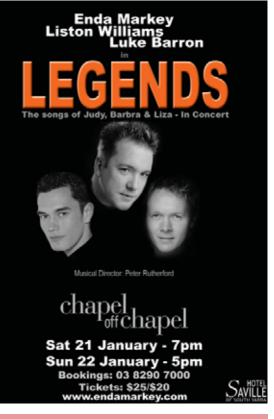


Sony BMG

The Australian Tour Edition CD/DVD from the Backstreet Boys is next on the list. Q Magazine, with the compliments of Sony BMG has 5 of these sets to give away. Send an email to getfree@ qmagazine.com.au OR sms 0429 88 QMAG with "Backstreet" in the subject line for your chance to own a copy of this must have album.

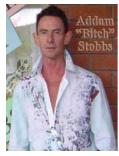


Enda Markey - Legends We have two tickets to the show, one beautiful John Rocha Waterford Crystal Champagne Flute (customised with LEGENDS 2006 engraved on the base - there are only six being made) and the cast will sign a poster, so email getfree@ qmagazine.com.au today - with "Enda" in the subject line - to win.



* All prizes are open to everyone, except those which specifically state you must be over 18 to enter. Entries close on the final day of each calendar month with the prize draw taking place at 5pm the following day at Appt. 3, 15 - 17 Charnwood Road, St. Kilda 3182. Names and addresses of people winning prizes valued at or over \$250 ONLY will be published in the following issue of QMagazine. All monthly winners are notified by email or SMS.

q whispers: with ADDAM STOBBS



"What becomes a garment label most?"

Does anyone ever wonder (apart from me) why there is such an obsession with labels in our society, and in particular the labels on clothes?

I am constantly bemused by shallow little queens trying to outdo each other and themselves, to spend a queen's ransom on some new piece of clothing that has some trendy label on it. If what I read is true, then it doesn't really mean much as most big brand labeled clothes (particularly men's designer underwear) are spewed out of the same mass production facilities in China. Most clothing is produced in China, but I guess there would not be flocks of desperates flocking to department stores on boxing-day to buy cheap Calvin Chongs.

What are the mysteries behind these labels and why do they mean so much? The designer labels say to the whole world "look at me wearing this expensive bran. I am happy, rich and well adjusted etc". It is the same with people incessantly smsing and fiddling with their mobiles - that action says "look at me I am important because I have to go to my locker every 15 minutes at the sauna to check who has text me with latest FTSE100 updates". We know better. All of the above say:" I am a loser who needs props to make me look as though I am not a tragic little nothing".

Here are some little notes for you. People who flamboyantly expose labels of underwear are generally doing so because there is nothing else worth noting below the waist. People (mainly men) who drive fast and hard and loud usually have problems with erections. Those who wear ostentatious expensive labels on the outside have serious self image problems and are LOADED with emotional baggage. World travelers who excite themselves recounting endless tales of wonderment about their perilous and expensive adventures are generally bored off their tits (and those of others). Middle aged men who wax on about sexual conquests and young men wanting them are in serious denial and fear of growing old. (Except me of course – in which case it's true).

So my tip for the New Year: be yourself. You don't need all that stuff to make you special. Be honest to yourself, and the rest will all follow naturally. But my very BEST tip is this: a smile can take you to places that money and gadgets can't. Generally being nice to people (and yourself), is far more likely to win you friends and sexual conquests, than all that expensive crap.

q says: with SWISH

q joke of the month

A woman orders a chicken sandwich and starts to choke. People are running frantically, trying to figure out what to do.

Two gay guys sitting in the corner whisper to each other and run in front of the choking lady. One strips out of his overalls, bends over butt naked in front of his friend. His friend proceeds to lick the other's bottom.

Upon seeing this, the lady vomits forcing the lodged food from her throat. After making sure the lady is OK, the two guys return to their food.

The other one turns and says, "Wow, that hind-lick manoeuvre really works!"

Well it's now 2006 and if it was anything like mine you're all tired and over parties and drinking (not)!

Well don't relax yet because, as always, January is huge, and what better way to kick it off than with Midsumma and all the festivities. <u>Huge</u> is the entertainment line up. From what I've heard, Miss Jane has the bull by the horns and, as only she can do, has one of the biggest line ups that u can curl an eyelash with.

AND YES I'LL BE THERE IN FORCE! MWAH HAPPY NEW YEAR MELBOURNE xx



queer: WINE

Here we are in January and that means 2 things: Midsumma and great weather.

Like anyone else queer who has a pulse, Midsumma and January/February is my favourite time of the year. Apart from all of the events of the festival, there are some excellent opportunities for the consumption of beverages, especially during the day. That brings me to this month's wines:

Bubbles (not Michael Jackson's 'friend') but Aussie sparkling wine, is competitive all over the world as quality product, and as much as we queens like our 'French', we have some brilliant examples of Australian Sparkling, and one of those is Meeting Place Sparkling. From Canberra (yes I know, nothing good is supposed to come out of Canberra), it is a colder climate blend of chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meneiur. A zesty little sparkling, it is a savoury wine that has plenty of baked bread and cracked wheat notes to accompany the subtle strawberry and lemon merinque flavours. Sounds like you want to eat it!! And as a great value for money sparkling, you can't do any better than \$15.90 for frequent consumption.

Rose has become the new fad this year in wine, and deservedly so. A great wine for any time of the day (beware! the next fad is breakfast wine). From King Valley, in Victoria, this wine is a ripper. Many Australian rosés are pretty mediocre, despite them being talked up ad nauseam, but some pink wines do justify the hype, though, and this very dry King Valley Sangiovese is an example.

Reminiscent of cherries and savoury herbs, it's appetisingly clean-tasting and more-ish. Deliciously different and a brilliant wine to share over a picnic with your lover or a bbg/dinner with friends. And being a pink wine, it is the perfect match to any Midsumma events. If the experts are rating this, then so are we. And at \$18.00 you won't do any better.

Happy Midsumma, and as always, happy drinking.

g: **PEOPLE**

This is Part 2 of our exclusive interview with one of Australia's finest male vocal groups - Human Nature. Hope you enjoy.

Longevity and Boy Bands generally don't go Listening to the album, I could visualise you

It's how we've always seen ourselves (as staying together). We weren't put together by anyone else, we are just friends and we enjoy (it) so much. Until we stop enjoying it, we don't feel it's our time to give it up.

Toby has done a bit of theatre - things come along and we won't turn them down but we're not actively seeking (behind closed doors) solo careers, but I think things like Toby's thing in cabaret was good for both Toby and the band. But it just seems it's the group that is unique - something very special - and we'll just keep preserving that. Priority for us is the group - everything else is a bonus.

Hopefully a huge tour – next year (2006). Particularly with the Motown stuff - we really love performing live - particularly with this music. It's so much fun - the moves are really iconic as well.

We've done a lot of tours, but this one would be more like a tribute to the Motown era - which would be for both our fans and a whole different group who simply loved that music. We'd do it with a big band on stage and all the choreography that goes along with the music.

to it, I could hear you loving it too. Thank you so much for your time, and good luck with



q: **PROPERTY**

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Only 6 perceptive clients will have this opportunity, so don't delay. O.H Life Property Investment is a division of Oliver Hume Real Estate Group, who are currently the marketing agents for in excess of 50 residential communities along the eastern seaboard of Australia.

For further information please contact: Adam Renouf at Oliver Hume Real Estate Group Ph: 61 3 9669 5999 Email: a.renouf@oliverhume.com.au

q: EXTRAS



The first two UMD's (discs for Sony's PSP) released through Warner Music Australia are RHCP "Live At Slane Castle" & Green Day "Bullet In A Bible". Both discs go on sale Saturday Jan 21st.

UMD is the new high-capacity optical medium designed for the high speed and efficient delivery of digital entertainment content, including game, movies and music. The newly developed UMD is the next-generation compact storage media. At only 60mm in diameter, the UMD can store up to 1.8GB of digital content, making it perfect for the portable entertainment player PSP.



Stonewall Hotel in eight years has established itself both locally and internationally as Sydney's Premier Gay and Lesbian venue. A solid foundation and with over 5000 clubbers a week coming through the doors Stonewall felt it was the right time to release their first CD - through Central Station Records.

Stonewall are extremely pleased to bring the talent and skills of DJ Luke Leal to work on this, their first compilation CD. Luke has been a resident Dj at Stonewall for a number of years and has played at most Major dance parties in Sydney.

The Title for the first compilation is Stonewall the Addiction. The name brought about by the way the people feel about the club.



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in bed with: BEN

Well first of all, I would like to thank everyone for your overwhelming response in volunteering to take my after shots from last months laser hair removal treatment. Yeah, my inbox was so inundated it completely crashed my computer, NOT!

So you're all just going to have to go to hell!

bullets (just so it didn't hurt as much) and most importantly, sticking to a staple diet of Kylie Minogue whenever I could.

Coming home for Christmas - as a lot of you would imagine is a lesson in patience – which, finally after all of that, brings me to a point somewhere in this. Sometimes you just have to put up with people's differences as long as it's not harmful to you.

Oops! I mean wait until next month's column

At the end of the day, you don't have to agree with

"Christmas in oh god, no don't say it, yes "Country Australia" they just don't understand laser hair removal?"

Whilst I get the last treatment done next week and deal with my rejection issues, this month I turn to what I'm sure is a very interesting topic for all gay men and gay women over the holiday season. And that is, how was the family Christmas dinner or relative bash over your summer break? I say laughing out loud!

My interesting trip back to hometown country South Australia, was let's just say, a re-education in boganism! And yes that is a word (if bloody Shakespeare can make up his own words then so can I). Oh bloody no! I think I've just become a gay Bogan.

As I sit here in a beach shack on the Yorke Peninsula, about 3 hours out of Adelaide, I'm listening to country banter that's drifting in from out front. And I just discovered that the days of the week have changed. Did you know that there is now a Mondie, Tuesdie, Wensdie, Thursdie and Fridie?

I've also noticed that they can't remember each other's names - it's great, they just call each other "Mate!" It's been fantastic, since I can't remember any of their names. I've been reduced to, "Would you like a beer mate?" - Works every time.

Now, I know I might sound like a snob, but no need to worry. I used to be a country farm person thing a me jig whatever ya call it too.

My actual upbringing consisted of a big old farm house on a cattle farm with motorbikes and shooting friends with slug guns by using potato instead of real how they behave or how they speak, you just have to accept them for who they are.

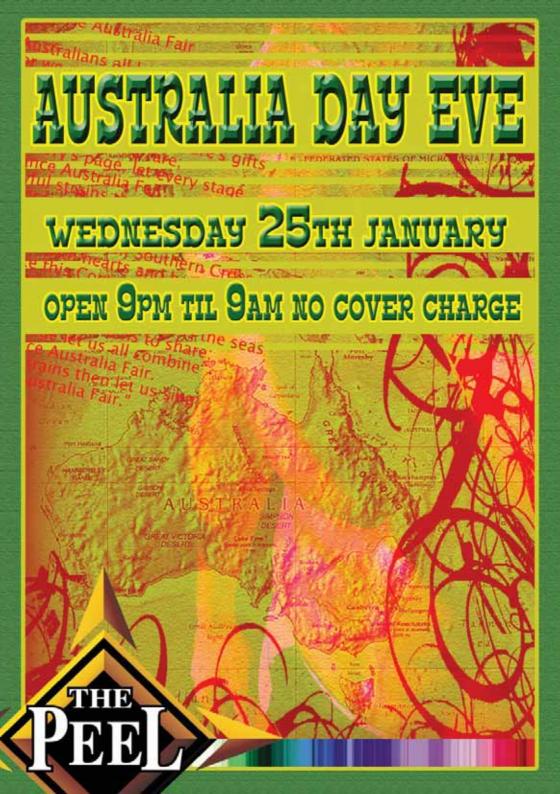
They are family after all. And in return, expect the same back.

And just a note, growing up on a farm was the best upbringing I could have ever hoped for. And still to date, I love "cowboys"! As I head back to Melbourne in the next couple of days, I look forward to seeing you all at Midsumma Carnival.

So cheers to ya mate, drink lots of beer and see ya on Mondie, Tuesdie or whenever I see ya. From the bed of Ben.



If you have a question you'd like answered, you can email ben@qmagazine.com.au



q travel: THE RED SEA Pictures and article by Shek Graham

Diving in the Red Sea has been a dream of mine, and this year it was finally going to happen! On our arrival at the boat in Hurghada, we were led on board by what seemed a large number of crew. The boat was beautifully appointed, and the rooms were very comfortable. As the only other two passengers arrived, we realised we were going to be a group of only four, and there were twelve crew on board! I love to meet people but dive decks can get very crowded with a full boat, and with such a small group, gearing up and getting in and out of the water would be a breeze. Brilliant!











The next morning we left for our first dive site: Gota Sha'Ab El Erg. I love the Egyptian names. Immediately we spotted fish I had never seen before; Red Sea Crown Butterfly fish and Arabian Angelfish, as well as Giant Moray Eels. There were an amazing array of the poisonous but beautiful lion fish, including clearfin lion fish. The reef was teeming with exotic nudibranchs (sea slugs), a variety of moray eels, blue spotted rays and other gorgeous marine life.

I was really excited by the thought of diving some of the wrecks I had been told about. They were all I had hoped. Again there was an incredible array of reef life, but in addition there were all sorts of items and artefacts to observe and photograph. The best of the wrecks was the Thistlegorm, a merchant ship that had been sunk by a German bomb in 1941 whilst carrying a full load of equipment for the British Army. The holds were full of British BSA motorbikes, trucks, ammunition, plane parts, and even railway engines. All were in relatively good condition and easily identifiable despite the encrustation of silt and marine life. I loved it!

We also visited the Ras Mohammed Marine Park. This was a stunning place, full of gorgeous corals, colourful fish and even Hawksbill turtles. I had to take photographs the entire time. Even the night dives were excellent. We were able to see a multitude of weird and wonderful crustaceans, sea urchins of all sorts, cuttle fish and even a huge lobster. There was yet another wreck here, the Yolanda, that had hit the reef and sank, with its cargo of toilets and fittings! I just had to take a picture here!!

My overall impression of diving in the Red Sea was that it was wonderful. True, there are safety issues - it may not be the place to go if you are a very new diver, but all in all it was a fabulous experience, and one that I would love to repeat.













q cuties: BOYS BOYS BOYS!













Congratulations for MIDSUMMA goes to the Peel Hotel (Flip It) entrant. You have won a \$50 drink voucher at the Peel Hotel - which can be collected anytime by simply identifying yourself to one of the friendly staff.

The idea is YOU choose the picture you think has the cutest guy or guys in it and sms 0429 88 QMAG with the corresponding number. The pic with the most votes will win a fabulous prize with the compliments of one of our advertisers and Q Magazine. So get your fingers working and vote today!!



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midsumma: THEATRE

Buster Daniels, the coruscating star from Murrambateman, has announced an ambitious Melbourne / Sydney tour of his very own cabaret, *Nancy Boy*, accompanied by Mark Fitzgibbon on piano.

Featuring songs by Joe Jackson, Guns N' Roses, Johnny Cash and Daniel Maloney, this is bareback cabaret at its most infectious.

 Melbourne

 The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne

 Dates:
 Thursday 26 Jan to Sunday 12 Feb (performances Thur to Sun)

 Time:
 All shows at 8.30 pm

 Tickets:
 \$20; \$15 concession-holders

 Bookings:
 Telephone 03 9690 2000 or online at www.thebutterflyclub.com

 Sydney

 Bar Me, 154 Brougham Street (corner of William Street) Kings Cross

 Dates:
 Wednesday 22 Feb to Saturday 25 Feb

 Time:
 All shows at 10.00 pm

 Tickets:
 \$20; \$15 concession-holders / \$30; \$25 with light meal

 Bookings:
 Telephone 02 9368 0894





Drag-tastic Songstress Miz Ima Starr unleashes the FIRST EVER Melbourne season of her acclaimed solo stage show 'Born Free' - especially for Midsumma 2006.

Prepare yourself for an utterly unique showbiz history told through song, soliloquy and audience seduction. Priceless frocks, cheap shots, free-flowing aural acrobatics, and ten of the greatest songs ever belted out by a busty primadonna.

Miz Ima Starr is Born Free! Chapel off Chapel, 11 Chapel Street, Prahran Thursday 26 January, Friday 27 January, and Saturday 28 January at 9.15pm. Bookings can be made by calling Chapel off Chapel on 03 8290 7000



Following a sell-out 2005 season, Belinda Lemon's tribute to the *Divine Miss M* is back for two nights as part of Midsumma 2006. Like the diva herself, the show is outrageous, glamorous, a little bit cheeky and a lot of fun and for the first time in Melbourne, Belinda will be joined on stage by the infamous "Harlettes" representing Bette Midler's well-known back up dancer/singers.

Outrageously Divine: A Tribute to Bette Midler' is playing at Chapel off Chapel, Saturday 21 January 9pm and Sunday 22 January 7pm. Tickets \$27.00 / \$22.00 concession.

Bookings phone 03 8290 7000.

Judy. Liza. Barbra.....Three gay boys argue the case over who IS the biggest legend. They sing their way through the outstanding collection of songs including 'People', 'Over The Rainbow' & 'Cabaret'. Staring Enda Markey (One Night Stand, The Mangina Monologues), Liston Williams (Queer Eye For The Straight Guy) & Luke Barron.

Dates: Sat 21 Jan - Sun 22 Jan

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dear: DR TIFFANY

From the Dr's desk....

Contrary to viscous rumours from my older sister Morag, I did not have a \$10 total facial make over in Phuket. I was asked to speak at an International Voodoo conference with the theme "The Modern Mind for a Modern World".

If you would like some advice from Dr Tiffany, or share something with Dr Tiffany, email deardrtiffany@qmagazine.com.au and make sure you pick up the next issue of Q! to read her reply.

Dear Dr Tiffany,

My name is Paul and I am 18 years of age. I am currently holidaying with my parents in Merimbula in NSW and I must say I am really enjoying myself but my parents are worried I am hanging out with an older crowd of local boys who do not seem to have any hang ups. Gee Whiz, they are only 2 years older, about 20! The other night we had a beach party just for the boys and all got quite drunk. We all stripped off and went swimming. While I was in the water, Christian kept touching my penis until I was erect. I feel a bit funny but I really like him and he likes me. We go home in three days and I don't want to leave him, please what should I do?

Signed, Paul.

Dear Paul,

Your letter has made me quite moist. True love is such a lovely thing to experience.

Because you are at Merimbula and prawns, lobster and not forgetting those delicious oysters are so fresh and plentiful, forget your parents, shack up with Christian, and start a new life.

P.S. I love fresh lobster.

Dear Dr Tiffany,

The other night I saw you in Abbotsford being helped to your feet by two people. What went down?

Signed, Concerned.

Dear Concerned,

That particular night in question, Morag, honey bun, and myself had been to a fundraiser at the convent where the wine flowed freely and the laughter was everywhere. When leaving, we decided to walk (as the night was delightful) when, all of a sudden, I went down like a bag of spuds. Was it the uneven footpath, or was it the 6 bottles of wine I had drunk at the convent? To this day we will never know. But if you drink and walk you're a bloody ldiot!

Dear Dr Tiffany,

My name is Simon and for Christmas I was given two goldfish. What should I feed them on?

Signed, Simon.

Dear Simon,

I also have goldfish and they seem to enjoy a brand O.S.I. goldfish aquarium goldfish flake food - but I add a little personal touch on each flake - I put a small amount of caviar. They really seem to enjoy that bit extra. The other day I came home from a four day clubbing weekend and one jumped out of the water and said mummy. Sometimes a personal touch can be so rewarding.

generation: **q**

Well that's that! Another year has come Scene, and gone and as we are left to reflect on the highs and lows, achievements and disappointments, of the previous twelve the list months, we say hello to 2006 with open arms and open hearts.

Fresh New Years resolutions replace last year's unfulfilled ones (as I light another cigarette!) and, as we clear our heads from New Years celebrations, hopefully a little insight is gained into what we are happy and content with in our chaotic lives and what needs a little improvement.

Although, a sober moment may be hard to come by between now and the end of Mardi Gras, for me personally, 2005 was all about learning, or at least attempting to learn. I set out on a personal journey of self-discovery and hands on experience within my community, or drank a shipload of alcohol and frequented that many gay bars that now too many people know my name, usually used in the context of, "Luke, you've had enough to drink!" I can't say my many youthful questions have all been answered, although I will probably keep on asking the same questions. But I must confess, while relaxing in the beer garden at DT's recently, I experienced an overwhelming realisation (unrelated to alcohol) that maybe there aren't any real answers to the questions I pose.

I'm a twenty-year-old gay guy living in a material world, (sorry, received Madonna's album as Xmas pressie), living in uncertain times, in a year in which gay matrimony rocked Europe and North America, and disco was officially pronounced dead. No wonder I'm confused. I sought guidance from my elders, who were my age in uncertain times also, but I couldn't seem to find anyone at the Laird who was interested in giving me a history lesson. I like to think of myself as socially active (although others prefer the term "scene queen") yet sometimes I can't keep up anymore in a scene which has as many divisions as I have Calvin Klein shirts.

Scene, non-scene, camp, straight-acting, passive, aggressive, sane, not-so-sane, the list goes on and on.... but I suppose that is the very beauty of diversity and as a great man has advised me in the past: "Just take it as it comes Luke"...and that's just what I plan to do in 2006.



As a friend of 24 years prepares to come out of the closet to his parents, I am preparing to start filling mine with a new season's wardrobe. Good times with new friends, more memories with old ones, this is 2006 and it's going to be fabulous! (Don't quote me on that.) As the sun shines down on Midsumma festivities and the rumbling of Sydney's gay extravaganza can be heard in the distance, I'm going to welcome this year with a nostalgic optimism, as we all should, and promise myself a year of success, health and happiness - for myself, my loved ones and my community.





an alternative look at a lads, girls night out with morag

camp: CAPERS

Well heeelllooooo one and all!

It's good to be back in the throws of things, and back into the exciting world of journalism after our wee Christmas break. But before I go on, I may as well tell you that this just might be my last little article for Q Magazine. So, I'll try and make it as meaningful, inspirational, educational, enlightening, and as truthful as only a girl in my position can do.

You see (only my very, very closet friends are aware of this) for many years now, just about every editor of every national newspaper has tried and tried to hire me in one of their top positions. It's an idea for a column that, well, it's a cross between the gossip of Lillian Frank; the sincerity of Derryn Hinch; the hypocrisy of Neil Mitchell; and the honesty and integrity of Andrew Bolt. It would be a weekly feature, probably called something like - "Morag - Life as she sees it" or "Morag - A Woman's view from a Penis Perspective" or "The Meanderings of Morag". Anyway, the name right now is not important. What DOES matter is the fact that the only thing stopping me over the years has now gone! Now, as much as I'm sorry for his family, I must be honest, all the holds that dear Kerry put on my career have now been lifted. I mean, is it fair that, just because I misbehaved at a little party 18 ½ year ago, and let my sporran fall into the engine of his \$60m little boat, a man should have the right to stop the career of a promising young female writer who had just graduated from the Glaswegian monthly gazette? I think not! So, bye bye Q, and HELLO the world!

However, I suppose as this might be my last column, I should mention how wonderful ALL the nights out were over Christmas & NYE. To be honest though, one of the main reasons for filling half this article with the 295 words in the previous two paragraphs, is the fact that I can't remember a f#@*kin' thing!

I DO know that I tried to do it on the cheap. As such, this basically ruled out doing ANYTHING on Commercial Rd., - they don't call it Commercial Rd., for nothin' you know!









Anyway, on the one night I did stumble past the street - it was good to see old favourite DIVA Bar and newcomer Heaven's Door still having no cover charges. Now, being a highly sought after socialite, it was no surprise that the top party promoter in town – Bill from Rawhide – climbed over mountains and waited outside my office for 3 days, just so he could give me a comp ticket and <u>BEG</u> me to attend his little soirée on NYE. A further \$795 drink card did the trick. The problem was that I don't think I got to use it all – well not until about 6 in the morning.....

"Morag – Life as she sees it" or "Morag – A Woman's view from a Penis Perspective" or "The Meanderings of Morag"

The night started ok; a few drinks at DT's; an ogle at the men only crowd at the Laird; and in a surprise piece of enjoyment, a bit of fun at an official 'mixed' event at The Peel! The last few years have been men only, but this year they let the guys bring their fag hags and kept the men only 'relaxation rooms' upstairs. But the only real fag hag that I noticed was the old cow I had spotted at DT's earlier – my dear sister Dr Tiffany. Why oh why can't Abdul fix the door policy at the Peel and keep ALL the scrubbers out??? Mind you, I reckon at \$15 a ticket, it was hard to keep anyone out of the Peel that night. So, as the time went on; <u>Off</u> I went. Kilt stuck up between my little, tight, pert, peach like cheeks, I decided to take up Bills kind offer. "Rawhide, here I come baby!" - So many MEN! - I'm afraid that's all I remember dears.....

But, I DO plan to remember THIS year! As you all know, it's Midsumma! So, check out the Golden Stilletto race at DT's; Mooning at the Laird; and watch out for the next THROB for Men party and the upcoming Foam party at the Peel.

PS – Don't worry my wee haggises. I don't think the Herald Sun will be able to offer me a big enough package, so I guess you'll be hearing from me next time!



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q: FASHION with CRAIG MICHAELS



Should I buy sale fashion items?

Shopping Frenzy.....What to Do!

Jason sent me an email last month asking me is there something wrong with him as he hates shopping with a passion, especially Sale Time.

His boyfriend tries dragging him out shopping when ever he gets a chance. He always insists he is getting a bargain and because of this he just has to have it.

How do I get through to him that just because it is on sale doesn't mean it is a bargain?

Well Jason it is that time of year where everywhere you look, somebody is having a sale. If your boyfriend insists on dragging you out maybe the secret is having a few drinks before you go out and face the Sale Frenzy.

There are a few simple rules to sale shopping to make sure you are getting a bargain:

 If you spotted something throughout the season and you thought wow I must have that but it is too expensive, then this is the time to buy it. When it is marked down.

How do you tell whether this is a genuine discount or it is just a scam to get you to spend more of your hard earned pink dollars?

> The Department stores have a system where they order stock in, on what is known in the industry as S.O.R.(sale of return). You can separate the real bargains from the FAKES by simply looking closely at the sale swing tag.

One of two things will be there:

The real bargain will have the original swing tag on it with red pen slashing the price and showing the new sale price OR two printed prices will appear on the tag - one saying "recommended retail price" and the other "sale price". This is the scam.

The other thing to consider is if there is a lot of the same item on the sale rack, do you really want to be buying and wearing the same thing as everyone else?

Boxing Day sale is a nightmare boys, so stay clear on this day and relax and enjoy a few more cocktails with friends before you dive into the madness of the shopping Sale frenzy.

During the sale month of January, the designer garments will go through 3 mark down stages, so don't panic.

Why save 25 % off marked prices when, by the third week of January, the stores will have marked fashion stock down by at least another 25% or even 50% if you are lucky.

Keep an eye on the designer stores and flirt with the cute sales boy and see if he can hide that favourite piece for you so that you get the best price and maybe even his number.

I hope that helps Jason.

Until next month.

A bonus for Q Magazine readers:

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If you have any questions for Craig, please email fashion@qmagazine.com.au

g cosmetic: **with** DR. PAUL SPANO

"Testosterone Supplementation and THE ANDROPAUSE"

- Part 3 - some FAQ

My doctor tested my testosterone level, and because it was just barely above the bottom of normal range, he said I do not need TRT. Is he

The "normal" reference range for Total Testosterone is found through statistical means, meant to include If I go on TRT, how will it change my 95% of all adult males. Yet, when tested properly-with what is called a Bioavailable Testosterone assay-about half of all men over the age of fifty have low testosterone. That means a significant percentage of those included in "normal" range are actually sick with hypogonadism (reread the list of serious diseases associated Therefore with hypogonadism). "normal range" has absolutely nothing to do with health and happiness! Anti-Aging experts agree that if you are experiencing the symptoms of hypogonadism (low testosterone), even if your levels are as high as mid-range, a course of TRT is probably warranted. If your symptoms improve or disappear altogether, that proves you had the disease. This is known to doctors as "therapeutic testing."

Can any adult male with low or low-

At this time, men who have either prostate or breast cancer are deferred from undergoing TRT. We are also careful to regularly monitor PSA levels, as well as manually are also careful to regularly monitor PSA levels, as well as manually checking the prostate with a Digital Rectal Exam.

Along the way, we monitor blood levels, as a small portion of TRT patients will have their blood become too "thick", a condition known as polycythemia.

This can happen because testosterone supplementation stimulates the production of red blood cells, which is why it is sometimes prescribed to treat anemia. Beyond that, it is just a matter of finding a physician well-trained in how to best administer this profoundly effective treatment therapy.

Most men report dramatic increases in sexual performance, up to and including a reversal of Erectile Dysfunction (ED) symptoms. They also have much more energy, better stamina, increased muscle and decreased fat, and an improvement in their ability to concentrate and remember things. All of a sudden they are being active well into the evening again, enjoy great sex, can catch up to the grandkids, and hit that golf ball 40 yards further. They tell me they have regained their "edge". Plus they feel they just plain look younger. And this is in addition to the dramatic decreases in the risks for the serious diseases I listed previously in this article.

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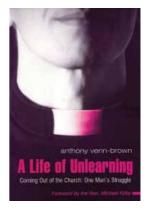
Good question, especially with all the press lately regarding steroids in professional sports. Doing steroids means taking testosterone way above the top of normal range. This is VERY bad for your health. Testosterone Replacement Therapy (TRT), on the other hand, is merely restoring, or optimising, testosterone levels to healthy range. Studies have shown that men get healthier (and happier) as they approach the top of normal range. And they tend to stay that way much longer. A good analogy is the recent recommendation that a glass of wine at dinner each night may be good for our health. But drinking a whole bottle is a different matter entirely!



q: BOOKS by L. GORMAN

I recently read the book 'A Life of Unlearning: coming out of the church' an autobiography by Anthony Venn-Brown, which won a Gay Book Award in Sydney 2004. At first I thought it would be just another coming out story, and then I found out more, Anthony Venn-Brown was an evangelist preacher! It was a coming out story but it had religious issues as well, which many people have to deal with.

Like most homosexual people, Venn-Brown started having feelings and thoughts for the same sex during his teenage years. Due to his religious upbringing, he believed that this was a curse and did everything he could to "cure" himself. Through desperation to be "normal" he became involved in a heterosexual marriage and started a family.



Believing God had answered his prayers and taken away his feelings for other men, he found himself unable to resist yet another illicit affair. The shame he felt towards his homosexual feelings and the deceit necessary to help him continue his façade as preacher, husband and father destroyed his self-esteem. Finally Venn-Brown could no longer deny who he was anymore. He met some gay men who helped him to quit the charade he had lived for society and the church to accept him all these years, and became who he really was:

"To some degree we are all living a life of unlearning. Unlearning the things we have accepted without question but which have no truth in our lives. For me, the issue was my sexual orientation, yours is probably different. Truth is internal, not external. People often want someone else to tell them what the truth is instead of finding it themselves." (314)

One thing of value in this book is the candid look at what it's like to be homosexual. Through one mans "gay" education we see the details of "cruising" and encountering a new partner; an inside look into the gay scene through the eyes of someone else. Venn-Brown promotes understanding and compassion in his book. Also how it feels to be forced to live a lie in society and religion because of fundamentalist beliefs.

q: MOVIES

Confessions of a Sociopathic Social Climber

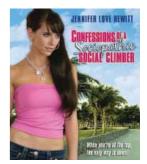
Quirky in every sense of the word. This film (released through 21st Century Pictures) is brilliantly performed by the entire cast and is precisely about what the title would suggest. Although somewhat of a chic flick, the gay character adds [as one would expect] colour and movement to the story line. A tale of love - both between a man and a woman and of money and social stature - I highly recommend it for a Sunday afternoon sitting around the lounge room with friends. Certainly nothing serious or educational.....but then again, sometimes, it is nice just to be entertained rather than having to learn something.

Rated M - in your local Video Store from the 22nd of February.

Mysterious Skin

Serious in every sense of the word. A tale of two boys - one knew precisely what he was from an early age, the other (having blocked an experience out of his mind) thinking he was abducted by Aliens. If you can get over the school boy / baseball coach relationship aspect of this film, and concentrate on the complex storyline of self discovery and sexuality, then you will enjoy it as much as I did. The film skips back and forth from one boy to the other, following their lives - both of which are as different as chalk and cheese - to an eventual reunion where the truth is revealed. On a sexual level, there is nothing graphic, although you don't need too much of an imagination in parts to realise what is happening.

Rated R - in your local Video Store from the 22nd of February - through 21st Century Pictures





q: **PROFILE**



"I'm sick of the homophobia that permeates my educated demographic of typical suburban breeders.....thus I'm introducing the GLBTi world to an audience that often has had no previous interaction with gay people".

Celebrating the big hunks 'o spunk at Raw Hide, Ang Bagiotas's artistic focus is on the intensity of the experience. The buffed up and uninhibited subjects on the acrylic canvases, are local lads rubbing shoulders with international performer Nick Beyeler.

Bagiotas's suggests her paintings "appeals to the voyeur in us all", using unexpected perspectives and powerful chromatic rhythms to capture inspired clubbers 'going off', or perhaps enjoying the 'pick up pash'. Bagiotas states that she "delights in highlighting the most outrageous party people 'mucking up'. It's the only symptom I exhibit of being a desperate suburban housewife - painting gorgeous, unattainable men! As if they were my dance partners, I love to represent my adored friends, having the best time! As soon as I enter my studio, I can escape my reality (mother-of-three little boys, with the associated responsibilities as Managing Director of Domestic Duties) and go back to my clubbing glory days".

Probe Bagiotas further and you will discover anti-homophobia motivations. It is a passion for the role painting plays in interpreting and representing contemporary and in particular queer culture, which drives the series of work Bagiotas has produced for 'going OUT'. A sharp-eyed observer, Bagiotas uses colour and a vigorous technique to convey the energy and vibrancy of GLBTI dance parties. Bagiotas is delighted to announce that the exhibition is to be run as a registered event of Midsumma 2006.

'going OUT' new art works by Ang Bagiotas can be seen @ The Artery 87 Moor Street Fitzroy from Tuesday 24th January till Sunday 5th February 2006 The Artery is open Tue-Sat 10 a.m. till late and Sun 12 noon till late.









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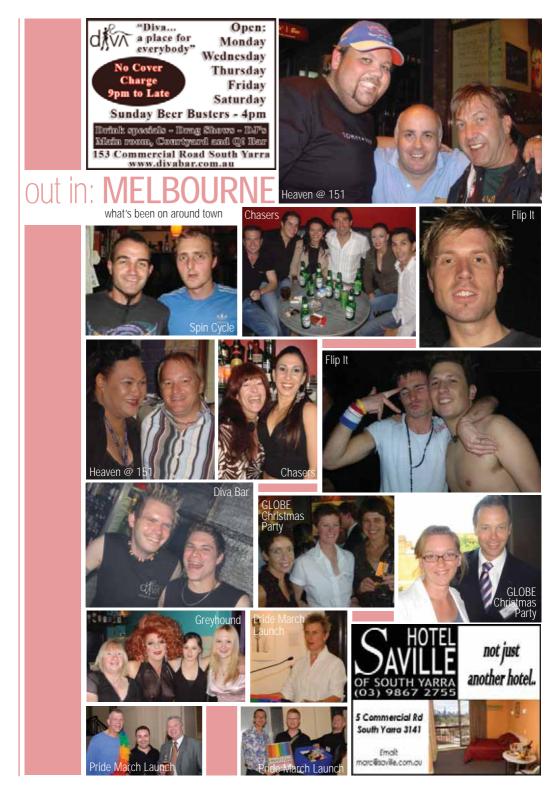
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