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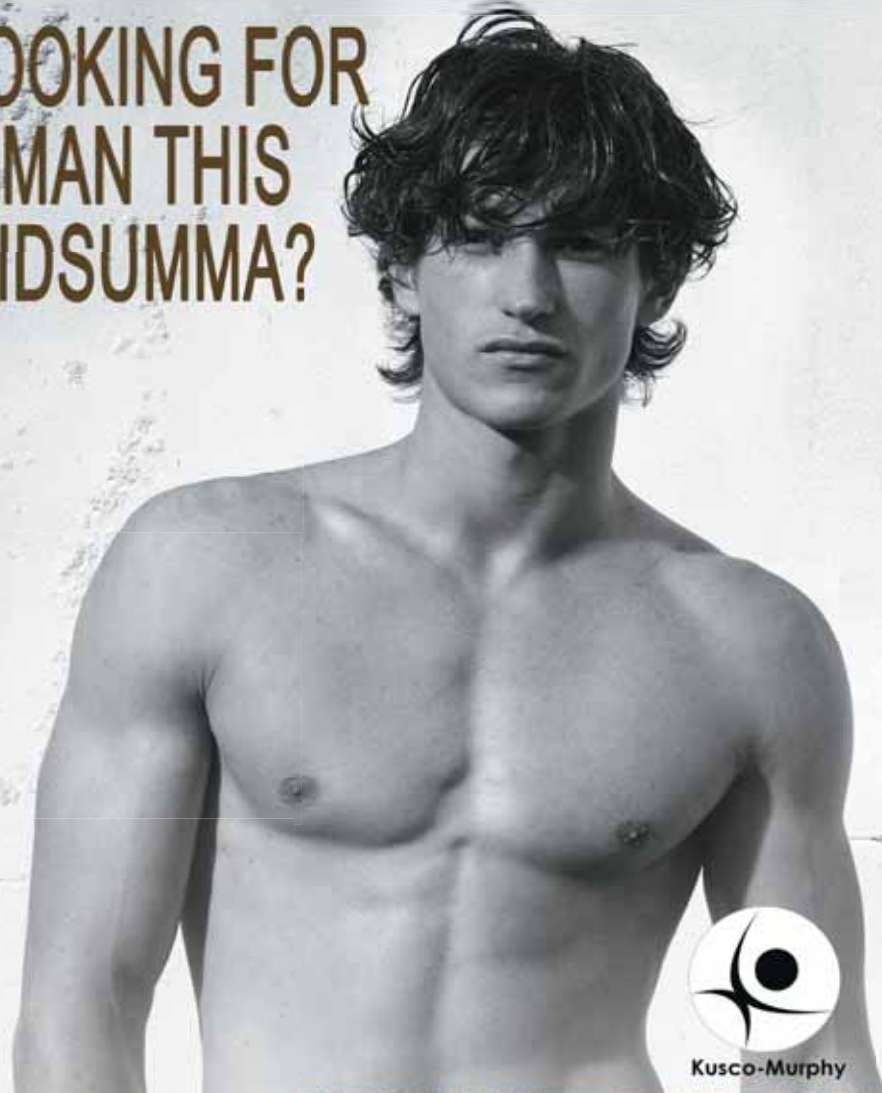
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Q Fashion, Q Beauty,
Q Music with Young Divas
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and much more

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q comment: MAGNIFICENT MIDSUMMA

Not just Carnival, the Annual MIDSUMMA Festival offers everyone an amazing array of activities - most free, all exciting, and the highest possible standard. Make sure you source out what is happening and be part of your festival. If you are visiting Melbourne through this period, I am sure by asking a local, you will get all the information you require. You can, of course, go to their website midsumma.org.au Midsumma programs are also available throughout Melbourne at responsible venues, bookshops and the like. MIDSUMMA Festival goes from now till the 11th of February.



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On a Q Magazine news front. As the year begins, several changes are about to occur with your favourite and ONLY monthly glossy magazine. I am very proud of Q Magazine in its existing form, but want to increase the number of pages with which to work - giving you even more to read and enjoy on a monthly basis. I will also be holding birthday parties in Melbourne and Sydney this year - details in the March issue.

I am extremely proud and honoured to tell you that I have been recently elected President of PLWHA (Vic). This is my first presidency in Melbourne and one which I take very seriously. Thank you to the Board for having faith in me. I look forward to working with our Board, Staff, Members, Government/s, and the Community, for the betterment of all People Living with HIV/AIDS in our community.

It seems everyone is occupying space on the internet these days, and Auntie Vera is no exception. See what this young lady is up to around town, her preferences, and much more, at myspace.com/auntieveraright. Q Magazine also has a presence at myspace.com/qmagazineaustralia.

I hope you continue to enjoy your Q Magazine - wherever you live in this great country of ours - as much as I enjoy bringing it to you.

q music: with the YOUNG DIVAS



With these young ladies [all stars in their own right] going from strength to strength right now, I jumped at the chance to speak with Emily about the band and how it was all working out for them. We started our conversation by talking about their new album.

The album is 80's disco. It's such a gay album. Every gay guy I know will love it. Every song, I reckon, is a gay anthem.

What has the band been up to lately?

We've just finished our tour - was supposed to only be 20 shows but ended up being 30 or 40 - so we're really really happy about that. The album of course, and next year we're hoping to go back on tour - although that will depend on how this album goes.

We're actually going to see quite a few tours next year - Anthony Callea, David Campbell, yourselves. I think it will be a great year for music in 2007.

And hopefully more girl bands.

Explain the comparison from being a solo performer to singing in a band please.

I'll tell you the good thing - when you're on stage you don't feel like you're alone. Sometimes being a solo artist you like being by yourself, but in a group you can share the burden. It's so good having Paulini next to me who I can turn to [if I am sick or there is something wrong with my voice at that particular time] and say "can you do this bit for me". Or Ricki will just instantly take over if I have forgotten the words. Everyone just has each others back.

How did Young Divas come about?

3 of us are under the same management, so we were all pretty much together anyway, and we asked Ricki to join us as she was the only one we knew who could fit that mould.

We have seen in recent times quite a proliferation of boy bands - do you feel the next big thing will be girl bands?

I really hope so because there really is only us and Girlband out there at the moment.

Are you writing your own material at this stage or sticking with covers for the meantime?

Well as we're called the Young Divas pretty much any album is a tribute - not just disco but music from when we were growing up as well. So for now it will be covers as we're still coming to terms with the title "Diva".

So how do you think you will live up to that fabulous title?

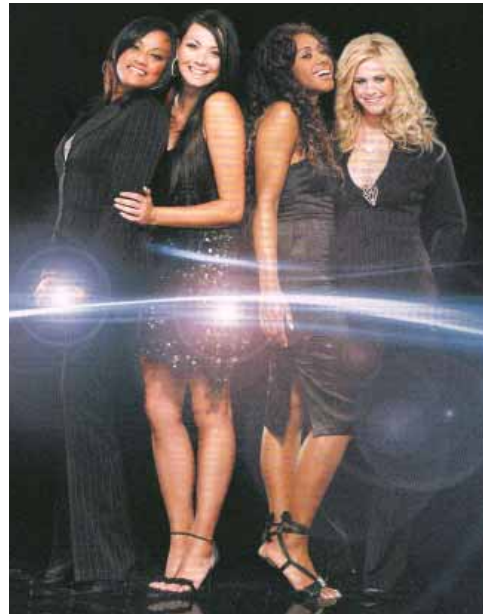
You tell me! Maybe you can give me some hints on how to live up to it [Oh love, I'm an old Queen not a Diva].

In conclusion...and it's something I ask all young artists...what do think about Australian Idol?

You know, if I could get anything out there, I would tell anyone who loves to sing to give it a go. Some people are bagging it right now - that it's an easy way to fame - and it is so not. Get up there and try it for yourself.

Emily, thank you so much for your time and I wish you all the best with everything the band is doing.

* see Q WIN for your chance to win one of the girl's fabulous albums.



q music: with IAN STARR

I met this young man just recently and decided his story was too good not to tell. I started our chat by asking about the Ian Starr story.

Well Starr by name Star by nature. I started my career early at the age of 4. Singing/dancing/acting and training 7 days a week. Working professionally at the age of 5, I appeared in a series of McDonald commercials before performing alongside Bert Newton in the Wizard of Oz at just 9. After that I was bitten by the showbiz bug. Acting in a string of TV shows - both in Australia and overseas. By the age of 15 I was signed up with a development deal with a record company, but the album never saw the light of day and was shelved. I then went on to be a dance teacher for a Spice Girls Tribute show "the spiced Girls" touring Asia and Australia. I then got into a Boyband called "Boystar" in 2001 - we were flown to New Zealand and basically became an overnight success with a long list of concert tours, magazine and tv interviews and a NO.3 hit single. "Boystar" got signed up in Australia in 2002 with 301Records/MRA - managed by Michael Browning (manager of Inxs and AC/DC) and release Australian debut single named "loverboy" which hit number #12 spot first week! The B side single, written by me, was also played on all radio stations across Australia threw Austerio and many others. Confusion over the album release and the merger of Sony/BMG caused a rift and the record was not released. 1 month later I left Boystar to pursue a solo career. Even performing on a Greek reality TV game show...shown in 6 countries. So far, the last 2 years I have worked with international hit makers behind Britney Spears, Backstreet boys, Sugababes, Scub 7 and Alcazar.

How would you describe your music?

It is Swedish pop - in other words it is a European dance/pop sound.

You've worked with some fairly impressive names...tell me a little about that.

Well Boystars management Michael Browning was the best in the business at the time.. He was Inxs and AC/DC's ex-management and propelled them to international fame. Also I was lucky enough to write songs along side Vincent di Giorgio who has written songs for Alcazar, Steps, Sugababes and NSYNC. But over the last few years I worked with so many Australian celebrities, and they are the nicest ones to work with.

You currently do not have management, how hard do you think it is going to be to get your

name out there?

It's so sad that I don't have management. It's hard to find someone who will commit to the project. There are a lot of people in the industry who are all talk and no action (and they all know who they are). Those people are the ones who have made it hard for me. As for getting my name out there, I think it's going well. I will be headlining Midsumma Carnival day at Treasury gardens on Feb 11 at 4pm and also Pride March on the 21st. They're pretty big shows and I think the audience will be impressed. Being on Myspace has made it easy for me to connect with big people and also fans of my music! [www.myspace.com/ianstarr]



Will we be seeing an album and/or tour any time soon?

For sure! I will be kicking off a club tour real soon so keep your eyes peeled for it. My first single as a solo artist is called Sundown and it was written by the team behind Scub 7. It can be previewed on www.myspace.com/ianstarr

Anything else you would like to add?

Im hoping to be Australia's first young gay popstar with major radio play. It will be a hard road, but I think Australia is ready!

generationq.net headlines for MIDSUMMA

Dante's Cove Hot hunk Charlie David talks about his older man affair

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q review: THE HILLS ARE ALIVE



Wild Summer 07

The tradition continues with this seasons helping of the best music around. A massive 41 tracks over 2 cds [the second mixed by The Stafford Brothers] - in stores right now through Central Station Records.



100% Hits

2 discs filled to the brim with the best hits of last year. Eskimo Joe, Youth Group, Paris Hilton, Madonna, Kasey Chambers, Placebo and a whole heap more, out now through Warner Music.



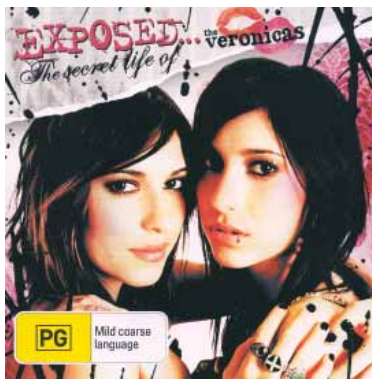
Il Divo Siempre

The brand new album from this super group is out now through SonyBMG. Fall in love with music all over again.



Digital Primate

Out now through Beat Broker comes an album of unparalleled excellence. "Siege Mentality" fetatures 18 tracks [some not for minors]. Get your hands on this album and know you have purchased a truly brilliant addition to your music collection.



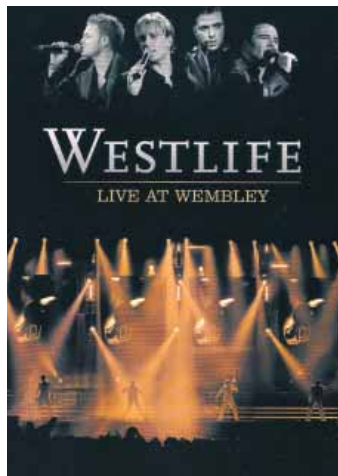
Veronicas

Exposed is the Secret Life of offering from the fabulous Veronicas. This DVD / CD set is something unique and features a documentary, music videos and live tracks from their Australian "Revolution" tour - in all good music stores through Warner Music.



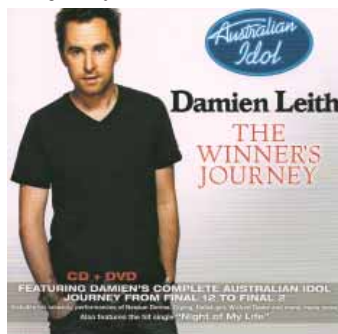
Leo

Out now through Shock Records comes a marvelous album from France's raging troubadours of gypsy, ska, chanson and punk. A true pleasure to listen to - even with the language barrier.



Westlife

Like most live DVD releases, go behind the scenes of this amazing band plus enjoy them live at Wembley Stadium. Flying without Wings, Uptown Girl, Mandy, and You Raise Me Up are just 4 of the 19 tracks featured - in all good music stores through SonyBMG.



Australian Idol's Damien Leith

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q art: with DAVID WESTLAKE

Whoosh! Welcome to the new year! Are you prepared for the ride – it's started already so don't get left behind.

We are currently in a vortex of openings, shows, exhibitions. Can we see them all? Can we, I, truly appreciate what I, we, are viewing? Well, it's a simple question with an equally simple answer. No!

To the shock of the masses, we cannot see so much art, skill and talent, and truly appreciate what we are viewing. There is such a thing as art overload, although I don't think it has a name (and if it does, I sure hope that's not what it's called).

This has come as a shock to me - that I have not had the chance to appreciate the full scale of art that is out there. There is just not enough time to properly take it all in, reflect, evaluate and consider.

I will also admit that I had not entered the halls of the new National Gallery of Victoria at Federation Square or the renovated old gallery until recently, yet passing through that wall of water for a few hours used to be a favourite relaxation for me.

At the recent Midsumma launch, I had the chance

to view the works of Juan Davila. This man's works I have admired for years, his ideas have made me believe that contemporary art can continue with the values of the past yet bleed towards a new direction. Okay, another admission. I used to be a card-carrying member of the art police, absolutely against contemporary art. Until I became the manager of one of Melbourne's largest art & craft centres. Here I helped many people use the knowledge of the past to create new artworks using materials and skills learned at the centre. In the process, I was re-educating myself about the value of contemporary art, and quietly let my art police membership lapse.

It took me 20 years to realise an old friend was right: white paint on a white canvas does say something. Consider "Blue Poles", we all thought it was tripe. (Be honest, you did too, didn't you.) But with knowledge and experience I see the true message in these works. I realise it wasn't because Juan Davila was mimicking the past, he is expressing the now. I have always looked to the past in art to find the future but it is amazing to have the current shown in such detail.



To finish, you simply must see the Juan Davila works on display at the NGV International, part of this year's Midsumma. If they offend, bother or cause distress, well, good, because that is what I have learnt. Contemporary art is an expression and ignites a response. If it does the work has succeeded, if not maybe we aren't looking closely enough.

There is a feast of art, exhibitions and installations as part of this year's Midsumma. Go on, be a glutton and see how much you can fit in. I'll see you there.

q theatre: MIDSUMMA STYLE

Missfit and The Dandy Nongs in SHOW YOURSELF!

The irrepressible, iridescent and totally irresistible Missfit returns with her singing and dancing Dandy Nongs in a dazzling account of how she has become the almost famous icon she is today! Missfit holds a mirror to her audience and asks the question 'are you happy with your make-up?' A tribute to individuality, self-expression and solidarity, SHOW YOURSELF! is more than a cabaret show... it's a happening! This show sold out in 2006 so don't miss this Midsumma must-see! Dates / times: Thursday 18 January to Saturday 10 February, all shows at 9.00 pm Tickets: \$26; \$22 concession-holders and for group bookings of eight or more Bookings: Telephone 9690 2000 or online at www.thebutterflyclub.com



TWISTED BINGO

Come and play bingo upstairs at The Butterfly Club during Midsumma with the delightful (and opinionated) Mizz Erin Tasmania. There'll be songs, foolish prizes, inappropriate humour and the chance to win, win, WIN! (or lose ...). Think about it, what could possibly be gayer? Dates / times: All Thursdays of Midsumma - first round (of 3) starts at 8.00 pm Ticket price: \$2 (you read right) and the fun comes for free Bookings: Just turn up



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Starring Wes Snelling and Stephen Weir Directed by Andrea Powel. Tina is interested in the blues, the jazz, the music. She has been performing globally on stage and her screen for over 50 years. Not bitter, but quite twisted. She recently returned to the stage that once graced her to a sellout season during the Melbourne Cabaret Festival. The current talk about town having performed at the Famous Speigeltent and The Arts Centre to name two, she is an experience not to be missed. Dates: Saturday 20 January to Saturday 10 February, all shows at 10.30 pm Ticket price: \$22 full and \$18 for concession-holders and for groups of eight or more Bookings: Telephone 9690 2000 or online at www.thebutterflyclub.com



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Roadshow

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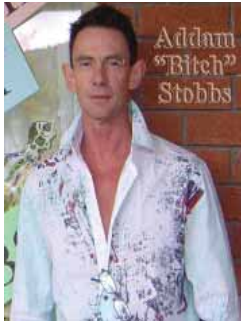
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q whispers: with ADDAM STOBBS



There is an irony!

The best and worst times of the year seem to come almost on top of each other. Frequently I hear people bemoan that Christmas and new year are awful times of loneliness and isolation. This may be so, and I understand that, at these times, when the focus of society is on family pluralism, many people within our community, for a variety of reasons, are not

able to imbibe in this 'necessary' function of westernised consumer driven celebration.

Most cultures have their own versions of Christmas and new year, complete with marketing, exorbitant over-pricing, and generally getting pissed. In our cultural minorities we have more localised celebratory seasons, which seem to follow the same patterns, although ours (i.e. G&L people) seem to be so much for fun to me! Pride March is Christmas day, a time for the family to get together and share time with a commonality of goodwill, and a sense of belonging, (complete with the Melbourne G&L community's version of Santa – Nan McGregor – giving out warmth and well wishes to all, with her endearing sincerity and honesty). She is one of the people in this world I respect and admire the most. Midsumma Carnival is new year, we end the year with a bang, and a rejuvenation, and start afresh, and

celebrate all that we are for the world to see, for everyone to be a part of if they so desire.

It's worth ploughing through Christmas and new year to get to midsumma. Other G&L communities, as you would be well aware, have the same patterns that we do, some are more internalised and some are crass and vulgar. Everywhere has a "pride march" and a carnival. It is vitally important to all of our lives to have this, so I hypothesise that it is important for our community wellbeing for us to be there. The messages of these G&L celebrations are many fold: from "unity through diversity", to unique individuality - we all need to belong. That really is the basic crux of the whole thing for me – a sense of belonging. When we go to Gay venues do we get a sense of belonging there? Do we get it when we hang with friends? Where do you belong?

God how things have changed! I came from a background where one had to hide, and cringe from unwanted attention, now one adores it. I broadcast on a Gay radio station - how out is that! I belong in this community, and I am accepted for who I am, unqualified, and unconditionally. So why do I do botox and dye my hair?

Enjoy MIDSUMMA and thank you all for your well wishes and death threats this past year.

My advice – do it in moderation. As do I.

James tells me frequently I am a lying old queen – I would raise my eyebrows in shock if they were not awash in botchulism.

q says: with NATASHA WILD

A Girl's right to shoes

Hi Everybody. When I was asked to do this little piece, I had to wrack my brain for something to write about. I could have gone down the same track as all the other people and write about myself, but that is just a bit boring...because who wants to hear about me? I for one am not that interested in how I started in this crazy world we call Drag. But then it came to me when I was in my walk-in closet and looked at my favourite space dedicated to my one and only love. That's right – my lovely shoe collection.

My friends think it's a problem and I might need to speak to someone about it, but it's just not my thing to lay on a couch and talk to a complete stranger. Talking would not be the thing on my mind. I have to ask, is 130 pairs of shoes bad?!? Personally I don't think it is. Boys and girls, your feet should always look smart.

Now with Midsumma happening, we need to think feet first. There are a lot of functions that a girl has to attend, starting with the opening party. I'm leaning towards a nice pointy toed stiletto, which is very sensible to maneuver on the cobblestones at Federation Square. A point to remember: take someone to hang on to as it is not a good look to fall over in public.

I will be taking my boys – I find it always best to have two, one to hold your drink and the other to hold the handbag when you need to pop to the ladies after all the soft drink you will be drinking. Just keep yourself nice. Then we have Pride march. Well, that can be a big day. What with the march and party afterwards, not to mention getting there. So I would think a nice flat shoe sandal would be in order. But don't forget to shave your legs! Fake tan is always good. I get mine done at Heavenly Solutions. Oh, and paint those toe nails.

Last but not least is Carnival – be careful of grass and high heels, your balls can hurt for days (that's the balls of your feet). Go for a nice slide with a thick heel.

So all in all I think you will do well. But remember, comfort is not an option: as I always say, "Pain is Beauty; Beauty is Pain". And punters, that sums up my relationship with shoes.



In bed with: BEN



Are you boring as bat %\$#@!

As summer kicks in and the city comes to life, homosexual men come on heat and start confusing lust with love.

Am I here to talk to you about your sex lives today? Hell no! You need to be having sex to discuss that!

No, instead I'm here to talk to you about a certain type of person. The type of person who wants nothing more than to repeat the same mistakes they made last year, whinge about the same job they hate so much or the type of person who stays at home ordering pizza in the hope that Mr Right will be the pizza delivery boy (can I get a fireman on that order of ham and pineapple please?).

This type of person breeds in familiarity. They want nothing more than to stay the same, resist change and stick to what is comfortable because it's easy. Life happens to them instead of making life happen.

Unfortunately this mindset and lack of change and variety in their lives can lead to a lack of personal growth and even confidence. They become so stuck in a rut that they fail to see the limitless possibilities around them from wealth, career to love.

Now I have to admit I am an absolute change junky, I love change, I love trying different things. In my life (25 yrs young, I have been told I look 36, may their poor souls rest in peace!) I've tried becoming a personal trainer, renovating property, life coaching, business coaching, tourism, music retail (alright I'm getting tired now), metal sculpture, running a gay speed dating business and the running of my current business www.nationwidenetworking.com and I think I can safely say that my life is not boring (and no I don't change my men as often as I change my underwear, a new man each week, I wish!).

Why do I change so much? (and no I don't have Attention Deficit Disorder!) I simply enjoy the challenge of a new project and the rush of fear that comes before I try something I've never done before.

A couple of years ago I wanted to become a public speaker and run business training workshops. The very first time I got up to host an event I almost crapped my dacks! (oh my God I'm Australian!) I was scared out of my wits! But I knew that if I ran away from a challenge and decided to stay safe then what other opportunities may I run away from in the future?

Now, well I absolutely love public speaking, hell you can't even shut me up!

Think to yourself, have you had a past dream or goal that you gave up on because you didn't want to screw it up or because of a little fear? Recognise the fear you're feeling and grab it by the balls and do it anyway.

What have you got to lose?

With nothing to lose and everything to gain, go out today and create the life you want as if it were clay. It is your life and you can mould it to exactly how you want it.

Until next time...

q facts of the year

If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee. (Hardly seems worth it.)

The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet. (cool!)

A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes. (In my next life, I want to be a pig.)

A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death. (Creepy.) (I'm still not over the pig.)

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories a hour. (Don't try this at home, maybe at work)

The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds. (What could be so tasty on the bottom of a pond?)

Some lions mate over 50 times a day. (I still want to be a pig in my next life...quality over quantity)

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue. (HMMMMMM.....)

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people. (If you're ambidextrous, do you split the difference?)

A cat's urine glows under a black light. (I wonder who was paid to figure that out?)

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Starfish have no brains

Polar bears are left-handed. (If they switch, they'll live a lot longer)

Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure. (What about that pig??)

q wine: with PETE DILLON



Happy New Year Readers.

I have been thinking of late of Valentine's Day, and how this will be the fourth year in a row that my dance card is empty on February 14th. So I spoil myself as only one should when no one else will, and that's with a very special bottle of wine, or bubbles. I am reminded of a line from the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam from the 11th century "Drink! For you know not whence you came, nor why: / Drink! For you know not why you go, nor where."

This month I want to concentrate on special wines, something that you give or receive only once or twice in your life. If you are looking for something unusual to give your significant other or others for Vallies, try one of the following:

1995 Salon Blanc de Blanc Champagne

The House of Salon makes no other wine, only this vintage tête de cuvée Blanc de Blancs and only in the greatest vintages. For this reason, it is the rarest of Champagnes, having released only 30 vintages in the last 76 years. The 1995 vintage was remarkable in Champagne. The wines show finesse and power, a very fine mousse, aromas of citrus and white flowers, very fresh, clean and elegant. Salon is kept on its yeasts in deep limestone cellars in Le Mesnil-sur-Oger until a specific order is received. Salon is then disgorged by hand for each order. If you want a gift of unique quality, go no further but be prepared to shell out \$500 or more for this rare gem. It is an investment piece but if you want to drink

it, pair it with some freshly shucked oysters and sourdough bread.

1998 Henschke Hill of Grace

Often called the poor man's grange, this is a unique wine and would make a perfect gift. Made from 100% shiraz grapes, it is an opaque, purple crimson mauve colour. The nose has tremendous youthful vigour - violets, freshly crushed inky blackcurrants and spice aromas. The palate is as vigorous as the nose, and the youthful fruit flavours are in an abundant flavour bliss. A wine that will be eagerly awaited and will no doubt set a new price benchmark for Hill of Grace, as it is currently retailing at around \$450. If you feel compelled to slurp this one, grill some wagyu beef fillet and some fresh asparagus.

1996 Giaconda Chardonnay

Regular readers will know I am not much a Chardy fan, but I can promise that this is brilliant. From Beechworth in Victoria, these wines have increased enormously in value in the past few years. The wine has brilliant deep straw colour, an outstanding nose, showing lots of complexity induced by winemaking style and the use of wild yeasts for fermentation. An aroma of nuts, almonds and biscuit with hints of toasted oak and yeast lees presents itself. Mouthfilling concentrated palate flavours, dominated by biscuit, nut, yeast lees and toasted oak, with a manzanilla sherry like finish that lingers long into the aftertaste. This is going to set you back around \$200 and can be enjoyed with some smoked salmon on buckwheat blinis if you want to quaff it now.

q drinks: SUMMER COCKTAILS

"Cointreau offers a sophisticated and versatile alternative to traditional white spirit bases such as vodka or gin for simple summer cocktails. Its subtlety works with this season's trends for citrus-based drinks, its smooth sweetness balancing out the kick of freshly squeezed lime or lemon," says Jason Crawley, Maxxium's world-leading mixologist.

Cointreauversial Cocktail Tips...

- Don't be shy with the ice! It sounds obvious, but the more ice you use, the slower it melts and the longer your drink stays cool.
- Try flavouring ice with fresh mint, lychee and lavender, a twist of orange peel or a dash of pineapple juice – this year's hottest drinks trend gives cocktails a contemporary twist as the cubes melt to add another layer of flavour
- Fresh fruit juices and herbs make all the difference to cocktails, use them liberally
- Don't be afraid to customise cocktail recipes to suit your tastes – experiment with ingredients to create your own favourite versions.

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15 ml Cointreau
Top with Soda
Dash of fresh lime juice

Serve each in a tall glass with plenty of ice and a lime wedge, lie back and dream of those balmy Summer days ahead.

I have personally tried each of these creations and personally recommend them to you...Editor.



q generation: with LUKE HUGGARD



A Webster dictionary study of the most commonly used language throughout 2006 found that words such as 'terrorism', 'insurgency' and 'casualty' dominated our everyday language - or at least the media's. However, looking back on a year that ushered in, at least what I think was, a new stage of maturity in my young life, I can think of a few different words that typified my year.

As I suspect is the case with most people, all we are looking forward in a New Year is a happier one, more productive one and hopefully more memorable one. Not that 2006 was necessarily a year to forget (if we can remember it at all!),

but there is always something quite nostalgic about the beginning of a fresh year - so far untainted by those ups and downs in life we all should have come to expect. For singles, it will be a year to find love, for smokers a year to quit, and for myself a year to think outside the square (Not exactly original I know...). But with new beginnings (the dominant theme amongst friends this year) I can't help but get excited about prospects and goals that seem so achievable this far into the year.

I aim to make this a fantastic year. Theoretically, my many mistakes made and lessons learnt in the past, will accumulate into a bank of knowledge through which to invest only the wisest of decisions and actions in 2007. Pragmatically - well now that's another story. I already owe a dear friend a hundred dollars, for my failure to part with my Marlboro Lights, even with two months notice, and the first week of semester at Melbourne Uni has been put on hold as I must rush to Sydney for Mardi Gras.

However, I have justified this short getaway as more of a fact-finding tour rather than a party trip - sort of like how Whitney Houston travelled to Israel on an 'Inspiration Tour' (even though it was before her crack habit). Comfort zones are a thing of the past, as I aim to explore environments, situations

and people that I have not previously.

Maybe it's the summer air, too much time spent with my in-touch-with-the-earth sister, or the wine at lunch, but I feel inspired! John Lennon once told a Montreal newspaper that he received his strength from the 'Hare Krishna'. Now, due primarily to the fact that orange is a shocking colour on my fair self, I'm not about to follow in his footsteps but I think he's onto something with receiving strength from positive influences in general.

Also, I want your opinions and thoughts on issues such as body image and self-esteem, HIV/AIDS and how you feel about your community in general, or any other topic.

Having recently met an enthusiastic young Q Magazine reader who proclaimed, "I want to make a difference", as if jumping straight out of a daytime television movie, yet unlike daytime television he was sincere and real, I was reminded that many young people have passionate views that sometimes cannot be expressed at a bar on Commercial Road. I look forward to hearing from you.

Have a fabulous Midsumma!

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q beauty: with GEORGE ALEXANDER

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q fashion: with BRECIK & ALEX



If you can get your hands on a paisley print short sleeve shirt - grab them - cause believe it or not - they are hot right now and you are going to see a huge increase in this style coming into winter! Pink short sleeve shirts are finally on the way out but you can find the odd one out there in the right shade. Remember that not all colours suit everybody, so try them on before you buy and get the 'honest' sales assistant to help you out! It is what they are paid to do!

For a more casual look - there are some really cool looking tanks and sleeveless hoodies out there! Awesome to wear on your way down to the beach. Prints and stripes are still really in and it looks like they are sticking around for a while - so bring 'em on!

Try to avoid wearing sneakers and socks with your shorts - so naff! You should always wear thongs / dress thongs or slides. They are available everywhere!

But seriously people, if you are going to wear thongs, make sure you do foot maintenance! For the love of God - cut your toe nails! I've seen some tragedies walking around St. Kilda in the past two weeks!

And finally, always remember to accessorise your outfits! Get some funky wrist bands, necklaces, rings and belts! Even your sunnies! Every pair of jeans or shorts you wear should be accompanied by a belt!

Until next time, we will see you all out and about or just pop into any yd store around the country for some professional 'honest' help with any queries you may have!



hey hey hey!!!!

Are we all loving this awesome weather? There is nothing better when it is hot like this than catching up with your mates, going to the beach or drinks at the many funky bars around the city!

And still, while we are having all this fun we need to look our funkiest! This time of year it's even easier for us all to look hot as most stores have awesome sales on summer stock getting ready for the influx of winter fashions!

Grab yourself some funky three quarter length cargo shorts which are really in this summer and look hot for those trips down to the beach or just chilling with mates! For those more formal summer occasions, you can grab some really funky pairs of dress shorts! Steer clear of denim shorts; they really weren't in this past summer, only a handful of the more desperate 'fashion' stores carried them this season.

There are a couple of options for you to team your shorts with. There are some really hot short sleeve shirts around at the moment in various colours and styles that will compliment your look! Like always, make sure they are fitted to show off your hot summer bodies (hope we didn't get into the Christmas cheer too much...)



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q travel: THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

Pictures and article by Shek Graham

The next stage of our journey took us to the town of Newman. The town is a pretty enough place and is growing rapidly due to the opening of several new mines in the area. However, the real attraction of this town is as a staging post to the surrounding areas. We were finally in the Pilbara. This is a beautiful part of Western Australia with rolling hills, awesome gorges and water holes, several National Parks of note, and of course our main destination - Ningaloo Marine Park.

After a couple of days in Newman restocking our supplies, and getting some urgent repairs done to *his* trailer, our first stop took us to a little known water hole called Wanna Munna. It is located about eighty kilometers from Newman, just off the Great Northern Highway, but is very poorly marked. The locals apparently tear down the sign-posts as soon as they are replaced, as they like to keep the place a secret from most tourists. The water hole actually comprises a series of shallow pools, set in a very tranquil little valley, and the largest water hole has only enough camping space for one or possibly two small families, making this a very private little camp site for anyone lucky enough to get there first.

The wonderful thing about this little water hole is that it is surrounded by literally hundreds of ancient Aboriginal rock carvings. These are not paintings, but carvings etched into the sandstone several millennia ago. There are carvings of people as well as of animals. Perhaps this tribe used this site as a sacred site for fertility ceremonies as many of the carved human figures have grossly enlarged sexual organs – something for our readers to dream about! We also had perfect weather for lolling about in the cool water and drying off again in the warm sun. Even better, *he* went for a walk to the next pool and would leave us in peace for several hours!

The Pilbara is also home to Karijine National Park, one of the most stunning National Parks in all of Australia, and this is where the famous Hamersley Gorge is located. This is a truly beautiful place and a “must-see” for visitors to this area. However, one of my favourite spots on this trip was a little camp-site we found on a tiny track just west of Parabaddoo. It wasn't an established camp-site but there was a small clearing along the track and we decided to camp there for one night. On further exploration, we discovered it was so peaceful and

pretty, we ended up staying for three days, just enjoying the birds and the flowers, whilst *they* went back to Karijine for another look. Oh bliss!

All through this part of our journey we had seen large flocks of budgies, swooping in formation at great speed, and performing a series of astounding aeronautics, but never settling so that we could take a photograph. However we finally camped at a small designated camping site where hundreds of budgies were courting right before our eyes.

If you can picture a heterosexual budgie “beat” you might get an idea of what went on. A male would find a suitable spot close to a possible nesting hollow and then several females would take it in turn to enjoy what he had to offer. Occasionally another male would try to steal his special perch, but was quickly pecked at and told to go off and procreate elsewhere! There seemed to be a lot of homosexual kissing and canoodling as well, so we are not alone!

As we neared the most southerly part of Ningaloo Marine Park at Coral Bay, the landscape became much drier and flatter. All the verges were still green though, from the recent rains and these were still covered in wild flowers. This coastal area wasn't as pretty as the Pilbara, but sightings of wallabies and numerous birds of prey made up for it.

I couldn't wait to get to the ocean and experience my first dive on Ningaloo Reef with the manta rays! The sun was shining, and life was good.

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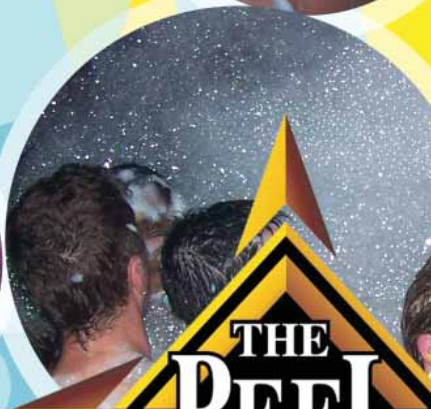
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q life: ONE MUM'S AMAZING LOVE

Ones journey through life is not always smooth. A mother's love however can make it a little bit easily to cope with. I recently spoke with Audrey Maros in Adelaide about her son [Ben] and his particular story through self-discovery, school, siblings and work. She was the most delightful lady to speak with and loves her son very much - accepting his sexuality - even in her 77th year. Audrey has had a wonderfully colourful life herself but preferred to chat about her boy. I started by asking her if she suspected Ben was Gay at an early age.

Yes I did (at 4 or 5 years old) - perhaps because he liked to do my hair and things like that which made me sort of wonder. Then he liked to do ballet on the coffee table - but that mainly made the relatives say watch out for that one, don't

encourage him". He had a little doll too - he probably doesn't know that - but anyway, kids at school (year 6 and 7) started to call him queer because he preferred to be with girls, but I always just felt that I was needed. I recognised it and let him go to hairdressing school instead of high school (because he was being picked on so much) - which he was very successful at. Then he left home and started to support himself.

I remember, he had just turned 18 and he came home one day and said mum I have something to tell you (I was cleaning a chicken at the time) and he said I think I'm Gay...and I said yes I think you are too. It was such a relief for him as I believe he was telling me he was Gay and he was never going to see me again. We got over that and I promised I wouldn't tell his father (who never accepted his sexuality). Then at 22, he packed up and went to Sydney - where the guys there became his new

family - he finally belonged.

I think what Ben would want me to tell you is that I supported him...and why did I - because he is mine. I joined PFLAG but ended up being more of a support for other mothers as I had fully accepted Ben but they were still having some trouble.

Since his father (who never accepted it) passed away, I believe Ben has developed much more. I remember he rang me once and said that he wanted to buy a car and that he was going to use some of his fathers inheritance (and although I made sure Ben was never left out when his father would buy his two other brothers things) it has been a turning point for Ben - he can now finally speak about his father.

He rang me once and told me that I didn't have to buy him a present for his birthday and that he knew I loved him - it was so natural - he is a joy!

q grooming: YOUR Q & A SECTION

Welcome to a new section in Q Magazine - Grooming Questions and Answers - with the compliments of The Natural Source. If you have a grooming question, please email grooming@qmagazine.com.au and your questions will be answered in the next issue.

Q – What's the best way to apply fake tan?

A – First, take your time - always allow at least 30 minutes to get the job done carefully. Create a smooth base for your tan by showering and exfoliating before you start, to get rid of any dry skin.

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Q driving: the CHAIRMAN

Rather than utilising the services of a "celebrity" to review the top of the range Ssangyong Chairman, I thought I should go to the source of all the Ssangyong vehicles I have reviewed in Q Magazine - Kilmore Ssangyong.

A short drive [less than an hour] north of Melbourne is the quaint township of Kilmore. Boasting two education facilities, a hospital, a healthy range of shops and a vibrant, friendly community, I was welcomed by all and sundry with a typical handshake and a "how do you do" [and yes, they did know I am a poof]. The locals are down to earth "country" folk who greet each other on the street and walk up and down the main street with a smile and a happy outlook on life. I was entertained on the first night at a drag show organised by my dear friend [and boss of Kilmore Ssangyong] Brian Kiesey, at the Royal Oak Hotel. The show was extremely good, the service impeccable, and the pub - a very pleasant way to spend several hours downing scotch and dries. The following morning [after spending the night at Brian's sadly dry but beautiful farm just north of the town] I took the Chairman for a test drive.

This vehicle is luxury with a capital L! [I will let the pictures tell the majority of the story as far as interior and exterior design is concerned]. I have test driven many makes and models of cars - from all ends of the spectrum - and I can seriously tell you the Ssangyong Chairman is comparable with the best of them. As you would expect - automatic everything - including the drivers seat, which when one turns the engine off, automatically moves back and down for ease of disembarking and the steering wheel moves up for the same purpose. The power steering is very responsive and, although the Chairman is a luxury vehicle, has a turning circle generally only associated with much smaller models.

Brian also uses his as a workhorse. It was quite cute to grade the Mooney Valley size harness racing track on his property whilst sitting in air-conditioned comfort

It would be remiss of me not to tell you a little about Kilmore Ssangyong as they were, after-all my hosts.

Half way down the main street on the left hand side is the new car sales showroom. Nothing grand - just your stock standard array of offices, display vehicles, promotional material etc. Brian has been fortunate to be able to surround himself with incredible staff - from the sales team right through to the effervescent Debbie who answers the phone and does accounts [she is also a very talented harness driver and single mum of two].

The building also has a more than ample spare parts section and a huge garage - servicing all makes and models of vehicles by the qualified mechanical staff. Quite an asset in my opinion.

In conclusion, I had a fabulous time in Kilmore. I loved the Chairman. I will definitely be enjoying Brian's hospitality as often as he wishes to extend it to me.



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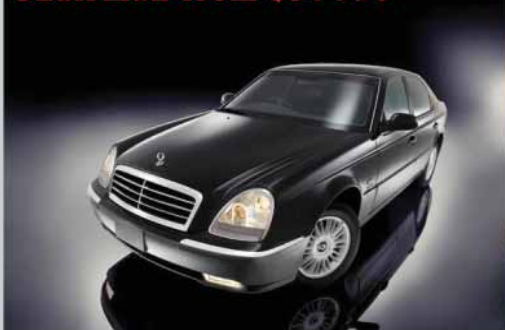
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q pets: with CAT RESCUE

Coping with furballs.....

Cats spend up to 1/3 of their waking hours self-grooming. The tiny barbs on a cat's tongue pull loose hair from its coat and those hairs are swallowed. Because hair is very difficult to digest, it compacts with undigested food in the intestines. The result is messy fur-like, cigar-shaped forms on the floor or furniture.

Signs of hairball problems:

Fur-like, cigar-shaped clumps of fur on floor or furniture.

Dry, hacking cough.

Vomiting after meals.

Preoccupation with eating plants or grass.

Hair entwined with the faeces.

Dry dull coat and/or excessive shedding.

Poor appetite and/or weight loss.

Constipation or diarrhea.

The simplest remedy is prevention. By brushing your cat regularly, there will be less fur to be swallowed. Fur balls obstructions can be treated at home with liquid paraffin (speak to your vet for doses). The fur ball should be regurgitated or passed in the faeces. Cats should not be dosed with liquid paraffin regularly. If there is no change, then your cat needs to be examined by a vet.

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q news: GAY DESTINATION

Gay Destination is a new website that features local, national and international gay and lesbian news; travel and accommodation guide; community and business guide; entertainment reviews; events calendar and gallery that is aimed specifically at the gay and lesbian community.

Gay Destination will be launched in late February, however, they are currently conducting a Lifestyle Survey and they'd like to hear your views on a broad range of issues. All respondents who complete the survey will have a chance to win one of two gift vouchers valued at \$200 each.

Rohan Shearn, Creative Producer of Gay Destination says "we are very excited about the gay destination website and are sure visitors will find the site entertaining and informative and that it will become an important community resource." Gay Destination will be visible at a number of key events over the summer months to promote the website to the wider community and through a sponsorship program. They will also be calling for expressions of interest from business and community organisations who would like to be included in the Guide, so if you have not already been contacted and fit in to those categories, an email to Gay Destination may be in order.

In the meantime, if you would like further information, contact Gay Destination at: enquiry@gaydestination.net.au

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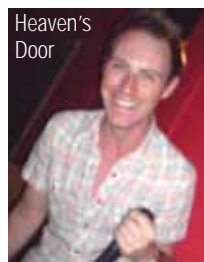


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Looking for a friend

Friend from Israel – Raphael is wanting to contact Damian McDonald who was a massuer and worked in the tie department of one of the Department Stores in Melbourne back in 1997.

Email: dd3140@hotmail.com for further details.

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q gardening: with POOKIE

Well I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. I know I did, flying home to Queensland. But as I flew over the east coast and seeing first hand from 11,000 feet the amount of devastation from the bush fires and the effect from the drought has had so far it was just heart breaking. Dams, rivers, water holes and reservoirs - bone dry. Hundreds of klms of bush land burnt to the ground. There is just nothing left.

Well with my short break, I left Jayson in charge. One of her tasks was to organise the shed. "BIG MISTAKE" she organised it all right!

Every decent bit of equipment was thrown out and all the blunt and dull worn out tools were left. Not only that, but her hobby of collecting "TROLL DOLLS" and dressing them up in \$2.00 mini-frocks was more than anyone could stand.

You should have seen it - wall to wall of little ferret things doing Broadway Show tunes in the form of some type of Drag Show... "MY GOD".

Now let's talk about gardening. You might think that there is no point in gardening at this time, with the revised water restrictions, but guess again. There is heaps you can do.

Firstly, think about mulching areas of your garden. You can use just about any kind of material - wood chips are very attractive and come in many grades: for example, small pulverized pieces right up to large chunky sizes. You can create a very stunning look with the use of different grades. I have used large red gum for all the main beds, and for all the path and walk ways throughout the garden, I have chosen light tan pin bark.

The combination of red brown against the cream tan pine bark gives a striking effect. But other material is just as good. Pebbles (large or small) with a few handfuls of rock crystals (small coloured glass stones) mixed in with the pebbles looks just as good as the tan bark. Plastic or a weed mat is layed down over the soil area, then it's just a matter of distribution in a very thin layer. This type of mulch is best used in an open area where the falling debris of surrounding trees or shrubs won't cause too much maintenance. Pea straw hay is also good material and would have to be the most economical form of mulch, but they tend to break down into the soil much quicker than wood chips.

Garden compost, leaf mould, dry lawn clippings, well rotted animal manure, even sawdust, are all excellent mulches. Now you might question sawdust. Yes. This is fantastic because it also kills snails. How? It causes them

to get stuck to it. From this they cannot move and they die. Sawdust is the safest form of eradication of snails. Good and safe if you have pets.

Mulching is the best way for conserving soil moisture and protects the surface roots of plants and prevents evaporation plus the big bonus is that it discourages many weeds. When applying your materials that you have chosen do not pack it down, just lightly rake it over the soil surface of a thickness from 3 to 5 cm and always leave a space of 3 to 5 cm from the base of the trunk of each plant.

This will help water penetrate and air to circulate around your plants. Sandy soil needs more water, as this type of soil hasn't the advantage of clay soil. Sandy soil is loose and very fine grain and needs lots of organic matter to help maintain moisture and nutrients - so watering is more frequent. But remember, a good soaking encourages deep rooting, mulching aids in water conservation plus the benefits from wood chips, straw, sawdust, compost, or hay, aids in soil conditioning and food for your plants.

Until next time, happy sowing.

q joke of the month

Two lovers fall on hard times and decided to rob a bank together.

The first lover plans the robbery and goes over the plan with the second lover in great detail.

The robbery begins.

The first lover drives up in front of the bank, stops the car and says to the other lover, "I want to make absolutely sure you understand the plan. You are supposed to be in and out of the bank in no more than three minutes with the cash. Do you understand the plan?"

"Perfectly," he said.

He goes in the bank while the other waits in the getaway car.

One minute passes, two minutes pass, seven minutes pass - and the first lover is really stressing

out.

Finally, the bank doors burst open and out he comes. He's got a safe wrapped up in rope and is dragging it to the car.

About the time he gets the safe in the trunk of the car, the bank doors burst open again with the security guard coming out.

The guard's pants and underwear are down around his ankles while he is firing his weapon.

As the guys are getting away, the first lover says, "I thought you understood the plan!"

The second lover said, "I did! I did exactly what you said!"

"No, you idiot," he replied. "You got it all mixed up. I said tie up the GUARD and blow the SAFE!"

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q community: FUNDS FOR MMF

It always amazes me how the most simple of concepts can evolve into something significant for those less fortunate than ourselves in our community. Swish [known by most in Melbourne as one of the harder working drag performers] had a spur of the moment idea one night at Heaven's Door to auction herself off. The winner receiving a fabulous date - including a beauty treatment from Heavenly Solutions, dinner at 151 on Commercial, a drink and dance at Heaven's Door and a bit of fun at Ten PLUS [if they can keep up with Swish]. As the funds raised were dedicated to the Michael Masters Fund [MMF] - and I am a member of the administration committee - I couldn't help myself and asked if I could capture the date on camera for my magazine.

Day Drag is never an easy thing, but Swish agreed to go on the date on a Saturday. The pictures show a fabulously fun afternoon in the Commercial Road precinct. Swish, through this idea, got a whopping \$750 worth of prizes for her date and raised much needed funds for the Michael Masters Fund. As a consequence, she has thrown out the challenge to any other drag performer in Melbourne - or anywhere else in Australia - to do something similar for this very worthy cause. Q Magazine will either be on hand to take the pics, or you can email me pictures for inclusion in the next issue.

The Michael Masters Fund was established in 2006 to raise funds to buy goods and supply services to People Living with HIV/AIDS in our community in poverty to make life more comfortable and increase many people's quality of life. The fund is a project of PLWHA (Vic) - www.plwhavictoria.org.au.



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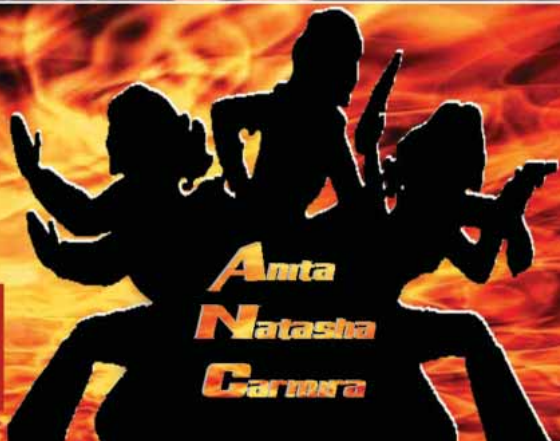
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