

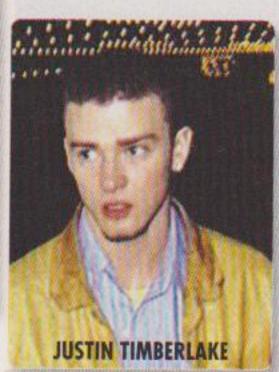
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ON THE TOWN WITH JL JORDAN III







The often contested but undisputed queen of female impersonation graces this month's cover. Check out Frank Marino (star of An Evening at LaCage) starring opposite Sandra Bullock in Miss Congeniality 2. Speaking of Sandra Bullock, I witnessed the filming of a strange scene at the Venetian's Canal Shoppe's last year. Sandra was giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to Dolly Parton. Italian gondolier types were involved, as well as the male lead, Enrique Murciano (TV's Without a Trace).

I guess the violent threats paid off and the readers have spoken. Las Vegas Weekly Readers' Choice Awards crowned our very own Monti Rock III the "Las Vegan Most in Need of a Reality Show." The actual reality is that the private event hosted by Tangerine (this year's "Best Hotel Bar" recipient) lacked the sparks and flames we normally demand and expect from a VIP party. But hey, Monti was in the house!

Hotel heiress Paris Hilton's rumored split with entrepreneurial 'N Sync hunk Lance Bass has really taken a toll. He has resorted to attending lame world premiere openings and after-parties, such as Greg Thompson's Erocktica Live, which recently opened at the Rio. The show claims to have audiences on the edge of their seats. Rest assured, they are absolutely correct. I was on the edge of my seat throughout the entire show waiting impatiently for the boredom to end. I spent the entire night trying to see what trouble Lance and Guns-N-Roses were getting into at the after-party hosted by Club Rio.

While we are on the topic of members of boy bands trying to become men, Justin Timberlake is doing all the good he can these days, even becoming a bona-fide double-threat with his first big screen role, playing a reporter in Edison, which also stars Kevin Spacey and Morgan Freeman. I confronted Justin at a party hosted by the new recording label Ful at PURE, regarding a possible 'N Sync reunion. "There's still a chance that 'N Sync could get back together," Timberlake revealed. "There's a chance that lance could still walk on the moon." Justin told me he's remained close with his old band mates. "Our relationship goes way deeper than records," he insisted. "We're friends, those are my brothers."

Mamma Mia held a private showing to celebrate their two-year anniversary in Las Vegas. Although the Vegas production lacks

Tony Award-winning acting, you can't help but be entertained throughout this toe-tapping musical. Our hosts spared no expense, with an all-you-can-eat seafood spread and cocktails at the after-party located at RM inside of Mandalay Place.

Krave Men premiered at Krave Nightclub (Las Vegas Weekly Readers' Choice Award recipient for "Best Gay/Lesbian Club"). Besides one or two hunks in the show and a hot and heavy carwash scene, this production didn't leave you craving anything except QVegas' Sexiest of 2004 "Sexiest Showboy" winner Mychael Ludwin from We Will Rock You who was in the audience at the press premiere show. Kenny Kerr was a good last minute addition as host. After a slow start, he quickly captivated the audience. However, it is going to take more than a good host to get people to Krave Men. And before I forget — the cast member who decided to appear on stage with a nappy forest on his chest: make him shave or cast someone else!

The Friday night crown has been passed to revamped Hamburger Mary's. They have been drawing an unbelievable crowd for the midnight Drag It Out show.

Pamela Anderson signed autographs for fans at the unveiling of her Playboy slot machine at the Skin Pool Lounge. Afterwards, she hosted a fashion show at Rain with an all-star cast including David LaChappelle, Stephen Dorff, Russell Simmons, Dennis Rodman, Playboy's Miss January Destiny Davis, and Adrianne Curry of America's Next Top Model. During the slot machine's unveiling, George Maloof arranged for the "L" and the "S" to flicker off on the neon Palms sign atop the tower, leaving only the letters "P," "A" and "M." David LaChappelle's photo of a nude Anderson hatching from an eggshell was also projected over the full length of the Palms tower.

For all of you that abandoned Queen mother Gipsy Nightclub when mega club Krave opened, don't worry, they will always welcome you back. The addition of general manager, cutie Marc Garcia has definitely started to pay off. Check out their party marathon happening every Friday and Saturday this month. Get in the vibe of Asia, Purple Passion, Glo, Ice, and Heat. Be prepared for themed décor, fashion shows, balloon drops, Go Go boys, shot specials, and much more. Q