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the drag rag

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Howdy, and welcome back to the one place where a crown will get you all the attention you need. (If you wear it well, that is!) You'll be glad to hear this may be a short one, since I am in the middle of changing residences. Who cares? There's drag to report on!

I was recently reminded that I never did mention the winner of Miss Scandals in Asheville; her name is Roxy Hart, and I understand she's quite talented. We have a couple new girls on the scene in NC who are turning it out these days: Misty Blue from Fayetteville just won a contest at Legends and brought revival to the children, and I was able to see Luscious, Scorpio's new diva, in a show a couple weeks ago, and I have a good feeling about that dancin' queen, too! I guess if Big Mama B is her drag mother, that makes her my niece? Not sure there. Y'all old girls better step to the side, new blood's coming through. Don't get left behind, baby!

Speaking of old girls (oh, I feel a reading coming on), Scarlett Dailey recently had the distinction of being the first female impersonator to host the 19th Crepe Myrtle festival in Raleigh and was afterwards named to the planning council for next year. She got a fierce Queen Amidala costume out of it, too. Congrats, Skiller!

Our pic this time is of Michelle Dupree, who reigns as Miss Continental for about five more weeks. Her most recent prelim winners include Miss Tennessee, Mokha Montrese; Miss Indiana, Xviara Cuffey Colby Snow; Miss Toronto Continental, a queen by the name of Diva; Miss Wisconsin, Fontasia L'Amour (my roommate Ben-El insists that I mention that she was first RU at TN — she's one of her faves); and Miss Alabama, Alexis Gabrielle Shearrington. Michelle has been asked to go to — of all places — Morocco to perform for the Prince. More details as I get them. It's all about going from one crown to another, I say!

The National Entertainer of the Year pageant is the next national taking place, to my knowledge, in Louisville, KY, August 12-15. Contestants that I have yet to mention include Whitney Paige, who just won Miss Texas, and her RU Victoria West; Tamisha Iman and Tif-

Hollywood

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Steve Hayes at the film's Outfest '99 premiere in Los Angeles. The gay-themed film has already opened in limited release and will roll out across the country in the coming weeks...Bill Condon, the director and Oscar-winning writer of *Gods and Monsters*, will next direct the film *Queen Bees*. The script, developed by Condon with writer John Hoffman, tells the real-life tale of former Miss America Bess Myerson who held office in Ed Koch's New York City administration only to be embroiled in a messy corruption scandal in 1987...MTV's latest installment of *The Real World*, this time from Hawaii, has seemed to rejuvenate the series. Ratings for the eighth season of the in-your-face series have been strong. Among the cast, the show features bisexual Ruthie and hardly-seen gay man Justin. Regular viewers know that the issue of homophobia hit the fan in a recent episode...Melissa Etheridge is heading to her 20th High School reunion in Leavenworth, Kansas to mingle with old friends, some of whom she still talks to. "I'm not one of those artists that was tortured in high school. I had lots of friends," she told the Associated Press...*My So-Called Life* and *Rent* alum Wilson Cruz will have a recurring role this fall on FOX's *Party of Five*. He'll portray Victor, the new nanny for baby Diana...Legendary director John Schlesinger (*Midnight Cowboy*, *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*) will next direct a gay comedy, entitled *Two Gentlemen Sharing*, about a town turned upside down when a gay couple moves in. Schlesinger recently wrapped production on another gay-themed project, *The Next Best Thing*, starring Rupert Everett and Madonna. ▼

fany Ariegas who won regionals in Florida; Zori Zannell, who won Indiana, with RU Alana Dupree Steele (Top 12 finalist from last year); and Symone, who won Miss Bluegrass (another finalist from '98). You better come on and go with us, girl! It will be fierce! My most sincere best wishes to Daisy Deadpetals who gives up her first national title!

Following EOY will be Miss NC America at Scorpio August 18-21. The most recent prelim was Miss Asheville, which Anjelica Dante won; her RU was Detra Penucci from Charlotte. Just two more to go: Charlotte and Cabarrus County. On the national level, Naomi Knight won Western States and her RU was Celia Putty; Miss Niagara, Celebrity Starr; Queen City, Laken Edwards; Central States, Truly Fabu, and Miss Gay DC America, Sabrina White.

The reigning Miss USofA at Large, Dena Cass, has moved from Chicago to Rock Island, IL (where my sister Dana St. James is), and is covering the country for her prelims. Recent winners include Indiana, Leslie Ryan, with RU Sybil Ann Storm; Crossroads, Chevelle Brooks; Missouri, Alicia Markstone; Georgia, Ivy White, with RU Monica Layne; and Miss West Virginia, NC's Shelby "Damn" Daniels and RU Chelsey Nicole Stevens from Louisville, KY.

The owners of the Solar System pageant in Greensboro announce a change in queendom: Paisley Parque is the new girl in charge. And speaking of stars and such, did you think you'd actually read a Drag Rag after the month of May without a mention of Miss USofA Erica Andrews? Surely you jest! She's a goddess and is looking to do a long weekend in NC in September or October. Prepare yourself now!

In closing, we'll discuss the placements at the Miss Liberty pageant held in Atlanta...4th RU, Maxine Sinclair Blue; 3rd, Paula Sinclair; 2nd, Victoria "Model the Hell Out of that Sportswear" Parker; 1st, Tasha Long; and the winner, a fish named Az'sia. ▼



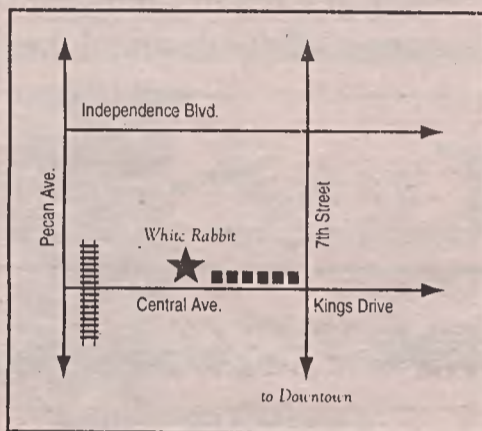
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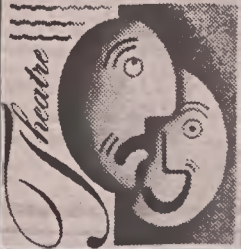
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