

screen to strip

tv show creates "regular guys" revue

American Storm is not just another male revue: the seven hunky dancers were chosen from a TV reality show, VH1's "StripSearch". Plucked from obscurity, and without prior dance training, the American Storm boys were thrust into the maelstrom of the Vegas Strip when the show opened at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in July.

American Storm dancer Adam Wynne, 21, from little Fairview, TN (pop. 5800) - who had never set foot in Sin City until the filming of the Stripsearch finale - described the culture-shock:

"We are all-American, everyday kind of guys ... in our pre-American Storm lives we were guys with such jobs as personal trainers, sales representatives and college students.

"Everything [in Vegas] is open 24 hours, which is the opposite of living in Tennessee. We are recognized everywhere we go: like, just the other day I was at the gym and a girl started asking questions. Sometimes in clubs we receive special treatment and that is really cool."

Wynne's received nothing but support from friends and family back home since his success on Stripsearch, and they're keen for a taste of his new Vegas lifestyle: "I've never had so

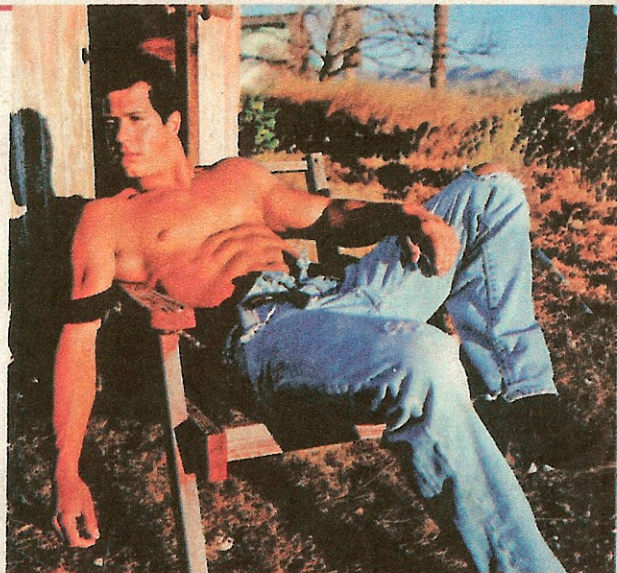
many house guests since moving to Vegas- everyone wants to see Sin City!"

The life of an American Storm dancer revolves around the show and looking the part for the show: "Wake up, work out, tan, work out, eat, work out, take a nap, work out, do the show ... you get the drift," laughs Wynne. In what little time off he has, Wynne's still busy exploring Vegas, shopping, and just relaxing.

In the world capital of all-you-can-eat buffets, Wynne has to be careful with his diet: "I stick to the basic program of eating whole grains, wheat, fruits, nuts, vegetables - low intake of red meat, high in fish and dairy products."

All this pays off in major attention from the opposite sex, though Wynne confirms that is hard to have a steady girlfriend in his line of work. And sometimes the ladies can be a little too enthusiastic: "There's this one female who came to the show and started showing up everywhere we went," Wynne recalls. "The mall, the grocery store ... kinda weird."

For all this, Wynne has no rock star attitude and his advice to those wanting to emulate his success puts firm emphasis on work ethic: "Work hard, stay in shape, start a well balanced diet, stay humble and don't let yourself get an ego - and learn as much dance as possible."



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