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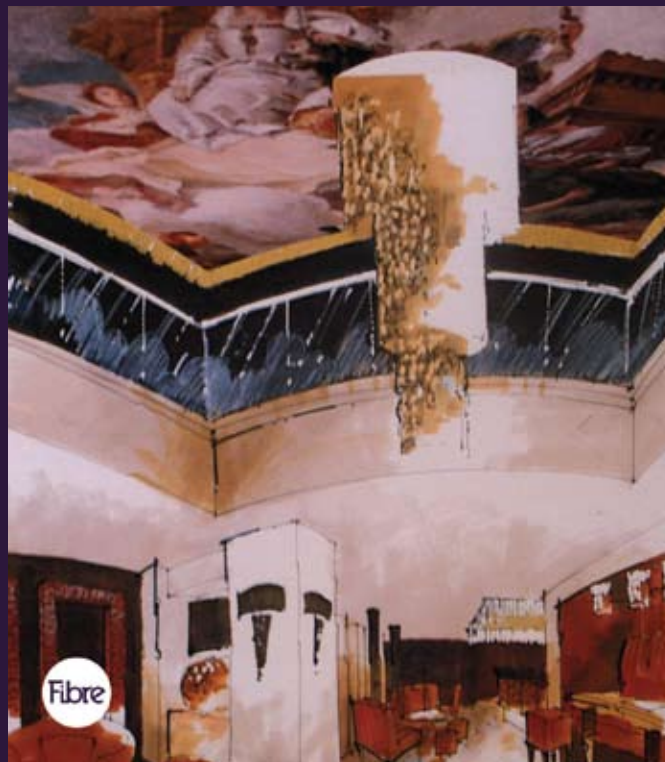
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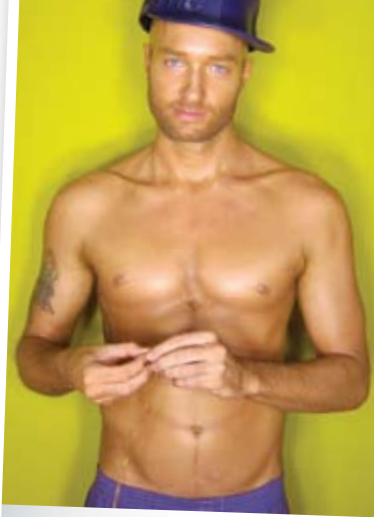
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EDITOR'S WORDS

According to the Office for National Statistics, 3,227 male and 3,054 female couples tied the knot last year. This number was down 12% on the previous year, which was also down on the year before that. I suppose it is only natural that the giddy delight in at last being able to officially acknowledge our relationships should recede as we get used to the idea. However, there may well be another reason, many people think that Civil Partnerships are second class to a heterosexual marriage and will have nothing to do with it. Some groups are now demanding complete equality (yes that word that so many people just can't seem to get their heads around) and will not settle for second best. Currently, with Civil Partnerships, there are inconsistencies which mean those in them do not have the same rights as married couples. For example, under international law, if a married couple travel to another jurisdiction they are obliged to be recognised as such; there are no such recognition for Civil Partnerships. OK, the good news – many countries are already changing out-dated laws and making marriage legal and equal for their citizens. Even our new coalition government is looking in to it so... who knows? The bad

news – yes religion. These barmy zealots still think that they have the right to interfere in your and my life. They claim that marriage is a God given right and he wouldn't like it if a same sex couple were joined together in one of his churches. The fact that they have and the church, the vicar and the couple didn't burst into flames seems to have passed them by. I'm in a Civil Partnership, I'm not sure if I'd go to the lengths of marriage and I'm all in favour of people rejecting the entire concept of a piece of paper meaning so much. One has to wonder, before God claiming marriage as his (according to certain religions) how on earth did the world manage to populate itself with out such a divine intervention in their lives? Meanwhile, a Catholic adoption charity in Leeds that wanted to be exempt from allowing gay people to adopt was given short shrift from the government. A spokesman for the UK's main adoption agency Barnardo's said this: "For an Agency to have been allowed to refuse potential adopters simply because of their sexual orientation would have severely diminished securing the best future for many children, therefore Barnardo's welcomes this decision. Adoption can transform

a child's life, and success rests on selecting, for each child, the very best parents in terms of the love and stability they can provide. In most adoptions, the best adoptive parents happen to be heterosexual, however sometimes the best possible parents happen to be gay. All that matters is what is best for the child." Have a look at this poster I found on the net... I couldn't have put it better myself!



Hugs,
Gordon

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Madonna will hit the jackpot if she takes up the offer of a 5 year residency in Las Vegas. According to sources, her Madgesty has been offered \$1Billion to take to the stage in the USA's gambling capital. She'd be following in the shoes of many top names; Elvis, Celine Dion, Cher and Elton to name just a few but her earning would totally eclipse that of any of her contemporaries.



A ROLE FOR WILL

Pop star Will Young is the top role model for gay youngsters in Britain, according to a new survey. The singer 'came out' shortly after he won reality contest "Pop Idol" in 2002 and voters on rights group Stonewall's website have named him their favourite gay public figure.

The "Leave Right Now" hitmaker won 58 per cent of the vote, leaving Alison Goldfrapp trailing in second place with 15 per cent. Bloc Party frontman Kele Okereke garnered 12 per cent to land third place, while 2009's "The X Factor" winner Joe McElderry, who has recently revealed he is gay, came fourth with 10 per cent. He claimed that the 'twitter' campaign that insinuated he was gay, certainly helped him come to terms with his real feelings. Meanwhile, he revealed that he had been collaborating on his debut record with artists including Rihanna, Pussycat Dolls, Enrique Iglesias and Cher. Back at the survey... Rapper Lady Sovereign rounded out the countdown with five per cent of votes.



Tom Hardy, one of the stars of current blockbuster Inception, has revealed he slept with men when he was younger.

When asked by Now magazine whether he had slept with men, he replied: "As a boy? Of course I have. I'm an actor for ****'s sake. I've played with everything and everyone. I love the form and the physicality, but now that I'm in my thirties, it doesn't do it for me."

He went on to describe how he felt very much the outsider in a world of macho men. "A lot of gay men get my thing for shoes. A lot of people say I seem masculine, but I don't feel it. I feel intrinsically feminine. I'd love to be one of the boys but I always felt a bit on the outside. I have definite feminine qualities and a lot of gay men are incredibly masculine. Maybe my masculine qualities come from overcompensating because I'm not one of the boys."

The actor, who is engaged to British actress Charlotte Riley, 28, said he had finished "experimenting" but still enjoyed close friendships with men.



Inju5tice's first single- Long Long Way From Home is out 27th September

Album- World's Most Wanted is out 11th October

www.inju5tice.co.uk

TACKLE – THE PROBLEM!

Inju5tice will be supporting male cancer charity, Everyman, during an upcoming promotional tour. Inju5tice has pledged to raise awareness of testicular cancer which is the most common cancer in young men.

They have chosen to support Everyman following one member's recent scare with testicular cancer. When one of the boys found a lump, it caused great concern. Although it was found not to be cancerous, the scare highlighted the importance of raising awareness amongst males that frequent self-checking could be a life saver. Inju5tice's Luke says "We are really looking forward to getting the message out there that self-checking is vital. Men don't tend to be as vocal about health issues so we really want to try and break that stigma."

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COMPETITION TIME

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- A lump in either testicle
- Any enlargement of the testicle
- A feeling of heaviness in the scrotum
- A dull ache in the abdomen or groin
- A sudden collection of fluid in the scrotum
- Growth or tenderness of the upper chest

If you do have any of these symptoms, don't just wait and hope that they disappear - go and get checked out by your doctor. Most lumps are not cancerous but the earlier you find out, the earlier you can get any necessary treatment. And remember - if caught early, testicular cancer is 99% curable.

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The mega-brained Stephen Fry recently caused a bit of a sensation by behaving like his would-be alter-ego Oscar Wilde. It was claimed that he read out porn to a group of his young boyfriend's chums in a 'booming' voice. The Queen's Arms in Kensington (very Oscar dear) was the scene of

this impromptu performance and a group of around 20 people gathered to listen to his vocal interpretation of this naughty communiqué. For those of us who missed it... can we have a repeat performance on the next series of QI please?

GAY GOLD

Former bodybuilding champion, Lucas Alexander, has triumphed at the Gay Games in Cologne to bring home the Gold Medal for Great Britain.

Competing in the Senior category (for ages 21-39) Alexander outclassed all the other competitors with his stunning physique.

Lucas is no stranger to competitive bodybuilding and has previously won titles at the 1995 Heavyweight British Bodybuilding Championship, then immediately turned professional. Won Under 21 British Bodybuilding Championship (1993), runner up Under 21 European Bodybuilding Championship (1993) and won Under 18 British Bodybuilding Championship (1990)

On accepting his gold medal Lucas said "I was very proud to represent my country at this international event and I am delighted I could win this title for Britain."

Alexander, 37, is a London born muscle, fitness and nutrition coach who provides personal training advice to a range of clients including athletes, celebrities, executives and anyone who wants to get great muscle definition. He runs an online training practice through his website www.lucasalexander.net



GAY GAMES

Stonewall FC have once again lifted the title of Gay Games Champions after defeating USA (Florida – United FC) 1 – 2 England (Stonewall FC) as they defended their title in Cologne following their success 4 years ago winning gold at the Chicago Gay Games.

Stonewall FC, who were the tournament favourites got off to a slow start after losing their first game 3 – 2 to Milan (Italy). However, after the initial scare they raised their game and continued through the tournament without defeat and scoring freely. Stonewall FC are now British, European, World and Gay Olympic Champions and will have started their season in the Middlesex County Football League (Premier Division – step 7) so... why not go along and support a winning team. The victory in Cologne makes Stonewall FC the most successful gay football team in history.

Stonewall FC was the first gay football club in the UK and one of the first in the world. The club was formed in 1991 following an advert for a kickabout in the park. A reserve team plays in a competitive league on Sunday, the club offers training and 5 side, and a recreational third team plays in a friendly gay league supporting other formative London clubs. Over a dozen gay clubs have been formed across the UK inspired by the successes of Stonewall FC and the club continues its commitment to work with the FA and others in order to provide the full range of opportunities and support for men, regardless of sexual orientation, to take up football at a level appropriate for them.

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ALBUMS



SUPER8 & TAB
EMPIRE
// OUT: 13TH SEPTEMBER

Super8 & Tab have worked with greats such as Armin Van Buuren and Above & Beyond, but are now stepping out to make a name of their own. The Finnish duo's innovative modern trance is laser-sharp and cuts a swathe through the droll of monotonous pretenders cluttering club playlists these days. Ethereal epics, hypnotic electro-tinged tracks and heart-lifting melodies make this an album to look out for.



MINISTRY OF SOUND
THE UNDERGROUND
2010 - TECHNO
// OUT NOW

This is the seventh outing in Ministry of Sound's Underground series, and this time it's all about the techno. Mostly Detroit techno, such tracks as Carl Craig's 'At Les' and Plastikman's 'Spastik' feature, as Radio Slave, Trentmoller and Dustin Zahn. If you like techno, you'll love this!



HURTS
HAPPINESS
// OUT: 6TH SEPTEMBER

Hurts are so pretty it, well, hurts. Debut single 'Wonderful Life' already has over one million online plays and reached number one in Cyprus. It is also the most played song this year in Denmark. This is a perfect pop band your mum will love and you won't be too embarrassed to like them too, because you pretend you just like them for their looks rather than their music. A win-win situation, even if you normally loathe the idea of boybands



GET CAPE. WEAR CAPE. FLY.
GET CAPE. WEAR CAPE. FLY.
// OUT: 13TH SEPTEMBER

This Southend-born troubadour is a modern folk-pop legend in some quarters. He's duetted with Kate Nash and Billy Bragg and is often likened to MIA and Jamie T. MIA's not, but this is still seriously cool stuff. You know the kind: super-trendy and played in those types of London club. And we're happy with that.



BLAKULA
PERMANENT MIDNIGHT
// OUT: 13TH SEPTEMBER

The Blakula soundtrack is to celebrate the urban legend of a vampire born in Haiti, who hibernated in Transylvania and defrosted in NYC in 1977. Of course, it's all patently ridiculous, but it's also rather fun, too. Blakula (whoever he really was) wrote poems with William S. Burroughs, posed for Robert Mapplethorpe and jammed with Miles Davies. This soundtrack tries, and often succeeds, at capturing that same manic energy.

SINGLES



MCFLY
PARTY GIRL
// OUT: 5TH SEPTEMBER

While it seems our chances of discovering a gay McFly are growing increasingly small with each passing year, we at least know what to expect from the boys in terms of music. At least, we thought we did. There's a new, electro edginess to this pop song which perhaps marks a new direction for them. Returned again to Island, they have top-notch production, fun lyrics and a beat that will please gay boys across the country.



SARAH BLASKO
NO TURNING BACK
// OUT: 27TH SEPTEMBER

'No Turning Back' is usually Blasko's set closer at live performances. Its insistent keys and percussion are muscular beneath Blasko's voice, no longer floaty and light but this time angry and defiant. This makes a nice change if you're not particularly into the whole 'pop-princess-crooning-melodically-like-she's-Eva-Cassidy' kinda thing, and lends Blasko a versatility you may not have expected.



THE SLIPS
4 ELEMENTS TO MAKE
GOOD MUSIC
// OUT: 4TH SEPTEMBER

Meanwhile, at the other end of the spectrum, The Slips unfurl a hypnotic electronic slice of dance muzak that will be in your head for years to come. You may have forgotten all that chemistry stuff from school but these elements will be haunting both your waking and sleeping life from now on. Just give in to this terrific Ellie Goulding remix.



THE GREEN CHILDREN
DRAGONS
(PAUL OAKENFOLD MIX)
// OUT: 20TH SEPTEMBER

Legendary DJ Paul Oakenfold has spun this electro-pop tune into something the UK crowds will really love. The Green Children's sound has been described as 'cinematic fantasy pop', meaning it's big, brash and colourful, but with the elegant airbrush of Oakenfold, this becomes something more palatable to today's clubbing massive. You'll be surprised by the interesting result, which shimmers and twists in unusual ways.



EXAMPLE
LAST ONES STANDING
// OUT 12TH SEPTEMBER

The Ugliest Man in Pop returns again with another moronically infectious electro-pop-fest helmed by Swedish experimentalist Bjorn Yttling. If you're not bored after seeing him perform at just about every festival going, and you're not put off by its commercial ticking-boxes-ness, then you may like this. But most likely you won't want to admit it. Think Calvin Harris but without the wit and a big dose of insipidness, and there you have it. It will still soar up the charts like a Steps track wearing a jetpack, but we're hoping it won't last long.

BEAT IT

There's a prodigious new pop/dance phenomenon gearing up to take the world by storm - Ezcapade promise great things on the dancefloor.

Platinum selling and Grammy nominated producers Love To Infinity (Michael Jackson, Madonna, Kylie Minogue et al) first met front lady Carina Lirola at the legendary Ministry of Sound Club, London. A regular in the main room, Carina was first introduced to LTI via a mutual friend where she plucked up the courage to pass on one of her mix tapes to the legendary producers. An immediate connection resulted in the two parties forming a new band together, and thus the new super group were born.

Released through Transmission Recordings, the single 'When The Beat Drops' (out now) encompasses an eccentric profusion of stirring melodies and pounding beats, resulting in a track bursting with complete sophistication and absolute conviction. The extraordinary vocals of Lirola combined with a ridiculous cornucopia of dirty synths, brings the debut single to the masses. Dance arenas will swell with delight and chat lovers spanning the globe will indulge the moment this addictive track is let loose.

Born in the boisterous Liverpool suburb of Fazakerley with a rich Spanish heritage



pumping through her veins, Ezcapade vocalist Carina Lirola is graced with an endearing eye for poignancy, perfection and a talent so esteemed, that she could well be the next ambassador of the pop community. Speaking about the new single Lirola talks of her perfectionist attitude, "Myself and the LTI brothers spend so much time together. Whether it's nailing that one vocal track until 5am, perfecting lyrics or designing that next outfit".

The accompanying video is quite simply, futuristically outstanding. Drawing influences from the 1968 sci-fi classic Barbarella and 1997 cult classic, The Fifth Element, Carina moves ferociously amongst an army of robotic esq. dancers sporting a series of ultramodern outfits, amidst a barrage of stupendous visuals... check it out on YouTube.

www.ezcapade.com

JOHN GALEA

Since winning the UK National Songwriting Competition, things have accelerated pretty fast for John Galea who has already been lined up to write for Adam Lambert's second album. Gaydar Radio has got behind his latest single 'Boys and Girls' and every one is predicting this talented artist is the most exciting musician to come from the UK gay community for a long time.

You won the UK National Songwriting Competition, how did that make you feel?

Amazing!! There were so many great tracks in the competition so to have won with such amazing judges like Jonathon Shalit who found NDubz and Stuart Newton really was a big honour

For how long have you been writing songs?

Since the age of 12, My Dad brought home an Electric organ he found one day and I learnt how to play moved on to piano and began writing songs.

Who are your song writing heroes?

Max Martin, Diane Warren, The Bee Gees, Red One, there's a few lol.

Your voice and style is very upbeat... is this by design or is there a dark side to Mr Galea?

There always two sides to a coin,



I have a lot of modern slow temp tracks too but I love writing upbeat music because I love to dance .Tracks like Propaganda Lover have a darker message to them as well as being upbeat.

Rumour has it you will be writing for Adam Lambert, how did that come about?

I've been in the studio recently writing a lot and had a few new Electro tracks that I thought would suit Adam and his style really well so we got them cut and forwarded to my manager who passed them on.

You have a song called Girls or Boys... what's your preference? I like all my songs

You've done Newcastle Pride... how did that go and do you have other appearances at Gay events/venues... perhaps a tour planned?

It was amazing and I want again to thank the amazing organizers. The crowd was amazing and the response was great. It was the first Pride event I have ever done and I cant wait to do another one again, hopefully I will be free for London's next year!

When is the next release planned and what's it about?

At the moment I'm busy in the studio working on some new tracks, and promoting Girls or Boys. My track Trendsetter is being recorded by an artist based in L.A as well so it's a busy time for me at the moment.

OK, final question we ask every Bent interviewee... describe your favourite undies?

My black D&G's

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Manchester Pride now seems like a distant memory... but in my view it goes down as one of the best Pride festivals in the UK. Ever. The atmosphere in the Federation/Freakshow room of Uni Challenge was off the hook! Looking forward, the highlight for September for Manchester's gay scene can only be Freakshow's 1st Birthday on 21st (www.clubfreakshow.com) Has it really been a year!?! As usual, my monthly podcasts can be downloaded from www.jasonguy.podomatic.com and if you'd like to see your track, club, or event featured in Bent you can contact me on jason@bent.com.

TRACK REVIEW**TOP TRACKS OF THE MONTH**

// TRACK OF THE MONTH

KARL G & JAMESIE FT UNDERSOUND**NEVER SHOULD (BORN TO DANCE)**

This track has been gathered a lot of attention in Ibiza this year and it's easy to see why. As DJs, Karl G & Jamesie have built up an international pedigree, are tour residents for Ministry of Sound in Scandinavia, and have graced the decks across the UK for nearly all the major club brands. This is chunky, uplifting house at its finest. Tough melodic beats, with a killer breakdown and has already reached No.1 in Sweden's Club Chart. There are many remixes available, but my choice is still the original mix and this will hopefully see a full release in the UK soon.

**SEAMUS HAJI & ROMAIN CURTIS FT AWA****JUST A FRIEND (BIG LOVE)**

There's something very Swedish in the air this month! Seamus Haji & Parisian DJ/Producer Romain Curtis team up once again with the talented Awa from Sweden to follow up their previous single "I've Been Looking". This is an emotive vocal performance from Awa and a firing production from the boys. The Club Mix was tested out by Seamus all over the globe causing big "hands in the air" moments and it's been doing exactly the same in my sets too. The Vocal Mix has a big rousing piano hook and you can't help but be moved by it (and if you love it so much then you can always opt for the glorious Instrumental Mix).

**THE ONES****LET'S CELEBRATE (BEAT CONGRESS)**

There's been some great remixes of the classic track One's track Flawless doing the rounds for the past few months and it's great to see these guys back with new material too. JoJo Americano, Paul Alexander and Nashom's new single Let's Celebrate (featuring Nomi Ruiz formerly of Hercules And Love Affair and currently of Jessica 6) has been well worth the wait. It's chunky bassline maintains that signature "Ones" sound brilliantly. The vocals can be a touch too camp if you listen to them closely enough, but heading to the Wawa Dub sorts that out.

**PROK & FITCH VS TODD TERRY****SOMETHING'S GOING ON (STEALTH RECORDS)**

Todd Terry is undoubtedly one of the all time New York House dons with numerous productions and cross over hits. In the club scene he is well known for his Unreleased Projects series, which are still recognized as all time classics. The Prok & Fitch lads were digging the crates and stumbled upon Todd's release Something's Going On. Upon their request Todd handed them the original acapella, so they could work their magic in studio. The promo was mailed to the key DJ and has quickly become one of Stealth Records of the summer.

**ITALIAN STYLE**

Alex Gaudino's 'I'm In Love (I Wanna Do It)' is this summer's holiday soundtrack. A current Club Chart No.1, it's showing all the hallmarks of a 24 carat crossover smash having already received several plays from Scott Mills on Radio 1's Floorfillers, plus Pete Tong and Judge Jules.

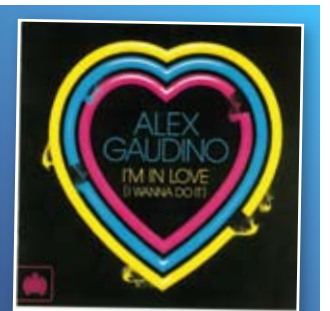
The Italian superstar is the master of the dance anthem - his previous hits include 'Destination Calabria' (No.4) and 'Watch Out'. As one of the most in demand DJ/producers on the scene, Alex rubs shoulders with the European jet-set (he recently played in Monte Carlo in a club where the crowd bathe in buckets of champagne).

Known as the chief spokesman for Italian disco house, Gaudino represents all that is fresh and vibrant about house music right now, whilst injecting a savvy and twisted elegance into the aesthetics of being a superstar DJ.

Well known for his commercial success, topping video and music charts across Europe, the demand for his studio expertise has grown at a meteoric rate.

His recent remixes read like a roll call of dance music's biggest players, including Armin van Buuren's Never Say Never, 'Peace Song' by Bob Sinclar, 'Escape Me' by Tiesto and 'Spaceship' by Benny Benassi.

Currently tearing up dancefloors across Ibiza and the Mediterranean, 'I'm In Love (I Wanna Do It)', looks set to return him to the top of the this month, maintaining his reputation for striking dancefloor gold, and proving that Italians truly do it better.



'I'm In Love (I Wanna Do It)' out 5th September courtesy of Ministry of Sound... and includes remixes from Jupiter Ace, Kurd Maverick and Wideboys.

He's a hot gay rapper who we would all quite like to cover in ice cream. Cazwell has already had cult anthems such as 'All Over My Face' and 'I Seen Beyonce at Burger King' and has followed it up with the song (and one of our favourite pop videos of the year) 'Ice Cream Truck'. Simon Savidge caught up with the sexy star to talk homophobia in hip-hop, Beyonce and what ice cream Lady Gaga would taste of...

CAZWELL MAKES US MELT!

So how is all in the world of Cazwell at the moment?

It's like super busy. Every time I drop a new video my life goes a little crazy with interviews and everything and the latest song and video seem to have caused a lot of talk, which is perfect and just what you need. The response is all really good though.

Your new song Ice Cream Truck is superb, where did the idea come from?

It was originally for a film called 'Spork' and a friend of mine said I want something really summery, something light and something that's gonna be catchy, hopefully we got all three.

Now that video is hot stuff, in fact some of us can't stop playing it at Bent HQ and aren't getting enough work



done... was that always what you had wanted to do with it visually?

Well, I wanted to have lots of Latino men in it because I think they are the hottest, so that was always my ideal scenario. I also really wanted to make a hip hop kind of video and in those you need to objectify something, so I objectified some Latino go-go dancers, a definite perk to the job. It's all actually filmed in my house and the East Village in New York. While we were filming an ice cream truck actually drove by, which was perfect. I think the little old lady driving it was a little shocked, but she got some business (laughs).

We have to ask... what's your favourite ice cream and place to eat it?

(Ha) I do love drumsticks, which is a euphemism for dick here so that's appropriate. I bet you want some really perverted place that I eat it don't you (laughs). I love sucking on my drumstick down the sidewalk, there you go, picture that (laughs).

If certain celebrities tasted of ice cream which flavour would they be... so for example what would Madonna taste like?

Oh god I hate things like this, it's a bit teen idol and quick fire (laughs) what would Madonna ice cream taste like... hmmm... bubble gum.

Kylie Minogue?

She'd be vanilla I guess, but not in a bland way... vanilla with rainbow sprinkles.

Jake from the Scissor Sisters?

He'd be banana split.

Eminem?

Rocky Road, no question.

Lady Gaga?

Hmmm that's the hardest one! It would have to be something a bit weird, and I mean weird in a good way. Like... erm... you know those really funky ice creams with the waxy latex layer you have to peel off that taste real good? One of them.

You have opened for Lady Gaga, what's the real Gaga like or is what we see just the Gaga you know?

Well that was like way back in the day, before she became uber famous. I mean we did a gig in a piece of shit club down on Avenue C and she was so professional. She did the sound check and knew how she was going to work the crowd. She knew how to work me too; she ended up riding me off the stage. She gave it her all regardless of how many people there were or weren't there and that's something you have to really respect. I think it's amazing and great the fame she has. You don't get celebrities like her really 'there' for the gay scene, though they like to cash in on the pink pound. I think she is there for us like with rallies and Prop 8 (a current gay marriage ruling going through the courts), where are Rihanna and Beyonce? You know what I mean? She has our backs and I have hers.

Could we expect a duet with her in the future?

I would love to but I think everyone on earth would love to... so I don't know if it would ever happen. I would love it to though.

So when can we expect a new album from you?

I am aiming to have a new one out for Valentines Day, that's the goal. It's going to be quite different from 'Ice Cream Truck' I am going for the more electro sound. I do have an EP with Amanda Lepore out this month so you should all check that out. I have done a song called 'Get Into It' which she features on and then there is 'Marilyn' which is vice versa. We have done both the videos already and it's very Hollywood chic. I have a lot more clothes on for once.

You have a very close bond with Amanda Lepore how did that come about?

We have always been on the same scene really, I do some DJing and did some stuff for a birthday of hers. Then we started hanging out, and then did a duet, now we are like best friends. It's great.

You previously released a song called 'I Seen Beyonce at Burger King' do you know if she ever heard the song and what she thought?

I know she saw it, I heard from her

people, and apparently she really liked it and thought it was very funny. She has a sense of humour that girl which I think is good. I like Beyonce, it was always meant as homage (laughs) and we all like a Burger King, right?

When are you next in the UK so we can all come and see you?

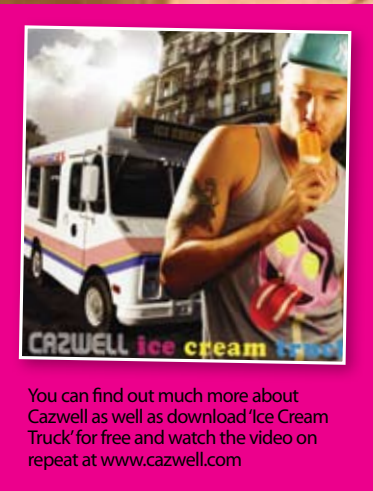
That's a good question, the sooner the better, I love the UK. I come over for some of Jodie Harsh's parties at Circus so maybe I could do one of those again soon? I would like to do GAY at Heaven too, let's see how this EP and the album do.

The hip-hop and rap scene is rather renowned for its homophobic lyrics and attitude, has that been a difficulty as people want to pigeon hole you in that category too?

I think early in my career I tried to pigeon hole myself that way. You can't though; in that scene you cannot be gay no way. I think now I am quite happy just doing my thing and mixing it all up to be honest. I like that music but I love my pop so the both of them combined is where I am happiest.

Is it true you're originally from Brazil; it says you are on Wikipedia?

Brazil? Are you kidding? (Laughs) Someone must have fucked with that, I am from Massachusetts that's hilarious. Brazil???? Nope, though the men in Brazil are hot so I wouldn't have minded.



You can find out much more about Cazwell as well as download 'Ice Cream Truck' for free and watch the video on repeat at www.cazwell.com

LADY GAGA HAS CAUSED QUITE A STIR IN SOME DEPARTMENTS. ADAM LOWE DIGS DEEP INTO HER SHORT-TERM LEGACY TO FIND OUT JUST WHAT THE APPEAL IS.

RADIO GAGA

When Lady Gaga was a little girl, she would sing along on her mini plastic tape recorder to Michael Jackson and Cyndi Lauper hits and get twirled in the air in daddy's arms to the sounds of the Rolling Stones and the Beatles. The precocious child would dance around the table at fancy Upper West Side restaurants using the breadsticks as a baton. And, she would innocently greet a new babysitter in nothing but her birthday suit.

It's no wonder that little girl from a good Italian New York family, turned into the exhibitionist, multi-talented singer-songwriter with a flair for theatrics that she is today: Lady Gaga.

Extract from her online biography - www.ladygaga.com

Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, better known as Lady Gaga, has managed to make a huge name for herself in just a couple of years. Aged only 24, she's already had what seems like a million albums (or rather, one album and a million reworkings of a second album), sparked controversy, and had everyone asking if she has a dick.

It has to be said that her very early offerings, 'Just Dance' and 'Poker Face', while more infectious than a Canal Street rent boy, were pretty standard pop tunes. They were nothing outstanding by any means. And the lyrics, of course, were often infamously embarrassing ('bluffing with my muffin'? Seriously?).

'Bad Romance' and 'Telephone' were pretty epic in terms of sounds and impact, but 'Alejandro' is pretty bland in comparison and the plagiarism (sorry, tributes) in the video are just appallingly insipid. Yes, we get that you're naughty, but wearing a PVC nun's outfit with a red cross at your gash just makes you look like a stripper who shops at Ann Summers.

So how then did she get a name as the most innovative popstar of the last few years? She's recycled Grace Jones, Goldfrapp and lots of Madonna. She's borrowed heavily from some girl we apparently all used to love called Christina. She even had to dye her hair blonde because people kept mistaking her for Amy Declinehouse.

SO WHAT IS THE APPEAL?

Well, we at Bent have to confess, it beats us. Gays love to follow skinny, crazy bitches around. At least, they

do if they're not too busy being skinny, crazy bitches themselves. They also love to think they've discovered something shocked and edgy, while revelling in all things camp and popular.

The average music-buying youngster is probably too young to remember Grace, too dumb to listen to anything other than Goldfrapp's T-Mobile soundtrack era, and too uninterested in old women swooping into Africa to steal babies. Therefore they can pretend Gaga really is as shocking and original as she feigns to be. Whatever. We don't care, so long as she makes good music.

THE EXPERTS ON GAGA

'My fans in the UK are so sexy and the people are so innovative and free in how they think about pop culture and music. I was in my apartment in Los Angeles getting ready to go to dance rehearsal when they called and told me [about 'Just Dance' reaching number one], and I just cried.' - Lady Gaga, quoted in Paul Lister's *Looking for Fame: The Life of a Pop Princess*

Biographer Paul Lister discusses, in *Looking for Fame: The Life of a Pop Princess*, how music industry execs initially dismissed 'Just Dance' as being unmarketable in the States because it was euro-pop. Similarly, he describes how radio programmers just wouldn't play the song. Instead Gaga took to performing on TV to highlight the track, and appeared on TV chat shows such as *Tonight with Jay Leno* and *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*. He points out that in 2009 over 100 TV shows had featured songs from *The Fame* (mostly 'Just

Dance', followed by 'Poker Face').

'Just Dance' took 22 weeks in the Billboard Hot 100 to reach the number one spot, although it had already hit the number two spot in the Hot Dance Airplay and Hot Dance Club charts six months earlier. Gaga, then, was proving especially popular with hardcore clubbers, who were quicker to pick up her music than regular pop fans. The UK, however, was much quicker to warm to Lady Gaga, seeing her debut at number three and rise to number one the following week.

Lester explains this as 'being part of a lineage of innovative electronic dance music that has always struck a chord with the British public', and likens her to the 80s' roster of 'experimental synth-pop groups such as The Human League, Soft Cell, Yazoo, Depeche Mode, Heaven 17 and Eurythmics... up to present-day exponents of synthesized UK dance music such as La Roux and Little Boots'.

Lester also points out that the UK was ahead of the US in adopting Madonna and prefers to see Grace Jones as a 'pioneering figure at the forefront of radical, avant-garde fashion, performance and electronic funk-pop' as opposed to a fringe novelty.

In *Lady Gaga: Extreme Style*, Lizzy Goddman dissects the star's image, and sees it as a melting pot of 80s music, the New York art scene and burlesque. Goodman writes: 'a reporter asked her what art meant to her. Gaga's friend and noted photographer David LaChapelle answered for her: "She would die without art!"'

For Goodman, Lady Gaga's drive is summarised by a tattoo on her arm from the German philosopher-

poet Rainer Maria Rilke, which in abbreviated form means 'Must I write?'. Goodman believes this 'encourages the resolute questioning of one's commitment to art... and for Gaga, always, the answer is yes'.

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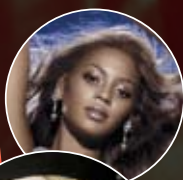
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COURTNEY'S NEXT ACT

by Max Jiminez

Idol alumni and gender-bending sensation Courtney Act made a name for herself in 2003, when after trying out and failing to get on Australian Idol as Shane Jenek, she returned for the next day's audition as Courtney Act. Courtney's explosive, energetic performing style and joyous personality resonated with audiences. With performances of songs like "You Don't Own Me," "W.O.M.A.N." and "You Shook Me All Night Long," the country was mesmerized and Australia had a new, slightly less conventional, sweetheart.

Act's new single, "Welcome to Disgraceland," was inspired by her live show at Disgraceland, a popular Australia nightclub renowned for its elaborate costumes, colorful dancers, and over-the-top fabulousness. Some of the biggest names in the world have attended Disgraceland including George Michael and the Pussycat Dolls.

"No matter where I am when I sing the song's chorus, the audience and I are magically transported to Disgraceland,"

she continues. "It's euphoric to see everyone in the arena jumping, dancing, laughing and celebrating the debauchery!"

Most recently, Courtney made international headlines when she performed a private birthday performance for Lady Gaga. "I entered just after the main course wearing a gold bubble dress singing Sweet Transvestite. She sat watching with a big grin on her face as I danced through the crowd and played up to everyone.

When I got to the second verse I danced over to Gaga and gave her a bit of a lap dance, I then jumped up onto the table and brought the song home, dancing on the dinner table top, for the final moment, her singers and dancers behind me filling in the backing vocals on "Sweet Transvestite". It was pretty bloody gay! After the performance, we chatted and walked together in a garden. At one point, we reached some stone steps that looked dangerous," she remembers. "Gaga suggested we take off

our heels since they were both 6". Mine, however, were not Armani Privé and Swarovski encrusted."

Even so, Act says she was struck by how normal Lady Gaga was. "Our similarities were greater than our differences," she says. Act hopes audiences glean the same realization from her show.

In addition to being the first drag contestant on "Idol", Courtney Act was the franchises' first out contestant. No other contestant on any "Idol

show throughout the world has ever been out during production. Still, Courtney doesn't credit the dress for her success.

"I was judged on my entertainment value and talent, two essential qualities for any pop artist," she says. "I know the fact that I was in drag added to the entertainment value, but I think the whole package is what got me through."

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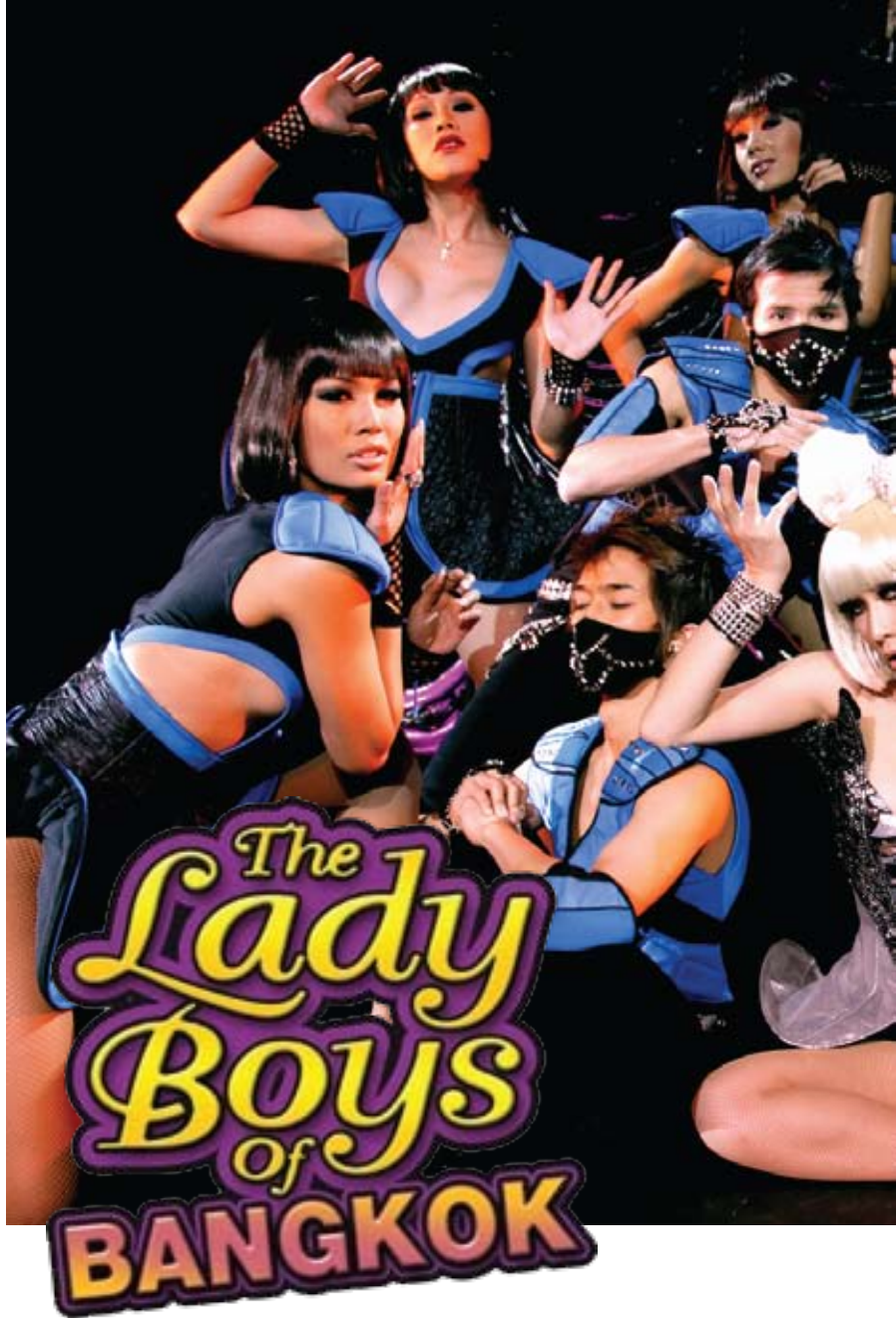
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SUNSET B*TCH

Jessica Martin is Veronique Raymond: self-proclaimed Hollywood legend and diva with a capital D. On the eve of her long-anticipated return to the London stage, she shares her extraordinary journey from rags to riches (and back again). With a little help from her showbiz pals - Liza, Judy, Marilyn, Barbara and Bette, to name but a few - we'll discover why she became the Sunset B*tch. Jessica Martin made her West End debut playing Sally Smith in the 1984 revival of Me and My Girl at the Adelphi Theatre. Other past work in theatre includes one of the title roles in Mack and Mabel (Piccadilly Theatre), Norma Desmond In Sunset Boulevard (Comedy Theatre), Mrs Lovett in Sweeney Todd (Bridewell) and TV audiences will also recall her work on the iconic TV series, Spitting Image.

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They're incredible, they know what they want, they know how to get it and they're what every boy secretly has locked inside him; the will to be the most fabulous performer ever. Like pop filled chameleons they understand the only way to achieve this and remain ahead of the game is to become style icons and so they constantly reinvent themselves, never standing still for a moment. Gaga does it, Cher's famous for it and it's the reason Madonna has managed to remain at the top since the 80s even when dodgy raps and questionable movie roles have tried to freeze her in her tracks. They adapt to survive becoming Darwinian-Divas, so that at the drop of a sequinned hat BANG they're transformed from one form into another. You see the public at large are a bit fickle and so if a Diva isn't shaking her ass to the current beat then there's always the threat she'll be replaced quicker than a snoozing Sugababe. It's true that when a Diva does lock in her target audience she has a fan base that will follow her for life as true fans (yes boys, you know who you are) will stick to a Diva closer than a spray on tan, but there's always a new Diva preparing to step into the spotlight. However the Diva knows this and it's what keeps her always coming back for more even when things go a bit pear shaped. They're fighters. They're warriors. Like Boudicca and Xena they know when to throw down and give as good as they get. Not in the bare knuckled sense of the word mind, but in order to survive they know that they must keep their enemies close and this can often mean taking a tactical retreat if there is no other option.

Time out of the limelight offers the Diva time to reflect upon her rise to fame safe in the knowledge that she will return when the hour is right. The rebirth may not always go to plan and sometimes it can seem to do more harm than good with detractors always ready to knock her down, but you can't stop a force of

nature. So what if she's had a failed marriage in Vegas? Does anyone even care if she's not been hitting the notes like she once did? These are just slight setbacks on the path to glory and this will never deter the fan boys from championing their perfect pop princess; it only makes her stronger in the eyes of the ones she inspires. The important thing is she's not giving up and whilst the Diva keeps pushing forward like an elemental Amazonian she continues to win the war. Whether it's her own personal battle or one which ingrains her into the hearts of those who understand what the harsh industry is like, the show must always go on. After all a show without a Diva is just a performance without a performer. Well done Aretha. Congratulations Christina. Here's to you Celine. Liza you're on in five. Without you and the rest of your fellow Divas the stage would just be an empty place and the world of entertainment would just not be so entertaining. Thank you Divas. Thank you all.

LIZA MINNELLI

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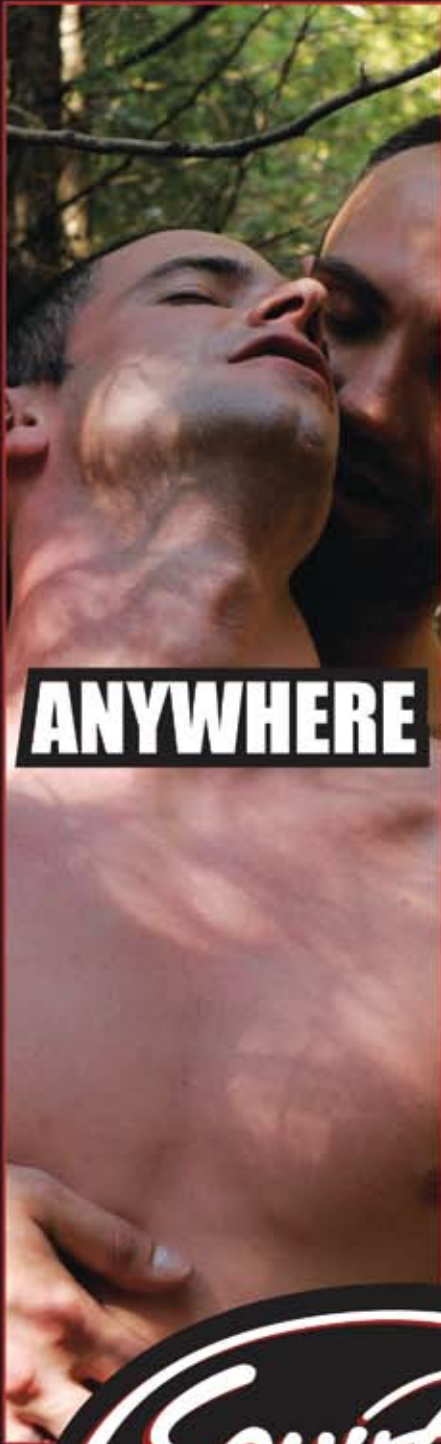
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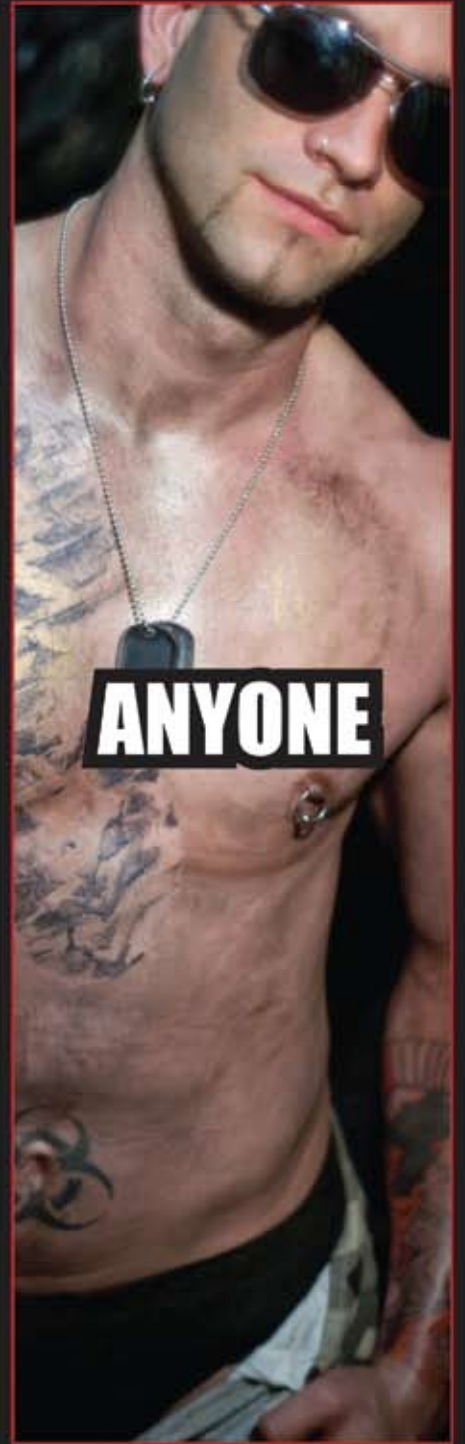
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A THROBBING BETWEEN MY LEGS

You may already know that I'm a big fan of motorcycling. After all, it's a fantastic combination: speed, adrenaline, power – and sex! I really like big, fast motorbikes and drive them myself when I get the chance. Unfortunately, I don't have one of my own, so I have to borrow one from my friends when I can – this time a Honda CBR. However, I do have my own gear – some nice red and black leathers, plus my own helmet – and in the meantime I'm trying to save some of my money so that I can buy my own motorbike next year.

Anyway, it just so happened that the other week I'd borrowed my good friend's motorbike and had gone out for a spin. I often take a drive out for half a day just so that I can enjoy a break from my work on the computer or when I return home from a long trip with the STAXUS shows. On this particular occasion it was a late sunny afternoon when I'd been driving through the mountains around Liberec, and I was planning to drive back home to Prague when I saw this other guy on a motorbike.

I remember that I'd seen him on his bike, a fabulous, sporty Aprilia, a few times before – he was a slim, muscular guy wearing tight red leathers. In short, a really sexy fellow, though to be fair I must confess that tight lycra cycle shorts and motorbike leathers have both always been something of a fetish of mine!

Before I knew it we were driving next to each other through the hills, before engaging in a short race on the motorway back to Prague. Finally, a few kilometres out of the capital, we parked up off the motorway, away from the busy streets and in the shadow of some trees. We clearly both just wanted to relax a little bit, whilst I was keen to get to know (and see!) what was under the helmet and the leather jacket!

What I discovered made me very happy. He was maybe 23, with an athletic build, short black hair, dark brown eyes and a very winsome smile. We were both very hot and sweaty from the race, so we took off our jackets before sitting down on the grass

to cool down a little and to chat. Glancing at each other, we each made cheeky comments about exhausts and big, powerful engines, so it's not surprising that I was soon feeling extremely turned on. After all, the atmosphere around us was incredibly sexy – well, for me at least: A hot sunny afternoon. The adrenaline of the race still pumping away in my blood. A cute half-naked guy lying in the grass next to me – why, I just had to try to make a move on him... particularly given that he was clearly checking me out all the time and was constantly dropping out innuendos and grabbing his crotch. So it was that I rolled over to him, stroked his chest and kissed him.

Unfortunately, this particular sexual adventure came to a very abrupt end. He immediately pushed me back, jumped up and began shouting and using words that I'd don't want to repeat. Seconds later and he'd pulled on his jacket and was telling me, in no uncertain terms, that he couldn't understand why a strong, muscular guy like me who loves motorbikes can be gay. I'm still not quite sure if such comments were meant as praise or criticism, but before I'd had chance to think too much on it he'd kicked his motorbike into life and sped off down the road!

So there I was, sat on the grass, feeling horny as fuck – and completely alone! As such there was simply no alternative but to have a real good wank, fantasising as I did about having hot, hard sex with this anonymous (and all too damn straight!) rider.

Needless to say, I wish you all more luck during your hot and horny summer.

Kiss, Johan

Please feel free to follow my holidays with the latest blog entries and photos on my site:
Johan-Volny.com



PEP

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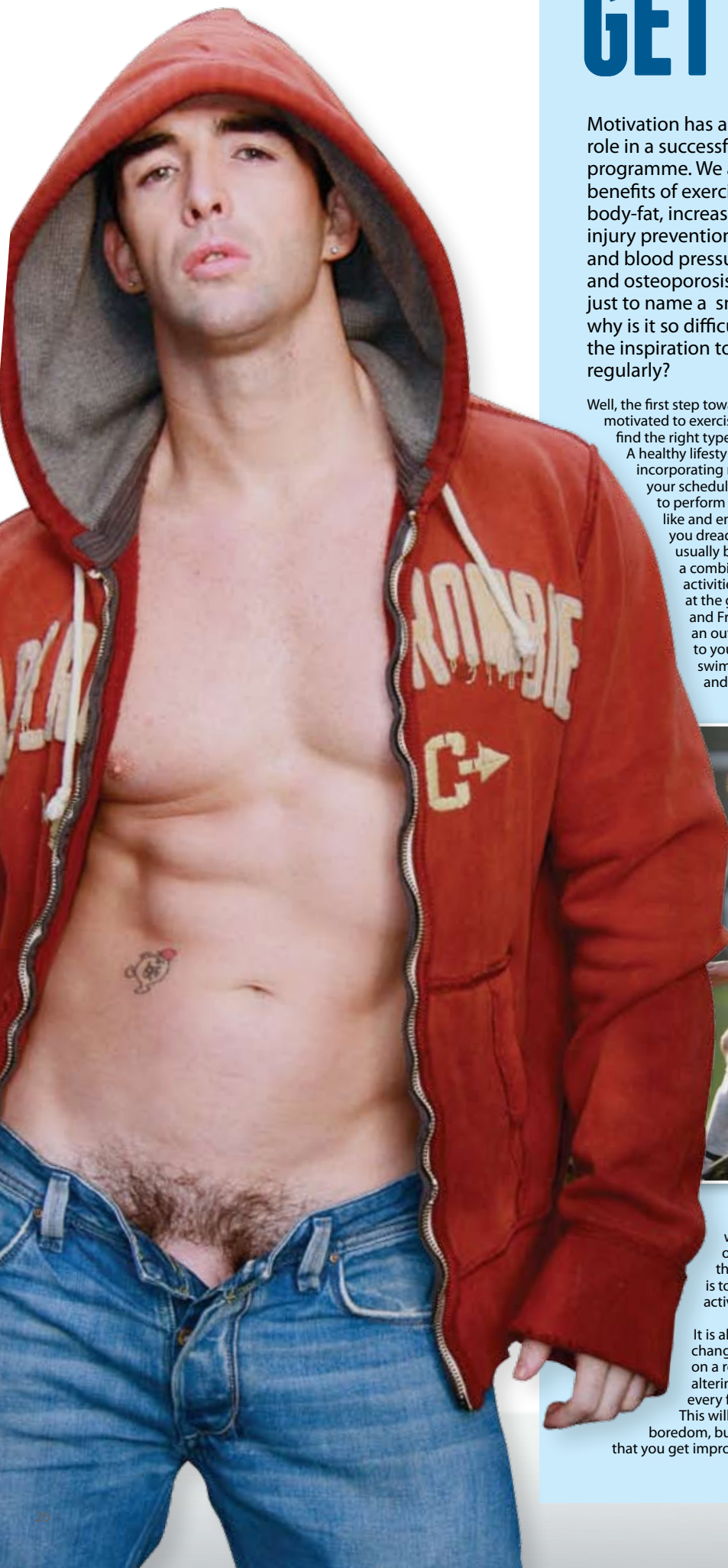
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GET MOTIVATED

Motivation has a massive role in a successful exercise programme. We all know the benefits of exercise—lowered body-fat, increased strength, injury prevention, cholesterol and blood pressure reduction, and osteoporosis prevention just to name a small few. So, why is it so difficult to find the inspiration to exercise regularly?

Well, the first step towards being motivated to exercise regularly is to find the right type of exercise for you. A healthy lifestyle is achieved by incorporating regular exercise into your schedule, so it is important to perform exercises that you like and enjoy. A routine that you dread to perform will usually be short-lived. Try a combination of different activities, you can workout at the gym on Monday and Friday, and go on an outdoor bike ride or to your local pool for a swim on Wednesday and finish the week off

way, as you progress, your routine will evolve to meet your changing needs. Also remember that you can avoid burnout by performing a short and balanced workout. Use your time wisely and remember that a balanced exercise routine involving strengthening, stretching and cardiovascular work can be performed in only 45 minutes.

If you find that you have no time to exercise try exercising first thing in the morning. If you workout first thing there is no time to procrastinate. Morning workouts are also great because you avoid the crowds as clubs are less busy at this time. If you aren't a morning person, simply avoid the afternoon 4-6:30 p.m. workout rush.

If you are having a hard time starting an exercise programme because you find all the modern fitness equipment intimidating and confusing, don't worry. Most fitness clubs offer an equipment orientation. Personal trainers can also help develop a fitness programme specific to your needs.

When people start fitness programmes they always tell me that they want to lose 20-30 pounds or they say "I was 25 pounds lighter before my boyfriend came along, I want to get back to that weight." It may be more motivating to concentrate



with a few rounds of golf or footie on the weekend. The key is to find a balance of activities that you enjoy.

It is also motivating to change your workouts on a regular basis. Try altering your routine every four to six weeks. This will not only prevent boredom, but you will find that you get improved results. This

on reducing your body-fat instead of your weight. The scale does not account for muscle gains or water retention, if you feel good, and your clothes are getting a little looser, and your body-fat is going down you are on the right track!

So, there you have it, four tips to make your exercise lifestyle a success! Pick exercises that you enjoy, exercise at times that do not interfere with your daily activities, change your workouts regularly and set realistic fitness goals.

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TASTE THE GREEN

Many of us will have heard of Wheatgrass, or even tried it, when it first hit the news several years ago, but having drifted out of fashion it's now back with a bang and a whole new and unexpected fan base is springing up for this potent health elixir

New fans of the grass include unusual advocates in 50 Cent and Lil Kim and The Hills star Audrina Patridge who's says it is one of the secrets to her amazing body this summer.

It's not surprising that these superstars are finding wheatgrass so potent and singing its praises - it is made up of 70% chlorophyll (nature's most health promoting nutrient), 20 amino acids, several hundred different enzymes not found in other foods, as many as 90, out of a possible 102, minerals, as well as vitamins and other

important nutrients. This makes it perfect for dieters, athletes, people on the go, or those who want to maintain a healthy immune system.

The juice of this plant is also said to heal tissues, help purify the liver and improve blood sugar levels and flush out toxins³. It's also packed with potassium (nicknamed the 'youth mineral'), which firms and tones skin, is full of fibre, and is a great source of magnesium, which boosts digestion and banishes bloated stomachs.

The taste of the grass isn't to everyone's liking however, but for those of us who don't like the taste of green shots (perhaps a reason why it faded out of fashion first time around) a new superfood company hopes to make Wheatgrass easy and tasteless to use with their ethical wheatgrass capsules.

For more info visit
www.naturalgreens.co.uk or call them on 0844 567 0547



Walking at a slower pace requires more effort than walking fast or even jogging. Walking in sand requires 2.1 to 2.7 times more energy than walking on hard surfaces. Jogging in sand uses 1.6 times more energy than jogging on hard surfaces. For most of us burning calories is one of the benefits of any exercise. One the primary benefits of walking on a beach is that you will use 20 to 50 percent more calories than you would walking at the same pace on a hard surface. For a short stroll down the beach bare feet are fine, but if you are going to walk a longer distance then make sure you walk in shoes or sandals. Walking too far in sand in bare feet can result in shin splints or a sore tendon in your heel.

As always, if you are walking in the heat take the normal precautions: wear a hat, take a bottle of water and don't forget to put on your sun screen. Of course, if you get too hot you can always jump in the water to cool off. Since we all want to protect our walking areas for future generations don't wander into environmentally sensitive areas such as dunes... unless of course you have a better offer than a quick... walk!

HOLIDAY EXERCISE - BENEFITS OF WALKING ON THE BEACH

It may not be at the top of your list to do whilst on holiday but you can get plenty of exercise by planning your trip to the beach with more than just lying out reading a book in mind. Aside from the beautiful view of the ocean and the great 'people-watching' there are many benefits of walking on the beach. Walking in sand requires a greater effort than walking on a hard surface. Your muscles and tendons will work harder as your foot moves around.

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COLOURFUL AND TINGLY

Here in the communal showers at Bent Towers we tried out the four new Radox showergels - For Men. They all lather up a treat, but as we rubbed each colourful concoctions into Kevin the trainee's sweet lithe body - he thought the Mint + Tea Tree gel tingled on his bits more than the others. However, all produced a healthy, shiny glow to all who took part in this test and the product was rated a soapy success. Our designer emerged from the damp steamy depths to add his comments - "Oh - such pretty colours". Nothing gets passed him.

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PAMPER WITH A POM

Even if we don't like to admit it... a boy likes to pamper himself just as much as anyone else and, as chaps tend to have oilier skin than them there gals, it's only natural we should take care of the 'problem'. The Korres proposal for oily-to-combination skin is pomegranate. The global best seller pomegranate balancing cream-gel, is now accompanied by three new cleansing products, ideal for daily or weekly use; scrub, mask and cleansing wipes. Full of vitamins, extracts and natural bits and bobs, the pomegranate takes centre stage to give you the skin you want... not the skin you've been given.

The range is from £14 - £18
 Stockist: 09708503868





MERSEY TEENAGERS LEAD THE WAY

Four teenagers from Liverpool have met with Government officials in London to tell them how they have been tackling bullying and Hate Crime across Merseyside.

The teenagers are all part of Project Triangle a social justice initiative run by Homotopia, Liverpool's LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans) arts and cultural festival. After workshops with Merseyside Police and a trip to Poland last year the young lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans' Merseysiders devised an education pack and DVD for use in schools.

This anti-Hate Crime pack with lessons about bullying and the murder of Knowsley teenager Michael Causer has already got the backing of Sir Ian McKellen, the National Union of Teachers and Merseyside Police. Homotopia hope to continue to spread the Project Triangle message nationally across schools, youth centres, probation services, transport providers and police forces.

STI REPORT

With the recently released Health Protection Agency Report on Sexually Transmitted Infections, the message is, with an overwhelming increase in STI's, the 'safe sex' message is as important now as it ever was. Gay men seem to be indulging in more and more risky sex that puts themselves and their partners under a ridiculously high threat.

Terrence Higgins Trust's Chief Executive Sir Nick Partridge said: "It's staggering that almost half a million people each year are affected by preventable sexually transmitted infections. Gay men continue to top the list, accounting for two thirds of syphilis and over a third of gonorrhoea diagnoses last year, while being only 6% of the population.

"We know about the risks of HIV transmission and these figures show that it's just as important to be aware of STIs too. Getting an STI, like chlamydia or gonorrhoea, makes it's much easier to pick up or pass on other, more serious infections, including HIV.

"We know how to reduce the risks: enjoy safer sex, use condoms, and if you've had unsafe sex go to a GUM or community testing clinic. All sexually active gay men should have a full sexual health screen and an HIV test at least once a year. We can - and we must - improve our sexual health."



STUDENT LIFE

The LGBT society offers a first point of contact for those attending the University of Derby who may consider themselves as either lesbian, gay, bi-sexual or transgender students. In past years the society has mainly been orientated around social events on a Thursday night down the local gay bar, and a trip to Manchester to mark World Aids Day.

However, this year is a year with a difference, starting with a new committee with members coming from all different walks of life, coming together with one goal in mind - to change the face of the University of Derby's LGBT society. The first major difference this year being a change of name to become the 'LGBT and friends' society; accepting not just those who may class themselves as an LGBT member, but welcoming those who support friends and family within their sexuality.

A new key feature is the welfare support of students. Although many students may get support from each other, sometimes a new face to talk to can help; therefore links are being made with the support group 'Derbyshire Friend' to help offer confidential support meetings at the University; so students don't have to make the journey to find help, the help will be coming to them.

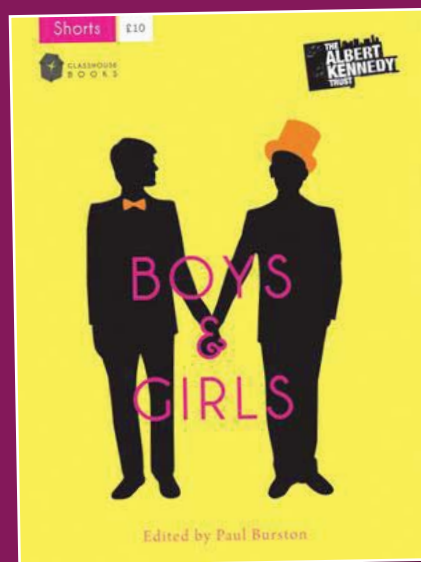
Another new addition to this year's society is the introduction of a new website www.udsulgbt.com. The website will provide society details and information on up and coming events, but also offers links to support groups and networks within the local area and forums where students will be able to communicate with others, in a secure and monitored environment.



'BETTER SEX'

If you're looking for ways to spice up your sex life, or just want to try something different, then GMFA's latest booklet, 'Better Sex for Gay Men', is for you. GMFA, the gay men's health charity, has gathered together some of the best advice from lots of gay men on what can make for great sex. The booklet includes plenty of sexy photographs throughout and also lots of tips on how to keep the sex you have safe. The booklet covers lots of different areas of sex, including wanking, kissing, foreplay, blow jobs and fucking. Advice ranges from how to give a massage, new ways to wank yourself (and him) off, and how to give a great blow job, through to discussing safer sex, how to fuck, and good sex positions if it's your first time getting fucked. There are also sections to help you get to know your arse and your cock for better sex.

You can download it from the GMFA website at www.gmfa.org.uk/bettersex



BOYS AND GIRLS

EDITED BY PAUL BURSTON

An anthology of Gay and Lesbian stories about young love published in association with The Albert Kennedy Trust.

Featuring writing by new and established Gay and Lesbian writers and the heart rending and heart warming true stories of youths helped by The Albert Kennedy Trust, Boys & Girls is an anthology like no other.

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FIVE TIPS TO MAKE A RELATIONSHIP BETTER.

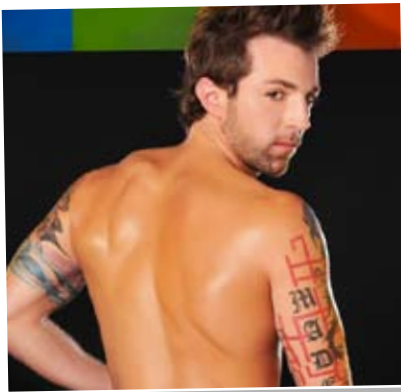
Lighten up - don't be serious all the time... poke fun at yourself and your partner - it will break any tension.

Your body loves to be touched. Do it for your partner; play with their hair, stroke their arm, a soft kiss, a pat on the leg, back rubs, foot rubs. But do it in an affectionate way, it doesn't always have to be sexual.

Forgive each other. Everyone makes mistakes and everyone deserves another chance. Let the past stay there... whatever the problem get over it and get on with your lives.

If you both get too predictable and have an unbreakable schedule... break it! Do something on the spur of the moment. Surprise your partner and do it together.

Communicate. A lot of times when relationships are having problems, the talk stops. Here is where you need to learn to listen to each other. Each of you should be able to just talk about anything and everything. Don't make any judgments. Listen. Let down your guard, no yelling or arguing. Just talk to each other.



"QUEER OF THE YEAR"

The votes have been counted and Montreal has announced a winner in the "Queer of the Year" contest. Twenty-nine year-old Sean Horlor of Vancouver, British Columbia won the ultimate title after a week of fierce competition amongst four other competitors.

Throughout Montreal's Pride festivities, the contestants showed the world how they can heat it up in the kitchen, behind the camera, on stage and through the streets of Montreal (keeping it clean, of course, during a fund-raiser carwash). All of the excitement was captured on film and posted at [HYPERLINK "http://www.queeroftheyearcontest.com/"](http://www.queeroftheyearcontest.com/) it " _blank" www.queeroftheyearcontest.com where viewers were able to keep up with the action and vote for their favourite contestants.

At the end of the competition, Sean Horlor was the finalist with the most public votes combined with the most points from the judges, winning the ultimate title of Queer of the Year.

www.tourisme-montreal.org

IS SEX WRONG?

By Jason, Tantra4Men,
(Diplomas in Counselling
and in Tantra)



I was at Brighton Pride recently where we had for the first time a stand to promote Tantra. It is the first time that I have promoted Tantra in what I would call the gay main stream because typically up to now I have only promoted Tantra4GayMen to those who have made an express interest in knowing more about us.

What I found interesting was that some people just perceived Tantra as sex. And when they were asked if they wanted a flyer, would say things like "Oh no, I don't want anything like that". I have no judgments about that because everyone is a free being. But, it made me ask the question "is Sex wrong?" Equally over the last few weeks I have seen in various online communities different views that Tantra can be too sexualised. That the form of Tantra we teach can be too focussed on the sexual.

I spent some time reflecting on this and to check in with my core about my view and attitudes to sex. Sex for me has so many judgements, guilt and shame attached to it. It is often not talked about very much, and when people do, it can often be about their negative experiences of sex. I rarely hear people say about some amazing sex that they had over the weekend. It seems that great sex in some ways is a taboo topic?

If I come back to my core being, back to my physicality, at a very basic level, when I or others stimulate my cock I get pleasurable feelings. It feels nice, it feels good and it feels yum! So I kind of wonder where, if I am listening to that base message that my body is telling me this is a pleasurable physical act, when did sex become so wrong?

What happens from the physical sensation in my cock, to my brain that can then tell me that sex is wrong? I wonder if sex were a more open topic that we discussed, would it cause such hang-ups for us?

I make it my business to experience as many different forms of sex as possible. As a Tantra Teacher, how can I resonate, understand, empathise with different men's perspectives on sex if I only practice the highest forms of Tantric Sex.

Sometimes I hear people say that they only want to experience sex with their partner. And that's great, but for me it doesn't preclude the opportunity to experience this pleasure with others. It can be a deeply enjoyable experience, sensation, energy exchange. Shared in a loving relationship is brilliant, I share it with my partner, Ingo. However does that stop me sharing different kinds of pleasure with others. Does it change the way that I love and feel about Ingo. For me, in my experience, No.

For me, being Tantric, means that we allow ourselves to experience all the different kinds of sex that we want in that moment. You may have heard about Chakra's, we have 7 of them, each resonating at a different frequency/vibration, like a note on a piano. In Tantra, this creates for me the



opportunity to experience 7 different types of orgasm. For me, being Tantric, is about allowing myself to experience all the different forms of sex. Sex for me is an expression of "Who I Really Am", because in a sexual state, my brain can't control, give judgements or take heed of any programming but instead, in my sexual state, my physicality, my humanness, I can only respond with the sensations and energy in that very moment.

When I started to engage in sex with a man, I found that I didn't want it to be just "genital stimulation". What I did was to go inside myself, and really allow myself to feel. To feel this man's touch of his hand on my chest, to feel the hair on his legs, to feel his shoulders, his head, his ears, to connect my sexual energy from the whole of my body. When I focussed inside, it was like a dance of energy swirling around my body that was beautiful, ecstatic and a true expression of the freedom of my soul. My soul danced, breathed, yelped and when our energies combined the intensity of sensation filled up my inner core, up through my chakra centres that brought a heightened state of pleasure than what can be experienced from just "genital sex". It got to a point where it did not matter whether I ejaculated or not, because the energy had already been exchanged and danced through our physical bodies. This isn't to say that genital sex, focussed in the base of our bodies is wrong, it feels important to me that we allow ourselves to experience all forms of sex, sexual energy. Through this sexual energy we allow this to connect higher and higher until it reaches our spirituality and then even more doors of magic, of Tantra can open.

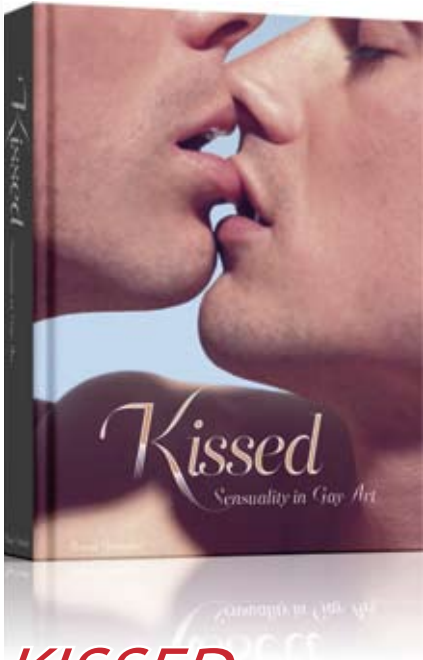
I left that experience feeling good. My physical body had received pleasure, connection, intimacy and touch. How can that be wrong? Is it our application of sex, our thinking that gets in the way of us experiencing true pleasure? If as a physical sensation it was pleasurable, good, what could possibly make that wrong. When you add intimacy to that to, again what can make that wrong?

Tantra is about using your sexual energy as a gateway to your spirituality. Long live a positive approach to sex.

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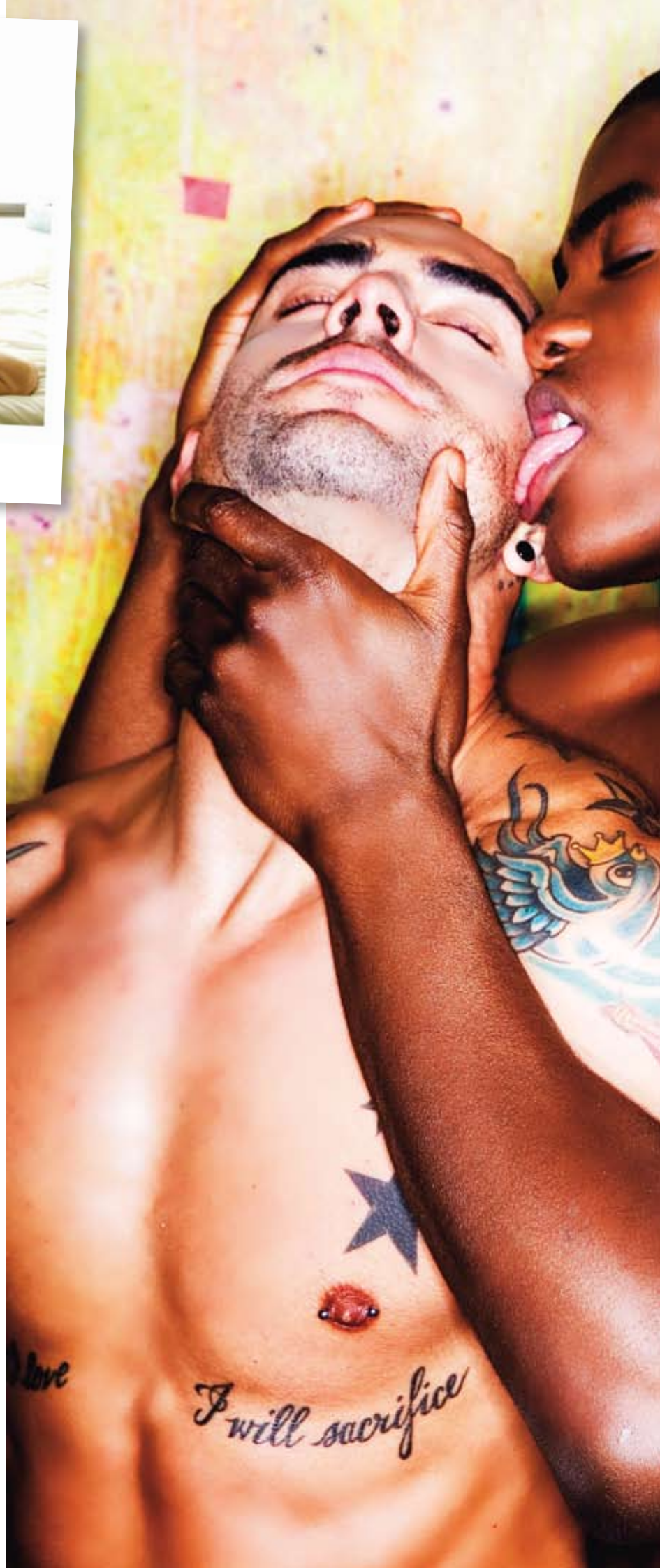


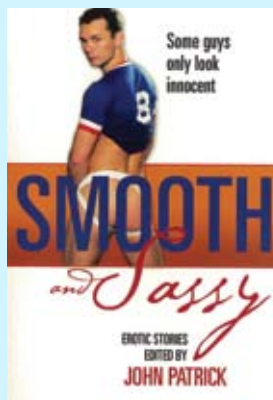


KISSED

It's probably impossible to say when exactly mankind began to kiss. But one thing is for sure: The kiss surely is one of the most successful "inventions" of our cultural history. Songs and books have been dedicated to it, as well as paintings and scientific treatments. Gay men know best that a kiss is often way more intimate than a quickie. And all of those who ever tried to justify the breaking of a heart with the popular excuse "But it was only a kiss" will have to reconsider their point of view after having leafed through *KISSED* and marvelled at this stunning collection of kissing pictures. The works of artists such as Jeff Palmer, David Vance, Justin Monroe and Howard Roffman are presented in this book.

£26.99 – Bruno Gmunder



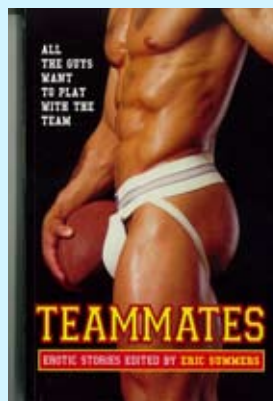


SMOOTH AND SASSY

Edited by John Patrick

Some boys look innocent. But they shouldn't be trusted because once they get into the bedroom they become completely wild. Young men are available to satisfy your most secret desires or the most forbidden fantasies. Innocence lost? Hardly. They know what they want and who they want it from.

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TEAMMATES

Edited by Eric Summers

A collection of hot, theme-based erotica centred around the locker room and sports related stories. If readers have ever wished to take part in a locker room romp, or turn things sexual during a wrestling match or be paired with the best-looking guy on the football team, this anthology is for them.

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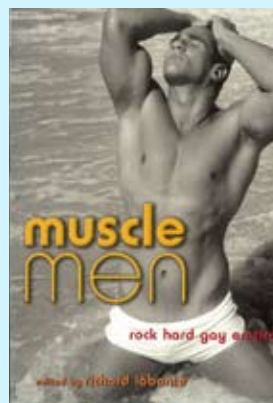
MEN AT NOON, MONSTERS AT MIDNIGHT

Edited by Christopher Pierce

Sex is a beast and sometimes monsters can be terribly sexy. What gay man hasn't dreamt of being swept into the arms of a hot vampire or longed to be hunted by a sexy werewolf?

Horror movies and their creatures are often very homoerotic, where there this may only be a subtext, this sexually charged anthology shows the likes of Twilight just how it should be done.

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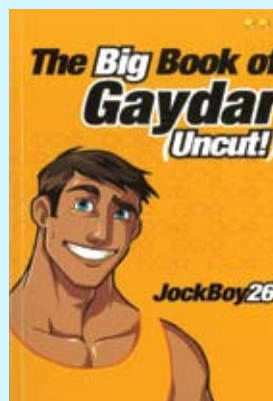


MUSCLE MEN

Edited by Richard Labonte

Whether they are at the gym, in the locker room or especially in the steam room, hunks that look hard, work hard and play hard inspire fantasies the world over. Yes, hard men in stories to make you hard... you may not have the body but you can share in the play of these masculine studs.

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THE BIG BOOK OF GAYDAR (UNCUT)

By JockBoy26

If you're gay you've got a Gaydar profile - don't pretend you haven't. It's your essential passport to a world of mates, dates and who-know-what. This is the first book to act as an insiders guide to the pleasures and pitfalls of this fantastic online network. Written by a guy who knows, Jockboy26 has seen most of it as he's trawled the service and met a host of characters. He offers advice on how to pick the right pics, how to present a cool profile and what (and who) to avoid.

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ZACK IN THE FREYME



By Les Lea

When a new book arrived on my desk from German publishers Bruno Gmuender I was quite thrilled. The book was *Bike Boy*, a sexy cartoon strip of four horny stories, by Zack, a name I was happy to acquaint myself with. You see Zack, or as he was known to me many years back, Oliver Frey, was the first person to ever illustrate one of my earliest stories. He was artist-in-residence and partner in a gay magazine called HIM that not only published some of my 'clumsy' attempts at erotic fiction but took the time to make them appear even stronger on the page with a superb piece of Frey imagery. Whichever name he uses, Zack or Frey, his artwork is legendary in gay circles and still commands a great deal of attention online, so it was terrific for me to catch up with one of my all-time artistic heroes and learn about how he got into gay publishing in the first place.

I was already an illustrator for the War Picture Library series, Look and Learn and various other youth publications and books, when I came across a copy of the very first incarnation of HIM and noticed it contained a comic strip. I thought it was awful and decided I'd submit a gay strip of my own. It was all part of my own 'coming out', which was more of an 'event' in the mid 70s; I actually signed it with my real name. The story was accepted for a younger-themed sister mag of HIM's, and then another story... before the company folded, without my being paid. A few months later I suddenly got a cheque from HIM's editor Alan Purnell, who'd re-launched the magazine under another

company: he asked me to produce a comic strip series with a hunky, macho hero... and I came up with Rogue, wealthy world-traveller with an insatiable appetite for cute guys. The rest is history: I got more involved with the magazine and its stable mates as they came along, until I finally ended up owning them all, with my partner Roger.

I loved the Rogue character, especially the story where Rogue has a young personal trainer... that kept my nocturnal desires alive most nights. Do you have a favourite character?

Rogue is still my favourite: he was everything I wasn't. I wrote and drew numerous episodes right up to 1983.

On my study wall I have an old poster for a play called *Satyricon*. Was that one of yours?

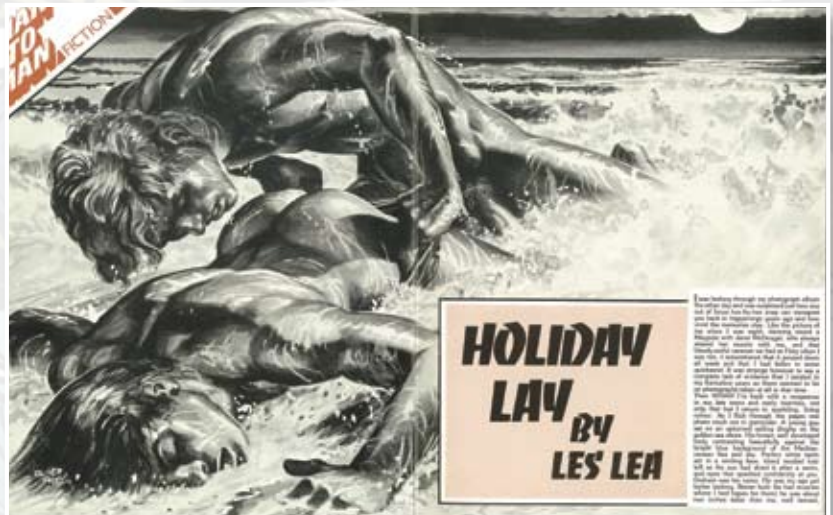
Our company was what you'd call the 'media partner' for the production of *Satyricon*, and I created the poster plus a giant blow-up

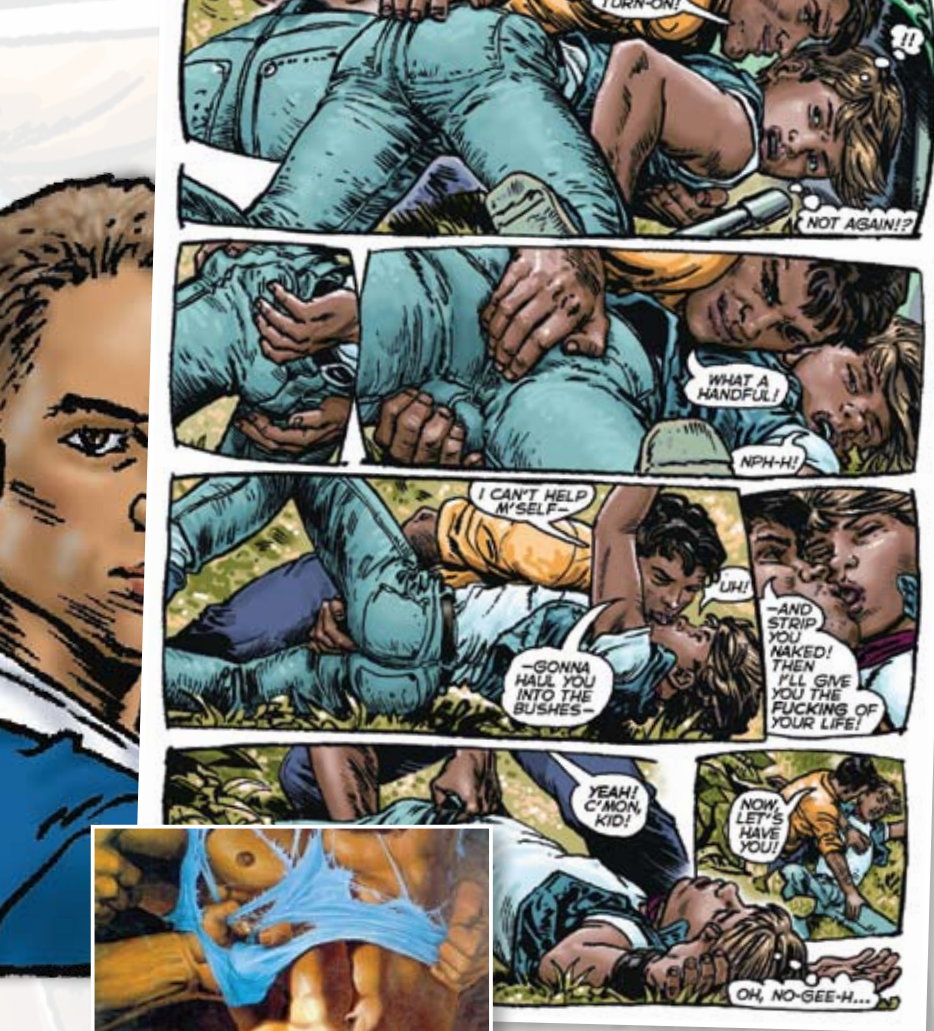
version of the image to sit atop the marquee of the Phoenix Theatre in Charing Cross Road where it played. The *Evening Standard* called it offensive, which made my day! The play was terrible and didn't last long.

I seem to remember you disappeared from the gay scene and started to illustrate for other publications. At the time were you trying to get away from that 'gay' market?

Vice squad activities made our company unsustainable, and after a big raid and a scary court case, we sold our titles to Millivres and left London. I carried on with Rogue for them, plus another strip, 'The Street', until 1983, when we started getting involved with the burgeoning computer games market and launched CRASH magazine. It wasn't exactly wanting to get away from the gay market, it just panned out that way.

This book *Bike Boy* has four short stories, are you ever tempted to go back and expand on those you wrote.





BIKE BOY - By Zack

96 pages of comic strip—that's something you can leaf through rather quickly, one should guess but things are a bit different when it's about Bike Boy. A sexy young twink takes a ride on his new motorcycle—a present for his 18th birthday. Soon it becomes obvious that it's not only the machine that's about to be broken in on this steamy day. Meanwhile, a young, blonde sailor is greedy for some nice chick but gets laid himself to his surprise. Kyle, a dominant, hot and horny hustler, gets used himself and a hairy muscled hunk has to curb his greed for a beautiful Latino whippersnapper—but finally he gets to shoot his load and bangs the little rascal all night through. Four tales and each sexually charged story is simply... crotch grabbingly awesome!

£14.99 – Bruno Gmunder
www.brunogmunder.com

Which other publications do you still illustrate for?

Magazine work mutated into book publishing. Our company Thalamus Books published numerous illustrated history and reference books from 2000 to last year when we closed it down due to awful market conditions. We now sell my old originals on the web at oliverfreyart.com and, more discreetly, my gay stuff at zack-art.com

Bike Boy's a colour compilation of hard-core stories I began writing and drawing in the late 90s, some of which were published in black and white in the U.S. magazine 'Meatmen'. I invented Zack as a moniker for these explicit tales. If Bike Boy sells well, I hope Bruno Gmunder will publish a follow-up, but I'm not likely to expand on old ones... still, you never know.

Your style is very detailed - it must take you ages to finish what is just a cartoon strip.

Each of the Bike Boy stories took around three months to complete, what with writing, drawing and inking the panels, then colouring them up on computer. Yes, it's quite a bit of work, but the detail is what brings the stories to life!

Are the stories all from your own fevered brain or do you work to someone else's script?

Blame it all on my fevered brain and urges lower down! It's difficult illustrating someone else's fantasies...

Will we ever see an animated version of your sexy boys on DVD?

Wouldn't that be great! Can you imagine the work involved? I suspect that's a pipe dream, but I have looked into it a bit... we'll see.

You have done a whole host of fantastic illustrations... do you have your own particular favourite?

Now you're asking... the most recent is usually my favourite, when I'm still turned on by it.





Tender, romantic and utterly engrossing, Watercolors charts the life-changing gay love affair between two young students. Bent asked one of its stars Kyle Clare what he thought the audience is going to enjoy most about it?

I hope that the audience is affected. We set out to make a film that would stay with the audience... take them back, make them remember. Evoke laughter and awkwardness and also romance and heartache. I think the audience will enjoy most the feeling of connectedness and finding a little part of themselves in the characters and the film.

You seem to have an athletic background... how did you feel knowing you'd be spending screen time with an Olympic gold medal winner Greg Louganis?

At first a little nervousness and intimidation. Anyone who follows

SEX AND SWIMMING

sports or the Olympics, even just a little, knows of the impact and influence Greg Louganis made during his career. Especially being an American. That quickly went away the first time I met Greg and realized that he is an incredibly warm and approachable man. It was an inspiration to work with someone who has remained grounded and human despite his fame and accomplishments.

You and your co-star Tye look pretty cute together... did you get along on set?

Tye and I had an AMAZING time and became very close friends. We were able to share an incredibly special experience together, starring in our first film. The laughs, embarrassment, closeness and trust we had during the making of the movie will definitely be something I will never forget.

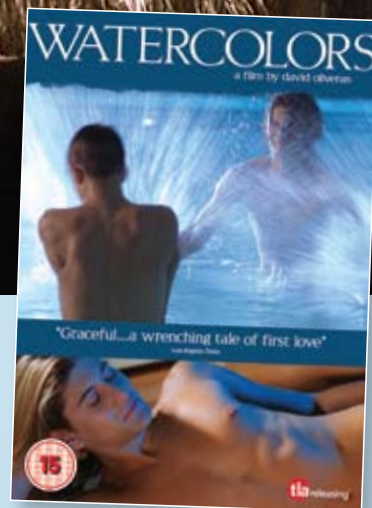
Were there any areas of the movie that you were a bit nervous about performing?

Umm all of it!?! Without giving away the film completely, I will say that there are many exciting, scary, and intimate scenes throughout

the entire film. I was nervous about all of them! The subject matter being what it is I had to take myself out of my comfort zone, COMPLETELY, and allow myself to be vulnerable and exposed. In more ways than one! All the while making sure to be truthful to the character and real, so that the audience will relate and experience for themselves the feelings that Carter did.

Do you have any tips for would-be actors... and what were the best words of advice you were ever given?

The best advice I was ever given was from one of the greatest acting teachers I studied with in N.Y.C. "If you have a backup plan, you're going to need it." I would say to any actor: give yourself completely and with reckless abandon, and have no fear while doing it. Acting demands it. Also make it a truth for yourself, that this is the only thing you will ever do, and your only way to happiness. If this sounds crazy or you have any feeling that your mindset may vary from this, even in the slightest, get out. There is no room for anything less.



WATERCOLORS

Upon arriving at his debut exhibition in New York, promising artist Danny is immediately transported back to a summer of years gone by where he met Carter, a strikingly handsome swimmer. An initial attraction soon develops into an intense and passionate affair between the contrasting students – and Carter ultimately becomes the inspiration for much of Danny's highly charged erotic work. But their relationship, and even Carter's very existence, is at risk as he battles an abusive father, endemic homophobia and drug abuse. Out Olympian, Greg Louganis, features as the swimming coach.

Out: 30th August - £14.99 – tlareleasing

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this terrific DVD, all you have to do is answer this simple question: Greg Louganis won Olympic medals in which sport? a.diving b.skateboarding c.horse jumping

COMPETITION TIME

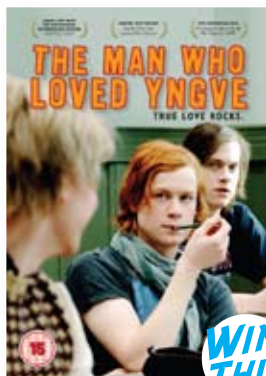
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THE MAN WHO LOVED YNGVE

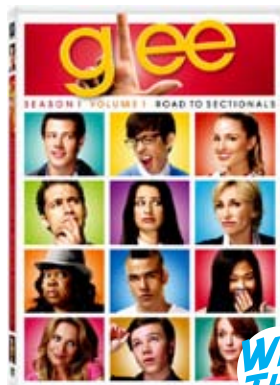
A warm and bittersweet coming-of-age story, which is a pitch-perfect reflection of the critical transformative period in any young gay man's life. It's 1989, the Berlin wall is about to collapse, and the airwaves are full of the sounds of REM, The Cure and Jesus and Mary Chain. For 17-year-old Jarle, life is just about music and his ambition to create a great punk band. But when an intriguing new classmate arrives in school one day, he is forced to question his priorities, and deal with his burgeoning sexuality.

Out: 20th September - £14.99 – tla releasing

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this DVD, just answer this simple question: Berlin is the capital of which country?



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GLEE SEASON 1 – ROAD TO REGIONALS

Gleeks and Cheerios can celebrate now that the DVD has been released of their favourite show that has some of the best singing and production numbers anywhere on TV. The show's creator Ryan Murphy says: "When we developed the DVD, we wanted to give those fans something special because they've been so great to us. There's everything from a sing-along karaoke, to a behind-the-scenes look at our Madonna episode, to a dance lesson from our amazing choreographers. There's even some all new Sue's Corners which have never been seen before. It's our 'thank you' to the Gleeks."

Out: 13th September - Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment"

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this fabulous DVD, just answer this simple question: Who created the TV series Glee?



EYES WIDE OPEN

Having won awards and accolades at festivals the world over, this devastatingly powerful tale of forbidden love, between Aaron a married butcher working in Jerusalem's Orthodox community and handsome runaway student Ezri sexual tensions bristle, and the pair cautiously embark on a love affair that must be kept hidden at all costs. Meanwhile, a neighbouring shopkeeper persists in seeing a man of her own choosing, even though she's been promised by her father to another. As forbidden truths come to the fore, these lovers are forced to either confront or relent in the face of a centuries old religious community, with startling results.

Out: 20th September - £15.99 - Peccadillo Pictures

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this DVD, just answer this simple question:
Jerusalem is in which country?



ROBIN HOOD

Robin (Russell Crowe) and his band of marauders confront corruption in a local village and lead an uprising against the crown that will forever alter the balance of world power. We all know the story of the Sheriff of Nottingham, Maid Marion, Little John et al but now Ridley Scott is behind the camera directing so, every piece of action steps up a gear or two and the result is a production with a fast paced script and fantastic special effects.

Out: 20th September - DVD & Blu-Ray - Universal Pictures

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this DVD, just answer this simple question:
Traditionally, what colour were the Merry Men's tights?



THE GHOST

Polanski's critically acclaimed political thriller tracks the tale of British Ghost writer (Ewan McGregor) who is commissioned to re-write the memoirs of former British Prime Minister, Adam Land (Pierce Brosnan), after his predecessor is mysteriously dies. The closely guarded memoirs are kept under lock and key at the family's retreat in America by his protective assistant and mistress, surrounded by the desolate and barren landscape the Ghost pieces together the events and uncovers startling truths.

Out: 20th September - DVD - Blu-Ray - Optimum Releasing

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this DVD, just answer this simple question:
Pierce Brosnan played which world famous secret agent?



STREETDANCE 3D

Set in and around London, StreetDance 3D follows Carly and her dance crew Breaking Point, as they work their way towards the UK Street Dance Championships. With no funds or rehearsal space, Carly strikes a deal with the Royal Ballet's schoolmistress who, in exchange for a studio, has the crew work alongside a company of unmotivated ballet dancers in hopes of reinvigorating her students before The Royal Ballet auditions. With no common ground and with passions riding high, they realise they must join forces to battle the reigning street dance crew, The Surge (Flawless) to win the championship.

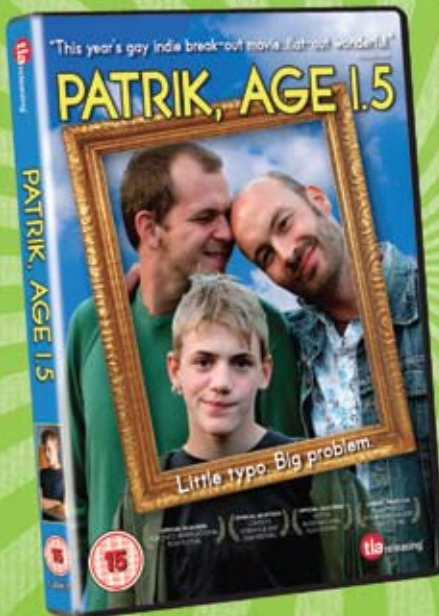
Out: 27th September - DVD - & Blu-Ray - Vertigo Films/E1 Ent

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Flawless found fame on which UK talent show?



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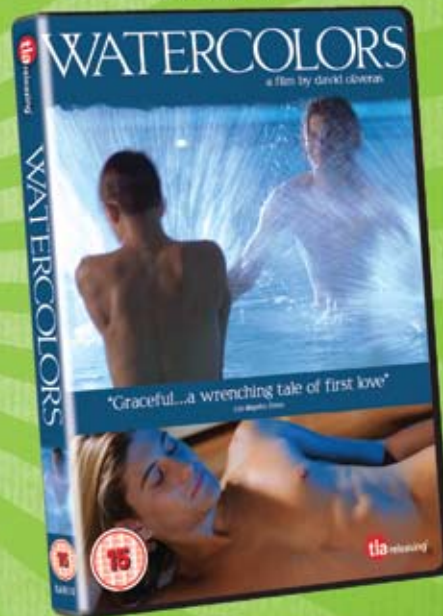
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THE SWITCH

Out: 1st September

Jennifer Aniston and Jason Bateman star in *The Switch*, an offbeat comedy about Kassie, a smart, fun-loving single woman who, despite her slightly neurotic best friend Wally's objections, decides it's time to have a baby - even if it means doing it by herself... with a little help from a charming sperm donor (Patrick Wilson). But, unbeknownst to her, Kassie's plans go awry because of a last-minute switch that isn't discovered until seven years later when Wally finally gets acquainted with Kassie's precocious-though slightly neurotic-son. Well worth checking out.



▲ *THE OTHER GUYS*

Out: 17th September

Set in New York City, *The Other Guys*, a buddy comedy, follows Detective Allen Gamble (Will Ferrell), a forensic accountant who's more interested in paperwork than hitting the streets, and Detective Terry Hoitz (Mark Wahlberg), a tough guy who has been stuck with Allen as his partner. Allen and Terry idolize the city's top cops, Danson and Highsmith (Dwayne Johnson and Samuel L. Jackson), but when an opportunity arises for the *Other Guys* to step up, things don't quite go as planned.

THE RUNAWAYS

Out: 10th September

The Runaways follows two friends, Joan Jett (Kristen Stewart) and Cherie Currie (Dakota Fanning), as they rise from rebellious Southern California kids to rock stars of the now legendary group that paved the way for future generations of girl bands. They fall under the Svengali-like influence of rock impresario Kim Fowley (Michael Shannon), who turns the group into an outrageous success and a family of misfits. With its tough-chick image and raw talent, the band quickly earns a name for itself—and so do its two leads: Joan is the band's pure rock 'n' roll heart, while Cherie, with her Bowie-Bardot looks, is the sex kitten.



MOVIE BUZZ

Sequels now in the works thanks to good box office this summer, Sylvester Stallone scores another franchise, with *The Expendables 2* in the works. And the ingredients are starting to come together for a sequel to the Angelina Jolie spy thriller *Salt* as writer Kurt Wimmer is said to have some ideas for advancing the story. Director Phillip Noyce is also reportedly interested in returning.

Hugh Jackman has backed out of his lead role in the comedy *Avon Man*, opting instead to concentrate on getting in shape for *Wolverine 2*. Jackman will next be seen in the robot boxing movie *Real Steel*.

Ben Affleck and Rachel Weisz have joined the cast of Terrence Malick's next movie, with Affleck stepping in for Christian Bale in the untitled romantic drama. There was a time, say five or so years ago, where I would have dreaded such news, but Affleck has continued to grow as a performer while I've grown a bit tired of Bale.

Battleship, the epic movie with a £200million budget is casting and includes Alexander Skarsgard (*True Blood*), Rihanna and Tom Arnold. Peter Berg (*Hancock*) will direct the movie, which tells the story of an international fleet teaming up to battle an armada from outer space. *Battleship* is set to begin production in Hawaii at the end of the month and has set a release date for May, 2012.



▲ **BURIED**

Out: 19th September

Ryan Reynolds is US contractor working in Iraq, trapped in a coffin. He wakes up 6 feet underground with no idea of who put him there or why, life for Paul instantly becomes a hellish struggle for survival. Buried with only a cell phone and a lighter, his contact with the outside world and ability to piece together clues that could help him discover his location are maddeningly limited. Poor reception, a rapidly draining battery, and a dwindling oxygen supply become his worst enemies in a tightly confined race against time-fighting panic, despair and delirium, Paul has only 90 minutes to be rescued before his worst nightmare comes true.



▲ **EAT, PRAY, LOVE**

Out: 17th September

Liz Gilbert (Julia Roberts) had everything a modern woman is supposed to dream of having - a husband, a house, a successful career - yet like so many others, she found herself lost, confused, and searching for what she really wanted in life. Newly divorced and at a crossroads, Gilbert steps out of her comfort zone, risking everything to change her life, embarking on a journey around the world that becomes a quest for self-discovery. In her travels, she discovers the true pleasure of nourishment by eating in Italy; the power of prayer in India, and, finally and unexpectedly, the inner peace and balance of true love in Bali. Based upon the bestselling memoir by Elizabeth Gilbert, *Eat, Pray, Love* proves that there really is more than one way to let yourself go and see the world.



▲ **ENTER THE VOID**

Out: 17th September

Possibly the best film of the year! Cutting edge, controversial, mind warping, is a sensory experience without needing 3D. Oscar and his sister Linda are recent arrivals in Tokyo. Oscar's a small time drug dealer, and Linda works as a nightclub stripper. One night, Oscar is caught up in a police bust and shot. As he lies dying, his spirit, faithful to the promise he made his sister - that he would never abandon her - refuses to abandon the world of the living. It wanders through the city, his visions growing evermore distorted, evermore nightmarish. Past, present and future merge in a hallucinatory maelstrom. A masterpiece of film-making.

TEN THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT JAMES FRANCO

1. Auditioned for the role of Peter Parker in *Spider-Man* (2002), but was given the part of Harry Osborn.
2. In his spare time he likes to paint
3. Was named one of *People Magazine's* 50 Hottest Bachelors
4. Has his own production company - Rabbit Bandini Productions.
5. Went by the name of Ted in high school and was voted "Best Smile" at Palo Alto High School
6. Shares a birthday with Hayden Christensen.
7. Is of Portuguese and Swedish heritage on his father's side, and of Russian Jewish heritage on his mother's side.
8. Close friends with Tobey Maguire. He also used to "babysit" Tobey's daughter on the set of *Spider-Man 3* (2007).
9. His first overseas trip was to Australia to film *The Great Raid* (2005).
10. Franco told interviewer Terry Gross that when he was in junior high school, he was arrested for shoplifting cologne from a department store and reselling it with his friends at the school. In 2008, he shot an advertising campaign in which he became the face of Gucci cologne.



FORGET CAMPING, LET'S GO GLAMPING!

If your idea of camping is sitting bored and miserable in a field, stressing about tent-poles and the like then have you thought of a glamorous equivalent that is becoming very popular... Glamping! Simon Savidge found himself in the depths of a wood in Surrey to find out more.

Despite what many people may say... I am not big on camping, although my other half is. In fact the thought of pitching a tent and cooking beans on a portable stove anywhere at all fills me with dread and may make me come out in some sort of rash, not forgetting being bitten to death by mosquitoes. Yet, the alfresco lifestyle is one of those things that seem to be completely engrained into the British psyche: 'Oh its summer - lets go camping'.

Not for me the lone frontiersman pitching a tent, hunting for food and cooking his meal. No, I'll leave all that sort of thing to Bear Grylls. What I need to rough it is - a nice power shower, a memory mattress and all mod cons and that is what you get if you stay at Tilford Woods... with no fear of bears... unless you've invited some hairy chums of your own of course.

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one that does gourmet food so you can forget all that camp stove rubbish.

The cabins are available as three bedrooms, twin or one bedroom (which would be perfect if you're looking for a secret lovers retreat). These not only come with a Jacuzzi bath, four poster bed and your own private sauna... there are also hot tubs perfect for two in their own private secluded garden. It really has the wow factor that should impress your partner on a weekend away. Try telling them they are going camping so they get a real surprise when greeted with this glamorous way of communing with nature! You can also come back looking stress-free and smug telling everyone how 'camping' is such a doddle.

For the sports lover, Tilford Woods is well placed to offer a wide variety of local activities including horse riding, mountain biking and fishing to name a few, but it is the glorious countryside that will have you enjoying the pleasures of an English staycation. So whether it's a snug retreat for two or a jolly weekend away with your mates, this is the perfect holiday that's not too far from home... and civilisation.

Simon stayed in Tilford Woods www.tilfordwoods.co.uk which is part of Darwin Holidays www.darwinholidays.co.uk who also provide luxury caravans for those of you who want to head to the beach. You can look for more camping (for the mad side in you) and 'glamping' holidays around the UK by visiting www.pitchup.com



LEGENDS BAR

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RESORT - TORQUAY

I was leisurely flitting around the websites looking for a gay hotel here in the UK when I came across the Key West Resort in Torquay. I didn't know we had a gay resort anywhere in the British Isles so I quickly booked myself in and went to see what was on offer.

I'd never been to this part of the south coast before so wasn't quite sure what to expect. I drove around the other places that are listed as all part of the 'English Riviera' but in truth was disappointed with Paignton, Babbacombe and Brixham, which all fell short of any kind of 'Riviera' experience, only Torquay seemed to have something exciting going for it. This large seaside town was busy with plenty of attractions and at its centre a terrific harbour area just right for some sailing... or cruising.

My sat-nav guided me effortlessly to the door of the Key West Resort and a very impressive first impression the place makes. This imposing white former villa and hotel with its gay rainbow, bears and leathersmen flags flapping in the breeze... I thought made a great welcome to such an exclusively gay resort. Peter Gordon and Brendan Kennedy are the owners and managers of the development, which, thanks to their hard work and vision, offers an array of facilities in one beautiful location for us gay guys who like to be in the company of others. Key West is still a work in progress as Peter and Brendan continue to add new rooms, features and extra facilities for their client's enjoyment but that doesn't detract from what is already on offer.

The staff offered a friendly greeting as I approached what might be seen as the centre point to the place. The large Key West Bar has locals as well as residents popping

in for a drink, while the impressive lounge area doubles as the breakfast room in a morning. There are also two terraces where you can sit out, one of which also leads to the outside swimming pool and gardens (a hot tub is soon to be included for even more outdoors fun). During the summer months 'clothes optional' is OK in this area but not obligatory, however, a relaxed and informal attitude is everywhere. Freshly made meals and snacks are available at the bar through until the evening with happy hour between 6-7pm each day.

Meanwhile, the resort holds yet another wonderful amenity; Tom's Cruise Bar is downstairs and offers a more intimate atmosphere and dance floor to use up some energy after a lazy day.

While staying at the Key West Resort - entry to the cutely named Daddyhole Health Club is free. Daddyhole isn't a kinky name for the sauna but the area of Torquay where the complex is situated. With a great deal of foresight by the owners the sauna is open to non-residents (May- September) who have their own entrance from the main street. Once inside there is a steam room, sauna, spa, mini gym, DVD lounge, sun lounge, rest rooms and smoking area. The outdoor pool is also available for those who like to take a cooling and reviving dip before launching themselves back into the fray. The sauna also hosts occasional special events such as Sauna Pride, Bears in the Bay and Sauna Fest 2 (check out info on web site) and can be hired exclusively, as can the entire hotel, by groups who wish to have such a well equipped resort for their own private use.

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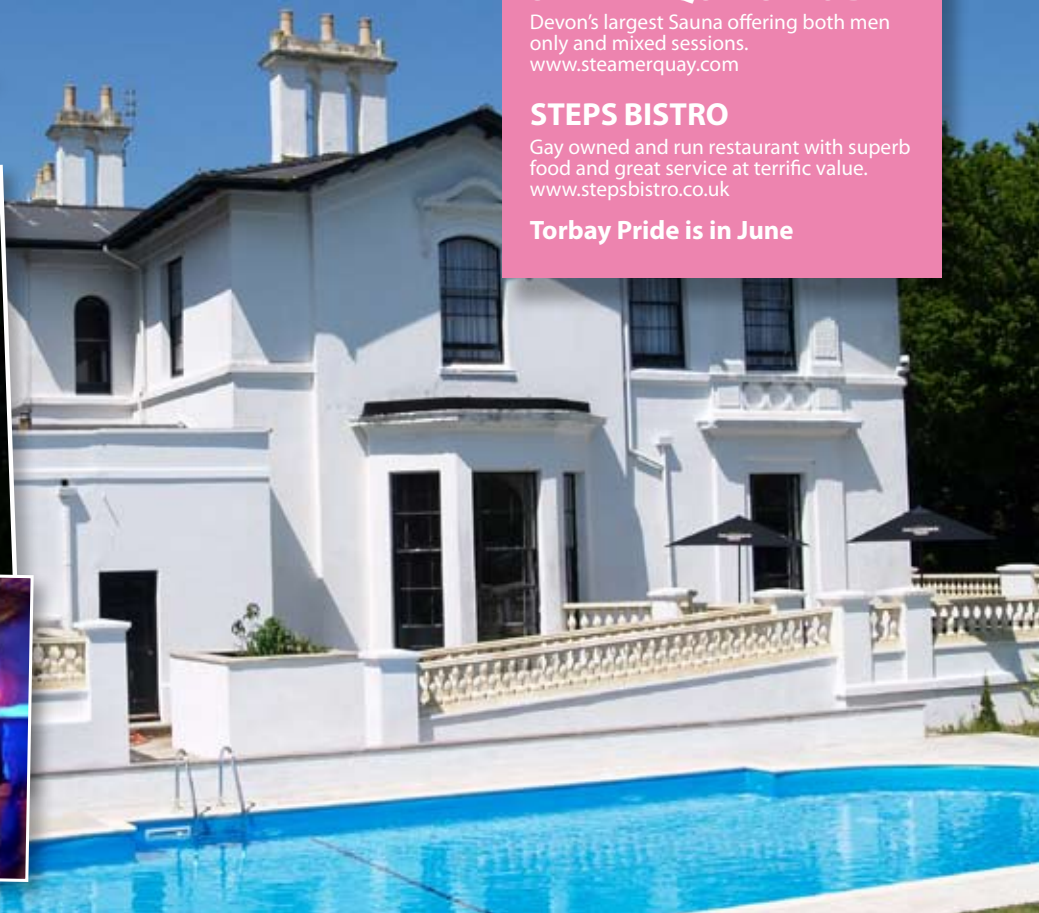
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Live like a penguin for a day.



Have a water fight. Get all your mates together and designate teams. Then grab your water guns, water balloons, buckets, hoses and whatever else you've got...and ATTACK!

Check out any local, free-admission, all-ages music festivals. Many local bands enjoy performing outdoor concerts free of charge. Check your local paper to make sure you're not missing out!



Go to the nearest park and have a picnic. Nothing beats hanging out on a blanket with your chums. Have everyone pack their favourite snacks, and meet up at different spots each time. Don't forget the Frisbee! However, if you're a loner, it's a great opportunity for some people watching.



Go backyard camping. Call your mates, pitch a tent, grab some sleeping bags, and head out your back door. OK, you'll have to forget about the campfire, but that's no reason to forgo the traditional campfire songs and tales. Have a blast sleeping under the stars-while enjoying the indoor plumbing just steps away!



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SPAIN

Holidays to Spain aren't just all about siestas and fiestas, but if you were asked to sum up this colourful country in a nutshell, you can bet these would be high on your list. Along with castanets and the claps of flamenco dancers, of course! They capture the essence of Spain down to a T. Whether you want to discover buzzing cities or are seeking rustic Spain up close and personal, you'll fall in love with this lively, yet delightfully laid-back country. However, Spain certainly knows how to put on a gay extravaganza that puts the rest of Europe in the shade - The Circuit Festival.



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CIRCUIT FESTIVAL 2010 BARCELONA, SPAIN

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Barcelona is a beautiful city with spectacular old and new architecture, plus some fantastic gay beaches to relax and enjoy the eye candy during the hot daytime sunshine. This amazing city, along with the circuit parties, makes an incredible fun gay week, an event not to be missed. 70% men and 30% girls; 55,000 people packed Barcelona to celebrate, holiday and party in Matinee Group's 3rd edition of Circuit Festival, with 35 parties and 20 daytime activities to explore. Matinee Group is the leading promoter company in the Spanish market of night leisure. Created in Barcelona 12 years ago, it's a young company with an innovative spirit.

One of the biggest and unique events is the water park gay day & night. Held at Illa Fantasia Water Park on Tuesday 3rd August. The water park opened at 10am filling up very quickly with some of the worlds sexiest boys, dressed in just small Speedos. Water slides, themed area's, rides and the main pool with the funky house tunes of Matinee's best DJ's, all baked in the hot Spanish sunshine. Twelve hours later the day finished with a spectacular fireworks show. Then the party continues through the night in the water park's massive theatre complex. Most boys just stay in their trunks and dance till the sun comes up, making an incredible day and night to remember.

The main event party was held on Saturday 7th August at the Olympic Basketball Stadium. An incredible event packed with 10,000 party people, more than 50 dancers and performers on stage and the best music from DJ's Peter Rauhofer, Phil Romano & Enrico Argentinini; plus special guest PA diva Rebeka Brown. It was truly huge. Other popular parties were hosted from Brazil The Week, Supermartxe, WE pool party, Blackout Party, Mega Woof, La Leche, Devotion, special Bear men only parties, Girlie female only parties and of course the famous Souvenir afterhours parties.

During the day the main gay beach of Barcelona is "Mar Bella", a place to hang out, chill, soak up the sun and check out the boys. [HYPERLINK "http://www.lorenzo.chiringuitogay.com/"](http://www.lorenzo.chiringuitogay.com/) <http://www.lorenzo.chiringuitogay.com>. About a 40 minute drive away (35 kilometres) is Sitges, a popular gay holiday destination, and also host to a couple of Circuit Festival beach parties at the L'Atlàntida beach club. The famous Spanish party island of Ibiza is also just a short boat ride away and the destination for many international travellers to continue onto after a mad week at Circuit Festival.

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Relaxation rooms are usually grouped together ... some with lockable doors for more privacy.

Venues are frequently decorated with posters of nude or semi-nude men.

It is not uncommon to see porn playing on wall-mounted televisions throughout the sauna.

Most men typically just wear the towel provided but some prefer total nudity (except in the public areas).

Remember, most visitors to a sauna are there for the same reason – sex. If you do not wish to participate a polite refusal is all that is needed.

While some men may wear underwear or fetish-wear, in most bathhouses it is unusual for customers to remain fully or even partially dressed in street clothes.

Bare feet are customary, though some men prefer to wear sandals, mostly for foot protection.

The room or locker key is usually suspended from an elastic band which can be worn around the wrist or ankle.

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Pride has once again shown what a vibrant city Manchester is but Cruz 101 never rests on its laurels and continues to keep the party-goers entertained at a reasonable price with the best club nights... anywhere.

HAVING GRAHAM TO DINNER

Graham Norton will host Manchester Pride's charity dinner at the Palace Hotel, on Thursday 23 September 2010.

This black tie charity event, in conjunction with Hot Village magazine, will help to raise funds to support community events at Manchester Pride 2011.

Silver Tickets (250 remaining) cost £55 and include a three-course meal with an evening of music and entertainment. Tickets do not need to be purchased for an entire table as individual bookings are welcome.

Known for his risqué comedy Graham recently revealed that he was toning down that side of the act for his television programme. The presenter added: "Audiences don't find Amy Winehouse funny anymore because now it's the walking wounded. Something bad is going to happen; everyone has that sense." However, his live shows may well be a different thing, one thing for certain, he's one of the funniest comedians around and should not be missed.

Jackie Crozier, festival director of Manchester Pride, said "We're absolutely delighted that the wonderful Graham Norton will be hosting our first ever charity dinner. Graham has been a fantastic supporter of Manchester Pride for a number of years now and I couldn't think of a better person to do the job."

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Now fully settled in their new home, the studio above Mancunia, the Freakshow team present an awesome soundtrack from the hottest DJ talent to the most up-for-it crowd creating a truly electric atmosphere each and every week.

On Saturday 18th September Freakshow will be celebrating its first birthday with a very special show - to mark the occasion so join DJs Gregg Holden, Jason Guy and Nik Denton for sets bursting at the seams with a year's worth of Freakshow's most loved tracks, plus a few future anthems that will be huge over the months to come.

Also, remember to keep your Uni Challenge or Federation tanked up ticket stubs or dog tags from the Manchester Pride Events for the FREE Freakshow Pride recovery party on Saturday 4th September, simply show your ticket stub to get free entry before midnight.

For more information and DJ podcasts go to - join the Freakshow group on Facebook or www.clubfreakshow.com

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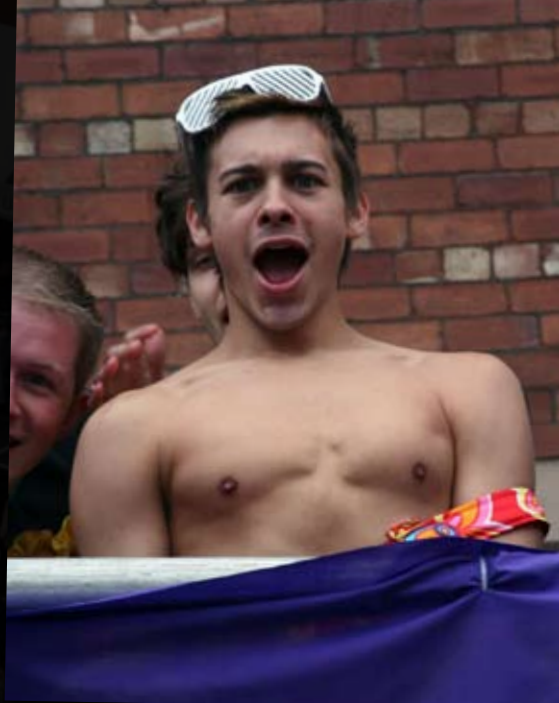


LEEDS GAY PRIDE

Celebrating its 5th year, Leeds Pride was bathed in glorious sunshine for a huge, 3 hour concert in the city's Millennium Square hosted by Real Radio. This was followed by a procession of floats and people as they paraded through the streets to an even hotter and more hectic time in the gay quarter - through until the early hours. Over 23,000 people flocked to cheer the acts, applaud the floats or just get carried away with the general merriment and party atmosphere. Acts like Adam Rickitt, making a come-back and sending the crowd wild with his revamped hit "I Breathe Again", boyband Inju5tice, Scarlett Fever and a host of local talent and drag queens kept the crowds entertained.

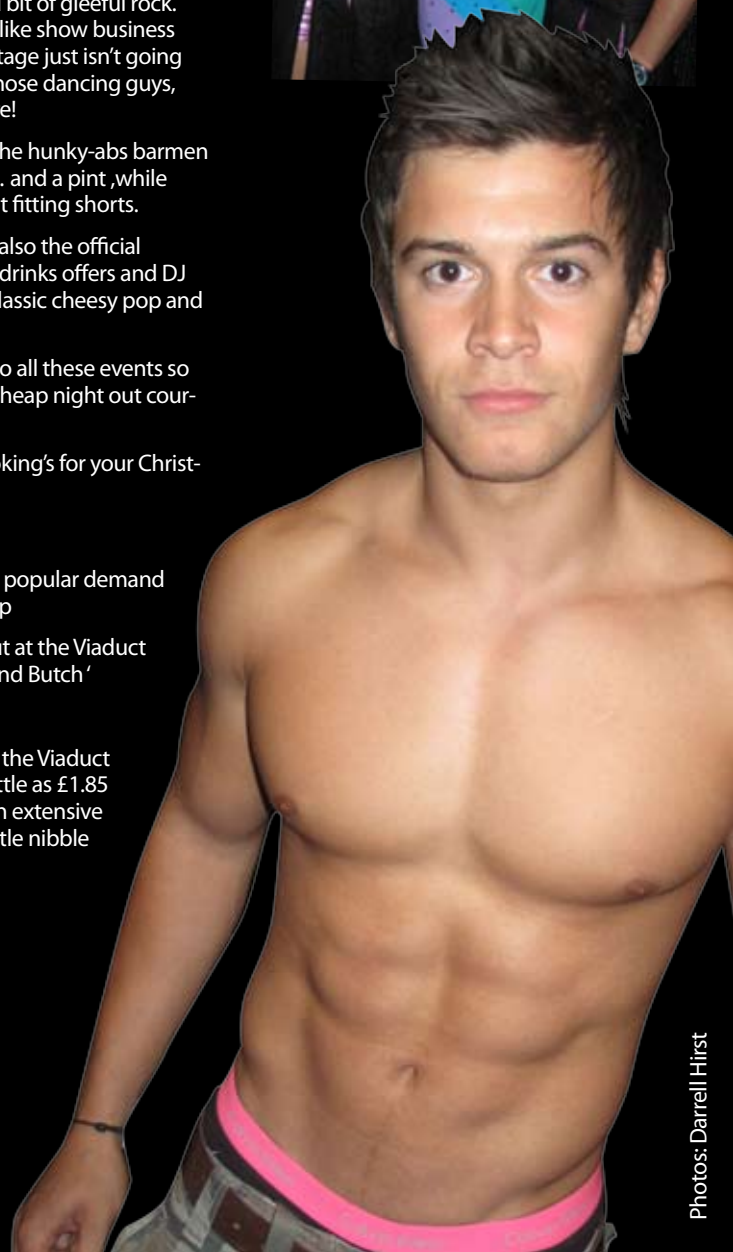
Meanwhile, Lower Briggate was closed to traffic as the area was cordoned off for a fun fair, market and community stalls and a DJ marathon, where each venue had their deck stars keeping the boys and girls boogying in the packed streets. With the year on year increase in the numbers of those attending Pride, everyone seemed happy with the result so are already looking to a fantastic 6th year in 2011.

Photos: Mark Hawkins





WHAT A DIFFERENCE A MAKEOVER... MAKES!



It seems that more and more people are getting to hear about the Viaduct Showbar. Every night there's something going on and the fab new shows have got everyone a twitter.

Led by the fabulous Miss Orry, Miss Carla Jackson, Anya Bach and their sexy boy dancers the entertainment is non-stop.

Every Friday, from 8pm, Miss Orry takes to the decks to play her own blend of camp/show themes, euro funk, and the campest of camp cheese. Later she takes to the stage to perform her special rendition her favourite show tunes and classic hits.

Saturday sees the glamorous Anna Glypta taking charge of the music as she pumps out dancy pop, funky house and the odd bit of gleeful rock. As always, there's no business like show business and keeping the girls off the stage just isn't going to happen so, together with those dancing guys, they'll put on a show right here!

Meanwhile, both nights sees the hunky-abs barmen who will be serving a dream... and a pint, while dressed only in their sexy, tight fitting shorts.

Monday is Kanyfloss, which is also the official pre-Homo party, with various drinks offers and DJ Timmy on the decks playing classic cheesy pop and dance.

Remember, admission is free to all these events so why not take advantage of a cheap night out courtesy of the Viaduct.

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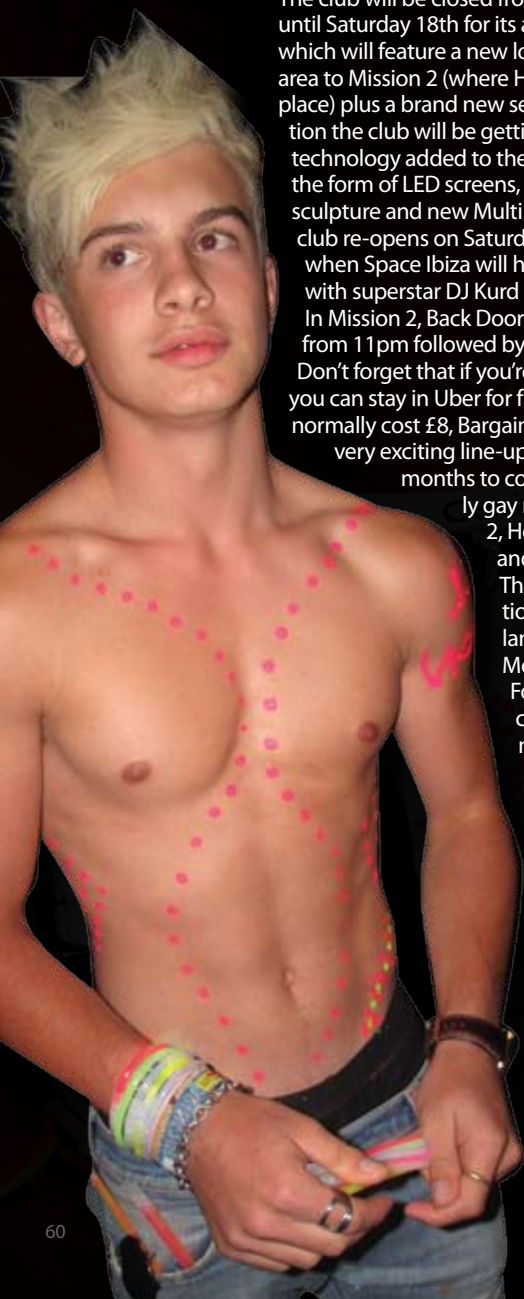


MISSION WINTER 2010

Mission is now entering its seventh year in Leeds and September 2010 will see some very exciting changes taking place to the venue. The club will be closed from 1st September until Saturday 18th for its annual nip and tuck, which will feature a new lounge and seating area to Mission 2 (where Homo and BDD take place) plus a brand new set of toilets. In addition the club will be getting the very latest technology added to the lighting system in the form of LED screens, Customized lighting sculpture and new Multi coloured lasers. The club re-opens on Saturday 18th September when Space Ibiza will host the main club with superstar DJ Kurd Maverick headlining. In Mission 2, Back Door Disco rules the roost from 11pm followed by Uber until 9am. Don't forget that if you're in Back Door Disco you can stay in Uber for free, which would normally cost £8, Bargain!!! Mission has some very exciting line-ups over the coming months to compliment the weekly gay nights in Mission

2, Homo on Mondays and BDD on Saturdays. These include Federation, Hectik, Pacha, Garlands, Back2Space, Full Moon and Insomniac. For the latest info check out the brand new website

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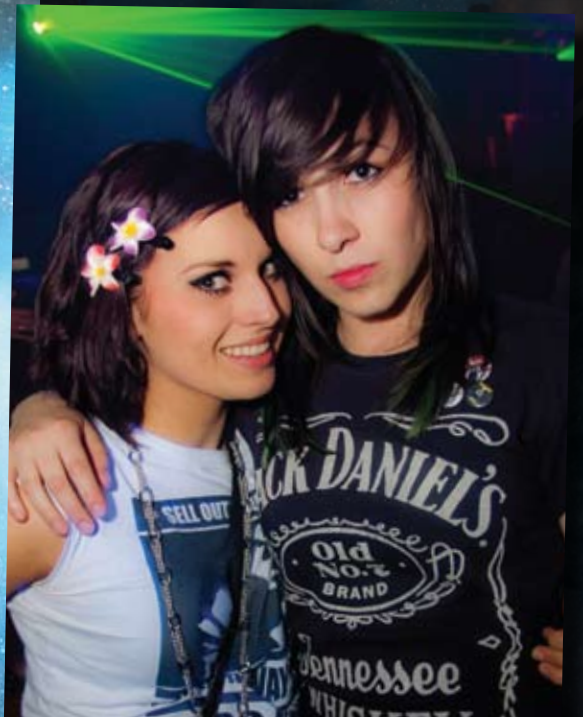
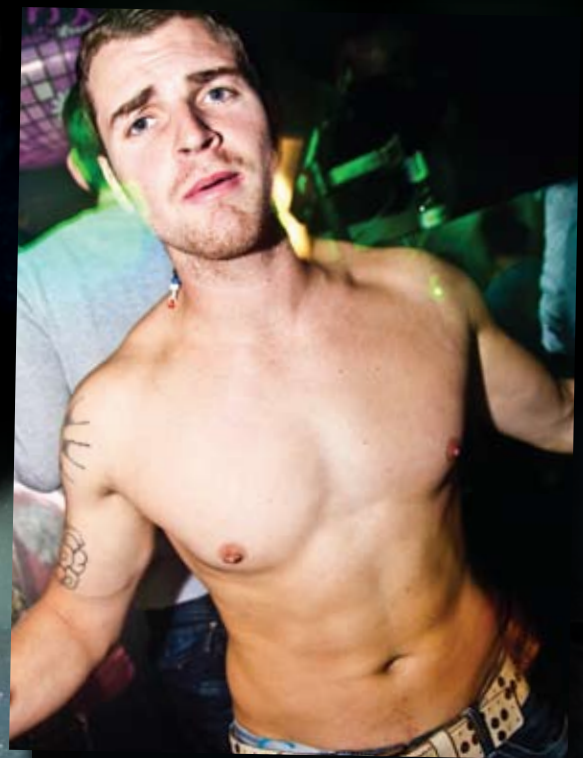


HOMO

FOAMING HOMO

Homo will be back on the scene from Monday 20th September. Clubbers can expect all the same amazing features as before, including all drinks at just £1.50 all night and entry for just £3 before midnight. Bubblegum pop, chart and retro tunes will be provided by DJ residents Chris B and Mark Park. Plus there will be regular dress up nights and free shot giveaways.

On the 4th October, the foam will be making a welcome return to the night so all clubbers make sure they're in their swimwear with some guaranteed prizes for the best kitted out clubbers. For more info, check out clubmission.com



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Pink Pounder every Monday sees the night going from strength to strength with new extended opening hours now until 4am. Don't forget we have branded drinks from just £1 all night from 8pm. With Miss Orry in Queens Court and DJ MarkyMark in the Loft bringing you the best in cheese and dance anthems

Thursday has seen the re-launch of U-POP with resident DJ Miss Orry on the decks in Queens Court and new DJ Paul McAvoy (AXM /Poptastic) in the Loft. Thursday nights have now put themselves on the map as the destination spot for Gay Boyz & Girlz from all over the North East. Don't forget drinks from Just £1 from 8pm.

Fridays sees "Flashback" in the Loft taking the Leeds gay scene by storm from Midnight. With just £2 entry and £2 drinks, there really isn't anywhere else to go! DJ MarkyMark takes you through to the early hours of the morning with the best in 80's, 90's & 00's Pop & Dance.

Saturdays from Midnight in the Loft now sees the much talked about "Curious"; an alternative to the Bubblegum Pop & Cheese that the Leeds gay scene is best known. Resident DJ's Darren Sellers, Mickey Nelson, Glen Battensby & Luke Lorenzo bring you the best in Funky House, Electro & Dance Anthems through to the early hours. Combine this with just £2.50 entry fee and £2.50 a drink... why not try it out?



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TAKING THE BACK DOOR

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On Saturday 2nd October, the night will also be joining forces with Attitude Magazine to host Leeds' official gay freshers' party. The Fresh Meat Disco will be the perfect opportunity for students and anyone new to the city to get introduced to the gay scene. As usual, all drinks will be just £2.50 and it's just £5 door tax. For more information go to backdoordisco.com



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As another successful series of Courtyard Parties approaches its end all eyes are on the final event... on the final Bank Holiday of the year. The flags and bunting will be all aflutter as top DJs pump out the best music to, what has become, one of Leeds' most enjoyable seasonal events. The Courtyard, between Fibre and Queens Court, will once again throng with the al fresco party crowd who seem to be more than happy to enjoy the special drinks offers and entertainment from 2pm thru to midnight. So, let's say good-bye to the summer in style... throw on your gladrags... throw off your inhibitions and come to the closing party... as the night progresses, enjoy the fabulous lighting and laser effects. Be there...you know you really want to!



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DONCASTER PRIDE

The fourth annual Doncaster Pride found a new home at the city's fantastic racecourse and the weather stayed fine (in short bursts) as hordes of folk flocked to enjoy the day's entertainment. Boosted by a helpful Lottery grant, the organisers put on a top class event throughout the day and evening as a mixed crowd of gays and straights, boys and girls, chavs and drag queens partied in the paddock. The racecourse is a fantastic venue with loads of areas so that an eclectic assortment of shows, market stalls, displays, exhibition and even an acoustic stage can all be accommodated in the one place. We're already looking forward to what 2011 will bring but a hearty "Well Done" to all concerned for thinking big and making it work.

Words and photos: Darrell Hirst

THE PINK PICNIC

Huddersfield is the home of the Pink Picnic. So successful is the concept that it has spawned many similar events but none can quite compare with the original and the best.

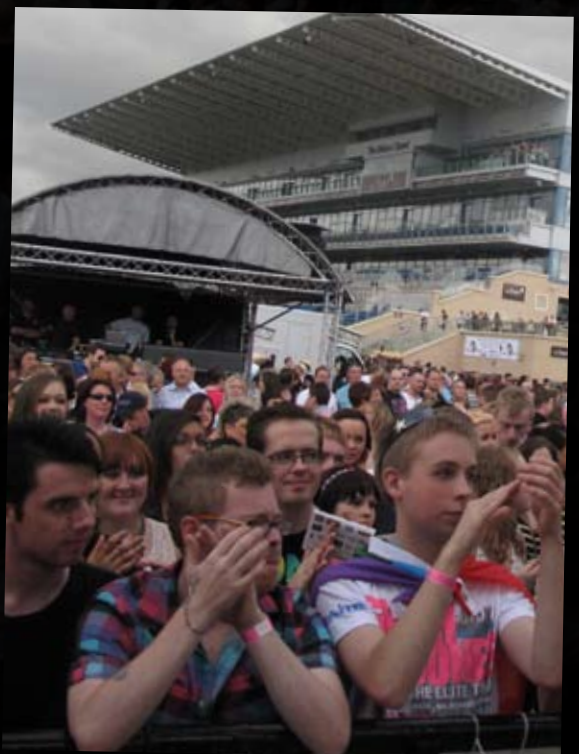
Leaving its Castle Hill home, the event relocated to Moor End Farm, South Crosland, to accommodate the steady rise in the numbers of people who want to take part and enjoy this al fresco celebration of gay identity.

Over 5,000 people of all ages and sexualities battled with their sat-navs and found the correct field to picnic and party. As well as the friendly rivalry as to who produced the most elaborate picnic spread, there was event more fun to add to the festivities with a selection of stalls, a beer tent and a fun fair - not forgetting a terrific line-up of entertainers.

Hosting the event was the ever effervescent MarkyMark, who introduced a cavalcade of local performers and tribute acts, as well as clubland favourite Kelly Llorenna who performed chart hits including Tell It To My Heart.

With all the changes and logistics of finding and utilizing - a new home the organizers and sponsors of the event should take a huge slap on the back for making the 2010 Pink Picnic such a fantastic accomplishment.

www.huddersfieldpinkpicnic.co.uk





ALL WHITE ON THE NIGHT

For years The Emporium has been one of the great success stories of any dance scene; home of the legendary paSSion and Storm nights and spiritual home for many of their dedicated, up-for-it clubbers. The place has a world renowned reputation for its unique friendly atmosphere and the ability to throw a party like no other...

On 2nd October we'll be taking the vibe of this award winning super-club and combining it with the magic of a sequin spangled night out on the scene, creating something special for everyone to enjoy whether you prefer letting go on the dance floor to chart toppers and floor fillers or getting your groove on to some great house tunes.

The Big Gay White Night is also a celebration of Grindr reaching their Million Man Milestone and we'll all be doing our thing on the night to make sure we celebrate this in style – congratulations Grindr!!

Expect a top quality mix of both up and coming DJs and some more established artists in the main arena, including Federation's Nike Denton, Dirty Secretz, Mix Munkies and DJ Lil Alex, all sure to get things going off on the dance floor, whilst our Drag Queens will be wreaking havoc in the White Room - camping it up all night long.

Our fabulous hostesses will be opening the doors of the White Room for a pre party from 8:30 with the main arena opening 10 til 4. Wear something white no matter how small, although there's no strict dress code for the night.

Advance tickets are £8 online at theemporiumuk.co.uk or by phone on 0844 870 0000 (MOTD).

HOMOTOPIA'S SEVENTH SIZZLING YEAR

Liverpool's unique celebration of LGBT culture returns in all its Autumnal glory in 2010 with a UK dance premiere, international theatre, comedy, cabaret, poetry, literature, film, exhibitions and for the very first time – a youth strand, 'Right To Love', programmed by and for teenagers.

Some of the highlights include; a series of crotch-grabbingly sexy contemporary dance pieces, some mind-boggling cabaret stars and the brilliantly named – Call My Puff. Vada the bona lallies, fantabulosa! Find out what it all means in this live edition of Call My Bluff with a polari twist. Celebrity panelists are David Hoyle, Doreen Kum Kwik, Margi Clarke and Maisie Trollete (Britain's oldest drag queen).

Later in the festival is the Big Gay Prom, if you've ever felt excluded by the heterosexual culture of school prom's this event is for you! Featuring grunge punk band Kenelis and Voodoo Hussy with front woman Shabby (ex Big Brother) there will also be prizes for Prom Drag Queen and Prom Drag King. (Studio2, Parr Street £5.50)

Festival Director Gary Everett describing this year's festival says:

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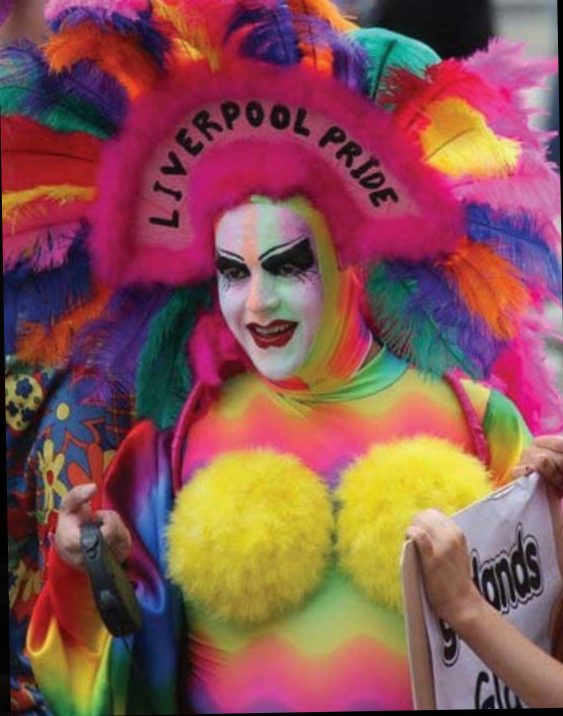
GLASGAY 2010

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Glasgow opens its doors to welcome the LGBT community in this month long celebration of all things gay. The event spans serious drama, comedy, cinema, theatre, music, clubbing, new productions, startling art and a host of thoughtful fun for all. Big names, small names, new ideas and old favourites all combine to make the Scottish capital the focus of gay attention, for an event where the organisers push the boundaries ever further each year. Take a look at the complete itinerary at

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PROUD MERSEY KEEPS ON BURNIN'

Liverpool's first ever official Pride Festival attracted a whopping crowd of over 21,000 people according to festival organisers and Merseyside Police.

On Saturday 7th August, the city was awash with colour as the Rainbow Circus rocked the city centre with a massive celebration. Over 3000 people turned out in colourful costumes to take part in the Pride March, which led to Dale Street, in the heart of the city's Gay Quarter. Here the scene was set for the glittering Pride party, with massive performances from a plethora of acts including the one and only Adam Rickitt, Natasha Hamilton, Rozalla, Rowetta, Cocabelle, Connie Lush, Ian McNabb, MD Productions, Emma Dears and House of Suarez who wooed the crowds, before a dramatic balloon release and a spectacular finale set from Carol Jiani with Liverpool's divine Drag Queens, including Lola Lambrini, Lilette Rouge, Fanny Burnz and Lady Sian who performed their own rendition of 'I am What I am' and 'Proud Mary'. After dark, Liverpool's thriving gay scene kicked into action with a large number of venues holding special Pride events.

Following the excitement of Saturday, Chill Out Sunday slowed things for some, while for others like the one and only Mersey Marauders who won the 5 a side tournament at 'Pride Sports'. Liverpool made sure that plenty of things went on over their first Pride weekend all of which was summed up by Lord Mayor Hazel Williams who said: "The Pride Festival was a spectacular success and a brilliant way to celebrate the city's LGBT community. I know the thousands of spectators who turned out to watch enjoyed it just as much as the participants. It is set to become a much anticipated annual fixture in our calendar of annual events."

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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

By Les Lea

I awoke to see a dull light behind the curtains. My eyes focused on the red display of the digital clock... 10:20, a moment's panic hit me but soon departed as I realised it was Saturday and not a work day. All that happened in a glance, and then my eyes fell upon the head resting against my chest. My right arm was around slender shoulders holding a warm body against me. All I could see was fine blond hair. The soft sigh of breathing told me my lover was still asleep.

We had met the previous night at a bar just a few streets away from where I live. It is a gay bar but so grotty I very rarely frequent it. I had called in on my way home for a last drink. It had been one of those weeks piled into that one day. All I really wanted to do was get home, get out of my work suit and slip effortlessly in to a foaming hot bath and have an early night. As I had no booze in the house I thought a stiff one might just unwind me a little. The bar was quite full and looking around I could see it had its quota of misfits. I downed my first scotch and ordered another. Whilst it was on its way I could see stood on his own at the far side of the bar a young guy. He was being cruised like crazy by nearly everyone in the place but he didn't seem all that concerned. He had clearly made a group of queen's night as they sat at a table behind him. Obviously the lad's buns had created quite a stir.

The lad was quite nice. I'd reckon about eighteen or nineteen, clean-shaven, blond and... looking at me. He smiled and walked over and asked me if I wanted a drink. I stood a bit dumb for the moment, at nearly forty, I hadn't been picked up (by someone this cute... or otherwise for that matter) for ages. His cheeky smile got to me and I grinned back a 'Why not.'

That was that. We had a couple more drinks and I invited him back to my flat. As I've already said, I didn't live far away so we walked but a steady downpour, even in just that short distance, had sodden us by the time we arrived. The first thing to do was get out of our wet clothes. He stripped quickly. His denim jacket, checked shirt, sneakers, socks and jeans were piled in a heap on the floor. He stood there looking gorgeous

as I passed him a towel and began to collect his things to put them in the airing cupboard. As he dried himself I noticed he must have been away on holiday fairly recently; his blond hair contrasted with his hairless tanned body, which itself was highlighted by a pair of pure white "NEXT" cotton trunks. As he towelled his hair I stood and admired his physique. He wasn't a well-built muscle boy but what he had was perfect, not an ounce of fat anywhere. My damp clothes were beginning to irritate me so I went to the bathroom to undress. I was glad to shuck off my work clothes, wearing a suit and tie always annoyed me, but when I got down to my black Calvin Klein briefs I could feel him standing in the doorway even though my back was to it.

He moved up behind me and put his arms around my waist. With a sigh he rested his head on my back and held me for a moment. I could see our reflection in the mirror at the side. His eyes were closed as he quietly held on to me. I could see, as well as feel, this sturdy young stud's equipment bulging out of the soft white fabric and digging into the small of my back.

His hands began to wander to my hardening nipples and stroked the thick matted hair on my chest. He then moved his hands down to my briefs and through the thin material he began to sensitively manipulate my cock. The lad certainly had plenty about him and I wondered if his next move was to take me there and then in the bathroom. At that particular moment I was so horny I wouldn't have minded. He tugged me round to face him and I looked into the most expressive pair of blue eyes... and they told me exactly what the lad wanted. I pulled him towards me and kissed, my tongue forcing open his delicious soft mouth. He gave way to it completely. My hand caressed his back and ran down to his cotton covered buttocks, my fingers tracing the crack that separated them. He was moaning a little by now so I turned him around and could understand how back at the bar he'd made that group of queen's day. His young arse made my dick pulse to attention... and it was that which received my full attention. Eventually, after a few hours of superb and stimulating sex, sweaty and exhausted we fell asleep in each others arms... it was a night I will always remember... and a morning I would come to never forget.

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SIMON SAYS...



Dear Simon,
I have been with my boyfriend for quite some time but recently met someone for a one-off while he was away. I don't know why I did it, I think after eight years I just felt like I had lost my freedom. As soon as it was done I regretted it and wanted to forget it. I thought it was all in the past until my boyfriend threw a dinner party and one of his mate's new partners was none other than this guy. Not only did it make the whole dinner party really awkward, he then spoke to me and said that he wouldn't mind another go and if I didn't maybe he would let our little secret slip. Now I don't know what to do.
James, Cardiff

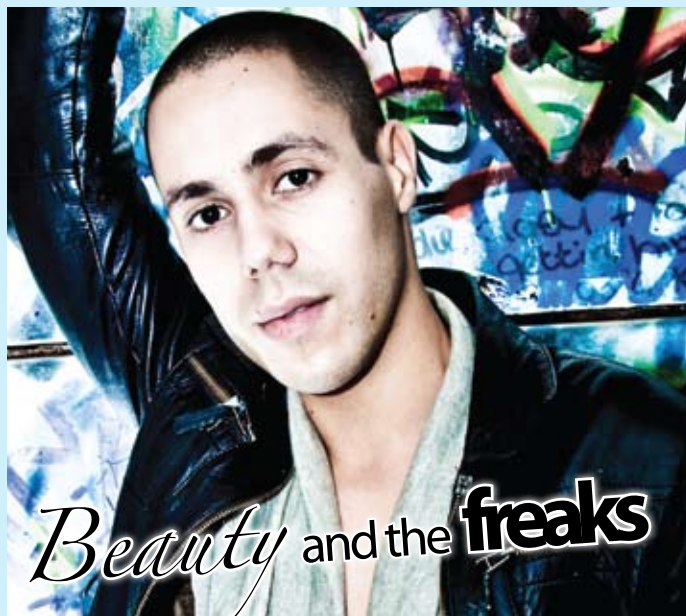
Dear James, Blimey this sounds quite complicated. The first thing you don't want to do, and I genuinely don't think you do want to do this again, is have any second enactment with this guy. Now comes the complicated bit. First up I think you might have to tell your partner, you don't want secrets between the two of you and you certainly don't want someone else telling him this. You may also want to let your friend know that he is going out with a bit of a rogue character.

Dear Simon,
My boyfriend of two years has asked me to marry him. I should have been overjoyed but actually I was quite petrified. It's not that I don't love him, because I really do, nor is it that I want don't want to marry him eventually... it's just I am not sure that I want to do it now. His face seemed to fall apart a little bit when I said I needed to think about it. We are both only in our early twenties and I just don't think we need to do it now, but how do I say no without hurting him?
Paul, London

Dear Paul, I think you simply need to talk to the guy. It's good you didn't instantly say no and run away screaming but you might want to clarify why you needed to think it all over. This might be a difficult conversation and you'll need to be gentle with his feelings but I think it's one that is necessary in order to sort things out. I would explain that you do want to marry him one day, its just that you see that in the years ahead not right now. Also, couldn't you just have a very long engagement? Lots of couples do that nowadays.

Dear Simon,
I have been seeing my boyfriend for ages, the thing is he is married and his wife and he still haven't gotten around to getting a divorce. I know they are separated, and he lives with me, as they are still friends and we have even been around there for dinner, she's lovely. I just want them to do it so he is free for me at a later date. I don't want to put pressure on him because that could really backfire on me. It's a tricky one; I just want him to be totally free.
Tim, Derby

Dear Tim, I think it's great that you have a good relationship with the woman who will hopefully become his ex wife and you can't really think there is anything going on there if she is aware of the situation. Maybe there are financial reasons they can't get divorced yet? Maybe just sit and talk with every body about how things are over dinner, but don't mention you want them to hurry up. He might not want to get married for quite some time and if he thinks you are already thinking that way... it could be as daunting as it is endearing.



Boys will be boys

Friends often ask me for advice. They say they can't understand boys. I've never found boys difficult. They're nothing if not predictable, and usually my friends know this too. They just want to be proved wrong. Here's a handy hint: you won't be.

Take for example Porno Scally (not his real name). Porno Scally claimed to be the best bang since the big one. He strutted about, hands in pants, wearing trackies and speaking with an 'eezee geezer' laboured Scouse accent. He was rude, bossy, and claimed to be a porn director. He also ran an escort agency and was likely on the game himself. It was clear to me he'd have a tiny cock and be pretty much the laziest shag I'd ever have.

I was right, of course. Despite all his posturing, he dropped his trackies and begged to be fucked. Despite the safer sex messages writ all over the walls of his 'studio', he pleaded for me to shoot a load inside him. If I'd had a gun, I'd have shot him a load, alright.

He lay there, sniffing poppers till his lips and fingers turned blue, and tugged at his tiny cock, while moaning like an Eton nancy boy. So much for being 'hard'.

Next up was The Neurotic Ex. You know the type. They break up with you for some flimflam reason (in this case he was jealous because I spent too much time dancing with my sister and not him), and then immediately regret it.

When he got back off holiday last week, he dropped me a text asking if I was going out that night. I read this

as: I really want to see you. I read this as: an opportunity for a good fuck. Because despite his whining, shagging The Neurotic Ex is always a sweat-drenched good time.

I invited him to mine for 'pre-drinks', and if you're getting the gist of this column already, you'd have read that as: me using the poor boy for my own cruel fun. He arrived, booze in hand, and spent the next hour trying to flirt with me. I was bored. I was so bored I almost didn't want to sleep with him.

Just as I was about to give up the ghost and call a taxi so we could go into town, I remembered how big his cock was, and decided I would get back on track. Within minutes his ankles were behind his ears, and when we finished, despite the fact he'd come, his cock stayed hard. I think it was still hard for most of the night when we were out. What followed was more rampant sex on his kitchen surfaces when we got in, with another hard-on that didn't go down, and then even more in the morning.

As I left to jump into my taxi at 11am, the sun scalding my eyes, he was still hard. I read this as: bless, the poor boy's in love! I think his need to hold my hand all the time pretty much gave it away.

And so you see, my pretties: boys really aren't hard to understand. You just have to give up expecting them to change and play the game according to the rules.

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- 28 Wet tongue under a guys stinky foreskin for a sweaty cheesy taste!
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- 30 Sweet hoodie points hit rock hard c**k at me in the urinals! (18+)
- 31 Teach me what you want to do with my sweet c**k
- 32 Hot teenage lad will lick your tight arse (18+)
- 33 Shop boy loves going commando at work (18+)
- 34 I love the feel of a lguys smooth shaved c**k & balls
- 35 Was watchin my mate play footy when his dad made a move on me.
- 36 I let two blokes watch me get a boner at the urinals
- 37 Hottest thing I ever saw was two guys pissin down an alley
- 38 Mate, you're my fantasy f**k & I'll tell you everything I wanna do to you
- 39 Rude boy gets his c**k out for a w**k on the bus. (18+)
- 40 Mate get yer hand up the leg of mi footy shorts
- 41 Wrestling with my fit mate gets me c**k rock hard
- 42 Oh yeah! Love a young guys d**k deep in my throat
- 43 Dirty old man fiddled with 18 year old lads hard d**k.
- 44 The Dr pulled my pants down to see my hard c**k
- 45 Uniform off to reveal his hot body and big d**k & balls.
- 46 Oh yeah! It feels good to have it sucked
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VIRGO (Aug 24 / Sep 23)

You have enthusiasm and initiative if you want to get ahead in the world just now. With so much energy there is the chance this will on occasion reach extremes when your approach to problems may seem strangely aggressive. If you stumble into problems, it will get easier over the weeks ahead. You will be aware of your good health later in September and you should take advantage of this while you can.



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ARIES

(Mar21/Apr20)

A quickly arranged meeting to do with your job will bring things to light you hadn't considered before. This could then turn into more of a rational and practical discussion that should be beneficial. With many planets retrograde this month if you are new to a position of power, be careful when using your authority. Be diplomatic too when delegating tasks. Tone down your competitive spirit as this might overwhelm less ambitious associates.

TAURUS

(Apr21/May21)

You might put your creativity and imagination into making changes around the house as September begins. This will be fun. At work over the weeks ahead you will need to keep up with the more practical and mundane business of the days. This won't be so enjoyable! Expect some disagreements with a colleague but a bit of rivalry can be a good thing at times. This will help push you to achieve your best.

GEMINI

(May22/June21)

A housemate has some ambitious plans; you will like their ideas but don't be too quick to agree to them. With your ruler Mercury still retrograde, some ideas won't be as easy as they sound to put into practice. Wait until later in September if you're thinking about making new starts in any area. A younger friend or colleague is trying to prove themselves in some way and you will be the first to encourage their efforts.

CANCER

(June22/July23)

Emotionally, you could be pulled in two directions and you're likely to feel this way over the weeks ahead. You long for changes in your personal life but you are also aware of how much your plans are likely to upset a loved one. You would never deliberately make waves within the domestic environment but the time has come to follow your instincts and your heart. Eventually others will adapt to new circumstances.

LEO

(July24/Aug23)

Money news is good but you should avoid giving in to an expensive whim early in the month. You might feel obliged to help deal with an issue that involves a close neighbour. This will take time to sort out but others will be glad of your help. You will want to know what a housemate's plans will mean in the long-term before giving your go-ahead. As the weeks wear on there will be a strong need to concentrate on your own happiness.

LIBRA

(Sept24/Oct23)

You're ready to move forward now with what you want to do regardless of what others say. This means over the weeks ahead you will be doing a lot of thinking and you will try to rid yourself of any hang-ups that could reverse your future progress. Your biggest worry is that your confidence will

dip the moment you come up against critical or difficult people. Trust your instincts and do what's right for you. You underestimate your capabilities if you allow others dictate your future.

SCORPIO

(Oct24/Nov22)

A new business opportunity isn't a one you should let slip by even if this has come your way unexpectedly. You might find yourself in a situation, these next few weeks, when you will be exchanging secrets and dealing with confidential matters. It won't be until the end of the month when some secrets are let out of the bag. By then, your restless energy coupled with a need to get away from familiar places could mean you will be in for an amusing time.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov23/Dec21)

With Mercury still retrograde as September begins, a friend or colleague's naïve attitude could curb your own plans. Helping others cope with situations they can't handle will prevent you from getting on as you had intended. As the weeks wear on you will get more chance to pursue paths that will bring you greater happiness. Your thoughtful mood is surprisingly productive as you will soon be entering a new and more exciting chapter of your life.

CAPRICORN

(Dec22/Jan20)

At work and in your social life it will be more peaceful these days to stick with people and subjects you know and are familiar with. You will start the month feeling as if you could do with a holiday or if you've recently been away, you're ready for another break! With Mercury retrograde in the travel zone of your chart expect delays and complications to do with transport and overseas connections. Later in the month you will start seeing more positive results.

AQUARIUS

(Jan21/Feb19)

Another person's indecision about money or some legal arrangements will be wearing your patience thin. Don't give up. Over the month ahead you will get to resolve joint issues that might seem impossible to settle at the very start of September. Career changes are likely later on and these will be something you have been planning for a while. If you're single a mysterious person you meet this month will soon be a significant presence in your life.

PISCES

(Feb20/Mar20)

You would rather give social pursuits a miss as the month begins when you will prefer to spend quality moments with your significant other. If you are single, opportunities for romance are more likely to show themselves as the weeks wear on. If you've been too open with someone who is now starting to use all they know about you to their advantage it is time to steel yourself to stop and think before revealing your thoughts and feelings.



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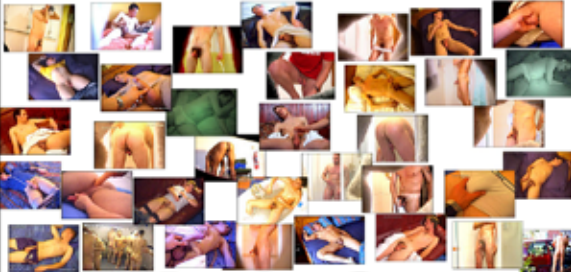
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