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EDITOR'S WORDS

Michael Joseph Jackson 1958 – 2009



he had to postpone some of the early dates of the sell-out shows in the capital.

At the time of going to press information on the exact cause of death is sketchy. It is believed that the star collapsed and despite attempts by his personal physician and paramedics attempts at CPR they were unable to revive him. After being transferred from his home to the UCLA medical centre he was pronounced dead, it was believed he suffered a cardiac arrest.

Michael had a stunning and unique career. Even at a young age his vocal talents were breathtaking and his style embodied a soul and a teen appeal that his record company Motown were keen to capitalize on. In the 70s, and at the tender age of 11, he was fronting a band of his sibling brothers, the Jackson 5 who became worldwide phenomenon chalking it many hits including "I Want You Back", "ABC" and "Can You Feel It".

Later, he began to carve out a solo career and when he teamed up with master producer Quincy Jones the stage was set for a record breaking convergence of talent that produced the biggest selling pop album of all time, Thriller. The music, the imagery, the dancing, the production, the timing... everything just clicked and the man was elevated from superstar to global megastar status.

While his musical genius was going from strength to strength, his personal life became mired in suspicion and controversy. His relationship with a 13 year-old boy he had befriended ended when he was accused of child sexual abuse. The subsequent court case and publicity hounded Jackson for the rest of his career as others came forward with similar claims. The media, sensing famous blood would be spilled, continued digging for more stories, both true and false, with which to bring down this global musical

prodigy. As a result, his health suffered, his actions became more bizarre and he became a recluse, only venturing out in various forms of disguise.

Despite all the gossip and innuendo, Jackson married twice. Once to the daughter of his musical hero Elvis Presley and later to his nurse, Deborah Jeanne Rowe, with whom he fathered a son, Michael Joseph Jackson, Jr. (also known as "Prince"), and a daughter, Paris Michael Katherine Jackson. Later a third child, known affectionately as Blanket, was also born, believed to be through artificial insemination although the mother remains unidentified.

During his extraordinary career, he sold an estimated 750 million records worldwide, released 13 No. 1 singles and became one of a handful of artists to be inducted twice into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The Guinness Book of World Records recognized Jackson as the Most Successful Entertainer of All Time he also won 13 Grammy Awards and received the American Music Award's Artist of the Century Award.

At a press conference in March when he announced his return to the stage and the series of concerts in London he said how much he was looking forward to giving his fans what they wanted; the music, the dancing, the sheer showmanship that made had Michael Jackson famous in the first place. The fans, who always supported Jackson, snapped up 750000 tickets in days. Many people from around the world desperate to see the star, maybe for the final time, take to the stage once again. It is with a great deal of sadness that the public, who loved him so much, will never get the opportunity to show just how much they believed in him.

The king of Pop is dead... and there will never be another like him.

Messages of love and support have been sent from around the world you can add you thoughts at <http://michaeljackson.gonetosoon.org/memorial/>

Just weeks before his much heralded appearance at London's o2 Arena for a series of comeback concerts, pop star Michael Jackson has died in Los Angeles, aged 50.

Rumours that rehearsals weren't going well because of health issues had been circulating for many weeks but were denied by the Jackson camp, even after



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HANNAH

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It's over ten years since Hannah's blend of incisive ballads and savvy pop first made its mark. Her long reign has brought repeated recognition, including the republic's Best Female Artist award on two occasions.

Now, for summer 2009, the stakes are raised again and Hannah is in impressive company. The singer, writer and pianist has been composing and recording with some of the most in-demand sidemen in the business.

The roll call includes Steve Robson, Steve Booker, Grant Black and Peter-John Vettese, each of whom has had a litany of hits songs.

"This has been the greatest thing of all," says Hannah of working with such a cast of hitmakers. "They're so talented and have so much to give. I was very afraid at the beginning. When I went to the studio with Steve Booker, it was my first collaboration ever. Before that I'd only written music by myself — even the family were never around."

The first fruit of these fascinating combinations is the single 'Keeping Score', it's a nimble piece of noughties pop that's also a perfect fit for the clubs, via remixes by Bimbo Jones, Digital Dog and Riffs & Rays, some of the most sought-after DJ-producers of this dance decade. It's a perfect aperitif for Hannah's new album, due in September.

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Stonewall FC went through the tournament without defeat and only conceded one goal. Stonewall FC are now British, European, World and Gay Olympic Champions and will be starting their season in the Middlesex County Premier Division following their promotion last season (08/09).

Sponsored by Barclays London based Stonewall FC continues to dominate the international gay football scene by winning all of the major competitions and they also play at the highest domestic level.

Doug Edward, Stonewall FC Captain commented on their latest success 'It was a great achievement against some tough opposition and in hot conditions. We are the team to beat and teams give it 100% against us but we had the spirit in the squad to go all the way and retain our title'

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Gay Rugby Championship

London's only gay rugby club, Kings Cross Steelers RFC, retain the title of European champions, after winning the 15s section of the Union Cup, which was held at their home ground, in West Ham. The Steelers 1st XV beat their old rivals, the Manchester Spartans, in a tense and gripping final, which saw both teams push each other to the limit. Eventually, the home side won by 3-0, after scoring one penalty. Twelve teams from the UK, Ireland and the continent played hard in three levels of competition, with many scoring their best performance yet. To round off the tournament the Steelers celebrated with all the other teams at Comptons in Soho.

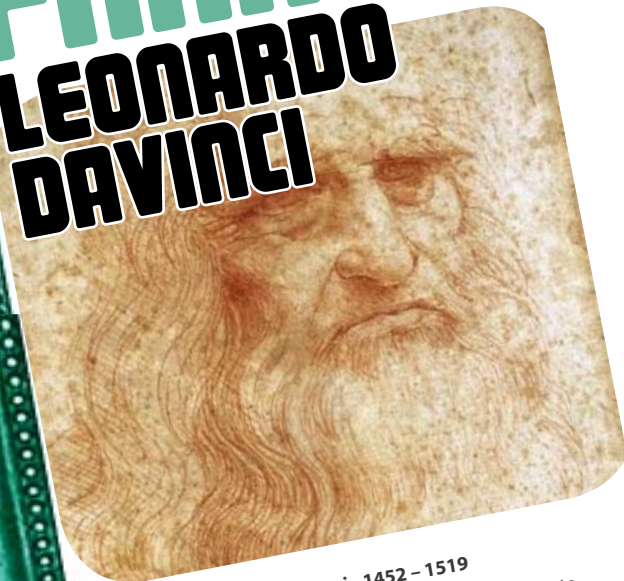
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Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci - 1452 – 1519

The man himself is said to have kept his private life, private. He never took a wife or had much to do with any female except as models.

Court records of 1476 show that Leonardo and three other young men were charged with sodomy but acquitted.

He was said to be of "outstanding physical beauty", "infinite grace", "great strength and generosity", "regal spirit and tremendous breadth of mind"

He filled note books and sketch pads with drawings of his favourite protégés... all handsome young men.

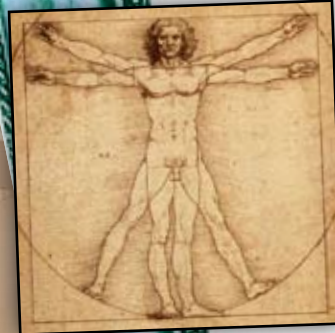
One such young man, nicknamed Salai (the devil), entered his household in 1490. After only a year, Leonardo made a list of his misdemeanours, calling him "a thief, a liar, stubborn, and a glutton", after he had made off with money and valuables on at least five occasions. He was never sacked and remained within Leonardo's household for the next thirty years.

Leonardo's drawing of the Vitruvian Man is one of his most famous works showing as it does the symmetry of the male form.

He was a great procrastinator and often started on a piece of work but never getting round to finishing it... or completing it many years later... much to the annoyance of those who commissioned the piece.

He was a man who seemed to be able to turn his hand to anything as was, and still is, regarded as a man out of his time; some of his drawings and concepts being, 'too advanced' for that particular period in history.

Speculation continues to this day about his talents and the meaning of his work... however, he had very little to do with the making of the movie... The DaVinci Code.



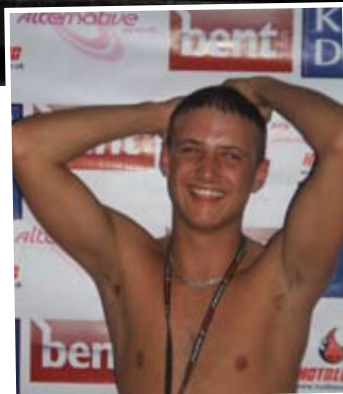
OH BROTHER IT'S BIG BROTHER

By Beyonce



So it's here again. Big Brother 302. Or something like that. This year we have the usual smattering of homos, ethnics and fruitbats allegedly representative of the UK. No, actually, even Big Brother doesn't claim its contestants to be anything but the scum sieved off the local public swimming bath. But luckily, this year the contestants don't seem quite as vile and two-dimensional as last year. I even have the fortune of saying I met two of the contestants.

Scott Lee, Michelle Heaton, James Sutton and The Sheilas all on hand to make it a successful night of oiled nipples and sock-stuffed swimwear.



Charlie was outgoing even then. You could tell he had bags of personality. He was good looking and he knew it, but he was no more arrogant than your average gay man. Indeed, it's no surprise to me at all that so many gay men enter the competition. So concerned with their image and their popularity, entering Big Brother seems almost a prerequisite to joining the club.

Charlie's sexy and feisty, flirty and cool; Rodrigo's handsome and cute, modest and fun. They couldn't be more different. And already our Rodrigo's firm favourite to win (at the time of writing, at least, so he could be out by the time you read this). Well I hate the show and doubt I'll be watching, but I'll dip in every now and again to see how he's doing. Maybe I'll even turn up at one of those godawful Big Brother's Big Mouth shows and worm my way into the audience with a band of scantily clad go-go boys and a drag queen or two. Then we can stand by the sidelines waving inappropriate placards and ignoring Davina when she asks us not to say 'fuck' or 'bastard'.

Maybe if I make enough of a scene they'll ask me to take part next year. No one quite makes a scene like yours truly. I wouldn't accept their offer, of course, but it'd nice to be asked. Or maybe not.



Yes, Rodrigo Lopez is a friend of mine from the Leeds gay scene, where he was often spotted in Queens Court and Mission, until he mysteriously vanished. Now, of course, we know he went into the BB house and had his Facebook profile deleted by mandate of the games rules.

Rodrigo was actually the last person from Leeds I'd have expected to see on BB. He's always been a laugh with his friends and quite a confident, bubbly person, but next to many of the bigger personalities on the scene he's positively... shy. He's well-behaved (for the most part), and doesn't even slag it about. Why he chose to enter the programme is a mystery to us all—but we hope he wins.

Charlie, on the other hand, I can understand. He too has been out in Leeds a few times, but I also met him when I was judging Mr Gay UK in 2007. He was Newcastle's heat winner and lost out to the lush Daniel Broughton. I remember the event well, with Andy

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QUEER AS FUNK

PRODUCER, ARTIST & DJ QBOY IS BEST KNOWN AS 'THAT GAY RAPPER' BUT HOPES THIS TIME AROUND HIS MUSIC WILL DO THE TALKING WITH HIS OWN SELF-PRODUCED BRAND OF ELECTRO-POP AND FIDGET HOUSE INSPIRED TRACKS.

But there's so much more to the lad... and... as it's been a while since Bent got to chat with this sexy hunk, we decided to put our feet up and have a good natter (and a good drool).

So what have you been up to since we last saw you?

Um, that depends when you last saw me. I've mostly been working really hard to finish my new album Moxie in the most recent months. Prior to that I lived in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, for a short time and toured some of the States, where I shot my new music video, 'Coming Out 2 Play'. I'm also still involved in a workshop programme aimed at year 10 students at secondary schools in Wales, breaking down their stereotypes of gay culture and make them more aware of homophobia and bullying. We are hoping to expand that over the next year to include as many schools in the UK as possible.

There's a bit of a change to your sound here. Why?

My early work was mostly produced by other people and I really entered from the militant hip-hop angle—always something to say! [He laughs gently.] Now I solely produce my own material and my own sound has emerged, leaning towards fidget and electro house and pop. It features lots of great artists and has lots of commercial choruses and melodies. I definitely would not describe my new album as hip-hop, although there are elements of that on it. I'm very proud of the new album and I think you'll enjoy it whether you're gay or not, and if you like rap or not. There's something for everyone.

Where do you stand on the whole 'music download' thing?

If you really support and like an artist, then you should want to pay for their art. To download songs for free is stealing and while we all do it at times, I personally always use iTunes to buy the song—if I cannot find it on-line only then do I then consider a free download. But I never download for free first and outright. Especially the independent artists. We don't have a bunch of money and some record label behind us. You steal directly from us when you don't pay for our work, and that has a massive impact on our already smaller incomes. If these artist cannot afford to keep going or continue to make the music that you love so much that you are prepared to steal for it, then in effect you kill out that artist and limit their possibilities.

Does it still matter that you're an out gay artist as much as it did when you first started out?

I consider myself to be QBoy: artist/producer, not as a 'gay rapper', which was the hook for all the press I got when I first arrived on the scene 2002-2004. Back then, because of the way hip-hop was, there was more of a point to being openly gay and working in it. I don't feel my sexuality should always precede my job, and while it obviously still has an impact on the way I see my life and some of the things I write about in my lyrics, my sexuality is not the 'be all' of my work. That would be very boring indeed! I try to make good music everyone can enjoy whatever your background, but from an honest perspective, that's the best I can do.

Where will you be going from here? What's the big QBoy plan?

Well currently I'm back in the States to promote Moxie and the DVD release of the documentary I feature in, Pick Up The Mic, which is just out. Then I get back to London to perform at Pride in Trafalgar Square, which should be great. Then I have a gig in the Southbank Centre and over to Amsterdam. I am just working on pushing this new album and hopefully making some more music videos to follow the current one. Meanwhile, I am also putting together a non-QBoy side project which will be a dance album produced by me, but without me featuring vocally on any of the songs. The idea is to get other people to add their colour to the mix. That's sounding great so far—working with Queen Pen, a female rapper that features on that 'No Diggity' track by Blackstreet. I've already done an official electro house remix for Princess Superstar's new single 'Roc U' and I'm hoping to bring over DJ Spinderella from Salt-N-Pepa for my next PeaceOUT UK Festival in September. Should be fun!

The album Moxie out 13th July on the QBoy Music label



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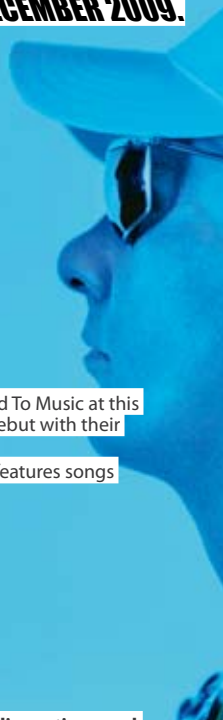
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FROM RUSSIA ON A QUEST

SERGE DEVANT IS ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING NEW STARS TO EMERGE IN THE WORLD OF ELECTRONIC MUSIC IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

Born in the former Soviet Union where he studied classical music, he's now living in Brooklyn, New York. He became the youngest resident DJ at New York's legendary Crobar and has picked up corporate sponsorship deals that many seasoned DJs and producers would give their right arm for.

He caught my attention last year when remixes of his version of The Beloved's 'Sweet Harmony' were causing a riot on the dance floor. Then came his second single, the mesmerizing 'Addicted' with its atmospheric, deep beats and beautiful vocals from Hadley and it was obvious he was no flash-in-the-pan. I caught up with Serge last month, just days before the release of his debut album "Wanderer".

You must be excited about the release of your new album.

Yes, it is pretty exciting to see something you have worked on for such a long time to see the light of day and get lots of great feedback. That's one of the main rewards after spending so much time working on it.

Can you describe the album?

Well when I sat down to start working on the tracks, there was no particular genre I had in mind. Of course the singles are going to be dance records but in general I wanted this album to be a sort of a journey in music, different genres and moods, but most importantly I wanted to have good songs!

...and where did the album title come from?

Making this album was a journey for me, searching for my sound, and I think a listener will also be taken on a journey when they listen to the album from beginning to end. So "Wanderer" was a perfect name for it I thought.

One voice really stands out for me on your album and that's Hadley who provides the vocals for my 2 favourite tracks, 'Addicted' and the title track.

Yes, Hadley is quite amazing. I discovered her on MySpace actually! When I started working on the album I posted a blog and after digging through loads of profiles and voices, I stumbled upon her. She ended up living just 10 minutes away...so we got together and magic happened!

You left Russia at 16, do you get a chance to return to Russia often?

Well, I'm actually going there in the next few weeks for a gig - the scene there is actually pretty good. There are a bunch of clubs, some cool after-hours places, it's a good place. People go out there and even with this crisis that's going on in the country at the moment - they are pretty enthusiastic about going out and listening to their favourite DJs, which for me is the most important thing.

When are you visiting the UK next?

I played for The Gallery at Turnmills and again at Ministry of Sound - so I've been there a few times. Definitely looking forward to coming back and rocking it again though!

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FREAKS, WHITNEY

After early successes remixing Chaka Khan and Quincy Jones (both reaching number one on the US Billboard Dance Chart) along with his own anthemic productions, he was encouraged by Danny Tenaglia to pursue a recording career full-time. And what a decision that was, because he went on to produce two of the most distinctive and recognised house tracks of all time... 'Cevin Fisher's Big Freak', or better known as 'The Freaks Come Out' and 'You Got Me Burning Up!' featuring Loleatta Holloway's mega-diva vocals stripped-out from the classic 1980 hit 'Love Sensation'.

Jason Guy caught up with Cevin on the eve The Freaks Come Out 10th Anniversary release.

I really can't believe it's been 10 years since 'Freaks' was released. Did you have any idea it would be so huge?

I knew the remixes would do well, just because we had a wide range of quality remixers involved. And as the mixes were turned in, I was blown away with each one. They just kept getting better and better... and that they themselves were inspired big time by the original mix too!

Does it still command a regular place in your sets? I imagine a lot of people expect you to play it.

Yeah I get request for "The Freaks Come Out" all the time - it makes me feel good on that level.

Someone always wants to hear "Freaks" wherever I go. I've been playing the Sharp Boys mix as well as The Trancetters mix for years now since before the 2009 mixes came along too, as well as the Original Mix of course.

How much input did you have choosing the remixes this time round? The Prok and Fitch remix is outstanding.

As far as choosing the remixers, I would have to give all the credit to my label bosses over at Subversive, Martin & Martin - they did an excellent job choosing the remixers. They're spot on point and the best in the game. What more can I say about Prok & Fitch... their work pretty much speaks for itself.

Who or what caught your attention at this year's WMC?

I was impressed with the drive and the hustle. I was also totally impressed with the job that Pacha NYC did, as well as the Ultra Festival and the Beatport Parties. It was good to see all of the DJs doing it up as well. Totally awesome seeing Danny Tenaglia, Louie Vega, Erick Morillo, Carl Cox again. There was SO much going on!

You presented the award for Best International DJ which was won by Armin van Buuren. Did the best man win? (My vote would have been to Axwell)

Yeah it was awesome presenting the award for Best Intl. DJ! I would have to believe in the polls and they voted for Armin Van Buuren and that's the way it goes. I was super-curious though, and I in fact thought for sure I'd be presenting to Tiesto. >>>>>

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BY JASON GUY



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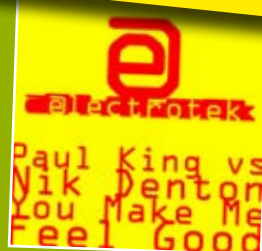
TRACK of the MONTH

▷ PAUL KING VS NIK DENTON

You Make Me Feel Good (Electrotek)

The second release from Paul King's Electrotek label is this revamp of a track they created together 10 years ago. Now they have both come up with a 2009 remix each. Paul's mix keeps the original vocal and reworks the track into an electro monster, while Nik's mix pulsates with a big, fat bass line, that has been tearing up the floors across the country.

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▷ DJ DISCIPLE VS PROK & FITCH FT DRU HEPKINS

Redlight (Floorplay)

This is very different to the usual charging house style I go for, but after a few listens it's really grabbed me. Prok & Fitch invited New York's DJ Disciple over to play at their Floorplay night. After killing the main room, Disciple was in the mood to hit the studio. P&F obliged and this is the result. A slab of quality, deep, underground house that gets inside your head, combined with Dru's husky vocals.

www.floorplaymusic.com



▷ AXWELL, SEBASTIAN INGROSSO, STEVE ANGELLO & LAIDBACK LUKE FT DEBORAH COX

Leave The World Behind (Axtone)

Combine a who's who of Euro DJs with Canada's biggest diva, Deborah Cox and you know you're in for something special. Sure, it's on the commercial side of house, but who cares! This uplifting, piano filled anthem smashed the Miami WMC for 1 good reason, it ignites the dancefloor. Sure, it'll be hammered to death in Ibiza and you'll be sick of it come the closing parties, but enjoy it until then. Top tip - seek out the Dirty South remix which is available a little after the main release.

www.axtone.com



▷ LAERA

Odisea Mediterranea (StranamenteMusic)

The one with the violins. Already huge on the continent, especially in the clubs where fans (the handheld type) are the norm, a la Matinée. Deep Latino beats, synths and one mighty group of aforementioned violins build up the vibe like only the Spanish can. Now complete with a slew of remixes, although the original mix is still the best as far as I'm concerned. Close second is the tougher, more electro Alexander Remix.

www.stranamentemusic.com



▷ D.O.N.S. VS JOCELYN BROWN

Somebody Else's Guy 2009

OK, I'm biased with this choice as the original is one of my all time favourite diva house tracks. Over the years there have been many remixes, the majority sacrilegious until this one came along. Remix maestros the D.O.N.S. have lovingly taken the original and brought it bang up to date with a synth filled, swirling beat, that drops down into the infamous "I can't get off my high horse..." before building up and again, before a second breakdown crescendos into the original 80s synthesizer. The perfect summer track.

www.myspace.com/jocelynbrown



How is the house scene in the US right now? Is it just about the East & West coasts?

The house scene is rocking at the moment here in the US. I have a residency at Pacha NYC and the parties there have been spectacular - it's definitely one of my favorite places to play here in the US. As far as the West Coast goes, Vegas, Colorado, San Francisco are doing some hot parties as well. For me it's all about trying to bring the energy wherever I play, it's always a challenge, but I LOVE it.

I know they were many years ago, but can you describe just how wild Whitney Houston's all night & day parties used to be?

Well, at the time I was in my early teens, and just the fact that I would get to play long sets of all different types of music and just being around some really cool people dancing and just having a great time made the parties come off as being wild - I didn't even drink at the time.

This was during her clean-cut "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" days?

This was back around the time when she was a model for Seventeen Magazine, and I used to date her best friend's sister! - This was definitely pre-Super Star Whitney Houston days for sure.

Find out more at:

www.cevinfisher.com

The Freaks Come Out 2009 remixes (Part 1) is available to download now from www.beatport.com

The Freaks Come Out 2009 remixes (Part 2) is released in July/August this year, exclusively thru Beatport.



▶ **ANDREW MORRIS**

Longbeach

Out: 6th July

This hotly-tipped EP has singer Andrew Morris quite rightly compared to David Gray. Morris started off as a criminal lawyer, representing his clients in court by day and then sequestering himself in (we imagine) gloomy studies to pour out his emotional conflicts. Yes, like David Gray and Damien Rice and their ilk, this is low-tempo, drowsy, melancholic pop-folk pseudo-soul which should come with its own complementary handky. If you like that kind of thing, you'll love this. If you don't, avoid.



▶ **ALINA**

When You Leave Me (Numa Numa)

Out: 6th July

Alina Puscau has already made a name for herself as a Victoria Secret model and GQ cover girl. But not content with just being a pretty face, Ms Puscau also wants to go the Paris Hilton route and try everything, including music-making. With a remix by Swedish stunner-DJ Basshunter, based on an English translation of Romanian boyband O-Zone's Euro-pop hit 'Dragostea Din Tei' and a video by X-Men director Brett Ratner, this is guaranteed to be one super-commercial dance earache you'll love to hate.



▶ **FLUNK**

This is What You Get

Out: 6th July

Norwegian postrels Flunk are favourites of US TV producers from CSI, The L Word and The O.C. Known for their cover of New Order's 80s hit 'Blue Monday', they've been held responsible for the creation of the term 'folktronica'. Mix one part The Cardigans with one part Goldfrapp, dash with a tiny hint of Robyn and shake-up with Shoreditch dubstep, and there you have Flunk. Do they pass or fail? Only time will tell for certain, but they've shifted a respectable number of albums prior to this and are unlikely to go away for a while. Why not see what the fuss is about?



▶ **SEPTEMBER**

Until I Die

Out: 20th July

Swedish superstar September is back with her latest dance-pop smash-in-waiting. Full of sugar-rush energy and camp production jiggery-pokery, this is targeted, methinks, directly at the gay market. Maybe they think we're all sweet-toothed, undiscerning knob-jockeys with a penchant for sluttily-attired Eurotrash songstresses—and they'd probably be right. Yes, September is here to stay. For a while at least.



▶ **MASTER SHORTIE**

ADHD

Out: 27th July

Master Shorties debut is here, full of spunk and mashing up genres like nobody's business. The result is flavoursome but salty, thick but sticky and leaves a shiny mark after it's been left to dry out a little. There's cinematic hip-hop with the usual name-dropping nonsense, Boys2Men-style R&B balladry and Adam Ant-ish electro-pop foolhardiness. It's appealing when still warm, but after a while you can't help but feeling you're covered in cold goo.

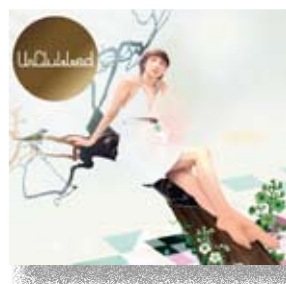


▶ **FEVER RAY**

Triangle Walks

Out: 20th July

Half-of-The-Knife songstress Fever Ray is launching her new single at the same time as her first UK tour. 'Triangle Walks' comes hot on the heels of her critically-acclaimed eponymous album, which sports remixes from the length and breadth of the clubbing world: Spektre, Tiga, James Rutledge, Ben Hoo and Allez-Allez. The video is helmed by Jose Gonzales' director Andreas Nilsson, making this a surefire success story regardless of its actual merits. But surprisingly, it's a good record nonetheless.



▶ **NEW STATE**

Unclubbed

Out: 6th July

This is an inspired catalogue of hands-in-the-air club anthems de-pimped out. Gone are the thumping beats, surging basslines and stomping tempos, to be replaced by pared-down, stripped-bare, naked songs. And that's what they are. Not tracks or mash-ups or mixes. The effect is eerie at first, as the best dancefloor-fillers are turned into something simpler, more honest. There's no production pizzazz to get in the way, so all we're left with is the core: lyrics and music. The result is impressive and proves that even dance tracks can have something more meaningful and substantial about them.



▶ **PAUL CARRACK**

Just 4 Tonight

Out: 6th July

Pundits have plauded Carrack as the expenses-scandal whistleblower after the lyrics for 'Just 4 Tonight' (written over a year ago) talk about politicians embroiled in a web of 'spin and lies'. Of course, here at Bent we're not so stupid as to think this overused sentiment is anything but derivative. That said, whilst Carrack may not be a modern Wordsworth, he is doing rather well of late. This nonchalant, brassy, old-white-man-wanting-to-be-Bob-Marley slice of faux-reggae must be selling to Phil Collins fans who've watched too many Dairy Milk adverts but found their music collections need some new additions. That and the same crew who still buy UB40 records.

EVACUATE THE DANCEFLOOR

DESPITE BEING SEEN AS A POSSIBLE DANCE POP FLASH-IN-THE-PAN (NOT BY US OF COURSE) CASCADA HAVE TAKEN THE CHARTS BY STORM EVER SINCE THEY RELEASED THE SINGLE 'EVERYTIME WE TOUCH'. NOW, THREE YEARS OF HITS LATER, THEY RELEASE THEIR LATEST OFFERING 'EVACUATE THE DANCEFLOOR' WHICH WE WERE TOLD WAS A CHANGE OF MUSICAL DIRECTION. WE SENT SIMON SAVIDGE TO THE ALBUM LAUNCH TO CATCH UP WITH LEAD SINGER NATALIE HORLER.

The first thing that surprises you when you meet Natalie is that she is British, "Everyone seems to think I am Swedish," she laughs. "I don't know why that is, maybe it's 'the sound' we have". This could be part of it as the trio of Cascada; Natalie and DJ Manian is Yanou, who is also behind hits such as 'Heaven' by DJ Sammy. But how did Cascada come about? "I had been singing with several DJ's and providing vocals for quite a while and I ended up in the studio with Yann (Yannou) and that was it (laughs)... some history was made."

With over 4 million records sold, and their current single being their 13th in just three years has been a surprise to everyone. "I never thought we were a one hit wonder, but I was amazed at how quickly we became big, I never dreamed I would be touring in America... well all over the world." However, their success is no surprise to their legion of gay fans who just love them "And we LOVE the gay audiences too" Natalie screams with delight.

Their third album 'Evacuate The Dancefloor' sees a bit of a change of emphasis. "With the new album we wanted to try something different and merge all the music we love. One of those is R&B." The title track is result is an anthem in the making. "I love the track it's possibly one of my favourite singles. Having said that... there are some great ones yet to come". The sound has been compared to a certain Ms Gaga's style "I see that as a compliment." But Natalie stressed, "We were recording this album before her record hit the shelves so when people say we have copied her I get quite upset. It's got a much dancier edge (laughs). So, maybe more a Lady Gaga remix sound but we had the song done before hers was out." I wanted to know if this album then was a complete departure from previous hit singles. "No, we have some really wonderful trancey tracks but naturally we are evolving as a group and want to try new things. We have recorded more ballads on this album and 'Draw the Line' is one of my favourites."

The album launch is well catered so before Natalie disappears off to the canapés and champagne I ask her what's next. "Tour with this album, release more singles, make another album and take over the world... well take over the world a little bit more" and with a smile and a wink she's gone... straight to the dancefloor.

Cascada's new single 'Evacuate The Dancefloor' is out now with the album of the same name to follow on the 6th July www.cascadamusic.de

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What did you do before the music and drag got hold of your 'bollocks'?

That's no way to speak to a lady! I left my home town of Canterbury and moved to London aged eighteen, because I heard the streets were paved with lip-gloss. And they were. I studied at London College of Fashion, doing a BA in journalism and PR, but in between lectures, I was practicing make up in front of the mirror, before I unleashed Jodie on the nightlife scene. I started off dancing on the bar at Heaven, then launched my own club nights, and then became a DJ because we didn't have anyone else to play the early set without being paid! I graduated, and it all kicked off from there really...

If all this hadn't turned out the way it has... what would you be doing now?

I went to stage school as a kid, so perhaps I'd be dancer or actor/actress! I went to LCF because I thought a career in fashion would suit me. Needless to say, I was obsessed with Ab Fab, but the reality of the fashion industry couldn't be further from the truth. Being a DJ and club promoter has certainly brought me closer to becoming Eddie and Patsy than being a PR ever would.

Does being in drag mean everything to you... or is it just a part of who you are... and do you think you'd be where you are now without it?

I love doing drag. It's a creative expression. I love the getting ready process, becoming an exaggerated persona, and the places it's got me. I am a music obsessive and fully believe I'd still be an established DJ without the wigs and heels, but having a recognizable image with no one else looking like me has certainly got me noticed quicker. I don't think I really consider myself a 'drag queen'. Isn't that term a bit dated? I just dress up in my glad rags when I'm on the decks or on the dance floor, which is very often! I don't try to look like a woman, more like an exaggerated Barbie doll with better dress sense. I just dress up and express how I feel I should look.

When were you last star-struck?

I met Madonna for about 90 seconds a few years back. I was so star struck I didn't really know what to say. I've been a fan forever, so it was a strange experience. I did a fashion show for Naomi Campbell's charity during London Fashion Week and there were so many recognisable faces on the catwalk with me - Cilla Black, Cheryl Cole... but Vivienne Westwood came over to say hi to me and I was utterly honoured she took the time to do that, because I've got so much respect for her.

Who has been the most influential person on your life?

My Grandmother keeps me grounded - she is 89 and my biggest fan. She is the most generous, kind, caring person I have ever met and I wish I were more like her. It's very difficult not to be selfish and a bit self-important in this day and age. I get my organisation and business head from mum, creativity from Dad, and look up to gay people who have lived their life exactly how they've wished, no matter what the consequences are, such as Quentin Crisp, Boy George, Oscar Wilde, even Pete Burns.

What does Pride mean to you?

A lot, actually. I have been on Pride Marches since I was in my mid teens. It's important to have a day when everyone who doesn't fit into the social stereotype of what is 'normal' comes together and just say 'I am proud to be me'. The notion of Pride can be as political as you like, or it could just be you being comfortable in your own skin. There is so much hate in the world brought on by religion, money, politics, it's nice to be proud of something, and why shouldn't that be yourself and your sexual preference. The world might be a nicer place to live in if everyone was proud, regardless of sexuality.

Do you have time for a relationship... if so, who or what's your type of lover?

I'm kind of seeing a guy but it's early days, and I'll probably be single by the time this comes out, so if there are any offers out there... I like a nice normal guy with relatively good looks, his own money, and a pulse. Not much to ask. And someone who doesn't mind being dragged around clubs and showbiz parties!

What is your guilty pleasure?

Vodka.

Is there anyone you'd kill to work with?

A million people. Lil' Kim and the Chemical Brothers would be great for some creative soup. Also Missy Elliot, Peaches, Madonna...

What can we expect next from you over the next few months?

On July 4th, I've organised the Pride London official afterparty at Matter at the o2. It's called Circus, which is the name of my weekly club night. It's an amazing club space, and one of the best equipped venues in the country. The Material Girl herself is performing next door in the o2 Arena before we open our doors, so if you're going to see Madonna you'll be stumbling distance from the party! Our line-up is amazing - VV Brown, Frankmusik, Kissy Sellout, Dan from The Feeling and, most excitingly, Siouxsie Sioux! I love Siouxsie and the Banshees so I can't wait to hear her DJ set. It'll be the perfect end to an amazing day.

Later in the summer, Circus is happening at Pacha in Ibiza with Ladyhawke performing live, and then Circus is going on the road around the UK. Hopefully we'll take in some Northern cities, so watch this space.

I'm remixing for a few popstars and producing some of my own music too so watch out for that later in the year. I can't sing to save my life, so don't all rush to the earplugs yet!

It's going to be a great summer.

For more information about Jodie Harsh, visit www.jodieharsh.com and www.thisiscircus.com.

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LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE... BOYS!

DANIEL BOYS BECAME ONE OF OUR FAVOURITE 'BOYS' WHEN HE APPEARED ON OUR TV SCREENS IN THE BBC'S JOSEPH HUNT 'ANY DREAM WILL DO'. HAVING BEEN VOTED OFF EARLY IN THE SERIES WE ALL WONDERED IF THAT WAS THE END OF THE LAD'S CAREER... HOWEVER, IT HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. AFTER STARRING IN 'SWEENEY TODD THE MUSICAL' HE JOINED THE WEST END PRODUCTION OF THE AWARD WINNING SHOW 'AVENUE Q' AND FURTHERMORE HAS JUST RELEASED HIS DEBUT ALBUM. SIMON SAVIDGE CAUGHT UP WITH HIM TO DISCUSS MUSIC, ALL THINGS GAY AND BOYS, BOYS, BOYS!

So Avenue Q has survived the credit crunch and has moved theatres, how has that been?

It's great. It's a stunning, beautiful new theatre and of course we're all very excited to have jobs as we didn't close. It was weird at first. I mean, I had nine weeks off with the move, so my body just relaxed, now I have to get used to having my arms up the back of two men (laughs) so to speak. For anyone who hasn't seen the show, they're puppets I'm working, and it's quite tough on my arms. At first I came off stage sometimes wondering where I was. We are also one of the cheapest shows (laughs) not in that way... tickets... we are cheap and wonderfully cheerful.

What made you want to do a show like 'Any Dream Will Do'?

Well, it was a musical that I loved, I had always wanted to be Joseph and I hadn't worked for a few years so I thought 'why not'. I was aware it was a TV show and could be good for my profile. In all honesty I didn't think I would make it through the first round. It could easily have backfired and actually been detrimental to my career, thankfully that wasn't the case.

How was it after you were voted off?

Hard, really gutting, but also in a way there was a huge amount of pressure behind that show, which suddenly wasn't there. I think me being the 'shock evictee' if you will, has actually helped, it's made me more determined and made me sure this is what I want to do.

You have always been open about being gay...

Did you know that on 'Any Dream Will Do'? They told us (the BBC) that we should keep our sexuality a secret as it would put off voters and the viewing public. I was quite shocked that people would be bothered and there were quite a few gay guys on that show, plus you have the very out and lovely Graham Norton. I have always been open about my sexuality, so it was difficult. I would just say "No, I don't have a girlfriend"... I didn't want to lie to anyone.

Maybe they thought some dirt would come out about you?

(Laughs) There isn't... much! (Laughs) Actually they did call me in the office once as one paper was going to run a story that one of the contestants had been a male escort... and they wondered if it was me. Secretly, I was quite shocked and appalled... and flattered.

Has being openly out and a well known face helped on the boyfriend front?

(Laughs). People come up to me and talk to me a lot more, which is lovely, as I love meeting new people. At the same time I think it stops some people talking to you as they might think you're a bit uppity. Has it helped? I am not sure really, no one has asked me that before.

How did you get the Avenue Q gig?

Before 'Any Dream Will Do' I had already auditioned for a part and had got through a few stages but not into the actual show because the cast didn't change. Then after Sweeney Todd I auditioned again and got the part. I was so thrilled because I am a huge fan of the show and it has so much heart to it. I cried the first time I saw it because I could really relate to some of the puppets (laughs). I sound so daft. People think I got it through the 'Any Dream...' but I didn't... I had a fair few rejections after Joseph you know.

Is singing with a puppet hard?

Do you know what, you have to go to puppet school and it is really hard at first. In most auditions they hand you a song or a song sheet, in this one they just hand you a puppet and watch what you do... it's quite disconcerting. Being two puppets is great because I have always said singing is my thing but in this show I have to act both characters. It's been a learning curve but has shown me there is more I want to do.

Now that you are the headline act have you become a diva?

(Laughs) I hope not! I don't demand puppies in my dressing room; in fact I don't demand anything. My new dressing room is great though... it's got a bed in it, not that I need a bed (laughs) well you never know. Is there more pressure? Not really as I don't think of myself as a headline name. I still see pictures of myself on the adverts on the tube and get a shock. For me the show is all about a whole team, there isn't one star, we are all very much behind each other... laughing at each other when we forget our lines.

You have also released your own album...

And I funded it myself. Seeing that amount of money leaving my bank account was the scariest thing, but I really wanted to do it. I had the opportunity to fulfil a dream... so I thought 'sod it' and it's doing really well. It's a collection of all my favourite songs (laughs). No Simon, not 'Spice Up Your Life', though doing a jazz version of a Spice Girls song could be quite cool, maybe on the next one. It's all songs I have loved, some are pop, some are forgotten, some are from musicals... it's a nice mix.

What would you like to do next?

I want to play Elphaba in Wicked, but I don't think that that's going to happen. I would like to do some TV work or some musical film, or just a film. I was John Barrowman's 'special guest' on his last tour and the buzz from an audience like that was amazing. There are lots and lots more that I want to do... it's endless.

Avenue Q is now at the Gielgud Theatre booking till the end of September 2009. For tickets and info visit www.avenueqthemusical.co.uk For more information on the truly lovely Daniel Boys you can visit his site www.danielboys.net and also buy copies of his album 'So Close' which is also available on iTunes and Amazon.



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PHIL OLIVIER

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It has been a few years now since Phil left Brookside and his character of 7 years, Tinhead. However, since that momentous decision he has made quite a name for himself in other areas of TV; The Games, Come Dine With Me, Hollyoaks, In the City, as well as Ghost Hunting with Paul O'Grady, all of which have made him very popular with his gay fans.

Yes, there are quite a few. They've really stuck with me, which is good... they've really kept me out there. I mean, buying the calendars and stuff... they've had a real big impact on the jobs I get as well... and I don't think they realise it. They have got me many gigs... so a big THANK YOU to all my gay fans.

Despite his varied career the one area that he wasn't expecting a call-up from was... to appear in a musical.

"When they came up with the offer I said to my agent - Why are you agreeing to this you know I can't sing."

Not a very auspicious start for either Phil or the production and things only got worse. "I went down to the rehearsal studios and I thought 'Whoa'... it was like Fame Academy... leg warmers and stuff and I thought 'Oh my God what have I let myself in for. They gave me a song to sing and I've never sung in front of anyone but my showerhead before. Afterwards I walked away from the audition saying never ever again.'"

Regardless of Phil's own doubts, he was offered the part and with the encouragement of his manager took on the role of Dirty Harry... the sort of Gary Barlow character, in the show. "Once I started rehearsals I thought this was the worst decision I'd ever made

in my life. Multi award winner Karen Bruce was the choreographer and it was just so hard... and if you've never danced before it's like teaching a brick how to swim."

That initial introduction to the world of musicals was a bit of a revelation for Phil and he begged his agent to try to get him out of his contract.

"I called my agent up and told he had to get me out of this. The producers said they would give me extra tuition and training so, I stayed behind an extra 2 hours every night. Then in the last week of rehearsals, I got one routine right and after the rest of the cast gave me a round of applause... I thought... yes... I can do this. I put all my energy into making it work and it's finally paid off."

My final question was - are we going to be hearing a 'Phil Olivier Sings' album in the near future?

His loud laugh at the prospect really gave me the reply I needed but then he added... possibly jokingly and just before he was whisked off to his next interview... "Never say never"

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ENGLAND'S FIRST EVER RESEARCH INTO LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE IS NOW UNDERWAY.

Teams of fully trained staff and volunteers are heading out to UK Pride events to survey the LGB community about their drinking habits and drug use - their next stop will be London Pride on 4 July. The research is being carried out by The Lesbian and Gay Foundation in partnership with The International School for Communities, Rights and Inclusion at the University of Central Lancashire and has been funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Big Research Programme.

The research teams will also visit Newcastle Pride (18th July), Leeds Pride (2nd August), Cornwall Pride (8th August) and Manchester Pride from 29th-31st August.

It is envisaged that this research will shape the future provision of drug and alcohol services to ensure that they are inclusive of the needs of LGB people, as well as developing a national evidence database of drug and alcohol usage amongst LGB communities.

If you are lesbian, gay or bisexual and want your experiences of drug and alcohol use to help shape the future provision of services for LGB people; go to www.partofthepicture.co.uk and complete the survey.

I WANT A GAY BEST FRIEND

OVER ONE IN FOUR STRAIGHT MEN WOULD LIKE A GAY BEST FRIEND THEY COULD CALL ON IN TIMES OF CRISIS - JUST LIKE GORDON BROWN WITH PETER MANDELSON!



A new study by the online dating service gay-PARSHIP has revealed that no longer do straight women have a monopoly on the gay best friend -- as portrayed in Will & Grace, Sex and the City and Brothers and Sisters. Apparently straight men want one too! Famous straight/gay pairings include David Walliams and Matt Lucas, and Justin Lee Collins and Alan Carr - but now it looks like there now aren't enough gay men to go round! According to the survey of 1,300 British singles by gay-PARSHIP - the gay arm of Europe's largest premium online matchmaker - nearly a third of straight men (29%) said they'd like to expand their social network to include a platonic gay best friend: 25% would like a friendship with a gay man and 32% with a lesbian. At present just one in ten straight men can count a gay man or woman as a good friend, with less than one in 100 claiming more than two close gay friends. Straight women, with an average of 4.7 good friends, are twice more likely to have a gay best friend than men; one in five women (22%) include a gay man in their inner circle while 12% have friends who are lesbians.

www.gay-PARSHIP.co.uk



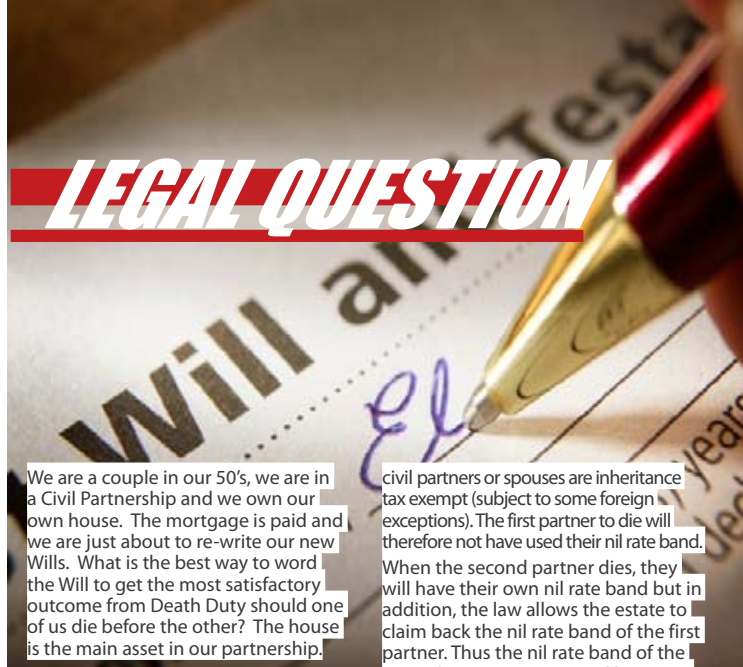
HOLIDAY SEX!

WHETHER IT IS RIDING A MOPED IN FLIP FLOPS AND A THONG OR DRINKING VODKA FOR BREAKFAST, THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT BEING ABROAD THAT MAKES US HANG UP OUR HANG UPS AND GO FOR IT! THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WHEN IT COMES TO A HOLIDAY ROMANCE. THE NORMAL RESERVATIONS ABOUT WHO WE FANCY SEEM TO DISAPPEAR AT THE DEPARTURE GATE AND ALL TOO OFTEN THE BOY WE ORDINARILY WOULDN'T LOOK TWICE AT BECOMES PART OF THE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE.

Does this sound familiar? Well before the memory of a night of sangria-fuelled passion is put in the file marked 'experience', it is worth remembering that an estimated 10% of the British population under 25 carries a sexually transmitted infection (STI) so if you have unprotected sex, there is every chance that you will wake up with a medical condition rather more serious than just a crashing hangover. And here's the worst bit - you often don't know if you have been unlucky as many STI's don't have any symptoms! No-one is thrilled by a trip to the doctor and returning to work after your summer

holidays means that time off can be difficult. Fortunately the advent of online services such as www.theSTIClinic.com means that you can be tested and treated remotely, at your convenience.

Online clinics work on the basis of 'Request, Receive, Respond, Relax.' Visitors to the site can be tested for between one and seven specific infections, including Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea and Herpes. They register to receive a test kit, based on giving a urine sample, which you complete and post back to the clinic. The results are given out in a couple of working days.



LEGAL QUESTION

We are a couple in our 50's, we are in a Civil Partnership and we own our own house. The mortgage is paid and we are just about to re-write our new Wills. What is the best way to word the Will to get the most satisfactory outcome from Death Duty should one of us die before the other? The house is the main asset in our partnership.

Says Karen Witter, associate at Davis Blank Furniss:

Whether inheritance tax is payable or not usually depends on the value of the estate left behind by the person who has died. Every person is allowed to leave a set amount on death without tax being payable, this is called the 'nil rate band'. The nil rate band for 2009/2010 is £325,000. Any gifts you have made in the last seven years before your death (over and above £3,000 per year) will also be put towards the nil rate band however.

Assuming that you are going to leave your entire estates to each other and have not made any lifetime gifts, there will not be any inheritance tax payable on the first death as gifts between

civil partners or spouses are inheritance tax exempt (subject to some foreign exceptions). The first partner to die will therefore not have used their nil rate band. When the second partner dies, they will have their own nil rate band but in addition, the law allows the estate to claim back the nil rate band of the first partner. Thus the nil rate band of the second partner is increased by 100%.

On today's figures then, if your joint estate is worth £650,000 or less, no inheritance tax will be payable on either death.

If you do have additional assets, you could consider making small lifetime gifts of £3,000 per year or less to reduce the value of your estates, or speak to a specialist about other methods of lifetime tax planning.



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TATCHELL WINS CAMPAIGNER OF THE YEAR



Human rights campaigner Peter Tatchell, recently won Campaigner of the Year at the fourth Observer Ethical Awards. In his acceptance speech, Mr Tatchell paid tribute to "the many human rights campaigners worldwide who risk their lives and freedom, in countries like Russia, Iran, Zimbabwe, Iraq and China. It is an honour with work with and support them," he said.

Film star Colin Firth, one of the judges, presented Tatchell with his award.

Speaking after the event Mr Tatchell added:

"During the 1980s and 1990s I was often demonised by the popular press, lambasted by the political establishment and targeted for violent attack by neo-Nazis. Undeterred, I carried on campaigning. After more than 40 years of activism for gay rights and for other human rights causes, it is immensely gratifying to receive this accolade. My transition from public enemy number one to campaign award winner has been extraordinary."

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MY CULTURAL EXCHANGE

AS YOU KNOW I AM ALWAYS ON THE ROAD: SHOWS, PROMOTION AND MOVIE SHOOTS ARE ON MY SCHEDULE EVERY WEEK SO, I LIVE OUT OF A SUITCASE.



photos: www.staxus.com Carsten Schlink

You can imagine that I have some things in my suitcase perhaps a little different from your average traveller. This can become quite embarrassing at the airports when they open my luggage and find lots of porn DVDs, dildos, lube, bags of condoms etc. as well as my dozen creams and lotions for my body (but that is a different story) Well – I need this stuff.

It is always funny to stay in the official hotels of the clubs where we have the shows. That guarantees a house full of gays – and a catwalk already during the check-in, which continues in the Spa where you can see even more of the guys.

At breakfast the following morning it totally changes; everybody is wearing huge sunglasses and fighting a hangover. However, this is the time I like to listen to the conversations going on around me. Oh yes, we gays love to spread rumours and tittle-tattle... and often the guests slander the show and me. It is quite interesting what they talk about and I'm sure even our authors and movie directors of my label STAXUS would blush.

To make it clear, as well as my own language I speak English and a little bit German, so I can perfectly understand what people are saying about me when they are just inches away from my ears! And be sure, I am not that much interested in what you want to do with my cock, and indeed, any other different parts of my body. Well, at least I don't want to know while I am still having breakfast. Some people like to boast that they had some different kind of performance with me in their hotel rooms. They say that they fucked me there for hours etc.

It is amusing when my boyfriend overhears these stories especially when he is coming out of our hotel room where we have spent the night together (alone!).

I am only human so there is of course a lot of action in our hotel rooms after the shows but rarely with other guests – more within our own models. We dance half-naked the whole evening with cute boys, and then we do a soft-core show with kissing, touching etc. So it is no surprise that we are so horny after a performance that we definitely need to fuck afterwards in our hotel rooms.

Sometimes, when my boyfriend comes with us to the shows he has to serve my horny desires and please me during the night, which makes life nice and convenient but most times the action takes place between us models. We've developed a kind of 'After-Show-Fuck-Routine'. Often it's just a quickie – some oral, a short shag then back to your own room, followed by a relaxing shower and to bed. That's enough to release the constant sexual pressure.

Occasionally, there is also something going on with guests of the club, it's rare but much hornier. At all our shows there are always mega-cute and mega-horny guys. I like to pull some of these Twinks up on the stage for a strip (or even more). Sometimes they are shy and try to escape but I can be quite strong. Don't forget that I practiced professional kickboxing for many years. When you undress a cute stranger and mess around with him... you immediately get horny. The good thing about this is: you see what you get later on in your hotel room. So, I give him the hotel name and room number together with a time when he should arrive. In 95% of cases they come to my room afterwards (and of course they come in my room too) and it is always great fun. That's my way for international understanding and cultural exchange...

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FITLADS.NET HAS ALWAYS BEEN FULL OF THE, WELL... THE FITTEST LADS. AND NOW YOU CAN SEE THEM GETTING IT ON WITH EACH OTHER LIKE NEVER BEFORE, IN THIS FIRST EXCLUSIVE PRE-RELEASE ON FITLADS.TV.

This hot, hard-core porn was filmed in Manchester for Fitlads. Watch as eight hot, dirty trackie-clad, scally lads sniff, lick, suck, rim and fuck each other in four separate scenes, in this 90 minute lad-on-lad porn. The lads get up to all kinds of fun from kissing and jerking off to sex toys and foot fun, with plenty of oral, cum shots and facials too.

These truly fit, football loving, scally lads fuck each other hard over and over again in this first hard-core film from Fitlads.tv; with more dirty scally lad fun currently in production.

The Fitlads DVD is available now on the streaming video website www.fitlads.tv or at adult stores from mid-July.



TERRY GEORGE TELLIN' STORIES

TAKE THAT... IT'S JUST A PARTY

DID YOU SEE TAKE THAT ON JONATHAN ROSS THE OTHER WEEK? I HAVE TO SAY I'M A BIT OBSESSED BY THE BAND AND TUNE IN EVERY TIME THEY APPEAR ON THE BOX AND HAVE NEVER REALLY GOT OVER THAT INITIAL EXCITEMENT I FELT WHEN I WAS FIRST INTRODUCED TO THE LADS.

I originally met them back in 1989 when they made a pa at my monthly gay night in Leeds. They were young, fun, chatty, very nice and obliging... and I have to say... not a bit like most demanding pa's that appeared at the club. At the time they had no particular following and no recording contract... just a manager who believed in them and five lads who were prepared to work hard to achieve their dream. Since then I've met them on several occasions and every time it's like the first time. Not that they've forgotten who I am (cheeky) but that they always take time out to chat and actually enjoy meeting up with old friends. Over the years they must have met literally thousands and thousands of people, certainly a damn sight more

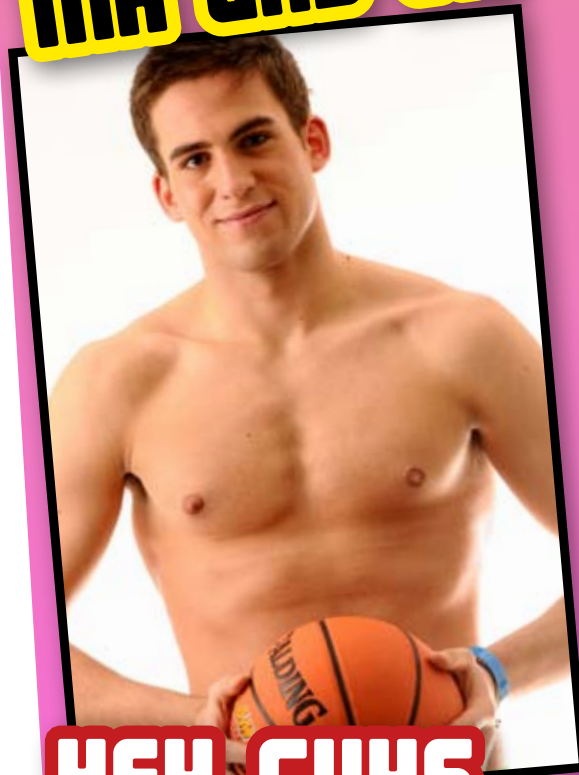
important than me, yet it's like meeting up with your best mates whenever we bump into each other. After their last big concert I was back stage taking photos of the lads relaxing (if you can after such a brilliant show) and they just posed and larked about as they have always done. You can't help but love the lads who, after everyone wrote them off, came back with a belter of a single (Patience) and have just gone on getting better. Hit after hit has followed and their standing in the pop field is just exceptional; note the success of Gary Barlow's ascent of Kilimanjaro for charity. It was said that as soon as Gary called the others to take part... they all almost killed themselves to be part of it... because it was Gary and his profile is just too hot to ignore. I think if he'd called me I might have taken part... although... I probably would have blagged a helicopter to take me to the snowy peak... but don't tell anyone.

I saw their last show and it was brilliant. I was left thinking that they could never top it for content and showmanship, and came away thinking that the only way for them to go now was... down. How wrong can a guy be? While some of those bands who reformed on the back of Take That's success have either disappeared or are playing to small crowds, the guys have come up with Circus... and a live show that simply surpasses everything else that has gone before.

Take That are once again a pop phenomena and for some reason I couldn't be happier. I'm off to see the Circus Live Tour (note the word 'live') soon and I can't wait...



MR GAY UK



HEY GUYS AND GALS!

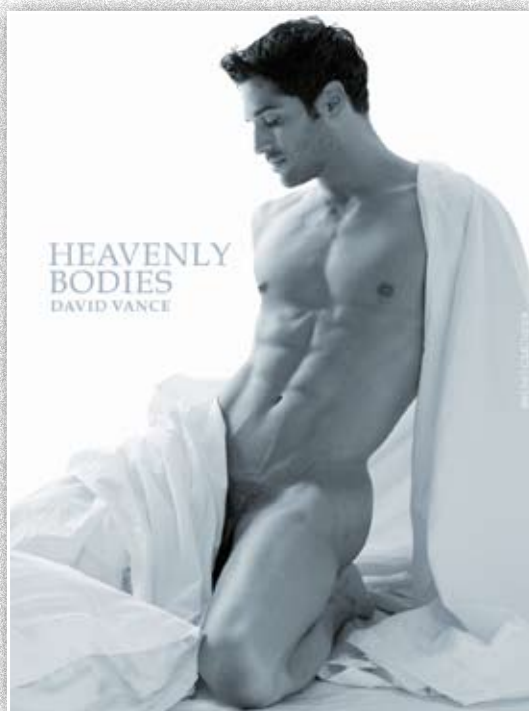
Hope everyone is enjoying summer! Can't believe we're already half way through another year - mental. This month has been especially insane for me! The wonderful Miss Britney Spears came to town so, of course, I was obliged to go and see her... twice! It was amazing! I'd describe it as Cirque du Soleil meets Houdini. However, it really pissed me off how there was so much uproar about the whole miming thing. Everyone knows Britney mimes. You don't go to see a Britney concert to hear her sing - you go to see her perform and she certainly lived up to my expectations (well almost all)! What an amazing show! I didn't sit down once! Although I can't help but feel she wasn't 100% there, something was missing, but still a fantastic performance. Bravo Britney - proud of you! I also turned 21 last week! So the party festivities were absolutely manic! First of all on my actual birthday one of my best friends; Scott took me, my closest mates and my boyfriend out to dinner in a bizarrely amazing restaurant called Abracadabra's. We ate at a revolving table enjoyed lovely food and drank champagne! Ace! Then I met up with loads more of my friends in Ku Bar and danced the night away. It's safe to say I did not feel too pretty the next day! Then on the weekend all my best mates in Wales took me to a surprise location!!! They hired out an entire play area for the whole night! We ran riot in this enormous warehouse all night and played Quasar like a million times - best birthday I could have ever asked for! Thank you to two of my best friends in the world - Gav and Lou for organising it all - Love you slags so much! As well as all that great stuff my wonderful boyfriend took me to Stratford upon Avon! It was great! We chilled out, rowed a boat on the river and went to see a fantastic performance of Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' by the RSC (Royal Shakespeare Company). It was brilliant! Go see it! Right guys... tomorrow I'm heading to Manchester then to Tenerife for a week with my Mr Gay UK holiday (thanks guys!) so better get some shut eye! Much love!

Adios Amigos

Dino

Calling All Book Geeks!

Our very own self confessed Gay Book Geek Simon Savidge is on the hunt for the Great Gay Reads of All Time. He needs your recommendations and input. You can go to <http://greatgayreads.blogspot.com> to see his journey through the highs and lows of gay writing. To email him with suggestions of your favourite gay reads drop him a line at greatgayreads@googlemail.com

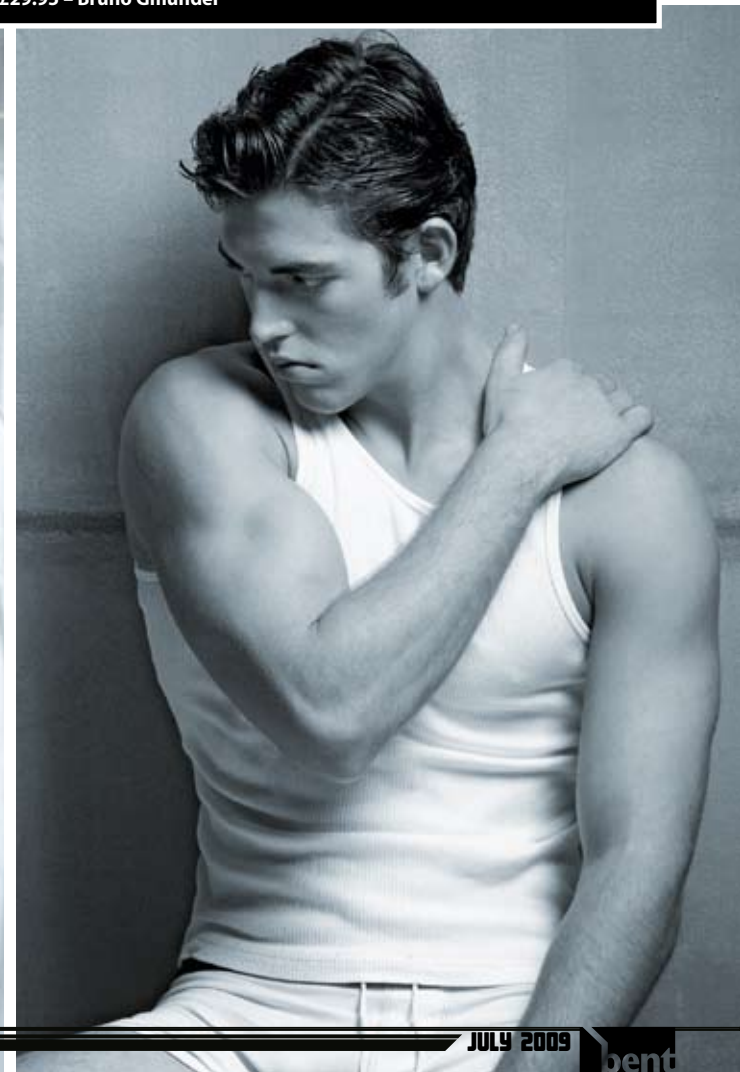


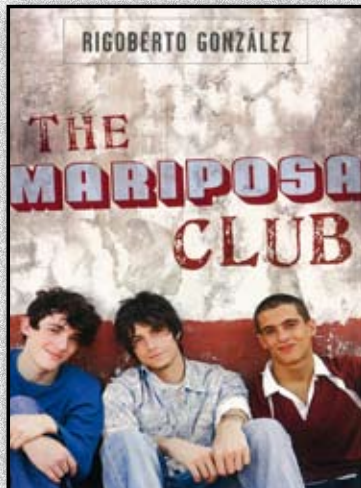
△ **HEAVENLY BODIES**

By David Vance

The pictures of Vance stand in the tradition of the demigods from Greek mythology as well as the paintings of Michelangelo. They show models, whose beauty is so sublime that the man himself appears to be a piece of art, breathtaking and immaculate. Athletic like Adonis – with a skin of alabaster. And in addition those heavenly guys are equipped with a pretty earthly sex appeal. Vance knows how to combine sex and beauty like no one else. He stokes the viewer's desire and yet he still touches his mind.

£29.95 – Bruno Gmunder



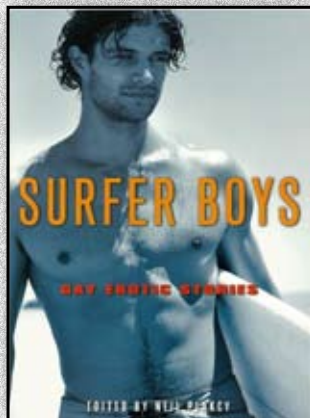


THE MARIPOSA CLUB

By Rigoberto Gonzalez

Already accustomed to the hardships that arise from being openly gay in high school (not to mention their home lives), the four boys can't imagine what they will be faced with when they set out to create Caliente Valley High School's first GLBTQ club, The Mariposa Club. Once set up, little do they know that when the school is rocked by a tragic homophobic incident, the entire school will turn to the club as a symbol of their grief and fear.

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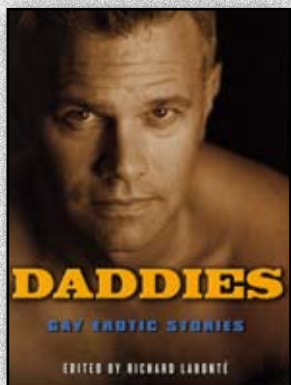
SURFER BOYS

Edited by Neil Plakcy

Their taut, tanned bodies glistening with water and their hair damp from adip in the ocean, these boys are like sex on surfboards - fast, sleek and oh so hot!

The 219 stories follow the adventures of these beach boys from Cape Cod to Japan to Hawaii as they ride the waves... and other things... for pleasure.

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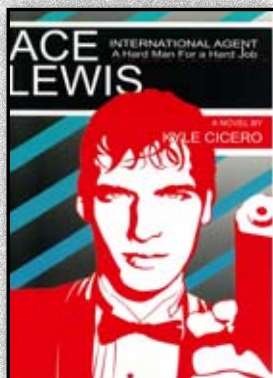


DADDIES

Edited by Richard Labonte

A unique collection of erotic stories revealing the sexual and emotional bonds between older and younger men; from twinkies hankering for silver foxes to men with the meat of years on the bones mentoring spunky lads just coming out. The stories range from the sexual playful to hardcore s/m, role playing and extreme kink.

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ACE LEWIS, INTERNATIONAL AGENT

By Kyle Cicero

If a mission needs a hard man, Ace is the one the government summon. An engagingly seductive lothario he always gets the job done while getting the man as well. Can Ace foil the wily schemes of a new arch enemy... or could this top man in his field suddenly learn how it feels to fall victim to a contest of macho wills?

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THE WOLF CHRONICLES II

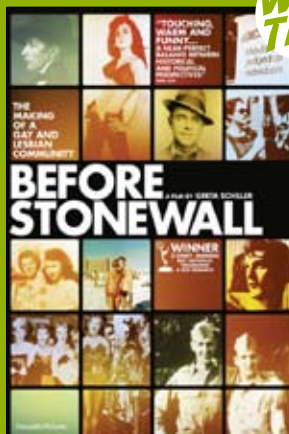
By Alan Weyant

The eagerly anticipated sequel to the saga of Eric, the tall blonde German master and Wolf, his long-haired American/Latino slave boy. The story follows Eric's long term training of his slave through painful and sadistic tortures, and Wolf's attempts to endure his master's trials, even as the bonds of mutual respect and love between the two grow stronger.

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COMPETITION TIME

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BEFORE STONEWALL

This multiple Emmy award winning documentary pries open the closet door, setting free the dramatic stories of gay communities of eras past. Revealing and often humorous, the award winning Before Stonewall exposes the fascinating and unforgettable decade-by-decade history of homosexuality in America, from 1920's Harlem through to World War II and the witch-hunt trials of the McCarthy era, before winding up at the Stonewall Inn one summer night in 1969.

Out Now - £14.99 - Peccadillo Pictures

To be in with a chance to win a copy of this historic DVD just answer this simple question.

In which US city was the Stonewall bar?



DREAM BOY

In the stifling heat of the Louisiana bayou, two young boys struggle to come to terms with their burgeoning sexual identities. Shy Nathan is new in town, moving in next door to straight-talking classmate Roy. Before long, the pair strike up a close bond that eventually evolves into a passionate relationship. Try as they might, the boys are unable to keep their love for one another a secret from those around them. As tensions escalate, Nathan confronts the demons of his past, while Roy must make the ultimate sacrifice.

Out: 6th July - £14.99 - Peccadillo Pictures

To be in with a chance to win a copy of this fantastic DVD just answer this simple question.

Which city in Louisiana is famous for its annual Mardi Gras?



MARLENE DIETRICH

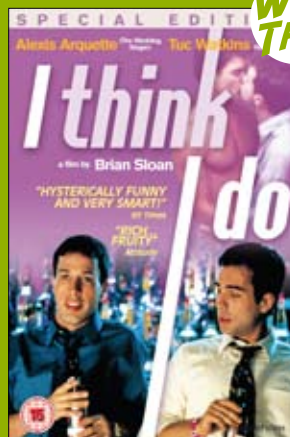
This is not your standard movie star documentary. It is a mystery story, a discourse on truth and fiction, a battle with a sacred monster, a caustic comedy of errors, and the story of the making of what could have been a disastrous film, all rolled into one.

What quickly becomes apparent is that the friction between director and star is not the film's liability but its saving grace, rescuing it from conventionality and turning it into a unique and richly entertaining record of an encounter with a real-life legend.

Out: 20th July - £15.99 - Park Circus

To be in with a chance to win a copy of this entertaining DVD, just answer this simple question.

What is the capital of Germany?



I THINK I DO - SPECIAL EDITION

Alexis Arquette stars as Bob in a screwball ensemble comedy where being heterosexual is not as straightforward as it seems! A group of college pals re-unite at a wedding with disastrous results - Will Sarah bed the hunky Brendan? Is Brendan secretly longing for Bob? Or will Bob marry Sterling, and get his hoped-for themed wedding? Can Carol ditch the Prozac? Does Beth give a damn? The off-the-wall who-will-marry-who antics of 'The Philadelphia Story' are given a gay update in this charming Hollywood classic.

Out: 6th July - £14.99 - Peccadillo Pictures

To be in with a chance to win a copy of this fantastic DVD just answer this simple question.

What's the name of Alexis Arquette's famous older sister?

10 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT SACHA BARON COHEN

- 1 His full name is Sacha Noam Baron Cohen.
- 2 Studied history at Christ's College, Cambridge.
- 3 Appears on talk shows in character; he has rarely appeared as his real self.
- 4 His cousin, Simon Baron-Cohen, is a preeminent psychologist who became famous for his theory that autism is caused by an extreme male brain.
- 5 Went to Haberdashers' Aske's School for Boys in Hertfordshire, the same school as broadcaster Alan Whicker, Little Britain star Matt Lucas, comedian David Baddiel, and former Formula 1 champion Damon Hill.
- 6 For Borat, Sacha takes about 6 weeks to grow body, head, and facial hair. For Ali G., the facial hair takes about 4 weeks to grow. When preparing for Brüno, he shaves all of his hair (including body hair), and works out and cleans his body vigorously.
- 7 Brother of Erran Baron Cohen, a member of the British electronica world-music group Zöhar.
- 8 He considers Peter Sellers to be his greatest influence.
- 9 He is good friends with professional wrestler John Cena and is a lifelong fan of professional wrestling.
- 10 Daughter, Olive Cohen, born 17 October 2007. Mother is fiancée, actress Isla Fisher who used to be on Home and Away and recently Confessions of a Shopaholic.



▲ RUDO & CURSI

Out: 26th June

The best feel-good film since Slumdog Millionaire. Latino hotties Beto (Diego Luna) and Tato (Gael García Bernal) Verduco are competitive brothers who work at a banana plantation. They have a change in luck when a soccer talent scout discovers them accidentally and they become football stars. However, at the peak of their glory, their dream seems to slip through their fingers. And it is at their worst moment that the brothers find forgiveness trying to help each other. Funny, sweet, charming film that is a must-see.

▲ ICE AGE 3: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS

Out: 1st July

After the events of Ice Age: The Meltdown, life begins to change for Manny and his friends: Scrat is still on the hunt to hold onto his beloved acorn, while finding a possible romance in a female sabre-toothed squirrel named Scratte. Manny and Ellie are expecting a baby. Sid begins to wish for a family of his own, and so steals some dinosaur eggs, which leads to Sid ending up in a strange underground world where his herd must rescue him, while dodging dinosaurs and facing danger left and right. This is actually more entertaining than the first two Ice Age flicks. Filmed in glorious 3D, which is all the rage this year.



▲ PUBLIC ENEMIES

Out: 1st July

In the action-thriller *Public Enemies*, acclaimed filmmaker Michael Mann directs Johnny Depp, Christian Bale, and Academy Award winner Marion Cotillard in the incredible and true story of legendary Depression-era bank robber John Dillinger (Depp). The charismatic bank robber, whose lightning raids made him the number one target of J. Edgar Hoover's fledgling FBI and its top agent, Melvin Purvis (Bale), and a folk hero to much of the downtrodden public. His charm and audacious jailbreaks endeared him to almost everyone. Depp and Bale, the most bankable hunks in Hollywood, together! Awesome.

FILM BUZZ

Remakes of 80s' films are the new sequel. New productions are planned for *Flight of the Navigator* and *The Neverending Story*. We also have *Conan*, *Cliffhanger*, *Videodrome*, *The Mechanic*, *Drop Dead Fred*, *Arthur* and *The Karate Kid* to look forward to... plus don't forget the remake of *Footloose*.

As for sequels, Courteney Cox Arquette and David Arquette have been approached to return to the *Scream* franchise by writer/creator Kevin Williamson who has been working on a whole new trilogy that will bring back many of the characters from the original franchise.

It's official. Andy Serkis, Ian McKellen and Hugo Weaving are coming back to reprise their Lord of the Rings roles as Gollum, Gandalf and Elrond respectively in the upcoming *Hobbit* prequels.

Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway who last enjoyed the company of one another on the Oscar-winning feature *Brokeback Mountain* will team up once again, this time for *Love and Other Drugs* for director Ed Zwick (*The Last Samurai*) based on nonfiction book *Hard Sell: The Evolution of a Viagra Salesman*.

Meanwhile, Hathaway will next be seen in Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland* in March 2010, followed by the ensemble rom-com *Valentine's Day* and is also expected to begin filming *Get Smart 2* soon.

Gyllenhaal is also a busy boy with *Brothers*, the award season contender from Jim Sheridan and co-starring Tobey Maguire and Natalie Portman, finally finding a release date of 4th December, as well as his top-lining role in *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time* set for a May, 2010 release.



▲ COCO BEFORE CHANEL

Out: 31st July

Audrey Tautou (Amelie) plays the legendary Coco Chanel in an enthralling exploration of her early life before she rose to worldwide fame as the most celebrated fashion designer of the 20th Century. We meet the young Gabrielle Chanel, illegitimate daughter of a travelling salesman, who learns to sew in a Catholic orphanage before following her singing ambitions lead her to a cabaret club. It is here where Chanel earns the nickname Coco and also where she catches the eye of several high society gentlemen who would ignite her passion and become instrumental in the development of her remarkable career.



▲ HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE

Out: 15th July

Harry Potter's sixth year at Hogwarts turns out to be just as exciting as every year before. He obtains a book of potions, which used to belong to the very mysterious Half-Blood Prince, and finds ancient scribbles are written along the margins of almost every page. Meanwhile, the obvious darkness of Voldemort's impending rise to power is always apparent. The incredible action-packed climax is sure to leave you stunned.



▲ THE PRIVATE LIVES OF PIPPA LEE

Out: 10th July

Brilliantly crafted and intelligent drama with humorous touches much like *Juno & Little Miss Sunshine* had. At fifty, Pippa Lee (Robin Wright Penn) positively glows with female serenity, the devoted wife of a brilliant publisher thirty years her senior, proud mother of successful twins and a lovely and adored friend and neighbor. But, when her husband spontaneously decides that they should leave New York for a retirement home as a "pre-emptive strike against decrepitude," and has an affair, Pippa finds her beatific persona unraveling in alarming ways. Pippa embarks on a bittersweet journey of self-discovery with help from a strange and soulful acquaintance played by Keanu Reeves.

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TO EAT, BOOZE 'N CRUISE

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Getting Around

Many important buildings are located in Paris' suburbs, including the Stade de France, but the city's trains, buses and trams, as well as the availability of taxis, makes travel easy if not always quick.

The Place de la Bastille is within walking distance of Notre Dame cathedral and Le Marais, which is the trendy Right Bank district where many of the city's gay locals can be found. Museums, creperies, restaurants and parks are all nearby, as are shops and the Palais du Justice.

The Champs-Élysées sports many of the big shopping names and is also the place to check out Claridge's and some fine restaurants. The Champs-Élysées also connects the Concorde with the Napoleonic Arc de Triomphe.

Avenue Montaigne, next to the Champs-Élysées, is the place to be for luxury fashion: Louis Vuitton, Givenchy, Dior and Chanel.

Near Place de la Concorde, at the other end of the Champs-Élysées, are the Hotel de Crillon, Hotel Ritz and Hotel de Vendôme, as well as famous jewellery and fashion labels such as Cartier.

Montmartre is full of swanky cafes and art galleries, and the Avenue de l'Opéra has the capital's biggest concentration of department stores. Here can be found the Galleries Lafayette grands magasins and most of the major banks. The area is worth a visit just for the opulent Napoleonic architecture alone.

Finally, Ab Fab fans should visit Faubourg Saint-Homère, Paris' aute-couture district, to check out Christian Lacroix and Hermès.

Thing to do

Paris offers lots to do, which can be a problem for short weekend breaks. However, hopping on one of the tour buses is an easy option. Tickets cost about 20€ and are valid for two days. It means you don't have to rely on public transport, as the buses go from Notre Dame, next to gay-hub Le Marais, to the Champs-Élysées, to the Eiffel Tower, and back. You can hop on and off at whim and if you plug your headphones in, they even give you all the history bits too!

For romantics, head to Café Anthracite. This recently opened, gay-owned venture is a stylish cafe-bar secreted away from the main drag of gay bars in Le Marais. The menu is a sophisticated blend of elegant, classic French cuisine and lavishly prepared contemporary dishes. Start with pink Veuve Clicquot for a warm-up, then try the foie gras as a decadent and flavoursome starter, perhaps accompanied with some delicious licquorice wine. The steaks are all melt-in-the-mouth delicacies suitable for the main course, and the waiter can recommend a perfect red wine to accompany the dish.

Desserts are varied, although the chocolate cake with molten chocolate centre was a delicious conclusion to a filling meal.

Accommodation

Apartment Paris (www.myapartmentparis.com) offers a range of high-class apartments located in leafy corners, bustling café quarters and sophisticated shopping locales—indeed, any number of surprising locations to fit your requirements. We recommend picking somewhere close to Le Marais, in one of the gorgeous old stone townhouses in the area. Premises are secluded and accessible, and always decorated to the best in modern standards, from rustic stone floors and cast-iron baths to studio-style apartments with pastel palettes and airy rooms.

Travel

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Yet it is only with legality in recent decades that a visible gay quarter has emerged: around St James Street and Old Steine, stretching along the front from the Palace Pier into the area called Kemptown, or "Camptown" as now truly is.

The Bulldog Tavern (31 St James Street; T: 01273 684 097), on St James Street itself, is the oldest gay venue in town still functioning. An ex-morgue, it's used to stiffs of all kinds and is rightly renowned for being a community hub. The Marine Tavern (13 Broad St; T: 01273 681 284), just off on Broad Street, joins a crowd of other traditional Kemptown bars that generally cater for the older crowd.

Or try the all-in-one Amsterdam (11-12 Marine Parade; T: 01273 688825) on the seafront - a hotel-bar-sauna multiplex which pulls in travellers from afar who strangely fancy everything under one roof. To rev up, the Queen's Arms (7 George Street; T: 01273 696 873) - over on George

Street across St James' - is still one of the campest pubs in town with regular drag acts and karaoke, for a drunken cheery crowd.

R-Bar (7 Marine Parade; T: 01273 608 133) ups the style stakes with unbeatable views of pier and sea. Almost next door, Charles Street (8 Marine Parade; T: 01273 624 091) - something like the Soho Rupert Street Bar but bigger - is the real style-meister hereabouts, with room for 500, many of whom you'll find queuing at the long bar, if not busy making a big entrance or exit down the illuminated ramp. Also pop into Vavoom (31 Old Steine; T: 01273 603010) round the corner.

There are several main devotedly-gay clubs in Brighton, each offering varied nightly flavours to suit most tastes. Legends (31-34 Marine Parade; T: 01273 624462) is a vast multi-million-pound-refurbished bar-club-hotel-combo-complex, right on Brighton's seafront. Revenge (32 Old Steine; www.revenge.co.uk) is just about the biggest club in the south of England outside London - not that we want to compare ourselves with that place do we boys? - playing to a young, mainstream crowd across multi-floors, vying with a host of regular rival nights - not least Popstarz (@ Ghetto, 129 St James's Street; www.popstarz.org), every Friday, from 9.30pm, and the massive Wild Fruit (@ Tru, West Street; www.wildfruit.co.uk).

If you still need to let off steam - or get restless after Sunday lunch - The Denmark (86 Denmark Villas, Hove; 01273 723 733) near Hove train station is a buzzing "male health" complex in town.

On a sunny day West Beach between the two piers is the obvious place to bare nearly all. But more fun by far is the official, male-dominated nudist beach about a ten minute jaunt along the front towards the marina. And just back from said beach are the infamous Duke's Mound bushes. As ever, beware.

Uniquely cosmopolitan amongst British seaside resorts, Brighton is a kind of mini London-on-sea, with none of your Blackpool tat! And - amidst a quintessentially English backdrop of mile upon mile of aquapastel promenade paint and a ghostly, burnt-out West Pier moored offshore against the blinding sun - G-A-Y truly runs through its soul as through a sticky pink six inch stick of candy rock.

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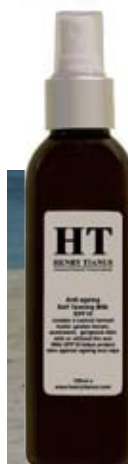
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FACT OR MYTH

WORKING IN THE FITNESS INDUSTRY AND BEING A PERSONAL TRAINER FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, I'VE BEEN ASKED EVERY QUESTION YOU CAN POSSIBLY THINK OF. MOST OF THESE QUESTIONS ARE THE RESULTS OF "FITNESS MYTHS" PEOPLE HAVE HEARD OR BOUGHT INTO, AND MANY OF THESE MYTHS ARE CAUSING YOU TO TRAIN INEFFECTIVELY AND ARE ROBBING YOU OF VALUABLE RESULTS.

So instead of beating your head against a wall trying to tone up and slim down, let's tackle some of those common myths together so you can achieve the body you desire.

***Myth: I want to lose fat and gain muscle, so I'll just do cardio to lose fat and once I've lost my fat I'll do weight lifting.**

Truth: That's good you started to exercise but there is a much more effective way to do it. When you just do cardio your body does lose fat but is also burns muscle. When you start losing muscle your metabolism slows down making fat loss even harder.

Try this. You can focus more on cardio but still include at least two to three 30 to 45-minute weight training sessions per week. I recommend circuit training or using a lot of super sets—that way you can work more muscle in less time and keep your heart rate up. Then after a few months, once you've lost your desired amount of fat without losing any muscle, you can shift to more weight training and less cardio. It's that simple.

***Myth: Machines are for toning and free weights are for building muscle mass.**

Truth: You can build muscle mass and tone with both free weights and machines. The difference is that free weights generally produce faster results because they are more natural and therefore recruit more muscle fibres. Whether you build muscle or just "tone" has more to do with nutrition and the workout program you are on.

***Myth: To build muscle mass, increase the weight.**

Truth: Heavy lifting will produce faster strength gains but for most people it will not mean more muscle. Studies, and even personal experience, have shown that a medium rep range, between eight to 12 reps, produces the greatest gains in muscle size for most people. This has a lot to do with the different energy sources your body uses and the different muscle fibre types. Since variety is the key to training you should still do high reps, 13-25 reps, and heavy reps, two to seven reps, but about 50 percent of your training should be in the medium rep range.

***Myth: Do leg raises to work the lower abs and crunches to work the upper abs.**

Truth: The problem is most people don't know what/where the lower and upper abs are. The so-called "upper abs" are over the rib cage and the "lower abs" are what make a six-pack (they start around your sternum and go down to your pelvis area). Yes, your six-pack is one muscle. If you don't believe me try flexing just the upper part without flexing the lower part. You can't because they are connected.

Most good abdominal exercises work both the lower and upper abs. Obviously when you raise your legs compared to your body it works then from a different angle, but it still works them.

***Myth: You have to do "cardio" at a fat burn heart rate (HR) to most effectively lose fat.**

Truth: You're burning fat right now as you read this, just not

that much. As long as your body is using oxygen, you're burning fat to some degree, and as long as you're alive you're using oxygen. It's true that when you are in a "fat loss HR" (generally 65 percent of your maximum heart rate), you burn a greater percentage of fat compared to sugar (carbs). But at a higher heart rate—80 percent—you burn more calories overall, plus you've increased your metabolism to high levels so your body will burn more calories over the next several hours.

What's a person to do? When in doubt, do both, at least when it comes to cardio. Interval training is a form of cardio where you go at a higher HR for a period of time then you slow down and go at the lower HR for a period of time. You can switch back and forth as much as you'd like. Whichever of the three you choose to do from day to day just be sure to do it consistently and you will see fat loss progress.

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Sarah Booth 17 who participated in her first Leeds Pride last year said, 'I really can't wait for August 2nd, last years parade was the most exciting day of my life, I've never felt so confident and comfortable being a young Lesbian as I did that day, its been a boost for me throughout the year' Liat Ali - Parade co-ordinator, said, 'We've decided to keep the same route for the parade because, its highly visible, which is really important, in fact we have notice that more and more people have come to town specially to watch the parade! The route is also quite gentle so lots of people can take part, if you need assistance over part or the entire route there is an accessible minibus; just let us know before hand.

The parade takes crowds through the city centre, down to the Calls and Lower Briggate area, when it's time for the Gay venues to take over the task of entertaining the 1000's of revellers till the early hours. Mark Thomson, from Yorkshire MESMAC explained, 'We are currently working extremely closely with Leeds City Council to ensure that this years Pride can safely accommodate the increase in numbers expected on the 2nd of August, but also with the added attractions of an outdoor market, street performances, arts-fair, fun fair and youth focus area.' Adding to the alfresco fun the scene venues including; The Viaduct, Queens Court, Fibre and Blayd's will be adding their own unique flavour and style.

The fun carries on indoors with a whole host of talent gracing the scene venues such as The Bridge and the New Penny throughout the day. You can visit our website from mid July to see a list of acts appearing on the main-stage and in the venues across the city. If you want to get into the spirit of Leeds Pride before August the 2nd and have a memento of the day make your way down to Nice and Naughty on Lower Briggate who are the sole distributors of Leeds Pride official T - Shirts.

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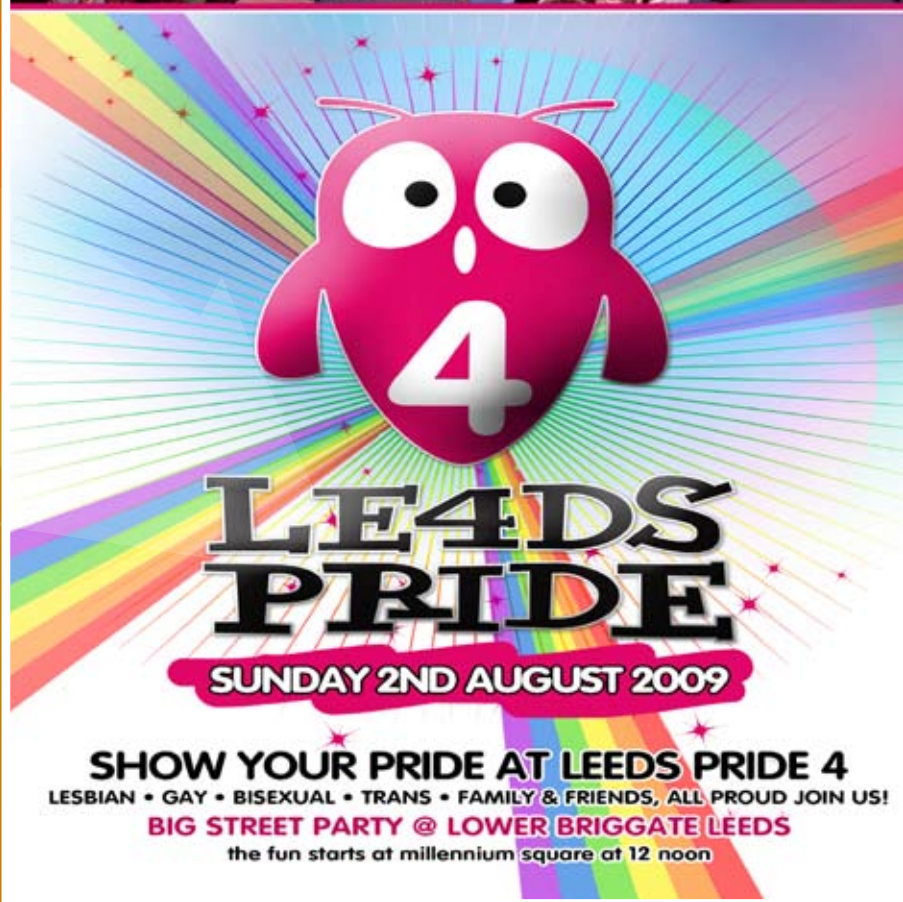
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Homo @ Mission, Leeds' longest running and most popular gay night, is set for a revamp this month. Scene superstar and former face of Vivienne Westwood, Lady Lloyd, will become a regular, joining resident Carla Jackson on the decks with a monthly slot, making her debut at the club on Monday 6th July.

Since launching a few years ago, Homo has become a firm favourite amongst Leeds' coolest club kids and one of the busiest and biggest gay events on the city's scene. This latest refurb will allow the night to keep pace with changing trends and fashions, ensuring it stays an unmissable feature in the clubbing diary of every Yorkshire gay boy and girl.

On the first Monday of each month, Lady Lloyd will take over, with Homo Supercharged, a one-off extra special night, pushing the boundaries of clubbing in the North by bringing up some of the glamour and decadence of the Capital's party circuit.

Local Drag legend Carla Jackson will be on the decks throughout the rest of the month, joined by a host of dancers and nearly naked muscle-bound shot boys. Each night will include big brand sponsors giving out freebies as well the best in bubblegum pop, commercial house and club classics.

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Taking place after the Lower Briggate street party, the clubbing will last right until the early hours of the morning with dirt cheap drink prices of just £2 fuelling the fun.

4Play will bring together the very best in clubbing, showcasing the DJing talents of each venue. Their top mix masters will play across Mission's huge arenas whilst Back Door Disco shot boys, Homo dancers and the drag stars from Blasphemy and Viaduct will be making sure the crowd is in full party mode.

Because it's Pride, the door tax will be a rock bottom £3 before Midnight and £5 thereafter.

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For more information search "4Play" in Facebook.





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BACK DOOR

The newest face on the Leeds party circuit, Back Door Disco, is fast becoming Yorkshire's number one gay clubbing destination after a hugely successful launch has seen it labelled as the city's scene's biggest night out.

Drawing huge crowds from the surrounding areas, especially Sheffield and Manchester, is just one of the reasons that's kept the night as a diary definite for the most sophisticated club kids in the region. This, plus, a set of unparalleled features - including free shots, cheap drinks, dancers and circus style entertainment - make each event stand in sharp contrast with the rest of the Northern scene.

This month sees the unveiling of a brand new DJ line up. Phillip James and Speed Queen veteran, Bdubs, will be joining forces to keep the party going and dance floor filled until the early hours of the morning. Both will be on the decks playing an irresistible blend of modern-to-the-minute pop with commercial house, dance and top of the chart remixes.

Each event is held at a hidden venue next door to Mission off Lower Briggate. This ultra chic clubbing space features two floors, two rooms, a decadent wall to wall barn and includes the high Mission main arena, which has a massive 600 person capacity.

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Thursdays "Pink Pounder" in association with UPOP goes from strength to strength and is now the only place to be seen every Thursday night with drinks from just £1 and the perfect party atmosphere Fridays are "Flashback" in the loft with FREE entry all night from 10.30pm drinks offers and the best in Pop Cheez N Dance all rolled in to one till Late!!

Saturdays have seen the launch of "Queer" with Dj Amanda with free entry B4 11pm this night has now been seen as one of the destination spots every Saturday with drinks starting at £2.50.

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WAKEFIELD

new union

The plans are all in place for the 5th Wakefield Pride. Sunday 9th August sees The New Union host 14 hours of FREE entertainment. This year, Eurovision Star Nicki French headlines an action packed stage line up which includes, The Champagne Show Girls, Back 2 The Future, The Diamond Diva's, The Moot, Siobhan Phillips and many more. The Outrageous Miss Blanche will be joining the Infamous MarkyMark to host and comper, adding a little glamour to the proceedings. This year's event is raising money for Yorkshire Mesmac.



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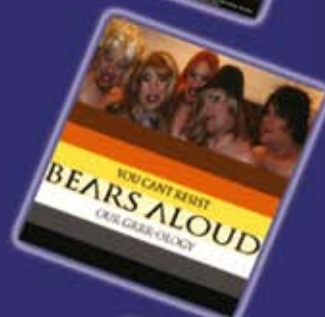
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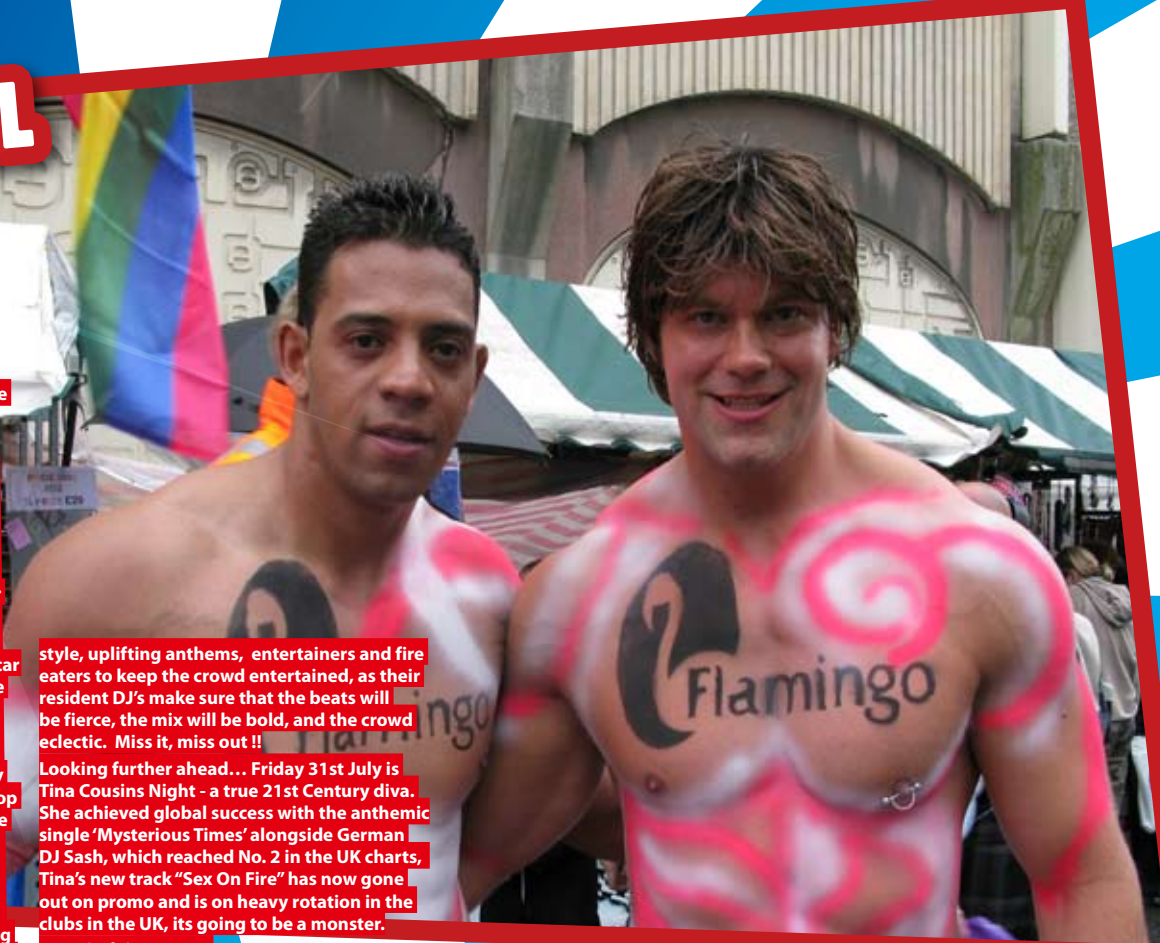
The crazy diva Lonnie Gordon makes a welcome return for an American Theme Weekend with a live appearance at Flamingo on Friday 3rd July. For nearly two decades Lonnie has graced the dance charts with such worldwide number hits as 'Happening All Over Again', 'Gonna Catch You', 'Bad Mood', 'No Regrets' and 'Love Eviction' to name but a few. The Wideboys have given her monster hit 'Gonna Catch You' a makeover and the track is set for imminent release.

Fresh from the huge success of her massive pop smashes, Swedish superstar September returns triumphantly to the summer airwaves with the sure-fire hit 'Until I Die'. She became an instant pop phenomenon last year when she hit #5 on the official charts with the huge 'Cry For You', spending eight weeks in the Top 10 and over 4 months in the Top 40. The Swedish pop princess performs live on stage at Flamingo on Friday 17th July. Federation returns to the Flamingo on Saturday 18th July, and every third Saturday on the month. Expect nothing less than an astounding night filled with

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Jackie Crozier, festival manager of Manchester Pride, said: "Last year's 18th birthday celebrations were really amazing. We raised £105,000 for charity and to be recognised by the tourism industry here in Manchester is the icing on the cake. Of course, it would not have been possible without the support of our amazing volunteers and all those people that bought a ticket for the Big Weekend or went to support one of the ten-day events." Meanwhile the organisers are seeking entertainers to contribute to the carnival atmosphere over the August Bank Holiday Weekend. Manchester Pride is encouraging entertainers from all walks of life; individuals, groups and communities, to support the festival's Big Weekend in the Village Hall on Bloom Street.

For further details, or to send your ideas across, please contact Elizabeth Parikh at elizabeth.parikh@manchesterpride.com Manchester Pride 2009 will take place between Friday 21st and Monday 31st August.

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Dumbo to King Porno

Mark Moorecock

Ever since I was at school seeing my mates wearing their little tight Speedos at swimming, their snug white revealing shorts in soccer and naked when we met up in the shower afterwards, their sexy bodies have always made me embarrassed because of my reaction. My bulging pants never quite concealing what I was really thinking and those lads, in various stages of undress, pointing and laughing at my humiliation. I just had to be near another lad and my cock sprung to attention, then getting my pants or shorts on meant that I had a major obstacle to overcome. These days most guys can't believe it was a problem but, as a kid, my huge cock was a constant source of awkwardness. I was a freak of nature... gifted... but a freak nonetheless and how they made me feel each and every put down. It was an all-boys school, (which suited me fine as, even as a kid, I never had any real interest in girls) but it was there I got the nickname 'Dumbo', and it wasn't for being stupid. I never thought that they were jealous, just bloody hurtful when they picked on me because I was different. My cock had been bigger than most boys from a very early age because I remember, on one medical I had as a 9 year-old, that the nurse had been shocked and commented on how I was, "...going to make some woman very... verrrrrry happy." I had no idea what she was going on about and my school mates certainly didn't see it that way. At school 'Dumbo' was a freak and had to be kept in his place but there was no escape. We had to do sport and the showers were obligatory, so there was no avoiding their prying eyes, constant mickey taking and vicious put downs. I wasn't a big lad in other departments so I was quite easy to bully and often my clothes would be hidden or thrown out of the changing room, so I had to walk around naked, sporting a stiff dick, trying to find something to cover my embarrassment. I hated it. Now, as a young adult, I've grown in height and body mass and I've turned my disfigurement to my advantage. I still have that instant reflex, when my cock springs to attention when a guy is within 100 yards of me, but as a gay porn star it is a positive boon and means that I am in great demand. Thankfully, my confidence is as big as my dick and I'm proud of what I do. Working

almost naked all day is a real turn on and my co-stars appreciate the fact that when they play opposite me they get the full works... over and over again. I've developed delaying techniques and I like to wear out my fellow actors and make them know they've earned their fee. The film makers appreciate my gift and judging by the company's profits from recent sales, the market can't get enough of my obvious charms. The last DVD being a universal 'best seller' and my blond little co-star... well... he's now addicted to getting my cock up his (not so) tight arse every night when I get home. I love my job, the almost daily opportunities I get to shaft a young guy's tight little pussy. The moans and groans of both pain and pleasure and the sight of my thick veiny cock pushing up into that tight and restricting crevice, makes life just perfect. I smile when the guys scream they can't take it and try and push me away... because I know that they can and once it's in their sexy little butts, I teach them how to enjoy it. It makes for some really horny and realistic situations and I think that's why the DVDs sell so well. For some it's a 'hard' way to get into the business but once I've had them... they can cope with anything the industry wants them to do. I feel I've become something of a teacher, an expert in sex and the biggest fucking thing in gay porno. I'm now King Porno if any one asks!



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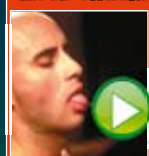
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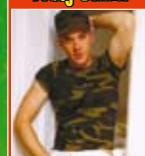
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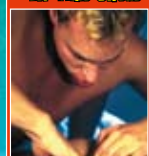
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Simon SAYS...

Dear Simon

I have been seeing a guy for a while and until recently we hadn't had sex (I had come out of quite a turbulent relationship and wanted to take things slowly) and though all the foreplay and everything was great we have hit a real stumbling block. We are both tops and neither of us is prepared to shift on that one. Everything else between us is so great but this does seem like quite a hurdle. He joked we could always just have threesomes with a 'hot bottom' but threesomes was the downfall of my last relationship and doesn't having them so early on mean something is wrong?

Dan, Leeds

Dear Dan,

In some cases, I guess this is one of those 'is it a deal breaker' moments. What is it that means neither of you are prepared to move from your 'top' stance. Does 'taking it' make you any less of a man? Is penetration the only answer to a good relationship? I don't think you can say having threesomes early means, something is wrong, it means he is looking at ways around the problem. If you have been burned by that before then maybe you should step away... but you need to decide what is important in a relationship.

Dear Simon

I have been going to a sauna quite regularly and I always end up having sex with the same man. The chemistry we have together is fantastic and the sex is amazing. What I am wondering is if I should ask him out? I think we could be amazing together but then would it ruin the sex? I mean he could be married!

Anon, Brighton

Dear Anon,

Listen, saunas provide a fantastic service, uncomplicated sex without the chase... well nearly always without the chase but that could be me. Take a risk and just ask him. He could say that he is married, he could say he has a boyfriend, he could say he just likes your cock. He might say 'Yes' and it could be the start of a beautiful relationship. Remember, you are allowed to talk at a sauna... just not with your mouth full. Seriously just ask him, you won't lose anything and there are plenty more saunas out there if it is embarrassing!

Dear Simon

I have started a relationship with my college tutor, he is a really fit 'older guy' and from my first year, we had a real connection. I happened to bump into him in a bar about six months into my first term and things started from there. The only problem is that it's now becoming a little obvious from his part. I feel he favours me in lectures and yet at the same time he treats me the hardest in terms of grading. I know I wanted an older man but I have started to feel I am dating my Dad. He always wants to know what time I will be home and to 'remember my studies'. It's been almost two years and I like him a lot but his behaviour is putting me off.

Kevin, London

Dear Kevin,

They say you should never mix work and pleasure but I disagree. I have met a few of my ex's through work (just ignore the fact they are now ex's as that doesn't help) and it only becomes a problem if you let it. What you need to do is tell him how you feel. You need to know whether he sees you as a partner or still as a student... whatever the answer you need to be comfortable with it. Some people look all their lives for a Daddy figure... are you sure he knows that's not what you want.

SPEAKEASY

It's no secret that language is adapting. Already we have the internet contracting conversations to streams of capital letters and symbols denoting emoticons. But we find it's not quite adapting fast enough. Here at Bent Towers we have a range of emotions and sentiments we'd love to see expressed in more economical terms. So in order to aid the evolution of the English language (and bitch in a more timely fashion), here are our favourite new anagrams.

L0ML

Lets out maniacal laughter. For those moments when you laugh like an absolute maniac.

WLC

Wanks like crazy.

LWEG

Laughs with evil glee. For all those Dr Evil moments.

FUA

Flirts unabashedly. For those times you're being an absolute tease.

CS

Cybersex. As in 'Fancy some quick CS?'

CSA

Cybersex addict. Not the now-defunct Child Support Agency.

PW

Phone wank. As in 'Fancy a quick PW?'

ALS

Annoying lesbo sycophant.

AFHS

Annoying faghag sycophant.

HBS

Hot bush sex. I.e., cruising on the heath.

GVB5

Gives virtual bitch-slap. For when cocky little princesses diss your outfit.

SYBH

Slaps you back to Hell.

FOD

Friend(s) of Dorothy. It just saves typing it all out, really.

LGB

Local gay bar.

DDGB

Dirty dark gay bar. The places bears go.

IMASHO

In my not-so-humble opinion. We already have IMO and IMHO, so why not get cocky about it?

B/T/FOSE

Blogging/tweating/Facebooking out of sheer boredom. We all do it.

RLQ/VLQ

Rancid little queen/vile little queen. This could be anyone.

NAS

Non-anal sex. For the vanilla types.

FOAS

Full-on anal sex.

DBDL

Dirty backdoor lovin'!

DDQ

Dangerous drag queen. Makes sense really.

DIM

Diva-in-making. Should probably be used disparagingly.

CFCG/CFCF

Cruising for cock on Gaydar/Fltlads.

MH(H)G

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Cancer (Jun22/Jul23)

You have energy to spare over the weeks ahead. This might encourage you to take an interest in some form of physical exercise designed to improve your fitness. After some deliberation a friend who really could do with losing weight, might agree to join you. You and a partner may get involved in plans to improve your lifestyle over the weeks ahead; you both feel optimistic about your future prospects.

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Aries (Mar21/Apr20)

Anything to do with family and community come under beneficial stars these next few weeks. You might be wise to tread carefully as an excess of aggressive energy could encourage you to be thoughtless and may land you in hot water. Partnerships will be more fun later in the month and if you have any joint business to attend to, you might be surprised at how helpful and imaginative a certain person turns out to be.

Taurus (Apr21/May21)

You're being expected to support a neighbourhood project or community campaign. Others know that with you behind them, they stand a strong chance of winning. These next few weeks you will be giving attention to issues that can't be sidetracked any longer. Friends may be disappointed with your decisions as some social plans will be postponed. Sometimes you have to accept the fact you can't always please everyone.

Gemini (May22/June21)

Emphasis, over the weeks ahead, will be on your financial situation. You might be looking for ways to keep expenses down to a minimum. Some money needs to be put aside for a holiday you have already booked and you are determined to go ahead with. You might resolve to cut down on social spending to ensure you remain financially stable over the months to come. If you are single, you could find yourself attracted to an intelligent newcomer.

Leo (Jul24/Aug23)

As long as you stay within your usual daily routines both at work and at play and avoid experimenting with new methods you will do okay. You might expect a satisfactory time if you are working behind-the-scenes over the weeks ahead. Don't worry if this keeps you out of the spotlight for a wee while. A project you're working on now will soon give you the chance to make good use of your creative talents and your work will be admired by others. You will eventually get the applause you deserve!

Virgo (Aug24/Sept23)

A harmonious and tranquil atmosphere will envelop your friendships and all will be sweetness and light in romance. All traces of some recent aggression will have vanished and over the weeks ahead you will be more relaxed and self-confident. Romance will be a strong feature of your days. Your partner has a twinkle in his eye and you can look forward to sharing some exciting and loving times together.

Libra (Sept24/Oct23)

You will be content to let others set the pace these next few weeks. Even so, when anyone needs you, you will be there with a helping hand. In your off-duty hours you might join like-minded friends as they always know how to encourage you to relax and let your hair down. Your credibility at work is at a high level and you could be in line for career advancement.

Scorpio (Oct24/Nov22)

You're in a diligent mood and as the pace at work seems to have slackened slightly, you might take the opportunity to clear up some routine work. Friends and colleagues will be unable to distract you from your self-set tasks and a sense of responsibility and commitment will drive you on relentlessly. A holiday looms on the horizon and you can't wait to get away.

Sagittarius (Nov23/Dec21)

While you're whizzing around between one place and the next spare a thought for a friend or your partner who can't seem to catch up with you. Make a point of planning regular romantic treats for over the weeks ahead and prove to your special someone you haven't forgotten him. Attention to finances is a must. Travel is also highlighted when thoughts of a coming holiday or journey will help ease your current burdens.

Capricorn (Dec22/Jan20)

You can look forward to enjoying one of those rare times when everything is going your way. Working life will be extremely satisfying, as will be your love life. This state of affairs will put you in a confident mood and you might decide to make a big effort to get on top of personal problems. Your diligence in the workplace will set a very good example to floundering colleagues.

Aquarius (Jan21/Feb19)

Career is your uppermost concern now. If you are self-employed you might take the plunge and join forces with an associate, over the weeks ahead. Such a move could be extremely advantageous in the long run. Opportunities to further your career will present themselves. Even at first glance new openings will seem tailor-made for you and once you make further enquiries you will know you just can't pass the opportunity by.

PISCES (Feb20/Mar20)

A degree of tact and diplomacy will be necessary over the weeks ahead if you are to enlist a loved one's support. Have patience if at first you don't get the answer you want from them. Some good financial news will put you in high spirits and there is every chance of a new romance beginning, if you are single. If you are attached, you and your partner will be remarkably close and there will be moments over the weeks ahead when you will only have eyes for each other.

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- 05 Footie lads sent for early shower have sex instead (18+)
- 06 Gay porno gets str8 mates suckin d**k
- 07 Groping u leads to hot sex at back of Tesco's
- 08 Horny boy wants yer hot juicy d**k (18+)
- 09 I banged my pool cue into a lads d**k (18+)
- 10 I caught my mate w**kin in me bruv's footie shorts
- 11 I got a boner watching my mate play footie & his Dad me
- 12 I kissed me f**k buddy for the first time
- 13 I'll take yer full length in me gob
- 14 I took w**k mag off str8 scally & grabbed his c**k
- 15 W**ked a scally thug to stop him deckin me
- 16 Lads get well horny playin naked snooker in a pub (18+)
- 17 He let me carry on slammin after I c**m up his bum (18+)
- 18 Luv me bird to bits but I luv havin sex wiv guys
- 19 Dad's mate took me in from rain & pulled off wet trackies
- 20 Me & my bezzie mate got well gay while his bird watched
- 21 Me sleepin mates boner woz up against me arse
- 22 Me & u with boners in the sauna
- 23 Naked college boy w**kin on top of desk for sir (18+)
- 24 Naked teenboy at the newsagents (18+)
- 25 Old man & teenage boy rub c**ks together (18+)
- 26 Phone hot teen & he'll try his new speedos on (18+)
- 27 Rude boy luv's yer cock (18+)
- 28 Rude boys swap speedos at the baths (18+)
- 29 Scallies & moshers havin d**k fun on a bus
- 30 Scally gets his dirty boner out on crowded train
- 31 Guy pi**ed in a bottle & poured it ova my d**k
- 32 Scally removes get c**k out in the offy
- 33 Sir got me Mums b.f to spank me in class (18+)
- 34 Skinny lads wiv big c**ks (18+)
- 35 Slender guy wiv donkey d**k
- 36 Sudan guys d**ks round da lock up
- 37 Suck me pi**y cheesy d**k
- 38 Guy points his hard-on at me in bogs
- 39 Teach me wot to do wiv my untouched d**k (18+)
- 40 Guy will lick yer bum if you let him j**zz over your face
- 41 Tesco guy going commando wiv sp**k down his thighs
- 42 Smoothness of a boys shaved d**k & balls (18+)
- 43 TLC on a sweet & tender hugs d**k
- 44 Two blokes see horny guy get a boner at the urinals

- 45 Two lads pi**ing down an alley (18+)
- 46 U & your ultimate fantasy f**k
- 47 W**kin rude boy on a bus & wasn't bothered
- 48 Yer hand up the leg of my footie shorts
- 49 Wrestlin wiv me cuz gets me c**k well hard
- 50 I slid c**kskin up & down a skinheads boner
- 51 F**k yer fist & imagine it's a boy's arse (18+)
- 52 Scally wiv a big d**k in tight silky trackies
- 53 Blond haired boys wiv d**ks (18+)
- 54 Boner alert wiv scrappin scallies
- 55 Bored str8 mates experiment wiv their d**ks

- 56 Breeze up leg of shorts gets a scally's c**k well stiff
- 57 College boys snoggin & w**kin in front of class (18+)
- 58 Cute guy gets a good mouthful of yer hot c**k
- 59 Horny neighbours have mutual w**k & more
- 60 House full of naked guys playin wiv their bums & d**ks
- 61 I found out me mate woz gay & I let him have my bum
- 62 I found out sweet boy next door was into c**k (18+)
- 63 I saw a cute guy w**kin naked in the park
- 64 I showed my arsehole to me old school teacher
- 65 Jacuzzi bubbles round my balls & arse
- 66 Lads drinkin cider & w**kin naked on the corner (18+)
- 67 Lads ridin bikes wiv their naked boners showin (18+)
- 68 Late nite summer w**kin on the swings in the park
- 69 Me bird loves watchin c**k action wiv me & gay mate
- 70 Me gay friends showed me what I'd been missin
- 71 Me mates Dad did me hard & fast up the arse
- 72 My sisters b.f went further than a stiff c**k wrestle
- 73 Me & u wiv stiff c**ks in & out of our Calvin's
- 74 Musty whiff of a boys sweaty balls in footie shorts (18+)
- 75 Naked guys face the main road, kassin & w**kin
- 76 Naked wiv me str8 mate after a footy game
- 77 Night of stiff c**ks wiv me Mums boyfriend
- 78 Butt knacked wiv me str8 pal all night long
- 79 Night of stiff c**ks wiv me Mums boyfriend
- 80 Pothead woz off his face so I sat on his d**k
- 81 Pretend bummin turns real for str8 mates
- 82 Pullin down ASDA lads uniform trousers (18+)
- 83 Scallies kiss & copper gets hard-on
- 84 Scally in TJ Hughes smellin of cum
- 85 Scally mates find out they are both into c**k
- 86 Sir likes naked boys wiv big d**ks (18+)
- 87 Sir saw me gay c**k suckin doodles in my pad at college
- 88 Sniffin teenage sweat between balls & thighs (18+)
- 89 Scally looked well pissed off so I sucked his c**k
- 90 Tender guy d**s get stiff in changing room at baths
- 91 Till tonite it woz just about wrestlin naked wiv stiff c**ks
- 92 Wet naked guy sits on lifeguards lap at the baths
- 93 Wot happens when u get 2 horny teens in a room (18+)
- 94 Wot I did after I got my wasted mate naked
- 95 Wot I get up to wiv people I shouldn't have been wiv
- 96 Dirty scally plays wiv his mates d**k whilst he sleeps
- 97 Dirty stained undies get scallys c**k well ard!
- 98 Flash yer stiff c**k wiv a scally outside McDonalds
- 99 Horny boys wiv pi**in d**ks (18+)

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