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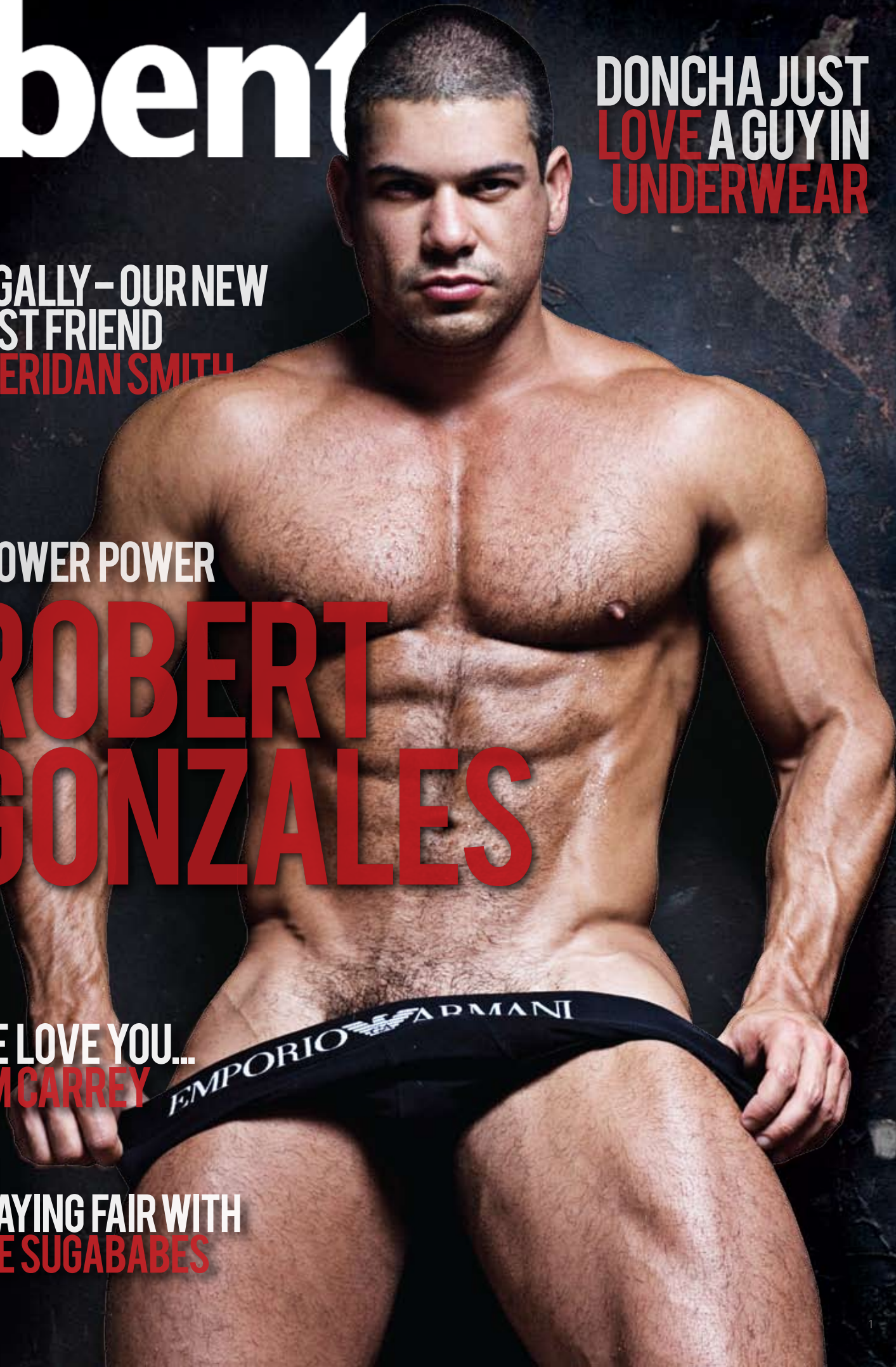
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EDITOR'S WORDS

Would you kill your partner if you thought you were being merciful?

With the recent news that Ray Gosling, the veteran BBC presenter who admitted killing a former lover who was dying of AIDS, had been arrested... what do Bent readers feel about mercy killings?



Mr Gosling, 70 (above), made the confession on a BBC programme in which he talked about the manner in which he killed the man. "...smothering him until he was dead... I have no regrets. I did the right thing."

This was at a time when AIDS was seen as a death warrant to many,

and those who were diagnosed with the illness had seen other sufferers go through a prolonged, painful, degenerating and debilitating death.

Mr Gosling did not name either his lover or the hospital where the incident took place but did say: "When you love someone, it is difficult to see them suffer." Mr Gosling said he was aware of the possible consequences and had no regrets adding: "It's a terrible situation. I loved him to bits. We had a pact - he said if the pain gets bad and if nothing can be done... don't let him linger on. I don't think it's a crime."

Taking another person's life is a crime and subsequently the full force of the law should fall on the perpetrators of such an act. However, there are exceptions. Every day doctors and nurses are faced with life and death decisions and where, occasionally, a larger than normal dose of morphine eases the tormented patient painlessly to their end. Every day NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence) has to make decisions on drugs; the cost, effectiveness,

availability and use, often denying expensive treatment that would prolong life. Is this a greater consideration than a friend or partner who, where death is already the only alternative, acts after seeing a loved one suffering appallingly from some disease or ailment?

In Switzerland the Dignitas Clinic offers assisted suicides for those who want such a service. Dignity. That's the buzz word but how much dignity is there in failing organs, a dulling mind and a bed full of shit?

My partner and I have discussed this subject at great length and, like Mr Gosling did with his lover, have made a pact, should we be in a position to execute it, to end the suffering of the other when and if the prognosis is indefinite suffering or terminal.

I only hope I have the strength to put my loved one first when that moment arrives.

Gordon

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Born in Lewisham in 1969, Alexander McQueen was only 40 when he committed suicide, allegedly because he could not come to terms with the death of his mother a few days earlier. In his time at the top of the fashion food chain he was courted by many fashion houses and beloved of celebrities from around the globe. Known for his stylish, though often unconventional styles, he gained a reputation for his shock fashion tactics yet won British Designer of the Year on four occasions. He said that he knew he was gay at 6 years-old and spent many happy times in those formative years designing and making dresses for his sisters "I was sure of myself and my sexuality and I've got nothing to hide," he said, "I went straight from my mother's womb onto the gay parade"

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On the 29th May Oslo prepares itself for the biggest show in their history when the city hosts the 2010 Eurovision Song Contest. Before that hallowed event there's a little matter of the UK selecting a song to represent us in the final. Last year our song was written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and did.... OK... this year, the proud composer to pen our national entry is ... erm... Pete Waterman. Yes, the man who helped Rick Astley, Kylie, Jason and a host of others into the charts... back in the 80s... is to come up with a ditty to capture the hearts and minds of the rest of Europe. The televisual spectacular to find this elusive tune will be shown on BBC's Eurovision - Your Country Needs You on 12th March. The artists taking part in this musical extravaganza have yet to be announced



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Fronted by 23-year-old Ben Talbot, Dakota is a band poised for success. Encompassing the classic traits and the sounds of successful British pop, Dakota are the newest boys to demonstrate the talent this country has to offer.

Released this month the 10 songs that make up their album "Heart & Soul" reveal Dakota to be the missing link between the sweet sad pop of the 1960s and its harder anthemic 21st century counterpart. They're a British pop band in the classic sense – natural tunesmiths with a taut underpull and muscular brevity – tough and tender at the same time. They are ready for stardom.

Dakota have taken the name from the New York apartment building

where John Lennon lived and died. Talbot used his own life changing event to emotionally charge his music and create 'Heart & Soul'. As with many classic musical conceptions this epiphany was destined to be brought about by a girl. Ben thought she was the one, but she wasn't, and he found the aftermath of their split hard to deal with: "I didn't understand it. I wanted to scream 'Why don't you love me? How can I make you still love me?' There was despair, anger and hurt".

As with much of Heart & Soul's haunting content, his life experiences are ever present in the songs. The emotional delivery of brooding vocals through creeping disembodied voices accompanied by the sweeping guitars allows the listener to enter Ben's world quite

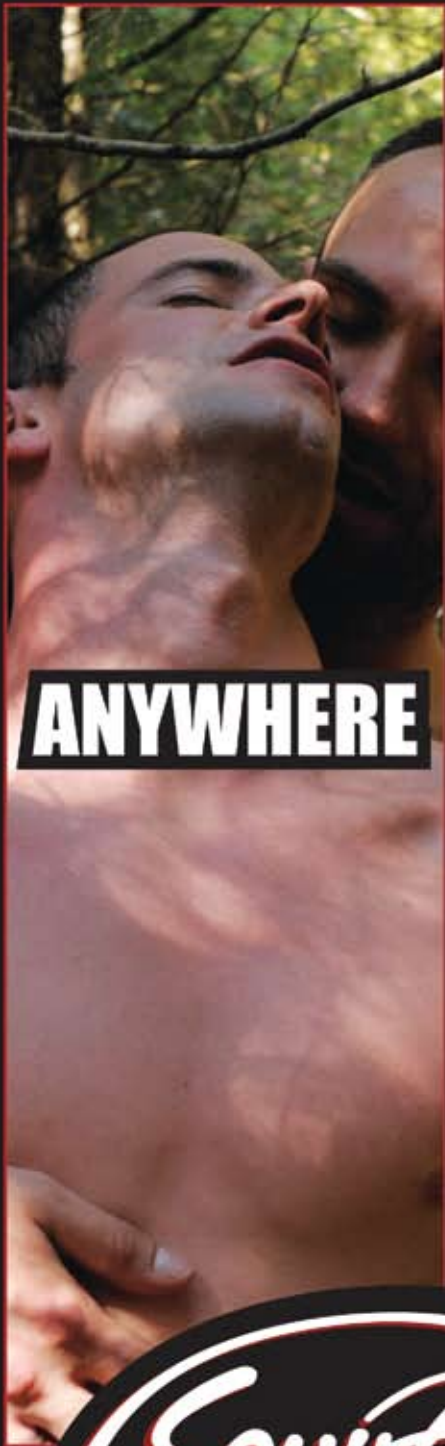
vividly. The title track is case in point as heartbreaking vocals and anthemic guitars flirt purposefully for the duration.

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TIGERS ON TOUR

Warning: Not for the faint-hearted! Godfathers of alternative cabaret, the award winning Tiger Lillies, are going back on the road until the end of April with their critically acclaimed show celebrating 20 years of dark and deviant theatrics. The world's foremost Death Oompah band will perform songs from their Olivier award-winning smash hit show Shockheaded Peter, along with a selection of numbers from their Grammy nominated album The Gorey End and other deranged fan favourites... but what is the secret of their success?

I'll let you know when we become successful! It's funny I've always thought it would be nice to sell a few million records! Sell out Carnegie Hall for a few weeks. Write the music for a hit show on Broadway. I suppose those things could happen. I guess at some point I would then have to admit I was successful.

You're described as a cult... do you find this a plus or a negative?

I think "cult" is probably a nice word for people who haven't really achieved success (there's that word again!). I think the position of the Tiger Lillies is ridiculous we purposefully alienate and antagonize. Then I witter on about not being successful.

Did it all start out as an Austrian style Oompah Band with shorts and slapping or have you always been subversive Operoompah act?

Operoompah! I like it! Can I use that? Thigh slapping short wearing! Sounds pretty subversive to me! Now all we have to do is tie up all the record moguls, super glue their eyelids and program them to love oompah more than all that witless dross they normally promote.

You seem to make a huge impact when you play in overseas why do you think that is?

Sorry I keep looking over my shoulder when answering these questions. "a huge impact"! I suppose we have had some success in er Greece. We do have a few hundred fans in some cities (and ok maybe even thousands in some big cities). I think they like our so called perverse non-conformist approach. Actually I don't think it's true. We just don't bend over backwards and compromise like you're supposed to.

On your web site... we see you shagging inflatable sheep... what the hell is going on? Will nobody think of the children!!

That's the problem, everyone thinks of the children (who probably wouldn't care anyway). In the privacy of my own website why shouldn't I have sex with an inflatable sheep? What the hell am I talking about....I think I'm not making much more sense than a politician.

On your current tour what new 'experiences' can the audiences expect?

I seem to be writing a lot of songs about suicide....so think twice about booking a ticket, the show may be cancelled!

Is superstardom a thing to be craved... like a spot on the X Factor... or to be shunned in favour of the life of a struggling artiste?

Yes I think superstardom should be craved for like a spot....a pustulous monster! A struggling artiste...now that sounds like a fairly accurate description of this Oompah Band I play in!

www.tigerlillies.com
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HOLDING THE MAN

This smash hit Australian production, adapted by Tommy Murphy from Tim Conigrave's award winning and best selling memoir of the same name, will make its UK debut this Spring. One of Australia's most celebrated comic actors, Jane Turner (who has an international cult following as the writer and star of Kath and Kim, in the role of Kath) will be making her West End debut, with further casting to be announced.

Falling in love with the captain of the football team at an all-male Melbourne High School in the '70's was never going to be universally popular. But for Tim Conigrave being young and gay in Australia was exciting but uncharted territory.

Holding the Man is an achingly funny and heartbreaking true life story about the relationship between Tim and John Caleo. This multi-award winning play explores the highs and lows of their remarkable partnership and is a celebration that speaks across generations, sexual preference and culture.
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NAKED BOYS SINGING

The Arts Theatre welcomes a line-up of hilarious shows in its late-night slot - starting with Naked Boys Singing and Nunsense A-Men.

New York's most outrageous musical comedy Naked Boys Singing is back following its triumphant run at the Arts last year. This hilarious revue features 16 original songs, 8 gorgeous guys and no clothes- a winning combination if ever there was one! From the sassy opening number Gratuitous Nudity to the screamingly funny Bliss of a Bris, audiences and critics alike have hailed Naked Boys Singing! a sure-fire crowd-pleaser and now with international porn star Dean Monroe.

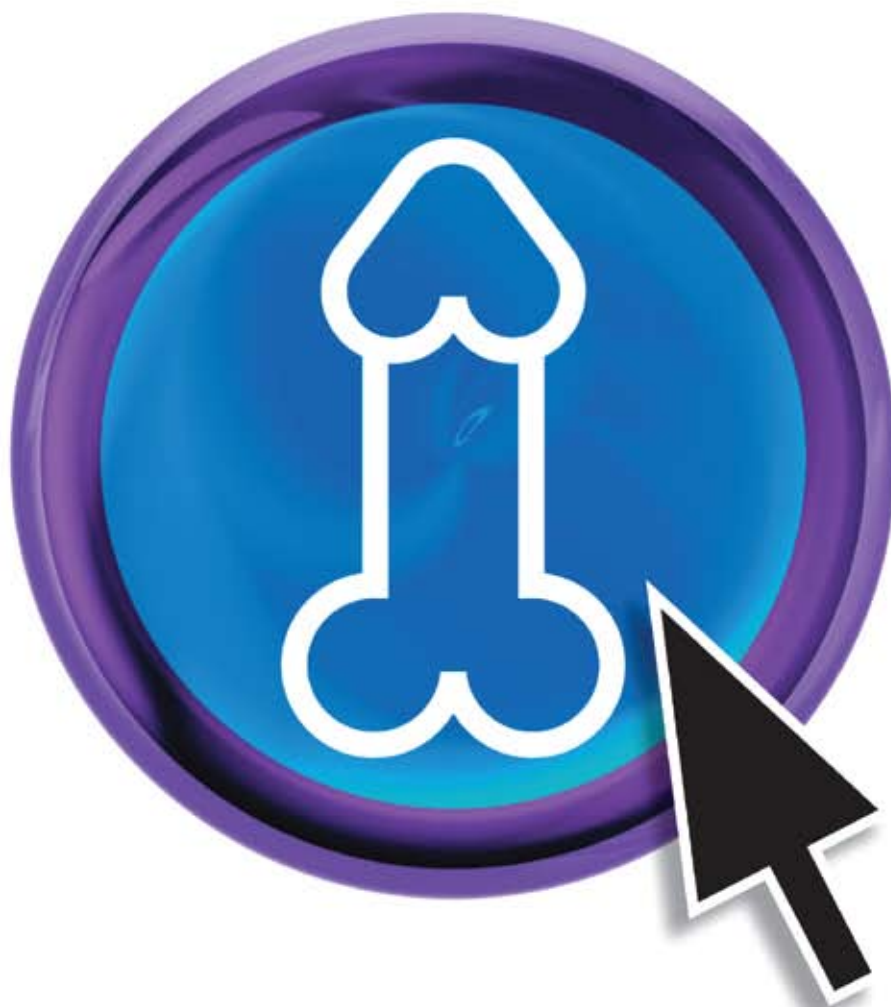
The same cast wear a bit more in Nunsense A-Men - a hilarious spoof about the misadventures of five nuns trying to manage a fundraiser - with all of the characters being portrayed by male musical comedy performers!

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SUGA, NO SPITE *Just All Things Nice*

They have been one of the biggest selling girl bands in UK chart history; they have also become famous for changing members more than a gay man changes boyfriends. So what has really been going on in the world of the Sugababes? Simon Savidge went to meet the girls face-to-face and find out just what the hell has been going on... and of course... what the future holds.

Last year the saga of the Sugababes had us all fascinated as to who was coming, who was going, who was staying, who was annoyed with who and who was saying what behind whose back. Amelle and Keisha – Keisha and Amelle and then, out of the blue, Keisha departed leaving us wondering what happened. Meanwhile, the gossip columns ran riot about the 'split'. However for the three individuals in front of me it wasn't fascinating, more soul destroying. "It was the hardest time and incredibly emotional for all of us... and I mean all four people involved," Amelle says: "Friendships and your sanity are on the line let alone your career".

I am unsure what to expect of the Sugababes, in fact I was quite nervous. I was expecting them to be on edge, a bit distant and possibly, if I am honest, a bunch of bitches – even though I am a complete fan and have been for years. However, when I met them Amelle is instantly incredibly warm running up to give me a kiss. Jade I have interviewed before for Bent and is prone to delightful giggles. While Heidi is warm and friendly but slightly holds back, she does have 'a massive hangover', left over from her recent engagement party. I tell her the gay population wouldn't mind a Dave Berry (Channel 4 presenter) each, she laughs and says she can easily see why. Amelle agrees; 'He's a right fittie isn't he?'

I DIDN'T GET KIDNAPPED OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT BUT YEAH, I TURNED MY PHONE OFF, IT WAS TOO MUCH. WOULDN'T YOU DO THAT?'

I wonder if maybe Heidi is more wary of the press, and therefore me, after the last few months as she has been cited the instigator. I ask her how it's felt to hear people say she was instrumental in the split. "It hurts to be honest; you wouldn't be human for it not to. People saying I was plotting to get Keisha out is cruel and just not true... though I personally think Amelle has had it the hardest." You can see there is a very protective streak running through the soon-to-be Mrs. Berry. After her comment a look passes between the two and you can sense the girls have had a really tough time. "It was hard for about a year," Amelle says; "We really tried you know. We hoped things would get better but we were dreading every day of work and in the end I'd had enough. I didn't get kidnapped or anything like that but yeah, I turned my phone off, it was too much. Wouldn't you do that?" She has a point. Heidi adds that in the end there was no band as both she and

Amelle quit. Then the label contacted us and asked if we would be interested in carrying on with a new member. I wondered if they had planned to do anything as a duo and both girls agreed that it hadn't really crossed their minds... and besides the Sugababes have always been a trio. On that topic many people say the Sugababes are now non-existent and it's just a brand name. "That really, really annoys me," Heidi says (you can tell she wanted to say she was pissed off but is too polite). "When the girls got dropped and then resigned with me we signed as the Sugababes. That was when we then had the first number one and Amelle was a member when we had our biggest selling album, so it's just not on. Sorry, it just makes me quite cross."

So, was this when Jade was brought in and had she been on standby? Not initially it would appear as Jade tells me. "We didn't plan it despite what people have said. Actually, until I had met the girls I didn't want to say Yes or No to being a Sugababe." I wonder if Jade was at all wary or nervous at the prospect. "Not really. I wanted to meet them see what they were like and go from there." Amelle looks across to Heidi and says; "I think we were more nervous that day weren't we? We sort of both walked to Jade's room and then were hiding behind each other backs and didn't know what to do once we knocked on the door."

So, I ask, how did that initial meeting go? Amelle can remember Jade's exact outfit, which Jade herself can't remember. They all remember pancakes but weren't sure how they started chatting but get very animated and excited as they look back. You can tell they genuinely like each other and are having fun. "I was a

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fan of the group, and still find it really weird that I am in it," Jade confides. "I find it hard to sing Keisha's parts as to me they are still her lyrics." However, Jade does have one impressive memory of that meeting. "I remember Heidi had big shades on and I was thinking - Wow she's a proper celebrity." They all laugh but Jade adds that although the girls are all supportive of one and other, the public is a different matter. "I have had some really horrible letters and mail... Keisha fans shouting at me in the street and that's been hard." Amelle puts her hand on Jade's leg and looks at me. "I had that. People who were like 'oh you don't sing as well as that Mutya, you're rubbish' and all you wanna do is sing... so it hurts."

I tell them it's time to talk 'now and the future' – after all everything else was so last decade! The girls all laugh but Amelle adds; "Though we aren't together... we do genuinely wish Keisha all the best for the good times we had... honest". So we move on to the new single, Wear My Kiss, which Jade says she feels is more her and they all want to know if I like it. I come up with a phrase I'm not proud of but was what was my first impression. "It's quite a jiggy-jiggy song isn't it?" When I say the new sound is more 'The Sugaminxes' Amelle giggles. "Actually, there is the line about the lips and in the routine we are supposed to put two fingers to our lips. Occasionally, me and Jade point them somewhere else."

They all start shrieking with laughter as Amelle then starts doing some very rude signals, which makes us all laugh even more though Heidi says: "I can't do it... I wonder if I am a bit of a prude you know?" Amelle looks at Jade. "We have to get her to do it, it would be brilliant."

They are all very excited and also very, very nervous about the album, admitting to "butterflies all the time". "It's music I would listen to," Amelle says, "it's a good party album though there are some lovely ballads too." I tell them I am sure the gay fans will be 'on side' plus, we are a fickle bunch and a new member just gives us a chance to have a new favourite. "Gay fans are really, really loyal so we just hope we all have enough gay fans each to keep them. We all love our gay fans."

At the moment there are no plans to tour in the UK but maybe, with the next album?

It's soon time for the girls to head off. I say good bye to Heidi and Jade, while Amelle comes bounding over for another hug and, she wants to know if I liked them. I say I did. "Good." She says, "I like it when at the end of an interview people say 'you're really nice' though its sad people think I am a bitch... but then I think everyone thinks we are all bitches and we aren't at all."

I couldn't agree more!

Taken from the new album "Sweet 7" available 8th March - Sugababes new single "Wear My Kiss" is out now. For more info on the Sugababes visit www.sugababes.com



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NASTALA

In today's current music scene, it is rare to find an artist who not only has the ability to write unique and forward thinking songs, but who also has a voice that seems to fuse with the track with effortless ease...unless your name is Nastala.



Born in Europe, raised in Detroit, and now living in the world's music capital that is London, Nastala first took her steps into the world of music at the tender age of just 9 when she stunned her mother's singing teacher with her raw natural ability.

It wasn't long before the young Nastala caught the songwriting bug, and aged just 12 she wrote what was to be the first of many original songs, and at the age of 18 she made the decision to follow her instincts and develop her career as a full time singer/songwriter within the music industry.

Nastala's first steps into the professional world began with work on projects that produced a phenomenal demand from the industry. Introductions to some of the most important figures on the scene sparked interest from the world's biggest producers and labels who immediately

responded by offering an endless list of high profile ventures tailor made to suit her unique talent.

With various projects on the table, and growing media attention, Nastala took the decision to work alongside global DJ and producer Chris Lake who had already realised her potential from an early demo, and the decision proved to be extremely successful.

The partnership produced a winning formula, achieving chart-topping global success with tracks 'Only One' and 'If You Knew'. 'Only One' which flew to number 1 in the Beatport and Cool Cuts charts respectively, whilst US Billboard chart success was matched with high chart positions all over the world including Europe, Australia and South America. This was followed by one of the biggest dance hits of 2009 in 'If You Knew'. The stream of success within the

scene presented further opportunities including being asked to write for some of the biggest names in dance including Tiesto and Armin Van Buuren.

Nastala's early success at the height of the dance music community gave her a fantastic foundation to move forward. Her desire to succeed in the mainstream guided her towards working with some of the finest and most respected songwriters in the world including Biff Stannard (Kylie Minogue/The Spice Girls) and Jonas Quant (Kylie Minogue/Hurts).

This year will also see the release of her debut single 'Crazy'. 'Crazy' is everything you could wish for in a bona fide electro-pop anthem. 'Crazy' was produced by Chris Lake and mixed by respected engineer Ash Howes (who has previously worked with Little Boots and Dido) as well additional production from good friend Deadmau5 on drums

and guitar. The track has already received fantastic support from the media and it will be the perfect platform to continue her phenomenal early success and shoot Nastala to the next stage in her blossoming career.
www.youtube.com/nastalatv

CHELLEY

22 year old Brooklyn singer, Chelley is the voice behind the self assured, swaggering, cult club anthem, 'I Took The Night'. The track, reminiscent of 'Milkshake', recently swept across US dancefloors and, fresh from scoring huge crossover hits last year with Agnes and Ian Carey, Liverpool based label 3 Beat Blue were quick to snap it up for a UK release.

3 Beat aren't the only people to have been attracted to 'I Took The Night'. Hugely influential designer, Stella McCartney has just agreed a deal for the track to be the soundtrack for her website and all her online business activities for the next 6 months.

The unique 'I Took The Night' mix of Baltimore go-go, hip hop and classic house, with an

unforgettable, chanted, in-your-face vocal from Chelley, has already captured the imagination in the UK. Heavy radio support is coming in across the board, from BBC Radio 1, 'Floorfillers', Annie Mac, Pete Tong, Nick Grimshaw, Kissy SellOut, Trevor Nelson, 1Xtra, Galaxy FM, KISS FM, Juice FM, Gaydar Radio and many more.

'I Took The Night' Out: 29th March - Label: 3 Beat Blue

www.myspace.com/chelleyuniverse
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SEVERINO

How do you go from working in a record shop to DJing for the likes of Louis Vuitton or alongside Junior Vasquez? Severino began his DJ career in Mantova, Northern Italy. He then moved to London at the age of 26 to become a buyer for Italian disco record label, Disco Inn.

It wasn't long before Severino met Jim Stanton (DJ and co-promoter of Horse Meat Disco). *For those who haven't been, can you describe Horse Meat Disco for Bent?* "It's the weekly Sunday nights at The Eagle in Vauxhall London," says Severino. "We started 6 years ago with the idea to play disco music, just like it used to be in New York City in the 1970s. We also play some early house music and nu-disco too. It's open to everyone and is packed every week with the most amazing, polysexual crowd I've ever seen."

It isn't just disco that Severino plays. It's obvious he loves all music and can deliver cutting edge house and electro sets, a point proven when other residencies started to flood in, including the now defunct Crash & AM in Vauxhall. He's also best friends with Hifi Sean (who we talked to last month). "I really like the music he plays and apparently he likes mine. I like people who know about music and his knowledge is amazing! I also really rate Kris di Angelis, Nathan Wilkins and Nick Tcherniak as DJs."

I ask Severino for his favourite ever DJ set. "That's too difficult to choose", he replies instantly. "Horse Meat Disco afterhours on Bank Holidays, or playing alongside LCD Soundsystem or Junior Casquex in NYC... amazing!"

"Four years ago I also Djed for the Louis Vuitton after party in Paris with my favourite artist, Jonny Woo, who was performing as a drag queen. It was at Le Baron, a cute French disco and I had Charlotte Gainsbourg dancing to my music. It was too much temptation not to play he dad's song, Je t'aime," he laughs. Then when I played the Bafta Awards last year I had Steven Spielberg

in my room. That was thrilling."

"Oh, and so was playing before both Fatboy Slim and David Guetta at the last MTV music awards in Berlin. They must like me as I've also played for MTV for Munich 2007, Liverpool 2008 and again for them in November this year."

What can we expect from you in 2010?

"More music production under the name Hyena Stomp (with my friend Nico De Ceglia) and I already have many international DJ dates booked including Australia in March, NYC in May along with Glastonbury and Bestival. It's going to be a very busy year!"

You can hear "Severino's Deep Mix" by searching for it at www.soundcloud.com, search for 'Severino Panzetta' on Facebook or visit www.myspace.com/severinodj



REVIEW
MUSIC
By Jason Guy

In March you can catch me playing for Federation Blackpool on 20th, Freakshow in Manchester on the 6th, 13th & 27th and a few guest sets at Fibre in Leeds. If you like your house music upfront, tough and charging, then download my latest podcast from www.jasonguy.podomatic.com. For more information on having a track, clubnight or DJ feature in Bent, please contact jason@bent.com.

TRACK REVIEW

LIBEX AND LRM

Liftered (Hotfingers)

What a track! Taking its main sample from one of the biggest gay anthems of all time, Miquel Brown's So Many Men, So Little Time from 1983, this is pure genius. Hard to describe, it's a cross between a funky, fast paced house track and tech house, if there is such a thing! With a tough, driving bassline carrying the familiar sounds of the original's xylophone/wooden blocks. OK, so it sounds dreadful on paper, but it destroys the dancefloor every time I've played it. Just a shame they didn't keep even a tiny bit of Miquel's vocals in though.

▷ *MEKKI MARTIN FT BIG JOHN*

Over The Top (U Recordings)

Originally released a couple of years ago, this was a huge hit across Europe and had great reactions when I played it in Leeds and Manchester, but it was never the hit it deserved to be. Back, with a slew of remixes from the likes of Danny Dove & Steve Smart, Daz Bailey and Calverton, the original mix is still the best one. This catchy house / electro crossover (with just a little hint of Persia) grows until a real crowd pleaser.

▷ *MARK WILKINSON VS DEGREES OF MOTION*

Shine On (Cayenne)

Yes, it's that Shine On, first released back in 1992 (and released every year since), but this is one of the best versions for years. He's wisely left the familiar piano riff in part of the breakdown and the amazingly sung vocals from Biti. Released just in time for the WMC in Miami, this is very 2010. Charging, tough house, which doesn't seem to blur the house styles tech/electro/dance. Just watch those hands in the air when the vocals first drop in

▷ *EMANUEL & MCCALL vs KATHERINE ELLIS*

Gotta Get Through 2010 (Born To Dance)

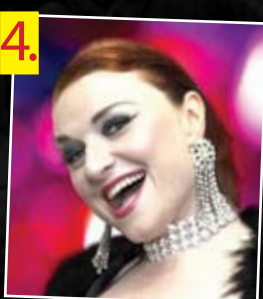
These are the new versions of the track, but to be honest I wasn't familiar with the original. That's a real shame though as the lyrics are awesome. Supported by some of the biggest DJs from the Sharp Boys to Jonathan Ulysses, Katherine sings my favourite vocals for months including "I'm on a plane, I'm on a train, I'm in a car, I'm in a cab, I'm on the phone, I'm on the web and I'm the best you've ever had!" The Smax & Gold Mix with its tough baseline is currently one of my biggest tracks at Freakshow in Manchester.

▷ *NETHAN C & DANNY DOVE*

Clubbed To Death 2010 Rework (CDR)

Two of my favourite DJs/Producers join forces with an awesome bootleg just in time for the Miami Winter Music Conference 2010, and they're in danger of stealing the show here! A rolling tech house monster that reworks the classic "Clubbed to Death" by Rob Dougan for today's dancefloors - with massive support/feedback so far from the big boys such as Eric Morillo, Mark Knight and Axwell. Deserves to be picked up and turned into a huge 2010 anthem if there's any justice in the world.

TOP
TRACKS
OF THE MONTH



ALBUMS

SINGLES



▶ **GABRIELLA CIMI**

Ten **Out: 22nd March**

After the success of 'Sweet About Me' we all wondered if the young lass from Australia could come up with anything else quite as catchy... her new album proves it was no fluke. The album is surprisingly good with overtones of Giorgio Moroder and Blondie but with the distinct and forceful vocals of Gabby. Her single 'On a Mission' should be greeted well on dancefloors across the UK.



▶ **ROBERT BABICZ**

Immortal Changes **Out: March**
Polish production master Robert Babicz follows up his 2007 album A Cheerful Temper with a sprawling tangle of live strings, live sax, analogue bass, deep grooves, blissful atmospherics and warm melodies. This is electronic music with sophistication for those who

prefer their club classics with a modicum of sobriety.

▶ **SWING YOUTH**

Jennifer/Hey Keith **Out: 25th March**

Following hot on the heels of their debut single, Swing Youth offer us a double-A side duo. 'Jennifer' is a vamped up pop exploration on paranoia, which isn't particular a novel idea but is presented with such geronimo you have to give them credit. 'Hey Keith' is the flipside of this, taking the theme to more personal depths by discussing schizophrenia.



▶ **DALTONIC**

Kiss of Rain **Out: 22nd March**

Daltonic are an American-Russian fusion, and this single pairs epic feelgood pianos with a sensual Latin groove. Over the top, Russian singer Polina's infectious vocals bounce and glide. Remixes include Conan Liquid's Vocal Mix, full of dramatic synths, and a bouncy Dubb Mix with an explosive tribal flavour.

▶ **RICHARD NORRIS**

The Time and Space Machine

Out: March

Richard Norris' debut solo album is a mash-up of psychedelia and freakbeat, full of ultra-modern tech and modern flourishes. Included in the psychosurreal madness are backwards guitars, Farfisa organs, Chillwave and cowbells. In other words, this is mental confection at its best.



▶ **CHELLEY**

I Took the Night **Out: 29th March**

Swaggering cult club choon 'I Took the Night' has already rocked dancefloors over the Atlantic. Now it's hitting the UK with the self-assured vocal stylings of Brooklyn singer Chelley and getting tons of airplay, which should give you an idea of the song's style: sexy, strident and dismissive.



▶ **JASON DERULO**

Jason Derulo **Out: 1st March**

If you haven't heard enough Jason Derulo in one of James Barr's sets on Galaxy, then you've obviously never tuned up your radio. This is one of those albums you know will be massive but you really wish it wouldn't be—just to spare yourself the agony of having your brain melt every time his moronic, autotuned, blasé drivl comes out your speakers. Kill it now!



▶ **WAY OUT WEST**

The Gift **Out: 29th March**

'The Gift' has a number of things going for it. Firstly it samples the inimitable Roberta Flack (the originator of 'Killing Me Softly') and secondly it was already a big dance hit in the 1990s. This is revamped retro dance the way it used to be, when nightclubs were full of happy partygoers in bright colours rather than gyrating miserablists dressed all in monochrome.



▶ **SERJ TANKIAN**

Elect the Dead Symphony

Out: 8th March

Elect the Dead Symphony is the orchestral reimagining of Elect the Dead and comes packaged with a DVD for your delectation. The full 70-piece orchestra bubbles and boils behind Tankian's epic operatic vocals and creates an electrifying energy even detractors of orchestral music will feel. The appeal comes in that this is actually rock music, of a kind. Don't let the army of instruments fool you.



▶ **RODRIGO MORATTO**

Whatever, Whatever **Out: 22nd March**

A couple of months ago we mentioned this guy in Bent as the next big thing to come out of South America, however, the song is OK but nothing special... a sort of sub Sam Sparro. However, he looks good, the song is catchy and if he's lucky enough to catch the ear of the playlist at Radio 2, should have a reasonable hit on his hands.





HEAVYWEIGHT

"Diamonds, fur coat, champagne" Hard Ton, discussing their musical inspiration!

'Selfish' is Hard Ton's debut EP for Gigolo Records, an artist in the true sense of the word, and one that appears to follow the same lineage as previous label mates Fischerspooner, Tiga et al. For those unfamiliar with this dazzling addition to our roster, then we must turn to his short bio for an excellent introduction 'What would happen if Divine had been captured by disco aliens and later beamed back to modern day Italy? The answer is closer than you think, and maybe you need look no further than Hard Ton, the biggest disco queen of the Twenty-first Century. With a body that can

only remind us of John Waters' muse, a voice that confidently pulls-up to Sylvester falsetto's, all set to soundtrack that hops between accelerated beats and shameless acid sounds. He is omnivorous, feeding from the multilevel outfits of Leigh Bowery and modern pop imagery. With his 150kg Hard Ton is Giorgio Moroder low-fat grooves model, with all points colliding into a heavy weight Chicago-sound queen machine.'

Just make some space... you have been warned... Hard Ton is about to roll in on the UK scene.

'Selfish' - Gigolo Records
www.gigolorecords.com
www.myspace.com/hardtondiscoqueen



ALPHABEAT

It's been a while now since the UK was blessed with the first Alphabeat album back in 2008 but a smattering of singles has kept this Danish poppet firmly ensconced in the heart of their many fans. This month sees the release of their eagerly anticipated new album The Beat

Is... the result is... it has been worth the wait. The album has its eyes dead set on the horizon ahead and is full of great pop songs built of the band's love of affective retro-pop styles. It's good to see them back and in such great form... a regular on my in car sound-system. Out Now - The Beat Is... - Polydor Records

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MY SONGS

This extensive collection of tracks will satisfy your every mood. Appealing to listeners of all ages with its varied mix of songs, this compilation is sure to be a hit. Included are classic tracks as well as some from the hottest artists from the past year such as Daniel Merriweather & Lady Gaga, Meet Me Halfway by Black Eyed Peas, 22 by Lily Allen & Russian Roulette by Rihanna... plus the massively insatiable hit; Fireflies by Owl City.
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THE FA TAKES ITS EYE OFF THE BALL

The Football Association has cancelled the launch of its long awaited anti-homophobia video, pleading that it needs to review its strategy on tackling anti-gay prejudice and how the video fits into its overall campaign.

The cancellation coincides with criticism and unease over the video's use of stridently homophobic language in a bid to expose and shame bigots. Produced by top award-winning advertising agency, Ogilvy, the video was due to have been launched by the FA at Wembley Stadium in February. The last minute "postponement" caused consternation among football and gay groups who were backing the project, including the football diversity and equality campaign, Kick It Out, and gay rights group OutRage!. Much to the surprise and frustration of several gay groups not one top

footballing star agreed to take part in, or put his name to, the video

Chris Basiurski, chair of the Gay Footballer Supporters Network (GFSN) said

"We are very disappointed that a lack of planning seems to have derailed this project and would have thought that the football community would be embarrassed that a senior professional rugby player was able to come out while the world continues to say that football is not ready. The FA and the other football authorities need to be asking themselves whether they are doing all they can and should be doing to tackle homophobia. The FA says it is committed to changing the environment in football but we think it has a long way. We would urge The FA not to delay but to act quickly to end the uncertainty and put in place the necessary strategies to allow it to proceed with this very important campaign."



GRAPPLE AT THE EAGLE

Once in a while an event hits the gay scene that gets everyone talking and Grapple101 at Eagle in London seems to tick all the right boxes. Where else can you find sexy lads stripped to Speedos or shorts rolling around on the floor in a friendly relaxed atmosphere with no attitude and some great music.

Grapple101 was launched November 2009 as a monthly pilot and has been such a success that Eagle venue manger and grapple101 promoter Danny Cullen has decided to run it as a weekly event. "The Event is open to gay, gay friendly and bisexual men who can either watch or take part. Safety is a great priority so we insist that all visitors who have no wrestling experience take part in a introductory class normally held at 11pm every week by semi- pro wrestler Robbie Neill or other keen wrestlers from such groups as Speedo

Wrestlers London."

Hosted by actor and porn star Ashley Ryder, Grapple101 is more than a night out it's a whole experience... and it can keep you fit too. Robbie Neill is on hand each week to oversee and referee and even encourages beginners with some free coaching. The Eagle has quite a reputation for its more full on approach to sex and sexuality so, do things in the clinch get to the ultimate step? "Although we don't encourage sex while wrestling," Danny smiles, "plenty of our customers meet at the event and we do provide some dark spaces should they wish to get better acquainted".

Grapple101 is held every Wednesday at Eagle London 349 Kennington Lane London SE11 5WQY **admission is just £3.00**
grapple101.co.uk
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'KING OF THE RING'

You may have heard of White Collar Boxing, where City types relieve the stresses of their high-powered jobs by jumping into a full-size boxing ring and throwing a few punches at each-other. Dermot Mannion, a boxing promoter and trainer has announced the launch of the Pink Collar Boxing show.

Based in London, Dermot will train 14 Gay men to their full potential who will then be paired-up according to weight and ability. After undertaking two-three months of boxing training in the gym, the Pink Boxers will jump into the ring for a three one-and-a-half minute rounds of intense - but not too rough - pugilism.

The event will take place in the Scala nightclub, with the backdrop of DJs, specials guests and a full-house of supporters to cheer on their favourite boys. Dermot is also looking for hunky young men who don't mind showing off their pecs to rise to the challenge of becoming topless card boys at the Pink Collar Boxing Show. Candidates should email their photo and contact details to info@pinkcollarboxing.com and the three hottest guys will be chosen to take part.



Best known for playing Janet in *Two Pints of Lager* and *A Packet of Crisps* and *Smiffy's* sister in *Gavin and Stacey*, Sheridan Smith is now being utterly adored (and rightly so) as Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde: The Musical*. Simon Savidge got to pass the time of day with her to see if a woman who spends every evening dressed in pink, dancing in glitter and holding a Chihuahua could be anything other than utterly camp.

CAN WE BE YOUR GAY BEST FRIEND?

— SHERIDAN SMITH

Apart from *Legally Blonde*, which is pink, glittery and so camp it hurts, what would you say the campest thing you have ever done is?

Oh, can I not say this musical as it's utterly; utterly camp; really, really camp and I do so want to be the Queen of Camp. Will you know if I make something up? (Laughs) I do have a dog called Barry Manilow. I have been performing at places like Trannyshack recently. That's been very camp, me with a lot of fabulous drag queens. I did Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors*, that's a very camp part, getting eaten by a plant in a negligee and fluffy mules. I like playing a nice camp part.

Getting eaten by a plant in mules is indeed a good one. We also love the idea of just making something up because she wants to be the Queen of Camp. 8/10

Kylie or Madonna?

Kylie, no question. I like early Madonna before all the weirdness. Kylie is cutesy and she always wears the most to die for amazing outfits at her concerts and I am all for that.

We couldn't have put it better than 'the weirdness' ourselves, we also like the fact as gay men Sheridan assumes we know exactly what she means and we do. 8/10

Do you like a gossip, and do you have any

I have to say I am rubbish with gossip, my friends all know everything before I do I am last to know. Though not knowing it doesn't mean I don't revel in it when I hear some juicy stuff. I have been so busy rehearsing and then doing the show I haven't any. Shall I make some up? (Cackles with glee and then puts on a very steamy yet

camp voice) Let's make up some vicious gossip

You must have some... come on... tell me...

Oh yes... let's make up some indeed! We also love the revelling, we have all been there and sometimes being the last to know makes it all the more special when you find something out. 9/10

When did you last have a diva strop?

I am not too good on diva or stropping. I spit my dummy out occasionally. I am good on high drama over the littlest things. Like, I could burn the toast and be in floods of tears saying 'I can't do this, I can't make toast' you know with your hand to your head in drama mode. It's the smallest things that annoy me, like with the toast I will then be wailing 'I will never be a cook' and take to my bed.

Crying over toast has to be our new favourite morning breakdown and we will all be doing this for the rest of the year, 'taking to my bed' classic. Utter drama 11/10

Dressing room demands?

Well you're in it so you can see... I don't really have any. I wish I did, I would have loads of puppies. What would I do with them afterwards? I would take them home of course. My dream is to have a dog's home... I already have three though - Barry Manilow, Enid and Trish - that's enough. I get so many funny looks in the park. I would like another one called Dolly Parton. She's my idol; I have karaoke parties at my house and sing 9 to 5... (grabs my knee) you HAVE to come to one.

Dogs with those names... Dolly Parton parties... oh goodness that almost breaks the scale. 12/10

Prada or Primark?

(Without hesitating) Primark, is that wrong? As Elle Woods I can say Prada, but as Sheridan it's Primark, is that bad? No? Good.

We like the multiple personalities and the fact her role may have warped her into even camper territory if that's possible. 7/10

How many gay friends are too many?

There are never too many gay friends in my world. I want to be Queen of the Fag Hags actually. That would be a good musical wouldn't it, or a TV show? I never have a better night than if I go out with my gay friends; outfits are fierce, music is fierce, it's all fierce. I was out at G-A-Y the other night dancing on some tables. I live with a couple of gay guys - it's amazing. Obviously I have straight male friends too. It's not all just gay men, though that would be fabulous. Can I be your fag hag? Can I? Yay!

We think Sheridan might be collecting gays and small dogs in some secret underground bunker... we are so joining the queue. 9/10

What's your biggest extravagance, apart from Primark?

Hmmm, I love my shoes, I really love my Loubies (Louboutin's) mind you they have started to go a bit chavvy haven't they as everyone loves the red sole. (We tell her Jennifer Lopez has done a song called Louboutin's) Oh she hasn't, really, no, oh no. I haven't heard that... my gays haven't updated my iPod with that number.

We love the fact she called a huge designer chavvy as they are on the verge of being so 'last decade' and the real shock of La Lopez's next move. 7/10

What's your best put down line?

(Waves her hand like she has a wand) You... turn to shit! I got that from a joke about a taxi driver who is driving a gay guy and the guy leaves his broly in the car. The cab driver says (in a very butch accent) 'oi fairy you left your wand' so the gay guy gets it, waves it and says 'turn to shit'.

You have to do it with a fairy godmother swish though.

Oh... we... love... that one. Could carrying a wand in your man bag be the way forward? We might have to steal that and make it our own. 9/10

Do you like a good drama?

Do you mean watching one or being in one... oh you don't mean a TV drama (laughs) silly me. Oh I love a bit of drama... we all do though don't we? As I mentioned, I can have a drama over some toast.

Yes, I am a bit of a drama queen. I think any actor is naturally very dramatic, it's in our blood and we can't be blamed... well that's my excuse. I have been seeing someone new who says I am dramatic and I find myself saying (in a rather dramatic

voice) Dramatic? Moi? Maybe I should make some up when I am bored?

We like the mix up though it almost became a sensible interview and that would never do. We also love a drama queen and one who wants to invent it. 9/10

89/100 - It's official - Sheridan Smith is camper than camp and frankly we want to join her in her mission to have a dogs home filled with homo staff... now wouldn't that be fabulous. All hail - Queen Sheridan of Fag Hags.

You can see Sheridan Smith in *Legally Blonde: The Musical* for tickets and info visit: legallyblondethemusical.com go on you know you want to!

Photo: Ellie Kurtz



ROBERT GONZALEZ

— HeMan of the Florist

In our minds we all have a certain stereotypes to fit certain jobs. Often we are quite right in these assumptions but, as our American correspondent Max Jimenez reports, there's a man in the US who appears to have broken the mold but replaced it with a tasteful bouquet.

Robert Gonzalez enjoys smelling the sweet roses of success.

Life as he knew it changed when he was asked to create weekly floral pieces for Oprah Winfrey and her Harpo Studio offices. Now a bona fide celebrity florist, Gonzalez has done arrangements for the likes of Jennifer Hudson, Barbara Walters, Shania Twain and even President Barack Obama.

"I've always been an entrepreneur," reflects the young man from Venezuela. "At 14, I started my own party business, planning and

initiating birthday parties. At the same time, I would spend afternoons in the flower shop behind my house. That's where I learned about flowers. When I moved to the United States, I decided I would apply my entrepreneurial skills to a new career in floral design."

What sets Gonzalez apart from other florists is his vision. It goes way beyond bunching roses together in a bouquet or planting a Lillie in a pot. Gonzalez began his career in floral gifting and event design way before the industry gained notoriety through reality TV wedding shows. "Now every florist thinks they can design weddings. The industry has become overcrowded."

He still does the occasional gala but his main interest is now in fashion. He has become the go-to florist for fashion designers who want to add exotic flowers into their campaign shoots and runway shows. He admits it wasn't exactly his idea.

"It began when a popular fashion photographer asked me to create floral head pieces for his photo shoot with Vanessa Williams," he explains.



"The shoot later became a fashion story in a major women's magazine and the calls started pouring in from other photographers and designers. Before I knew it, I was on a new and exciting path in floral design."

It's an intricate process from bloom to zoom. "I first sketch the design. Then I need to pick the right flowers that will hold up under the hot studio lights. They are then individually wired, taped and assembled to the desired shape."

Gonzalez collaborates with the hair stylist to work it properly into the model's head. "From the moment I pick the right bloom to the time that is spent placing the piece on the models head usually takes between two to three days."

The process requires discipline and dedication, both of which Gonzalez knows a thing or two about. In addition to the art of horticulture, Gonzalez enjoys the art of, well... his body.

"Clients are always shocked when they meet me," he laughs. "There is a misperception about how male florists should look, and I guess I don't fit the mold."

"I like to compare myself to a sunflower with a bold strong look yet delicate petals," he laughs.

Athletic from an early age, Gonzalez started going to the gym at 14 years old. "I couldn't afford a trainer so I would workout close to the other trainers while they were training their clients so that I could hear what they were teaching."

He entered his first body building show at 30 years old and is currently training for his next show later this year.

"My biggest challenge is keeping the weight on. I'm not a big eater so I literally have to force myself to eat."

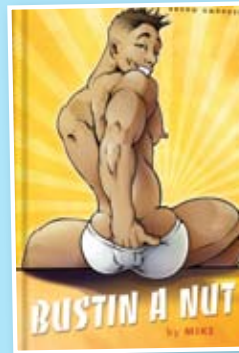
He acknowledges that the muscles have helped his career – especially with women and gay male clients. But looks only help open the door. "The floral industry is more competitive than most people realize. To succeed, you have to fight to be the best."

Gonzalez says he missed the boat with the reality wedding TV shows. It's a mistake he won't make again. In fact, he's currently in discussions for his own reality show that will go behind the scenes of his celebrity floral fashion shoots and teach viewers the fine art of horticulture design. "I aim to give new definition to the words flower power," he laughs.





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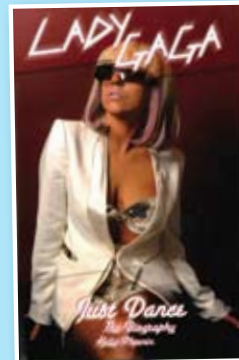


BUSTIN A NUT

By Mike

American illustrator Mike really is an exceptionally gifted story teller—without even using words. SEX is written in capital letters in the world of his hung and muscle-bound heroes. Mike's drawings are nearly almost explicit but they are never artificial—the story is not only below the belt but also in your face. BUSTIN A NUT is an erotic and vibrant eye catcher for fans of excellently drawn comic art ...

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LADY GAGA: JUST DANCE

By Helia Phoenix

Lady Gaga was always destined to be different. She was a talented musician as a child, learning piano at age 4 and writing her first ballad at 13. But she turned her back on the world of a typical teenage girl, instead running off to party hard, make friends with go-go dancers and drag queens, much to her parent's disapproval. Forget the fake wannabes... this Lady is fierce!!

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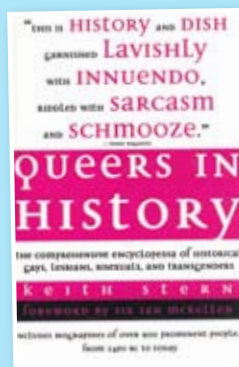


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VERY IMPORTANT 28%
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Men who defined themselves as Muscular were the most likely body type to say Very Important (44%) compared to the lowest (13%) of 'Large' guys.

Men who reported to be 'Extra Large' in the groin area were the most likely to say Very Important (46%) closely followed by 'Large' (38%).

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THONGS/JOCK = 8%

Boxers were most popular with 18-24 (61%) gradually falling to 30% of those aged 61+

Briefs were most popular with 51-60 (36%) gradually falling to 11% of those aged 18-24

Trunks were most popular with 36-40 (20%) gradually falling either side.

Thongs/Jocks were most popular with 51-60 (10%) falling to 7% of those aged 18-24



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GET BRANDED WITH SLICK LICK

Here at Bent we get sent quite a few new products to try out or review but the latest batch of underwear from a new company really did catch our eye. LICK has produced a small, though sexy range of well made, classy, snug and very eye catching undies that took us quite by surprise. But, we wondered, how and why, in this supposed economical downturn did this Bristol based company decide to launch its own brand?

"We felt that during this recession we needed to launch a brand of underwear that was going to stand out from the crowd and also appeal to different types of consumer. We wanted to give a new fresh product

that would excite customers to start buying again, its proven that luxury beauty items are on the increase, that's where the idea "Lick" came from, we decided to split it into four categories, **L - Leisure, I - Individual, C - Classic, K - Kinky**, this would give the consumer the range from one brand."

OK, but what else, what concepts or new ideas are you bringing to the market place?

"We are starting a full UK gay club tour, beginning in March to show off to the real discerning public just how good our underwear is. Also, we plan to launch new designs twice a year, Spring/Summer & Autumn/Winter, to add an element of anticipation, we will also add to each seasonal collection a Limited selection, where we will

only make, for example 2000 units of a selected style and it will be then discontinued, this will add an air of excitement with our customers to see what is going to be the Ltd design! Our product is keyed around the perfect fit, we want an everyday underwear selection that is so comfortable and enhancing but also very fashionable and of course the Kinky category to add an element of fun!

So, there you have it, a new British company set to give us boys the very best thing... to put our very best things in.

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BLOG FOR FUN

By Alex Wiggan

When the working day is done, gays just wanna have fun. Well, at least that's how the song should have gone, right? Most guys manage to get through the daily grind because they have far more exciting things going on in their free time than they do during the number crunching hours of 9 – 5. A job may bring home the bacon, but it doesn't quite match up to the excitement found watching twenty odd sweaty men chasing a ball around a field, or the pleasure one can truly find from waggling a joystick. Whether it's a serious hobby, a great way to meet guys, or passing phase, a fella has a lot to fill his free time with and many enjoy it so much they blog about it. Their blog is an extension of their initial interest and for Bryan Ochalla, the creator of the blog The Gay Gamer it's the perfect place to give gay games fanatics a heads up on what's currently going on in the hugely popular world of gaming. If you hadn't guessed Bryan is gay and in his own words he says, "I'm here, I'm queer and I'm a gamer, dammit!" Bryan is also happily married and is very passionate about the gaming industry, which to be honest with names like Final Fantasy, Pokémon and Mega Man you'd be forgiven for presuming it was a completely different industry entirely. The important thing however is that Bryan sets out from the start that he is perfectly comfortable with who he is and then gets down to the business of

blogging about what takes up his spare time. The same can be said for The Sports Fag, who if you still haven't twigged on this one, is a gay guy who likes sport. This guy has his own blog where he talks sport, but he's also part of the wider blogging network of Sportsfags.com which has chat rooms, forums and a blogging community. It's not the type of blog designed for those who just want to drool over pictures of their sporting heroes, but it is a place to go for sporting fans that happen to be gay. Not every gay guy feels comfortable whilst out on the pitch, but that doesn't mean they don't find the world of sport interesting and so it's good to know they're not on their own. This is the beauty of blogging about hobbies and interests, because it's not just about a blogger saying they're gay and so they must approach their interests in a 'gay way', it's about them saying they approach the subject in the same way as everyone else, and their sexuality shouldn't affect that too much.

However there are other guys who are perhaps less than excited by the idea of sport and possibly would prefer to look at more homoerotic or 'artsy' shots of blokes, who have chiselled jaws and like sitting on a stool with their arses out. If this sounds like a much better past time, then it could be because you're the type of person who is familiar with the best way

with which to point and shoot. Homotography is a blog about the fun of photography, if the fun of photography involves homosexual tendencies. So those preferring nothing more than to extend their tripod, to capture fancy photos of models with a strip of gaffer tape across their nuts, will find much to inspire them on this blog. Packed with lots of pictures it should give the odd amateur

photographer an idea on what's already been done and it also features some fit blokes as well; if staring at good looking men is your hobby. So it doesn't matter what you get up to in your spare time, it seems that there are others who get up to it too and this should at least make you feel better when you're thinking up the best way to escape from your place of work.

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ON THE BLOG: 5 to pass the time away

1. *Was there a reason why Mario went out of his way to save the Princess, yet always remained single? Perhaps the Gay Gamer knows.
www.thegaygamer.blogspot.com
2. *When you get a spare minute, do you devote your life to Burberry and Gucci? Do you dream of male corsets, manbags and catwalks whisking you away to a better life? Well if you do and fashion is your thing, then there's a blog out there that feels the same.
www.boysgirlstrendyfashion.blogspot.com
3. *If the fashion runway isn't your thing, and you'd much rather get your hands dirty messing with some nuts and bolts in the world of NASCAR, then you aren't alone. For gay guys who like to live in the fast lane, it's time to suit up, wiggle your gear stick and go at it full throttle.
www.queers4gears.com
4. *Have the songs from Glee taken over your life? Well they seem to have taken over someone else's as well, because there's now a blog dedicated to listing all the songs that so far have featured on the show.
www.gleesongs.com
5. *Following gorgeous/sexy/hunk-a-licious (please delete as applicable) actor Channing Tatum is an official hobby, right? Well if it isn't then it damn well should be!
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AN AMERICAN NAMED TURK

The last few weeks have been really busy for me. I've been on an extended business trip to Berlin; I've performed in a porn movie, I've made several videos for my own site, I've performed at some of our STAXUS live shows – and, at last, I've bought a car!

Yes, I've finally bought a new car: a Mazda. Okay, okay, I agree – a Mazda is not exactly the first car that comes to mind when you think of a horny porn star like me. But a Mazda is roadworthy, has plenty of space and is reliable. Even more important still, it was very cheap – thanks to a special offer that's been running.

Needless to report, I've already tried all the seats in different positions and have concluded that sex in my new Mazda is much more comfortable and relaxed than in my old car. Maybe I'm just getting old? Let's hope not!

Anyway, recently I've been on the set of "Graduation Gangbang 3" – the latest instalment of our famous (and very popular) franchise – where I shot a nice scene with Belgian model, Philippe Delvaux, and a Californian guy by the name of Turk Mason. As it happened it was actually Turk's first visit to Europe, but unfortunately the poor guy had to spend his only week either here in Prague and Most – a city on the Czech-German border. As a result, I'm sure he now thinks that everyone in Europe lives solely on a diet of Goulash and potatoes, washed down by litres of beer.

During his stay, I took him on a whistle-stop tour of Prague, during which he seemed to stop in front of almost every building that was more than 20 years old to take photos – which, of course, is literally every building in the centre of the city! Obviously, there's a big lack of old buildings in California ...

Back to the filming, and the first scene I had with Turk was extremely horny, so I decided to do some more action with him for my site. I picked him up from Prague airport and we drove to his hotel. He was already very horny by this point and seemed to have problems waiting just a few more hours before we could start filming together. But what I can say? He turned out to be a fabulous bottom, and having spent 26 hours on planes and waiting at airports I guess he just needed a good fuck. You'll be able to see all the action very soon on my site, but in the meantime I can tell you that the guy was so horny that he wanted to do a solo scene pretty much the moment we'd finished our duo. Wow, what energy! Of course, I didn't decline his request, but instead started filming immediately,

whereupon he promptly produced another full load! Gees, it must be all this healthy food that these California boys eat!

I like to have sex with lots of different guys. Americans are totally different to our Czech twinks, whilst British guys are different to the guys from mainland Europe, so I like to fuck men from various nations to try to find out their various "specialities". Here's a thought, maybe we should all try to fuck with a different nationality once a week to brighten up our sex lives!

The STAXUS-On-Tour shows continue almost every weekend, visiting some of the biggest European cities with our raunchy, filthy shows. Actually, something rather funny happened the other weekend in Munich. On this particular occasion we did our show, as per usual, plus a little "extra" that we sometimes put on (some oral action, culminating in a few cum-shots whilst standing on the bar), when the police entered the premises to conduct a routine inspection!

You can imagine the faces of the two policemen! Moments later and there was a real big rumpus and lots of negotiations taking place in the back-office of the club – at which point I was called in to join the discussions. As it happens, it actually took a little while before I really understood what all the fuss was about. Basically, the police weren't complaining about the nature of our hardcore show, but about the cum-shots going over the glasses on the bar, which is strictly against all German hygienic laws since the bar staff should have had the glasses and open bottles covered before we started. As a consequence, the club owner had to pay a fine! Curiously enough, however, we've never had a single guest complain about any spunk in their glass during a single one of our shows!

I will never understand German law. In some cities, such as Berlin and Hamburg, you actually need what is called (in bureaucratic German) "Genehmigung zur Zurschaustellung von Personen" – in other words, a kind of "Fuck Licence", which allows a club to

hold hardcore shows. Without this paperwork, which costs between €50 and €300 depending on the city, such shows can't take place; but with it you're even allowed to have a gang-bang on the dance-floor!

Lets hope we don't need that kind of licence when we do our shows in UK this year.

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TERRY GEORGE: TELLIN' STORIES

Recently, for a dose of winter sunshine I decided to visit South Africa. I wanted to go this year before it gets too busy in the summer when the football World Cup starts and thousands of flag waving, face painted patriots flood in.

From what I saw the country is getting in good shape, there has been a massive influx of hotels since I was last there. The transport system is mainly small local buses but very clean and cheap, and of course it's easy to get around if you hire a car.

I like to jump on a tour bus to take in the main sites as it helps to get your bearings very quickly before you embark on your own sightseeing. It takes around 1.5 hours and is very worthwhile to see lots of places at once and pick out ones to spend more time at later on.

My top pick for Cape Town has to be Table Mountain. You ascend the mountain in a revolving cable car which enables you to have a 360 degree vista of Cape Town as you climb to the top. Once you're up there you can go exploring, and it's so flat it's easy to get around. I would advise visiting early morning though as it tends to get cloudy later in the day when the 'table cloth' hangs over the top of the mountain.

The hotel I stayed at in Cape Town was the Cape Cadogan, which is a small boutique hotel, with a range of luxurious rooms and in a good central location.

The climate is hot and sunny during UK Winter time, so it's a perfect destination for a winter tan. The beaches are great too. My personal favourite is Camps Bay (no pun intended), where the waves are usually high. There's an array of trendy bars and restaurants plus plenty of hotels and guest houses if you want to stay at the bay.

Once away from the cities, you cannot visit Africa and not go on a safari. I opted for the Pilanesberg game reserve, which is malaria free so you don't have to take tablets. It took around 2 hours by road from Johannesburg, which gave you a good opportunity to take in some of the country.

The lodge I booked was Kwa Maritane where they organise game drives from the hotel at sunrise, daytime and twilight to give you chance to see the animals at different times of the day. When it's so wet and green you tend not to spot too many animals, I'm told it's best to go when the weather is dry and they have to go to watering holes to drink and travel further for

food so you see them more often.

It was the second safari I've done and I've still only seen 4 out of the big 5. I'm beginning to wonder if they are all there at all? Being a photographer it's like a dream come true for me though however many animals appear.

We did go to a cheetah sanctuary to see baby cheetah's so I could tick all 5 off my list.

Ten minutes drive from the Pilanesberg is the famous Sun City. I found it very disappointing, you have to pay to go in if you aren't a resident. I went at night, but the resort is just really hotels. The 5 star Palace of The Lost City is amazing but other than that, unless you enjoy golf and just relaxing, there are much more authentic places to visit. It wasn't my scene anyway.

Overall I love South Africa and a week there just isn't enough. I'll be watching the World Cup with interest, not because I like football but to see how they cope with one of the biggest sporting events in the World, then when all the excitement has died down again I'd love to go back.



Meanwhile, I'd like to congratulate Charl Van den Berg, a 28-year-old restaurateur from Cape Town, who was named Mr Gay World 2010 at a competition in Oslo, Norway last month. Pink News reports that Van den Berg said: "It's my aim to help break down stereotypes and differing mindsets in the global community and promote oneness and equality for all people by bridging the gap between those mindsets. It is my understanding that people are people before we are different." And so say all of us.

Well done Charl you will be a terrific representative for South Africa's burgeoning gay community.



ARE YOU A SEX CLINIC VIRGIN?

For lots of men, a trip to the GUM clinic can seem daunting, so they delay it or avoid it all together. That's what happened to Mike Robinson, gay man and sex clinic virgin. In the latest issue of FS magazine from GMFA, the gay men's health charity, he reveals how, after a long time of putting it off, he took a deep breath and headed to the GUM clinic for the first time – only to find out it wasn't such a big deal after all.

Mike explains: "The idea of it made me feel uncomfortable... Then I read an article in a magazine saying how you can have some sexually transmitted infections and not even know it, and they can cause physical and mental damage if not treated... It also said that if you do have HIV the sooner you know the better. With all this whizzing around in my head, I thought it was time to bite the bullet and go for a check-up."

Going for a sexual health check-up can be quick and simple, so it is well-worth making the effort. If you are sexually active, it is recommended you go about every six months to see if you've picked up any infections. You may have an STI without knowing it, so sexual health check-ups are an important part of staying healthy.

There are many walk-in clinics in London so you don't always have to make an appointment in advance. For full listings of sexual health clinics in London, and links to clinics around the UK, visit gmfa.org.uk/clinics. You can go to any sexual health clinic you like – it doesn't have to be the one closest to your home.

The article 'I was a sex clinic virgin' appears in issue 116 of FS magazine, the fit and sexy gay man's magazine from GMFA. FS is available for free in gay venues and GUM clinics across the UK or can be downloaded at www.gmfa.org.uk/fs.



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CHILDREN AND SPLITTING UP

After 4 years in a civil partnership, my partner and I have decided to go our separate ways and have filed for a divorce. We are adamant that the lives of our adopted children should change as little as possible- is it possible to get shared custody from the courts?

A: When a relationship ends everyone's primary concern is that the children are affected as little as possible by the changes in adult's lives. It is vitally important that, if possible, all matters relating to children are resolved amicably.

Where a separated couple can agree the arrangements for the children, there is often no need for court intervention at all. When your dissolution petition was filed with the court, the person filing the petition will have filed a "Statement of Arrangements for children". This sets out details of the children of the family for the judge, including where they presently go to school, where they live, and how often they see each parent. The respondent to the petition will receive this from the court, and will have the opportunity to comment on it.

If you are both keen for there to be a shared care arrangement, and you can agree the mechanics of such an arrangement between you, it is likely that the court will have no further involvement with the children after reviewing the Statement of

Arrangements. Shared care usually refers to the number of nights the children spend with each parent, so a 50/50 shared care arrangement would mean that the children spent 7 nights with each parent per fortnight. There are however many variations which can work equally well.

If you both agree to a shared care arrangement, but cannot agree the mechanics, you could use the services of a mediator or solicitor to help you to negotiate an appropriate arrangement. Everyone's family circumstances are different, and you need to find an arrangement that can work for the family as a whole.

It is a widely held view that where an arrangement can be put in place by agreement, rather than enforced by the court, it is much less likely to break down.

If it is impossible to agree an arrangement for the care of the children, then it may be necessary to make an application to the Court for a (shared) residence order. The general principle of the Children Act is that the Court shouldn't make any orders unless it is entirely necessary and that it is in the interests of a child for an order to be made.

Even if it is necessary to issue an application parents should continue to try and agree matters at all stages.



THE DISGRACE OF UGANDA'S ANTI-GAY BILL



Peter Tatchell is running a campaign to bring to the attention of UK citizens the horror that is taking place in Uganda. He writes: "I am very grateful to Rob Tisinai for making a masterclass YouTube video that explains the full horrors of the Uganda Anti-Homosexuality Bill. It shows that this Bill is far more lethal and wide-reaching than most people realise."

Under the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, the crime of "serial offender" is punishable by execution.

A serial offender is a person who has "previous convictions" for "homosexuality or related offences."

"Related offences" in the Bill, which can result in a death sentence for serial offenders, include non-sexual acts such as:

- aiding and abetting homosexuality
- advocating same-sex relationships or LGBT rights
- having a same-sex marriage
- publicising or funding pro-LGBT organisations
- using the internet or a mobile phone for the purpose of homosexuality or its promotion
- being a person in authority who fails to report an offender to the police within 24 hours

These related offences are crimes that could be also committed by a heterosexual person. It is not just LGBT Ugandans who are threatened by this legislation.



Under the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, all convicted serial offenders are liable to execution, regardless of their sexuality.

Watch Rob's video here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fuEsRjp2nU
www.petertatchell.net

THE ALBERT KENNEDY TRUST FUNDRAISER

Last month saw London's top nightclub No5 Cavendish Square host the fabulous 'Winter Carnival'. The event was in aid of the Albert Kennedy Trust and included a champagne reception, a delicious three course meal, an auction plus live entertainment. Celebrity guests included amongst others; Patron of AKT, Sir Ian McKellen, Sandi Toksvig, Kristian Digby, Jodie Harsh and Brian Paddock.

There were many prizes auctioned off and the bidding was fast and furious especially for a luxury weekend away at the Munuro Resort in Paris donated by www.60by80.com 'Winter Carnival' not only provided the very best in entertainment and style, but also raised over £15,000 for the Albert Kennedy Trust, whose outstanding efforts support the young, gay and homeless.

www.akt.org.uk
Photo: P Allardyce





Jacques Tati

HOLLYWOOD - JE T'AIME

It has been described as a French film that just happens to have been made in the English language. The style, the script and of course the actors have all bestowed upon this gay movie a classy feel with a 'refreshing' approach to sex. Bent caught up with the movie's leading man Eric Debets to get his take on Hollywood.

My character is a guy who wants to change his life as many men do at some point in their lives. He's a gay man who wants to feel free and without limits but when he gets that life he's actually disillusioned by it all. He really finds out what he wants from life and more about himself over the course of the film.

How did you get involved with it?

I've known the director, Jason Bushman, for many years. Three years ago he asked me to be in one of his short films and I just thought

"why not"? The role gave me a real passion for acting so I soon went to drama school and in 2008 he came to me with an idea for a feature film about a man who tries to make it in Hollywood and he thought I would be perfect for the role!

Is there any difference in attitude between French and American movie makers?

This is a tricky one to answer! Let's just say that it definitely depends on the directors!

Is Hollywood the dream factory you thought it would be?

At the start I was also asking the question about the 'Hollywood dream' but not so much after making the film! The Hollywood dream is still alive but these days I don't need Hollywood to dream.

Playing an out gay man in the movies... do you have any of your own 'casting couch' experiences?

I'm afraid to say no! None at all!

You are being compared to the brilliant comic actor Jacques Tati, is that pressure you could do without?

That's a real honour for me! He's such a talented and popular actor and filmmaker and it's a very complimentary comparison. I certainly don't see it as an added pressure, I just try to look at it as a positive for the future and something to aspire to.

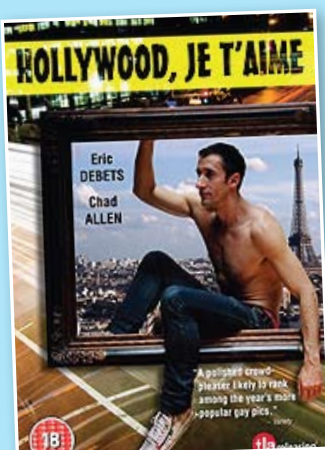
What type of movie do you like to watch... and what part/character would you do 'anything' to play?

I like to see movies with really strong drama but comedies are also good to lighten things up! But something like Gus Van Sant's *My Own Private Idaho* is a favourite. I would like to star in these genres and I don't mind

playing a strange character - the crazier the better!

What new projects are on the horizon?

I do have a few in the pipeline but it's a little too early to talk about them but I promise you'll be the first to know!



HOLLYWOOD, JE T'AIME

Bright, funny, honest and utterly charming, this DVD is a perfect amalgam of classic American and European gay cinema. Rather than dwelling on an uncertain future after a seemingly broken relationship, Jerome impulsively books a trip to Los Angeles to pursue his creative dreams - leaving his Parisian home behind indefinitely. After meeting a colourful set of characters that throw up a series of exciting and enriching relationships, both sexual and otherwise, it initially seems that the city of dreams will live up to expectations.

Out Now - £14.99 - TLA Releasing

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this excellent DVD, just answer this simple question: **In which US city is Hollywood?**



WRECKED

A sexually-explicit drama about a gay teen's tumultuous descent into drugs and anonymous sex, the movie smashes cinematic taboos while it spins its cautionary tale. Ryan is an earnest 18-year-old trying to develop a career as an actor and getting his life on the right track. This course is quickly threatened with the sudden arrival of his sort-of ex, Daniel, who arrives at Ryan's door wanting a place to stay and offering the promise of a normal, loving relationship. But Daniel's drug addiction and attitude towards casual sex derail any hope for normalcy and soon ensnares Ryan in his own downward spiral.

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Out 29th March - £12.99 - Peccadillo Pictures

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◀ PAINTBALL

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Out: 15th March - £19.99 - Icon Home Entertainment

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this excellent DVD, just answer this simple question: **Which two paint colours do you mix to get green?**



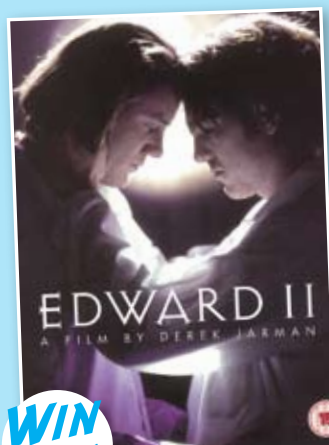
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◀ PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

It's the horror film that shocked the American public and scared cinema-goers every where. After a young, middle class couple move into what seems like a typical suburban "starter" house, they become increasingly disturbed by a presence that may or may not be somehow demonic, but is certainly most active in the middle of the night, especially when they are fast asleep. Determined to find out more, the couple invest in some hi-tech equipment, unfortunately the 'spirit' doesn't like this turn of events.

**Out: 22nd March - DVD £19.99
Bluray £24.99 - Icon Entertainment**

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this excellent DVD, just answer this simple question: **What do the letters esp stand for?**



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◀ EDWARD II

Groundbreaking and provocative director Derek Jarman's adaptation of Christopher Marlowe's eponymous 16th century play Edward II is the compelling story of Britain's only acknowledged and persecuted ruler. His infatuation with his lover Piers Gaveston, 1st Earl of Cornwall, rather than his wife Queen Isabella, led to civil war. With a modern setting and a terrific cast it still resonates with homosexual issues that are far from dead.

Out: 1st March - £19.99 - Second Sight

To be in with a chance of winning a copy of this excellent DVD, just answer this simple question: **In what language was Jarman's 1976 film Sebastiane filmed - Latin? Greek.? or French?**

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Out: 5th March

From visionary director Tim Burton comes an epic 3D fantasy adventure, a magical and imaginative twist on one of the most beloved stories of all time. Johnny Depp stars as the Mad Hatter and Mia Wasikowska as 19-year-old Alice, who returns to the whimsical world she first encountered as a young girl, reuniting with her childhood friends: the White Rabbit,

Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Dormouse, the Caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat, and of course, the Mad Hatter. Alice embarks on a fantastical journey to find her true destiny and end the Red Queen's reign of terror. The all-star cast also includes Anne Hathaway, Tim Burton's muse/wife Helena Bonham Carter and Crispin Glover. Forget Avatar – this is the 3D masterpiece we have all been waiting for.



▲ CHLOE

Out: 5th March

Atom Egoyan's remake of the French thriller *Nathalie*. Catherine (Julianne Moore), a successful doctor, suspects her handsome music professor husband David (Liam Neeson)

is cheating on her. To lay her suspicions and fears to rest, she hires an irresistible young woman, Chloe (Amanda Seyfried), to test David's fidelity. Chloe's torrid tales of her encounters with David lead Catherine on a journey of sexual and sensual re-discovery. But by opening the door to temptation, she puts her family in great danger.

MOVIE BUZZ

Jeffrey Dean Morgan has apparently landed a role opposite Sam Worthington in *The Fields* to be directed by Michael Mann's daughter Ami Canaan Mann. The film centres on a Texas homicide detective (Worthington) who joins with a New York detective to investigate unsolved murders in the Texas

bayous. Meanwhile Universal is still working with Alex Proyas developing *Dracula Year Zero* with Sam Worthington in the lead role.

The success of Guy Ritchie's *Sherlock Holmes* has not only inspired a possible like-minded *Three Musketeers* movie, but has now encouraged UK-based Ecosse Films to go the same route in developing a feature adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*.

Guy's ex, Madonna, is dipping her toes once again in the feature film pool, this time with plans to direct *W.E.*, a biopic about the affair between King Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson that led to the British royal abdicating the throne to marry his divorcee lover. Vera Farmiga (*Up In the Air*) is apparently up for the role of Simpson. Madonna is writing the script with her *Truth or Dare* director, Alec Keshishian. Madonna last directed *Filth and Wisdom* in 2008.

Taylor Lautner continues to rack up new projects, this time signing on for *Abduction*, a film centering on a teen who has long felt disconnected from his parents, and figures out why, which unleashes a chain of violent events. Plus he has signed on to bring to the big screen the boy with plastic arms, *Stretch Armstrong*.



▲ LEIGHTON

Out: 5th March

In the supernatural action thriller *Legion*, an out-of-the-way diner becomes the unlikely battleground for the survival of the human race. When God loses faith in Mankind, he sends his legion of angels to bring on the Apocalypse. Humanity's only

hope lies in a group of strangers trapped in a desert diner and the Archangel Michael (Paul Bettany). The world is about to become a waking nightmare for the last remnants of mankind as rolling caravans of crazed killers arrive in search of fresh victims and an army of warrior angels bent on total destruction follows close behind them in a unique and terrifying glimpse of the End of Days.



▲ THE BOUNTY HUNTER

Out: 17th March

Milo Boyd (Gerard Butler), a down-on-his-luck bounty hunter, gets his dream job when he is assigned to track down his bail-jumping ex-wife, reporter Nicole Hurly (Jennifer Aniston). He thinks all that's ahead is an easy payday, but when Nicole gives him the slip so she can chase a lead on a murder cover-up, Milo realizes that nothing ever goes simply with him and Nicole. The exes continually one-up each other until they find themselves on the run for their lives. They thought their promise to love, honour and obey was tough staying alive is going to be a whole lot tougher. Andy Tennant (Hitch, Sweet Home Alabama) directs.

Gwyneth Paltrow has joined Matt Damon, Kate Winslet, Marion Cotillard and Jude Law in Contagion for director Steven Soderbergh written by Scott Z. Burns (The Informant and The Bourne Ultimatum). The film takes place in a worst case scenario of a deadly virus taking place over four continents.

▲ GREEN ZONE

Out: 12th March

Matt Damon and director Paul Greengrass (The Bourne Supremacy, The Bourne Ultimatum, United 93) re-team for their latest electrifying thriller in Green Zone, a film set in the chaotic early days of the Iraqi War when no one could be trusted and every decision could detonate unforeseen consequences. During the U.S.-led occupation of Baghdad in 2003, Chief Warrant Officer Roy Miller (Damon) and his team of Army inspectors were dispatched to find weapons of mass destruction believed to be stockpiled in the Iraqi desert. Rocketing from one booby-trapped and treacherous site to the next, the men search for deadly chemical agents but stumble instead upon an elaborate cover-up that inverts the purpose of their mission.



The third film in the Riddick franchise, simply titled Riddick and starring Vin Diesel as the title character will apparently follow Diesel's character — the most wanted man in the galaxy — who's been left for dead on a barren alien planet, dealing with "trisons" (three-legged bisons) and "mud demons." He must then contend with two squads of bounty hunters, one of which ride rockets called jetcycles.

▲ SHUTTER ISLAND

Out: 12th March

Mark Ruffalo and Leonardo DiCaprio team up as a pair of U.S. Marshals who travel to a secluded island off the coast of Massachusetts to search for an escaped mental patient, uncovering a web of deception along the way as they battle the forces of nature and a prison riot in this Martin Scorsese-helmed period picture. Ben Kingsley co-stars as the head of the institution where the patient resided, while Michelle Williams portrays Leonardo DiCaprio's deceased wife, whose memory haunts him during the investigation. Max von Sydow, Emily Mortimer, Michelle Williams, Patricia Clarkson, and Jackie Earle Haley round out the supporting cast.



WE LOVE YOU JIM CARREY

For his latest role Hollywood legend Jim Carrey stars in the incredible true story of gay con artist Steven Russell. 'I Love You Phillip Morris' is the amazing story that tells of a former straight copper who - following a car accident - decides he's gay and live life to the fullest, which eventually sees him end up in jail. There he falls in love with sensitive soft-spoken Phillip Morris, played by Ewan McGregor.

I believe that you didn't get to meet the real Steven Russell, so where did the inspiration come from for this amazingly flamboyant performance?

Steve McVicker, the gentleman who wrote the book, went for me because he had a relationship (with him) and he was allowed at the prison and he did recordings for me, so it's quite fascinating to listen to him, and to listen to what excited him, and to actually listen to his dialogue about the movie happening which was the inspiration of his life at that time. He was very excited about it you could tell and about the choice of Ewan for his lover, very excited. He's smarter than all of us. He's dangerous in that way I guess. Never hurt a soul but in solitary confinement for the rest of his life. It's incredible... an incredible story and he should be hired by the government. He'd do a better job in intelligence than they've been doing so far, as long as he was controlled... I think it would be a great job for him...

How daring can it be for a well-known American actor to play a gay character?

Hmmm...I don't really care...and I'm Canadian....no no no. I don't really care about a reaction if there's a negative reaction. I care about doing a story about amazing and fascinating people. It's unbelievable that it ever occurred and it's real. It's a true story about love and someone's relentlessness to find it and keep it. I want to play people, you know, human beings... and this is an interesting human being. The bottom line is that the quest for love is everyone's and he's just another person...

I understand that you needed to lose quite a bit of weight for this role, can you tell us what that was like?

The process of losing that weight was pretty tough... you'll notice I'm pretty skinny in some scenes... but the process boiled down to the last week or so I was really only having these little tomato drinks every once in a while. I had water and supplements so I could stay alive but there was really nothing of substance...in the last two days, before the main shots I just stopped eating completely and had a little taste of water...

With acting, I guess it's always a bit like you're wearing a mask - you're always being funny and energetic, in which of your films can we see the real Jim Carrey?

Every one of them...I mean it's all me so, everything I do is me. If I go over the top it's me, if I'm quiet it's me. I'm all of that and I'm so insanely lucky that I have stumbled into a life where I can be all of that and I can get a chance...and Luc (Besson) will allow me to make a movie like this... and believe that I can be believable.

'I Love You Phillip Morris' will be in cinemas nationwide on 17th March



PICK-OF-THE-CROPOLIS!

Yee Gods! Adrian Gillan visits Athens, the birthplace of homosexuality!

Outside Egypt and the Middle East, perhaps no other city can lay so great a claim to being the cradle of "Western Civilisation" as Athens, whose 5th Century BC "Golden Age" (philosophers like Plato and Aristotle; dramatists like Sophocles, Euripides and Aristophanes etc) sowed the seeds later nurtured and morphed by the Romans and all major Biblio-Judaic offshoots.

Athens' intrinsic cultural richness has, ironically, stood the test of time, surviving its myriad then-seeming all-conquering invaders – from Romans and Byzantines, through Ottomans and Venetians, to the establishment of a modern independent Greek nation, which itself has witnessed German invasion, then liberation, followed by civil war, a junta and eventual evolution – well-nigh full circle – into a democracy the Ancients would well half-recognise, along with the 2004 Olympic Games!

EU membership and the thankfully waning sway of a repressive, chauvinist and ultra-conservative Greek Orthodox Church – that was frankly making the Ancient Greek Heroes groan and spin in their graves – have led to a recent renaissance in the Greek arts, and the resurgence of more gay activity than these wise old hills can have probably witnessed since, oh, around 500BC. Greater Athens is now home to around 4 million, a third of Greece's entire population.



TO SEE AND DO...

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TO BOOZE AND CRUISE...

Dozens of venues throng Athens' gay scene, clustered mainly in Gázi and Keramikos, north west of the Acropolis. Caution: Disco nap 7pm; dine 10pm, hit bars 1am, hit clubs 3am!

CAFES AND BARS...

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PRIDE KICKS OFF HERE!

The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival is the world's premier gay and lesbian cultural festival. Spanning two weeks from the 19th February – 6th March, the event aims to increase visibility of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities and their culture. It also signifies to many the start

of the new year's Pride fun and fundraising events right across the world. Here in the UK, more and more towns and cities are gearing up for their own celebration, some with local support, some with national support but all with one aim. Some people are gay... *get over it!*

SOME PRIDE EVENTS 2010

27 March
3-10 May
15-16 May
17 May

29 May
8-13 June
11-13 June
19 June-4 July
26 June
26 June
26 June
10 July
17 July
24-31 July
25 July
25 July
31 July
31 July
31 July-8 Aug
31 July-31 August
1 August
7 August
14 August
16-22 August
21 August
August Bank Holiday
28 August
4 September
6-9 October

Exeter Pride
Gran Canaria Pride
Blackpool Pride
International Day Against Homophobia - IDAHO
Birmingham Gay Pride
Pride Youth Games – Manchester
Pride Torbay Torquay
Pride London Festival - 3rd Parade
Worcester Pride
Swansea Pride
Gloucester Pride
Derby Goes Pink
EuroPride in Warsaw – Poland
Belfast Gay Pride
Huddersfield Pink Picnic
Norwich Pride
Hull Pride
Nottingham Pride
Brighton and Hove Gay Pride
Gay Games VIII - Cologne
Leeds Pride
Liverpool Pride
Stoke Pride
Pride Bristol - 21st Parade
Doncaster Pride
Manchester Pride
Cornwall Gay Pride – Truro
Reading Gay Pride
Iris Prize - LGBT Film Festival - Cardiff

Note: More dates to be added also some dates and details may be subject to change please send Bent info on your Pride dates and celebrations.

**SOME
PEOPLE
ARE GAY.
GET
OVER
IT!**



WHAT'S ON



Celebrating their 10th

Nottingham's premier gay venue NG1 is celebrating its tenth anniversary on the 20th March and is inviting you all along to meet every boy's favourite soap hunk, Philip Olivier.

He'll be making a guest appearance; signing autographs and no doubt giving the crowd some fun photo ops. NG1 is not only the city's largest gay venue but on Saturday opens later than anywhere else so you can boogie until the early hours.

They have recently re-started their Wednesday Student Night (although all welcome) with special drinks promotions and free entry with NUS card.

The first Sunday of the month sees 'Handbags at Dawn', where the staff present their own drag night to entertain the crowd.

The first Saturday of each month the very popular Night Train steams into town offering the best in funky house and live entertainment - with jugglers, fire eaters and stilt-walkers.

Completing over 8 none-stop years - Poptastic - the club night that still brings a smile to the face and a rhythm to the feet takes over the club the last Friday of every month.

Plenty going on and plenty to celebrate at NG1 Nottingham
www.ng1club.co.uk



Sharing an Affinity

Sheffield's much heralded cosmopolitan bar Affinity has expanded and relocated to accommodate even more of you party people. The place is stylish and will be offering 2 levels of fantastic entertainment and, for those who just like the opportunity to show off, podiums will be available for you to shake your thing and gyrate till the early hours.

Friday nights will be hosted by the sleazemeister himself, Sleaze Sister and producer extraordinaire, Pete Martine will be keeping the place buzzing with his legendary mixing abilities. Saturday sees a special guest DJ set and Sunday has cabaret with the much talked about drag stars Ms Anja Bach and Ms Carla Jackson

Keep up with all the events by finding more info on facebook



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Saturdays

GUEST DJS

ALONG WITH OUR REGULAR DJ MEL

Sundays

CABARET RETURNS

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SHOW STARTS AT 10.00PM FREE ENTRY

FOLLOWED BY

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TILL 6.00AM

Find us on Facebook



THE COURTYARD PARTIES

A breath of fresh air

You always know when summer is just around the corner as Fibre and Queens Court announce their mighty alfresco events, 'The Courtyard Parties'.

Taking place in the courtyard between Fibre and Queens Court, these events have become one of the biggest clubbing institutions in Leeds every summer with around 2000 people attending each one. Throughout last summer, the place was packed out before the party even started, so the organisers have decided to start the proceedings earlier this year at 2pm right through until midnight.

This year's launch date is on Easter Sunday 4th April and will be the official pre-party to the Federation in Wonderland 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' so you are encouraged to wear your mad hats and outrageous Easter bonnets throughout the day. DJ's include residents from both Fibre and Queens Court (Stuart Robinson, Christian Appleby, John Marshall, Smith n Western, Josh Domello & Nicki Myers) and you can expect massive production provided by the same technical team as Federation. The admission price is just £3 if you head down before 7pm or £5 after... so what you waiting for, get those shorts and vests at the ready!!!

The Courtyard parties 2010
@ Fibre & Queens Court, Leeds LS1



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EASTER BANK HOLIDAY

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL
OPENING PARTY

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HOMO



For a Brighter Night...

Despite being almost a year old, Back Door Disco is still setting the standard for the Leeds' gay scene. Each week it packs out Mission 2 on Lower Briggate with the hottest boys and girls in the city and last month it proved that it's staying as fresh as ever by unveiling a brand new DJ line up. Resident favourite Scott Kelly has been joined by international talent Karl Lucas. Both keep the party going and dance floor filled until the early hours of the morning with an irresistible blend of modern-to-the-minute pop with commercial house, dance and top of the chart remixes.

Last month proved hectic for Mission's Monday gay night, Homo. It kicked off with a nautical theme, which saw hundreds of gay sailors descend onto Leeds. The following fortnight, the inside of the club was turned into a giant circus tent with stilt walkers, fire breathers, palm readers and everyone in fancy dress. Frock up and flock to Homo for the best night out.

This month you can still pick up free entry from Homo before 1am. Just go to www.clubmission.com to print off a voucher and present it at the door.

And don't miss the Back Door Disco Easter Weekend special on Saturday 3rd April as Leeds' biggest gay night does Jesus Christ Superstar. Expect a costumed saints and sinners party, with free shots and some outrageous drag performances. Go to www.backdoordisco.com

Animal Magic

After firmly cementing itself on the map, Liverpool based superclub Garlands visits Mission to kick off the Easter weekend with a roar!!

Famous for its "anything goes", bright coloured in-your face extravaganzas, Garlands is responsible for throwing one of the busiest parties in Ibiza with its Wednesday night antics at Eden.

It wouldn't be Garlands without a wild theme (see what we did there?), and this Easter its all about the zoo - think monkeys hanging from Mission's dark arches, lions at the bar, and penguins doing their make-up in the toilet - its garlands, anything goes!

If you're working in Ibiza this summer, the Garlands team will be in the building running auditions for promotions staff - it's a great opportunity to get yourself noticed before you hit the white isle!!!

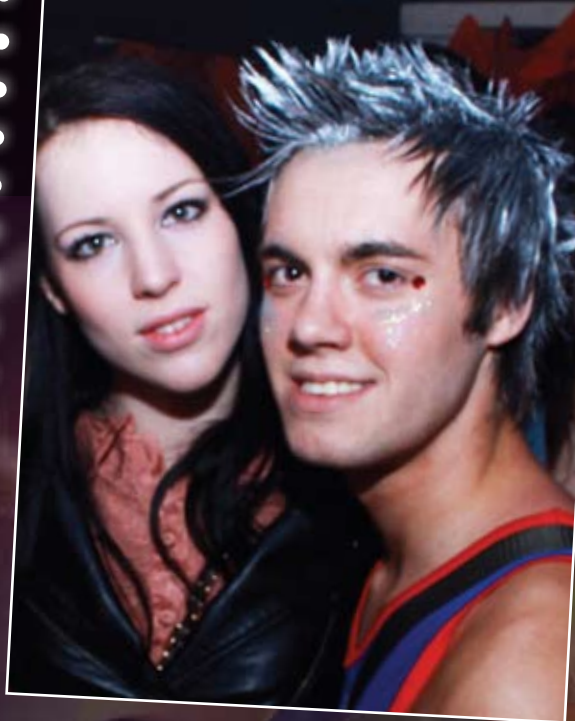
Arena 1 - wildlife on 1

Dave Booth
Josh Demello
David Ryan
+ More TBC!

Arena 2 - the really wild show

Dale Castell
Luke Pompey
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And of course, 'cause most of you animals are nocturnal, we'll be staying open until 8am.



EASTER SPECIAL: BACK DOOR DISCO DOES JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL

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homo

10.30PM TILL 3.30AM
AT MISSION 2
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**MISSION 2
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Terrace & Arena 2 - New entrance on Lower Briggate between
The Viaduct and Stone Roses bar.

mission 2



FEDERATION

Federation in Wonderland 'the mad hatters tea party'

Federation returns home to Leeds for one of the most anticipated events of the last few years, with a Federation in Wonderland theme on Easter Sunday 4th April. The event will be held at Mission and will follow the Courtyard Party @ Fibre & Queens Court. So don't be wildflower, join the tea party as Alice, the March Hare & the Mad Hatter celebrate their very own 'Un birthday party'.

Original Federation DJs Christian Appleby & Tony Walker will be bringing you all the classics and retro house from the Blank Canvas days in room 2, while in the main room Federation welcomes David Dunne of Hed Kandi fame to their team alongside Federation favourites Stuart Robinson and Jason Guy. We are also very happy to announce that Pav, the king of percussion is back as part of the Federation team.

Expect Federation's over the top production, flamboyant entertainers and a wild, up-for-it crowd!

Dress Code: Wear your most outrageous mad hats and Easter bonnets.

Tickets £12 or more on the door, on sale from www.ticketweb.co.uk
Fibre, Ace Clothing, Jumbo Records & Crash Records.

For more information go to www.clubfederation.com

Don't be late; it's a very important date!

Easter Sunday 4th April
10pm -- 5am
@ Mission, Heaton's Court Leeds

hedkandi

Leeds is somewhat of a UK clubbing institution, not surprising then that one of Hed Kandi's most celebrated monthly parties resides in this über cool party Mecca. Our chosen haunt? Mission, an integral part of Leeds' clubbing fabric, and the recent recipient of a £1 million upgrade, resulting in the most glamorous venue geared for serious revelling, and a tech spec pumping out the most intelligent sound and lighting design you're likely to see north of Spaghetti Junction!

Kandi HQ descend on Leeds every month to bring you the finest in soulful, hands-in-the-air house, world class production, and a shock-and-awe display of the finest turntablism from our revered DJ roster!



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FEDERATION™

IN WONDERLAND

Mad Hatter's Tea Party



Federation Leeds returns this

Easter Sunday 4th April 10pm - 5am

DJ's in Main Arena (Turbo Charged House)

Stuart Robinson / David Dunne / Jason Guy

Arena 2 (Classics) Tony Walker / Christian Appleby

Dress to our theme the Mad Hatters Tea Party - So hats are the order of the day!

£12 Adv Tickets available from: Fibre / Ace Clothing / Jumbo Records / Crash Records
& Online from ticketweb.co.uk / ticketarena.co.uk / skiddle.com / more on the door

www.clubfederation.com



Heston's Court, Leeds





March in the Pink

After the huge success of their first show featuring the fabulous Laquisha, who filled the bar to capacity, The Viaduct in Leeds steps up a notch with its 'Big Sunday Night' show on 28th March with International Pink impersonator, the unbelievable – Almost Pink... Kyla Porter.

Come and pay homage to a superstar of the circuit because...if you've never seen the real thing, she's the closest you'll ever get to anyone sounding like Pink live.

Saturday night and those funky and sexy go-go boys will be up and dancing on the bar... and throughout the week we can't forget resident drag queens, the supreme entertainer Anna Glypta, the sultry Miss Carla Jackson and last but not least the fabulous Roxy.

Meanwhile, the award winning Anja Bach launches her own, not to be missed, solo show on 6th March

STOP PRESS - 4th April

The fabulous comedy drag of **LIZZIE DRIP**

If you're in Leeds – you have to visit The Viaduct Showbar

[For further details search Facebook for "The Viaduct Show Bar Leeds"](#).

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Kandyfloss

Kandyfloss is the new Monday night pre HOMO party with music from 8:30pm till late & drinks from just £1! DJ Jonny & DJ Timmy will be selecting the songs playing you hot new tracks, Kandy pop & your requests!

Don't forget, Fosters is just £1.50, House Doubles are just £2 & Delicious shots are just £1!!

It's free in all night and then you just take a few small steps to HOMO at our sister venue MISSION2 right next door!

See you Monday for more KANDYFLOSS!



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Drag Comedy Show



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KARAOKE NIGHT

WEDNESDAYS

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FRIDAYS

COLLAR 'N' CUFFS CABARET WITH ANNA GLYPTA AND ANJA BACH

SATURDAYS

DRAG DJ ANNA GLYPTA & LAUNCHING 6TH MARCH DRAG ARTIST ANJA BACH'S SOLO SHOW!

SUNDAYS

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THE NEW UNION

Four years ago it looked pretty bleak for the gay folk of Huddersfield when the town lost its gay pub. Thankfully, Pat and her hard working team took hold of the New Union and made it a venue to be proud of. By day it's your tradition bar (if just a bit camp) serving home made bar meals and beers... but by night, the campness is unrestrained, as the staff welcome the crowds to this increasingly popular watering hole. Four years of connecting with the gay community has seen the pub involved in the Pink Picnic and various gay charities... giving back and encouraging wherever they can.

With regular theme nights and a consistent supply of top entertainment; whether it be drag, singers, camp bingo or karaoke... The New Union has something for everyone. To help celebrate its 4th Birthday there's a fantastic line-up of talent with the usual drinks promos (and a chance to win a Corona Mountain Bike in a raffle) all hosted by the inimitable Miss Bubbles La Belle.

Pat and partner Danielle want to thank their friends and customers who have made it such a special 4 years... but they also want to pay tribute to their hardworking door, kitchen and bar staff, without whom, it wouldn't have all been possible.

So join in the fun and help celebrate the New Union's 4th Birthday on 6th March.



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4th
birthday
party

THE NEW UNION

HUDDERSFIELD

celebrates it's 4th birthday with a great night of entertainment. Come and join in the fun from 9pm onwards.

Join our celebrations on Saturday 6th March with...

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LA BELLE**



PAT & DANIELLE AND ALL THE STAFF AT THE NEW UNION WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL THEIR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS FOR MAKING THE LAST 4 YEARS ONE BIG PARTY!!

OUR WEEKLY LINE UP

TUESDAY

KARAOKE

FREE POOL

(21:00 TIL CLOSE)

WEDNESDAY

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WANTS

"SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE"

FRIDAY

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WAY!! "PINTS OF CARLING OR FOSTERS

£2.00" BUY 2 WKD'S OR 2 CORONA'S AND

GET A FREE SHOT" FREE POOL 21:00 - 23:00

SATURDAY

SAUCY SATURDAY

WITH MISS

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THE NEW UNION

HUDDERSFIELD

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Ubervillage people

The Village has been open for a month now and the response from the community has been amazing. The venue has offered a whole host of events throughout the last month including Boy George DJ set, Rocky Horror weekend with the cast of the show, Valentine's Weekender and most recently the amazing Boyz Night Out. All these events have been a great success. As The Village goes into its second month with the momentum of a steam train, it promises to get bigger and better. With events, theme nights and live PA's in the pipe line, it appears that this is one promise that won't be broken.

STOP PRESS – 27th March the fantastic Dane Bowers – singer, songwriter, producer and star of *Celebrity Big Brother*

The Village has had a variety of DJs in the last month but they have finally settled on their residents, Friday has DJ Daz (Cruz 101 Manchester) playing the best in commercial chart and dance. Saturday welcomes the one and only DJ PJ (Homosapien@fire Leeds) bringing you music from funky chart to electro beats. Sunday is a night of pure unadulterated camp and cheesy chart with one of our merry mistresses. As The Village is Bradford's newest gay nightclub we have been informed that they would love to hear from you with suggestions for what you want from your venue. There are number ways to get in contact: via Facebook by joining The Village group, or on Twitter search Ubervillage or text/call 07818 892 807. If any groups or societies are looking for venues please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Attention - The Uber Village needs you, so get on your camouflage or your sailor's hat or air force goggles and march yourself down double time. All those cadets in full dress will be awarded the free shot award at Bar Uber and receive free entry to The Village and everyone will be in with a chance to win a £50 cash prize in the amazing 'Uber Air Drop' on 6th March

Over the last 6 months Bar Uber has gone from strength to strength with each weekend being full to bursting, and even more so with the development of the Uber Village. As part of that development Bar Uber are having a mini refurb and planning a new bar area, which will give more space for everyone to enjoy. We managed to have a quick chat with the Manager Sue before she gets her hard hat and sledge hammer. "I'm really excited about the refurb, the new bar is going to super sexy and with spring just round the corner Bar Uber is definitely about to bloom".

Bar Uber has a variety of events through the week to keep the gay scene entertained including fabulous DJs, Karaoke, free suppers and daily happy hours With plenty of upcoming events Bar Uber is definitely a place to be seen.

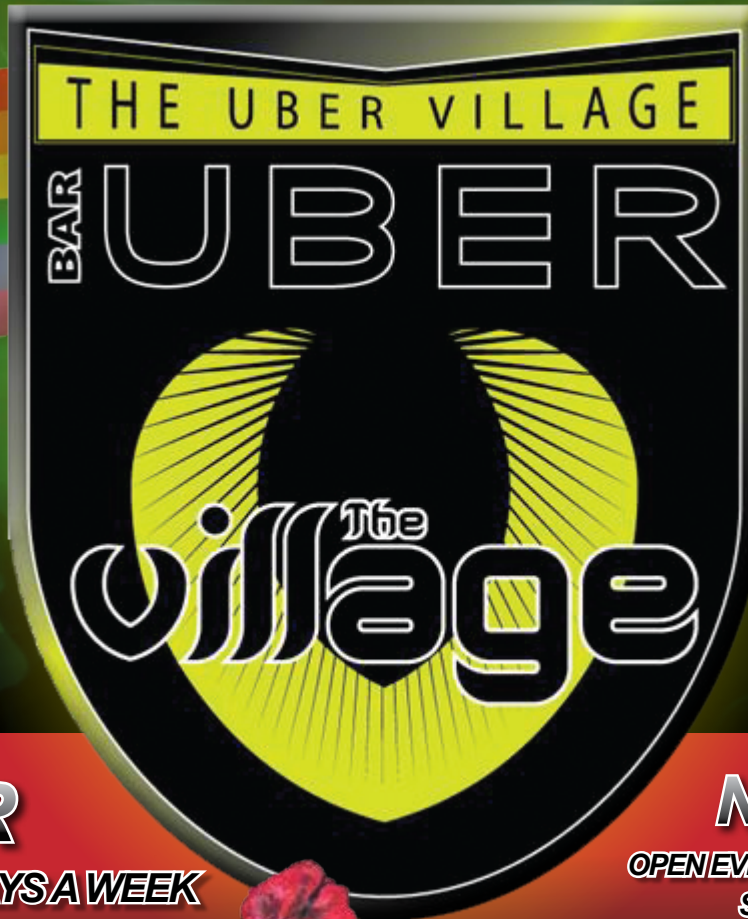


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SATURDAY 6th MARCH

MILITARY MARCH NIGHT

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SATURDAY 27th MARCH

DANE BOWERS

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Gaylicious

Drag it up in Darlington

Calling all Drag Queens! That time of year is here again, Darlington's second round of fabulous fun and frolics – The Darlington Drag Pageant 2010!

All your favourite girls will be there including last year's crowned jewel, Drag Pageant Winner 2009 Miss Gina Tonic, hosting the night alongside a mystery VIP, and special guest judges. An exciting new collaboration between 'Joe's Bar', 'Seen' and superclub 'Inside Out' means this year's Pageant will be the best yet.

The date is set for April 19th... so to enter the pageant join us on facebook at Gaylicious Joe Rigatonis, where full details will be available shortly.

In the meantime, 'Gaylicious@ Joe's Bar', 'Seen Queen@ Seen' & 'Gay Mondays @ Inside Out' will bring you top quality, Gay Friendly events every Monday night from 8pm till 4am. See you there!



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The Essential Closing Party

Saturday 6th February - its freezing cold and it's wet but still that doesn't stop them. Over a thousand people queued patiently outside Essential hours before it opened to make sure they could say "I was there for The Essential Closing Party" and what a party it was.

Packed to capacity with faces old and new, everyone was determined to give this legendary club the send off it deserved. Essential has been an important part The Gay Village for just under ten years and everyone had a story to tell about the part the club had played in their lives. Comments like "It helped my coming out" to "I found my partner in The Pop Lounge" filled the air and when it came the time for the last record ever there were tears and hugs and then it was all over. But hey this is Gay Manchester so it was off to Morning Glory where the party carried on and on and on!

Thank you for the memories Essential. Like The Hacienda you will live on in our hearts forever!



LAUNCHING SPRING 2010

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MANCHESTER - ENGLAND

FREAKSHOW

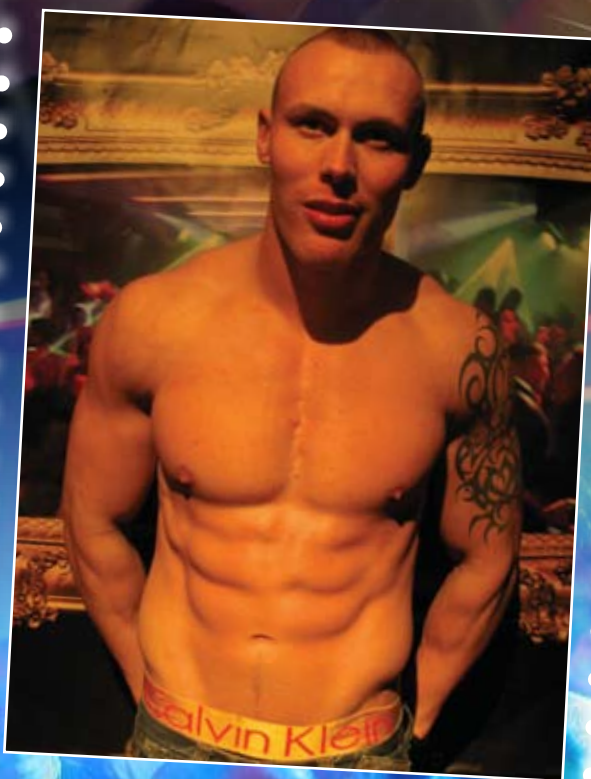
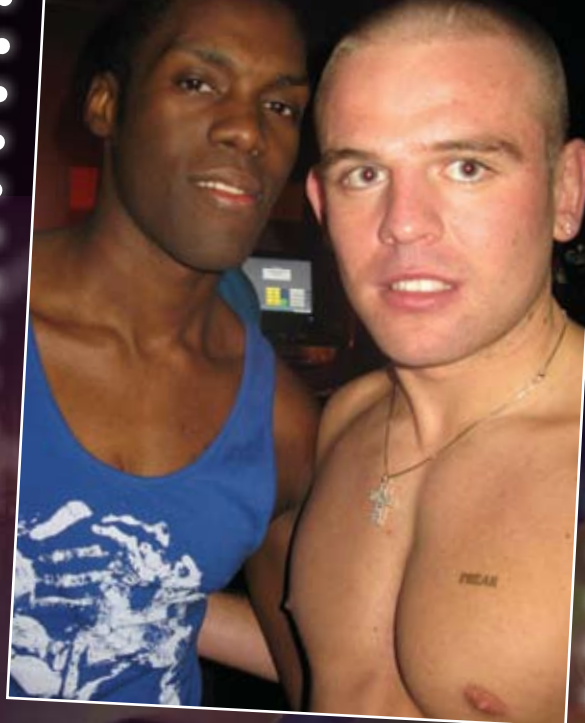
Top night at No.1

Freakshow continues to pack them in each and every Saturday down at the No.1 Club with its fresh upfront soundtrack of chunky, fierce & tuff house from the most talented DJs in the North: Nik Denton, Jason Guy, Gregg Holden, Lee Yeomans, Baby Jane, Psyche & Lawrence Clark.

Freakshow also attracts the nicest and most up for it clubbers in the North West which really helps make the atmosphere second to none.

For more info and music downloads you can go to HYPERLINK "<http://www.clubfreakshow.com>" www.clubfreakshow.com and join their group on Facebook.

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Easter Sunday

Following on from the massive sell out event on New Years Eve, the Fed crew bring the eternal light to the Ritz in Manchester, on Easter Sunday for Federation Crucified.

Federation's DJ Disciples Gregg Holden, Jason Guy & Nik Denton will be providing the essential ascension taking you to the next level with their trademark funky, chunky soundtrack.

Federation wouldn't be complete without their heavenly troop of entertainers, Divine Drag, who, we're told are hard at work on new costumes and spectacular shows.

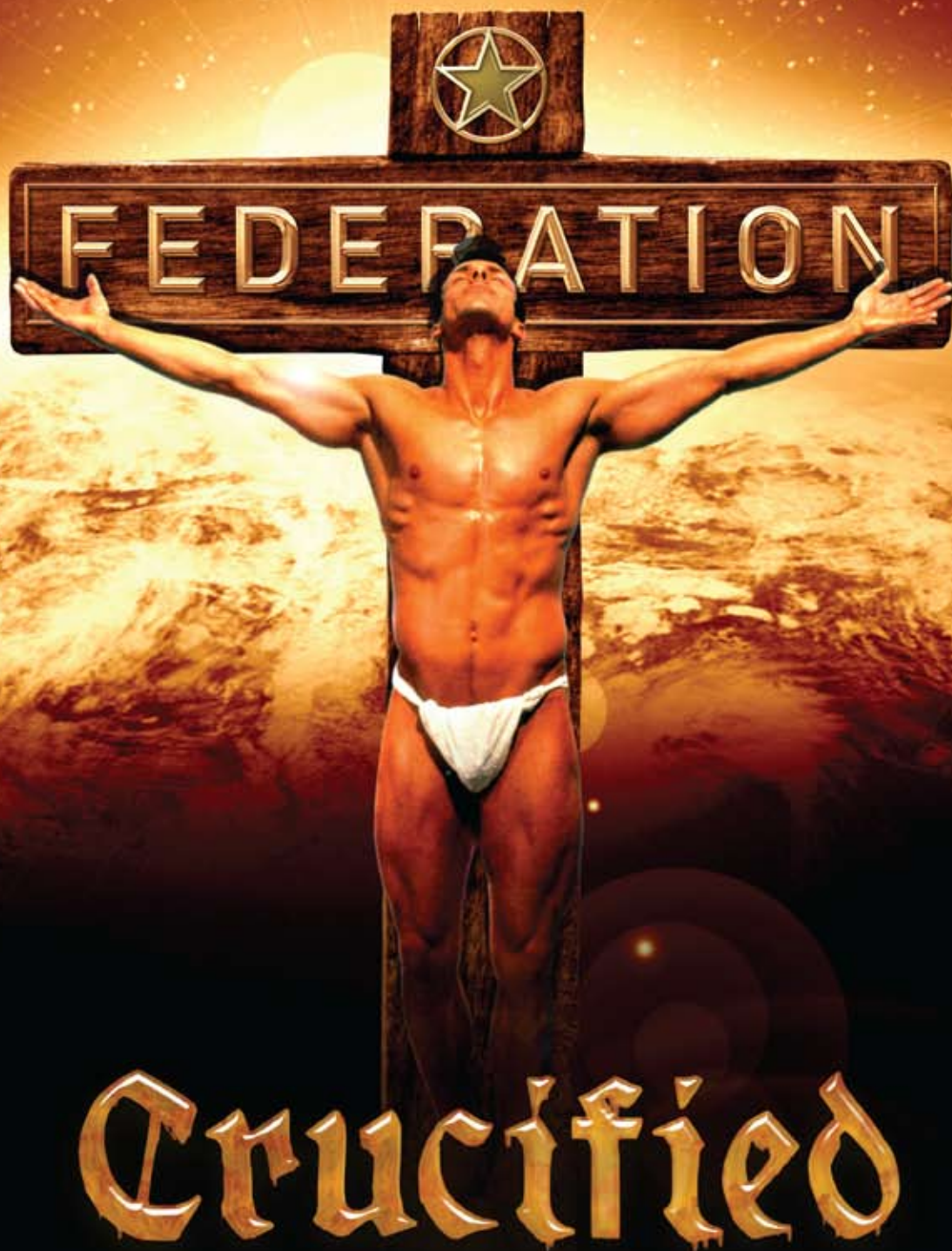
Tickets £12 or more on the door, on sale from www.ticketweb.co.uk, Clone Zone, The Village Off License, Spirit, Manto, Velvet, Taurus, Spar (Oxford Rd and Piccadilly) in Manchester & Fibre in Leeds.

For more information go to www.clubfederation.com

Federation Crucified
Bank Holiday Easter Sunday 4th April
10pm until 4am
@ The Ritz, Whitworth Street,
Manchester



SAINTLIKE BEHAVIOUR... A LIFETIME I PRAYED



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GREGG HOLDEN, JASON GUY & NIK DENTON

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Easter Weekend MARDI@GRAS



**Thursday
1st April**

Chelsea Stevens (Vocalist)
Merci (Vocal Duo)
+ Staxx (Male Stripper)
Cheap Drinks noon until close
Open until 3am
FREE ADMISSION



Merci



GOOD FRIDAY

2nd April

(Afternoon)
Angel (Male Stripper)

(Evening)
Diane Lee Carol (Vocalist)

**+ OUR SPECIAL GUEST
SONIA**
(Personal Appearance)



EASTER SATURDAY - 3rd April

(Afternoon)
Double Impact (Male Stripper)
with DJ Captain Ginger



Darren Thomas



Joanna Shorrock



Double Impact

(Evening)
Joanna Shorrock (Vocalist)
Darren Thomas (Vocalist)
with DJ Keiron
and Stella Artois

Cheap Drinks
from noon until 7pm
Admission £3 from 9pm
Open until 4am

EASTER SUNDAY - 4th April

(Afternoon)
Stella Artois
2:30pm until 7pm

Andy King (Male Stripper)
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And the Gods smiled down

By Les Lea

Cam and Darryl had been best mates since they were kids. They had gone through nursery, junior and high school together and more or less lived at each others houses. They were so close and looked so similar that many people thought they were brothers. They played on the same sports teams; swimming and cross-country running being their favourites, though they could also be regularly seen kicking a ball about or picking up a bat for a game of cricket. Cameron, or Cam to his friends, was seventeen days older than Darryl, they had met on their very first nervous day at nursery when they were just 4 years old. Since then they had almost been inseparable with only some family outings splitting the duo for any length of time. As the one left behind would often pine for his friend, and the one on the trip would become moody, both families soon learned to make sure they invited the other along.

While at school they had both joined the Scouts and enjoyed the temporary lifestyle that the organisation offered. They frequently refused to attend family holidays so they could go on camping expeditions with the rest of the troop, although the main reason was so that they could be together. As youngsters, the idea that they were lovers never entered their heads even though they both would do anything for the other. A bond, a very strong bond, had

developed between the two that other friends and school-mates could not penetrate (despite a few attempts by other boys and girls). Cal and Darryl were as One... you could almost have called them Carryl.

On the Scout outings they often slept in the same tent with other lads but no one was allowed to sleep between them and even though nothing of a sexual nature took place, they needed that closeness to exist. As they got older and the fooling around got more sexual, the two friends would merely look on but not participate. However, whilst just the two of them were on a camping holiday in the Yorkshire Dales, all they had learned and seen from their peers over the years became more than just theory. One morning the young and inexperienced Darryl, feeling hornier than he'd ever felt before, slipped naked inside Cam's sleeping bag. Cam smiled and welcomed the warm body of his mate next to him. Facing each other Darryl uncertainly searched his buddy's eyes for a sign that he was OK with this move. As his best friend's cock grew harder and pressed up into shorts covered groin, Cam just knew... it was time. They had been unintentionally avoiding this inevitable event all their lives but now seemed the right time and besides, he would never deny his best pal anything. So, strange as it may sound, after all this time, they kissed for the very first time.

That kiss lasted for ever... as both passionately fought to taste and respond to the other. Giving way to both lust and happiness that their youthful bodies were about to enjoy. Both their young cocks strained for release and Darryl uncontrollably came all over the front of Cam's boxers. Cam's excitement also produced a load that mixed heavily with his lover's and they spent the rest of the day in their tent repeating the experience. As the summer's day drew to a close, they left the tent exhausted but happy and lay in each others arms by the side of the river where they had camped. Both were aware that this day had seen a huge change in their relationship and one that each welcomed. As the warm sun slowly settled in the west they held each other tenderly, lovingly on the grassy bank and had never been happier. It had taken almost fourteen years from when they first met to the point they were at now. That night, under the stars, they found an even deeper, more penetrating side to their love. With each breathtaking and revealing experience their devotion for each other was cemented all the more. This new, more intimate expression was what the gods had planned from that very first meeting when they were children... now they smiled down as they often do when two boys find true love in each other's arms.

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SIMON SAYS...



Dear Simon

I have fairly recently come out of my third violent relationship. I am fine and it's been a few months and so everything physical and mental has healed and I am now ready to meet someone else. The thing is, after meeting so many bad men I am worried I can't find a good one. What should I do to stop meeting the wrong person, what would you advise?

Mark, Essex

Dear Mark

I need to say this... it's 'never' OK to be subjected to physical or mental abuse in a relationship but I'd ask you this question: What did you do to get into those relationships in the first place? I could be acting as the Devil's Advocate here but, three violent relationships... what is going on? If you want to avoid repeating the same mistakes you have to learn from your past mistakes. Examine what lead you into those relationships and what made you stay in them for any length of time. They say that you have to 'kiss a lot of frogs to find a prince' you need to give those frogs a closer examination before you snog them.

Dear Simon

I have only recently really come out to myself however, the one person that I have told is my big brother as he is gay himself. I was telling everyone that I was bisexual until recently when I met the perfect guy. I already knew that I was gay it just took finding the right person to make me feel confident about it all. The only thing is that I haven't told my parents yet although I will tell my mum first. I am thinking of doing it when the family gets together in a few weeks. My brother says I shouldn't. I don't see why, my mum has already been through it with him but he says being the baby of the family it might be really hard for her and I should tell her in a month or two. I feel I am ready now.

Dave, Nottingham

Dear Dave

Mmm, not sure about this. If you are only planning on telling your mother, why

do it at a family gathering? Why not on a one-to-one when she doesn't have a hundred and one other things to think about... or was that your plan? Mum's have a way of knowing a great deal more than they let on and, if you say you've proclaimed yourself as a proud bisexual already, the trip down the gay alley perhaps won't be that much of a surprise. Your brother's comment is surprising. Why wait a couple of months? What difference would it make then? Does he know something you don't know about your family's situation or is he perhaps jealous of his younger brother's new found situation? The truth is, only you know when you're ready to tell others.

Dear Simon

Though I always practice safe sex my friends say that I should take an HIV test. I don't really see the point as I am young and have only had a handful of sexual partners; my friends say that's irrelevant. I also don't like the idea, is it really invasive, will people think I am some kind of slut? I think the worry of it all also makes me not want to go, and what if I have somehow got it, do I really want to know?

Luke, London

Dear Luke

Let me just say – knowing could save your life. If you do have a problem, the earlier it is detected the quicker you can get the medication you need. If you haven't, then think of the worry that will have lifted from your shoulders.

I have to say that I would go to the clinic and just get it done. Bar the waiting for the results and a small scratchy injection, it's really simple and pain free. It sounds like it would be unlikely (though I am not an expert) to have anything but I would just get everything checked out if you are going for the first time. Your age and the number of partners is no guarantee of being free from infection and the sad news is... the rate of disease is going up in the teen and early 20's age groups. The people at the clinic don't judge so, for your own peace of mind – go and get checked.

'Legal Highs' not legal anymore

A range of so called 'legal highs' including GBL, BZP and man-made chemicals sprayed on herbal smoking products such as 'Spice' have been banned by the Government and are now controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 – for example, in the same way as cannabis and cocaine. These former so called 'legal highs' were made illegal last year.

As with other illegal drugs, the risks increase if you combine these substances with alcohol, or other drugs. Here's what you need to know about the effects of these drugs, and the new classification:

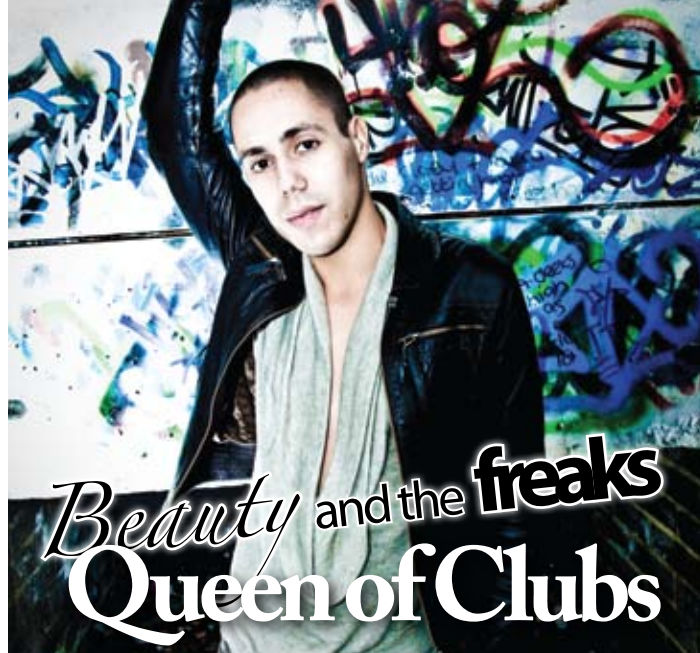
GBL (GAMMA-BUTYROLACTONE):

GBL is a colourless, oily liquid that tastes slightly salty. It is closely related to the illegal drug GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyrate) and GBL converts to GHB shortly

after entering the body. It can make you feel euphoric and reduce your inhibitions. However, it can also cause nausea, drowsiness, coma and seizures. It can be lethal if you drink alcohol at the same time as taking GBL.

BZP (BENZYLPIPERAZINE):

BZP comes as a tablet, a capsule, or an off-white powder. It's sometimes sold as 'ecstasy' or 'legal E'. It is a stimulant so the effects are like amphetamine. BZP is a derivative of piperazine, which is used as an anti-worming agent for farm animals. Effects include decreased appetite, difficulty in sleeping, nausea, vomiting, anxiety, agitation, collapse, fits or seizures. For GBL and BZP you can get up to two years in prison, and/or an unlimited fine, for possession, and up to 14 years in prison, and/or an unlimited fine, for supply.



A friend of mine recently told me how a gay bar he'd once worked at was turned into a straight bar by the brewery for financial reasons. It wasn't necessarily a problem with falling sales, but rather an inability to meet the growth of straight venues also owned by the brewery. Gay venues, it seems, might be the heart of gay life for many people, but only at the generosity of the breweries. After all, if they would make more money turning their club straight, what's in it for them to keep gay places gay?

So this got me thinking. In particular about bars and clubs that are gay 100% of the time, compared to those that are only gay part of the time. It struck me that a number of straight clubs I had once visited when they had gay nights, no longer ran any gay nights at all. Others still had moved their gay nights to less successful nights, or nights when they would otherwise be closed anyway. It seems that sometimes we get the short end of the stick—straight nights appeal to a much wider crowd than gay nights, so we get the nights when the straights don't want to come out.

This gives me a lot of admiration for venues that put gay nights on at weekends and busy periods. It gives me even more admiration for venues that are gay all the time. After all, the people running these venues are often doing so out of love for the gay scene rather than a ruthless desire for cash.

Which leads me onto another point. Some cities are smaller than others, and don't have a large enough captive audience to fill a plethora of gay bars. I'm always shocked that in my hometown of Leeds,

there is a huge local population and yet only a small number of gay people regularly visit the scene. In effect the scene cannot grow to the size of Manchester's, even though Wikipedia claims Leeds has a bigger population, because there aren't enough queers to go round. All the bars and clubs are fighting for the same small crowd. Maybe this is a factor of straight and mixed clubbing in Leeds being so welcoming, or maybe it's that gay bars are always a little old fashioned and only appeal to a small demographic. But maybe it is just a numbers game and only a small percentage of gay people in any city will regularly visit the scene.

So should we be doing more to support our gay venues? And when it comes to a choice between a straight venue that offers a gay night on a less-than-prime night and a gay venue that's open all the time, should we stick with the gay venue? Obviously doing so would help ensure gay venues stay gay; but not doing so would mean more choice and more gay nights. It's a difficult question to answer. Perhaps the only way to solve it is to force all the queers to go out clubbing at least one night a week. But in the meantime, maybe we should be more appreciative of the people who bust their balls to bring us gay nights and gay venues, and when it comes to a choice between spending all night in a straight bar on a straight night or popping into a gay club or a gay night for just one or two drinks, we chose the latter over the former. That one hour in your local gay bar might make the difference between having that gay venue for another year and seeing it close and become straight the next.

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PISCES

(Feb20/Mar20)

Get out of the house in the evenings and into some lively and stimulating company. You might feel annoyed with yourself for feeling tongue-tied or unusually shy when introduced to a stranger. What you may not realise is they feel the same way too and you have in fact met a soul-mate. So when you meet someone new, show a friendly face and encourage them to feel at ease with you. Before too long you will feel as if you have known each other forever.



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ARIES

(Mar21/Apr20)

Pay heed to the need to fill your days with something new and different. The start of March holds a lot of promise when holiday and other future-arrangements are settled. If the pressure is on within the job scene, you should still try to find time to have some fun. It doesn't matter if your choice of occupations isn't that unusual, just as long as it enables you to break free from your normal routines. Friends and your partner are all eager to keep you company when you let them know what plans you have in mind for the weeks ahead.

TAURUS

(Apr21/May21)

Why not put your reputation for loving set patterns and orderly routine to the test by surprising others with new suggestions. You will enjoy the unexpected, especially during the evenings and weekends. Social matters continue to dominate the scene and even the work atmosphere will be lively, for the most part. If circumstances have been such that you've had to constantly bow to the demands of others, the coming weeks will bring the chance to change all that.

GEMINI

(May22/June21)

A small storm in a teacup now will be better than a major and dramatic breakdown in communications at a later date. You need to make plenty of effort to keep your partner and friends happy. When you feel impatience getting the better of you, walk away and return when you are calm and more willing to see the situation through other people's eyes. The first few weeks of the month are good for clearing the air and discussing touchy subjects.

CANCER

(June22/July23)

No matter what impression you give others, deep down you might feel a desperate longing for something different. Familiar places don't exactly bore you but you would certainly benefit from enjoying a change of scene. From a social point of view aim to liven up your days by spending as much time as possible in the company of friends or investigating a new club or organisation you like the look of. Aim to add a little variety into your life over the weeks ahead.

LEO

(July24/Aug23)

Listening to others who know you well is highly advisable over the weeks ahead. Just as others appreciate your advice, you too might find some of the suggestions coming your way extremely helpful. You will see situations in a more objective fashion from talking with those who are not directly involved. The social scene sparkles as the month wears on and you could hardly wish for a more pleasing time. Expect a touch of romance to add the icing to the cake.

VIRGO

(Aug24/Sept23)

It really doesn't matter if you and a new friend or partner can't agree on every single matter. Think how boring it would be if you did! Don't

think that a relationship isn't worth pursuing when you haven't really given it a chance. If a situation of dead-lock evolves, paint a smile on your face and talk about something else. You could be surprised at how much you and someone you meet this month have in common once you start getting to know each other better.

LIBRA

(Sept24/Oct23)

Occasionally it is worth being honest about your thoughts and firm in your intentions, no matter what anyone else has to say. Once you've made a choice or decision and it looks as if someone is about to object to it, don't allow yourself to waver, as you so often do. Although harmony is an essential ingredient for a happy life for you, it might prove necessary to rock the romantic boat just a little over the weeks to come. This is the only way that you and your partner will know precisely where you both stand.

SCORPIO

(Oct24/Nov22)

A romantic theme will grow stronger over the next few weeks and you can look forward to a new chapter in your love life. If you are single, you will soon get to meet someone who will be mentally as well as physically compatible. You probably never thought you would find someone who thinks along such parallel lines as yourself. Already attached? If so, a short break or holiday sometime soon will refresh your relationship.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov23/Dec21)

You could be the leading light in a group activity but this won't stop you from taking an interest in what's going on at home. In fact, you might want to put some time aside over the weeks ahead to make some basic changes in this area. If you have been waiting for some assistance with some decorating or a similar job you can be sure it will be available now. An old friend will soon be in touch with news you never expected to hear from them.

CAPRICORN

(Dec22/Jan20)

Opportunities that come your way these next few weeks aren't going to vanish into thin air. It will be as if you have been chosen to reap the fruits of a certain beneficial break. So if you aren't quick enough to pick up on a new opening early in the month, the door will remain open a wee while longer. Adopt a flexible approach when dealing with members of your family or any kind of domestic issue where friction is apparent.

AQUARIUS

(Jan21/Feb19)

A friend or partner's in-built need for security conflicts with your desire to take chances. Their reluctance to try something new makes it unlikely you will get to enjoy new experiences unless you both agree to carry on for a wee while, without each other. Another factor that could cause you some hesitation is the mental stress new plans might put on a partner. Even so, there are occasions when you need some space and the month ahead could be one of them.



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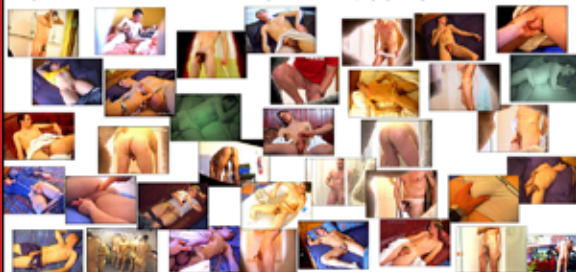
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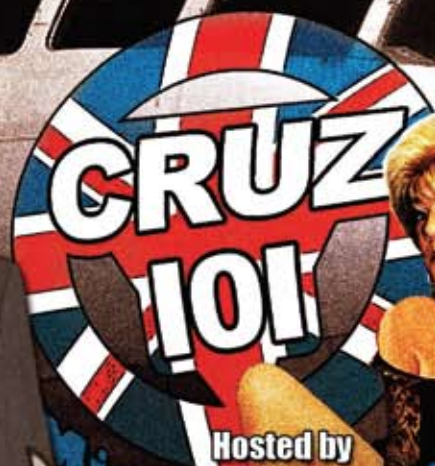
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