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out in the stars

by Charlene Lichtenstein

Mars glides into Cancer this week and puts a bit of zing in our swing. Let the love flow, overflow or whatever.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20) Proud Rams have a heightened need to emotionally connect to close relatives as well as to draw nearer those who are at a distance. Be honest in your hurts and heals. But also be more strategic, so be sure to survey the land before you plant a stake.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21) Queer Bulls are sought out as speakers and communicators. It's time to get politicized and make your mark on the agenda. Why not use this passionate, compelling energy to put a face to your inner persona? Speak from the heart. Do you like who you see?

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21) You are far more astute with your finances this week. Let's put it this way: anything that you set your mind to do, you can do. And achievement requires action. So spend it or save it but don't squander it or let it float by, pink Twin.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23) First impressions are golden and inspired fashion statements are your personal mandates. You are charm personified and attract many fervent worshippers to your altar. However, I would avoid demanding sacrificial virgins. They are simply too hard to find.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23) Let the good gay karma roll all though the week. Get involved and reap rewards. Your psychic ability is on target as hidden enemies are revealed and stopped in their tracks. Rub a crystal ball (or two) immediately. Are things coming into focus?

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23) Plan a few get togethers and expand your circle into a sphere. Queer Virgins discover that a pal can become a bosom buddy, but take things slowly. This can be a jealous and possessive time. Don't ruin a beautiful friendship for a flirt and a squirt.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23) Proud Libras take advantage of all opportunities to get ahead. But this energy is fleeting, so make the most of the transit by focusing all your attention and effort on the ultimate prize. Yes - early retirement, poolside!

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22) Proud Scorps yearn to travel. You can satisfy your urge by either planning a fabulous vacation or, if money and time are tight, cruising the Internet or the immediate neighborhood. The world is your ocean, so dive in and get wet!

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22) Love on the job often sounds like a good idea but is inadvisable in the long term. There will be plenty of time to find love and affection after hours. Therefore, keep your nose to the grindstone, shoulder to the wheel and eye on the clock.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20) Pink Caps are inspired to create and disseminate. Let those creative juices flow. Of course, this can also lead you to lurid, dissipating temptations, raucous parties, drunken debauches and general over-the-top behavior... that is, if you are really lucky!

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19) You are just too hot to handle this week. But be discerning, Aqueerius; this is a possessive and jealous moment in time. You may be willing to share but lovers are not. Let's avoid any messy scenes that require swabbing up.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20) Relationships are the center of your world. Try to give partners a bit of room to roam; this week may make you a bit more possessive than usual. Remember, looser ropes are more effective than tighter ones. Silk scarves, however, are better still...

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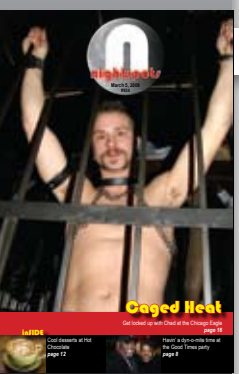

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that guy

by Kirk Williamson

FROM TOP: Bobby and John at **Berlin**, Chad at **The Eagle**; A Peter sandwich at **Hideaway**

It's baaaaack. Hope to see you all at the kickoff events of the 6th annual **Windy City Gay Idol** competition. The singers take the stage at **Star Gaze** this Sunday, March 9 and the hunt continues at **Jackhammer** on Tuesday, March 11. Yours truly will be on hand at Jackhammer, wearing my judging pants. And you don't want to get on the wrong side of my judging pants. You may want to get on the inside of my judging pants, but there's no accounting for personal tastes.

Stop in to **The Drawing Room** for a pre-Prohibition-style delight for your palate and your sense of style. The crab cakes, which are essentially silver-dollar pancakes filled with crab meat and served with curried cauliflower and Vermont maple ginger sauce, will leave you clamoring for more. More of what, you ask? Try any of the signature cocktails, prepared table-side from a bar cart. I had the Between the Sheets, which had me swimming in the combined flavors of Hennessey VS, Cointreau and Bacardi with a lemon twist. It's all a bit spendy, but if you got it, spend it at The Drawing Room, 937 N. Rush St., 312-255-0022 for reservations.

And see if you can't have a moment with mixologist Charles. Hopefully, he'll be wearing a shirt that reveals his ursine tuft of chest hair. All that and cocktails, too!

And if THAT doesn't fill you up (you GLUTTON, you!) stop into **The Eagle** and chew on Chad for a bit. And they said there was no such thing as a free lunch...

Congrats to Bobby on his new job! I ran into him at **Berlin** for the Goldfrapp showcase. OK, so I got there a little late and didn't get to frapp the gold, but a good time was still had. I chatted with Sofia about the, um..., inconvenient truth at Crew last week. If you read my column, you know what I'm saying. Sofia had been behind the curtain and therefore was not privy to the scene. Lucky bitch.

To the Miami hairdresser at **Hideaway** whose defense of his use of the "N" word was that he was from Miami... you're in Chicago now, bitch. Not OK.

Play ball! As the snow begins to thaw (from my keyboard to God's ears), young men's and women's thoughts begin to turn to... athletics? Well, not me. I'd rather pull up the sewing machine and make pillows. But there are some among you are into sweaty recreation which does not (necessarily) lead to ejaculation. So, for you jock types, here are a few suggestions:

Sunday at **Spin** from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., stop by for the **CMSA** softball new member sign-up.

Mary's Attic is having a fund-raiser for their Mary's Breeze softball team Saturday from 6 - 9 p.m. Drag, karaoke and hot boys in sports wear (I can only imagine).

And read my blog, "That Blog!," on **ChicagoPride.com**.

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the dj, the music and YOU

by DJ Res5

I Try: *And Here Are the Results*

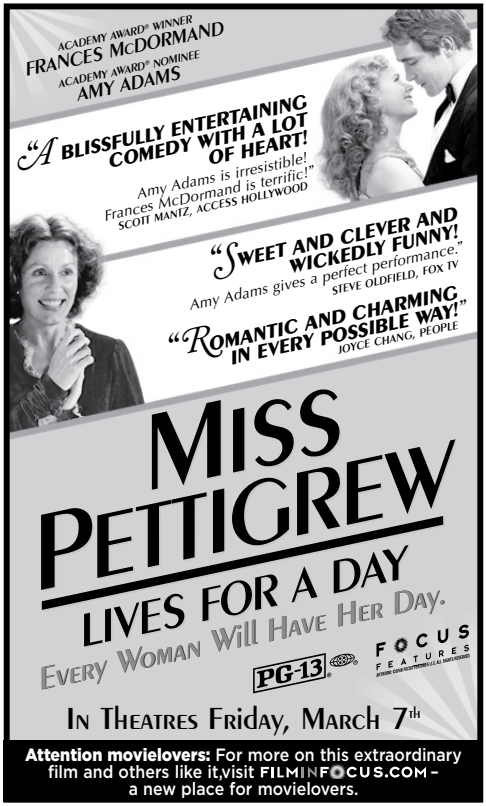
Madonna is going to be the death of me, I swear! Within two weeks of my column that was supposed to contain corrections about Madonna's new album, the online store that had supposedly posted the correct album cover, track list, and title pulled all the info they had up and switched back to an unconfirmed title with no track info currently available. For all of the fuss and confusion this album is generating, when it finally drops it'd better be hot!

Now, one album I am not confused over is **Erykah Badu**'s newest release. New Amerykah gets loads of credit for being ambitious. It pushes and twists Neo-Soul and R&B in the way that only great artists can do. It takes its inspiration and runs—however, this great triumph is also its downfall. It's too high-brow for me. For all of the album's grandeur, I didn't really hear the simplistic elegance that marks Badu's biggest hits. If you want another "On & On" or "Tyrone," you may have to look elsewhere.

Speaking of looking, if you head to http://youtube.com/watch?v=F10dzWqNHmM, you can see the video for the new Young Love single "Underground." The song is not as instantly endearing as "Discotech," but few songs are. Give it three full listens and you will be hooked. How does Dan do it?

Another great mystery for me is the identity of Britney's next single. There are remixes supporting both "Break the Ice" and "Toy Soldier," but as of this column I have yet to see any actual proof supporting one track more than the other. I guess only time will tell.

If your like what you are reading, send me an e-mail: djres5@windycitymediagroup.com or add me to MySpace: www.myspace.com/freemixshowman.



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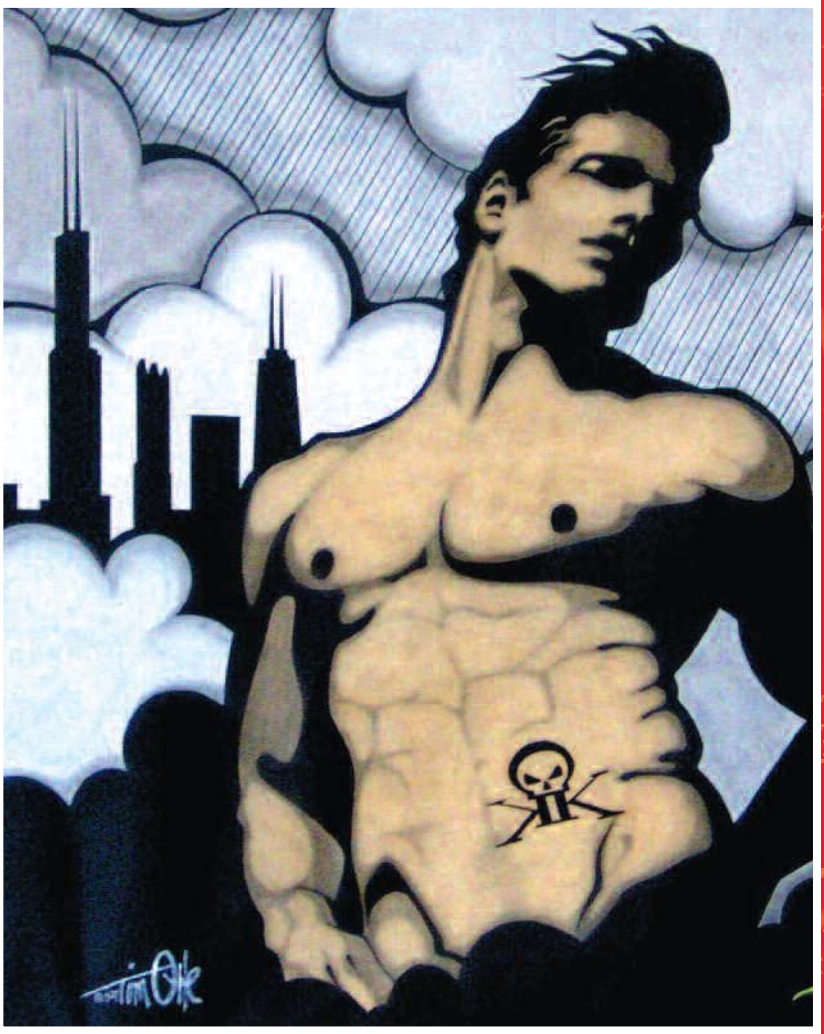

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Nightspots' Free Dating Advice (you're welcome)

by Michael Hampton

Here is a really impressive date that'll definitely get you laid.

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I took a date to **Timo** at 464 N. Halsted. The room is beautiful and the bar is great for a pre-dinner cocktail. But the real magic is on the huge patio. You would never guess that you are in the middle of the city.

They serve a wide array of classics and some game dishes that you might not expect. I had the butternut squash ravioli in a corn sauce that was out of this world. My date had a pork shank dish with gnocchi and roasted onions that made him want to drop to his knees right there.

Maybe it was my new cologne.

Anyway, for dessert, it's a short hop back to Bucktown to **Hot Chocolate** at 1747 N. Damen Ave. Wow is all I can say. I had dinner there once and it was disappointing but the desserts are amazing. We paired chocolate martinis with one dessert and a Muscat with a lemon napoleon.

Remember, I am here for you. Drop me an email. Mhampton1970@gmail.com

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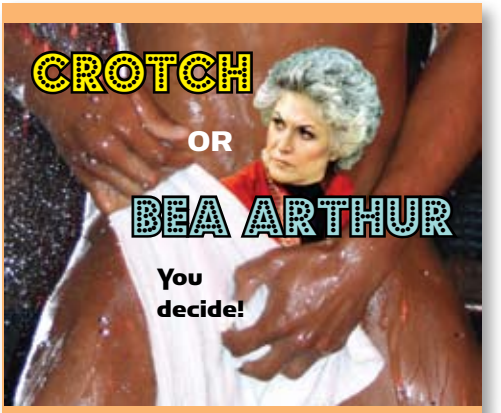

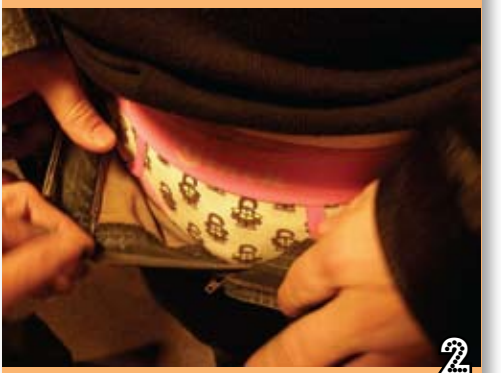

1) The divine Ms. Bea in a full-on come-hither moment,
2) Alex in his monkey shorts. Monkeys do like bananas...

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pretzel logic

by David Magdziarz

It's been a long time since I've dedicated an entire column to the "naughty bits," so here's a bit of sex ed, Pretzel Logic style.

YOU'RE ONCE, TWICE, THREE TIMES AN ERECTION

According to one Web site I found, there are three varieties of erections: "Reflexogenic occur from actual contact, psychogenic ones result from fantasy or audiovisual stimulation, and nocturnal erections take place (duh) at night." And then there are the erections Larry Craig gets picking up pieces of toilet paper in men's lavatories in airports.

IT'S MUCH BETTER THAN HAVING HELMET-HAIR

While describing the penis, the same Web site stated "the top is the nerve-packed, helmet-shaped head called the glans."

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"The thick, rounded rim of the glans is the corona."

MMMMM, SPONGECOCK WITH CREAMY FILLING

"Moving down, the bulk of the shaft [Pretzel Logic Note: and who doesn't like moving down the shaft?] is made up of corpora cavernosa, two columns of spongy tissue that fill with blood to produce an erection. Similar tissue composes the corpus spongiosum, which surrounds the urethra, aka: the handy hose that transports urine and sperm from their respective sources to the opening at the tip of the head."

FRENULUM FUN

From Wikipedia: "A frenulum ...is a small fold of tissue that secures or restricts the motion of a mobile organ in the body." For women (and I really HAVE to trust Wikipedia on this one) the genital frenula consist of "...the frenulum clitoridis of the clitoris and the frenulum labiorum pudendi (aka: fourchette) where the labia minora meet at the back," whereas in men the "frenulum of prepuce of penis" is the " ...elastic band of tissue under the glans penis that connects to the prepuce, or foreskin to the vernal mucosa, and helps contract the prepuce over the glans." It is generally removed when the penis is circumcised.

FRIENDLY FRENULA

There is also the various frenula of the mouth, which include "the frenulum linguae under the tongue, the f[renulum] labii superioris inside the upper lip, the f[renulum] labii inferioris inside the lower lip, and the buccal frena which connect the cheeks to the gum. There are, of course, those occasions when the oral frenula (whether male or female) end up visiting the genital frenula, but oddly enough Wikipedia doesn't get into frenula-on-frenula action.

RAPHE WAYS

The raphe (RAY-fee) include the "perineal raphe [that] extends from the anus, through the mid-line of the scrotum (scrotal raphe) and upwards through the posterior mid-line aspect of the penis (penile raphe)." Oddly enough, Wikipedia again failed to mention that on occasion they can meet up with the "lingual raphe on the tongue," the buccal raphe which is on the cheek, and, last but not least, the "palatine raphe on the roof (or 'palate') of the mouth."

WHY DO I SUSPECT THAT ALCOHOL WAS INVOLVED?

A Google search result for the phrase "scrotum fun facts": "He managed to straddle the washer and dangle his scrotum in the machine."

YOU'D HAVE TO PAY ME A HECKUVA LOT MORE THAN THAT!

Another Google search result for the same phrase: "For about $5,000, you can expand as far as your scrotum will let you."

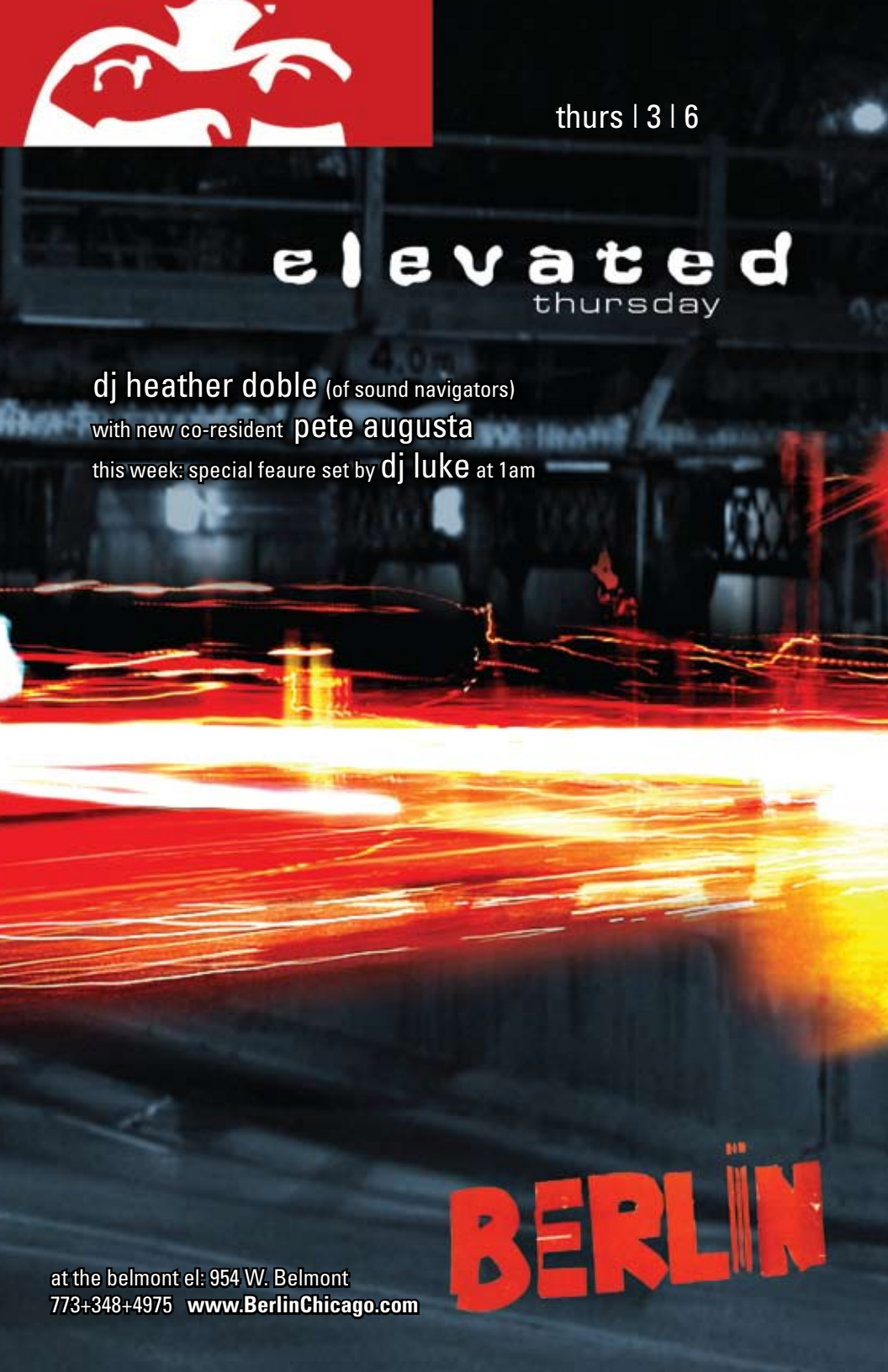
AND THE GOOGLE SEARCH RESULTS GET MORE AND MORE SURREAL

Presented without further comment, because... well, what the hell could I say?: "FUN FACTS ABOUT NORTH KOREANS. * Remember, it's the North Koreans who are the ... upward from the concave porcelain surface to barbecue his own scrotum."

IT'D BE EASIER TO JUST FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BALLS

If you want to remember that the layers of the scrotum consist of the **S**kin, **D**artos muscle, **E**xternal spermatic fascia, **C**remastric fascia, **I**nternal spermatic fascia, and **T**estis, you can try using this mnemonic that I found online: "**S**ome **D**amned **E**nglishman **C**alled **I**t **T**estis!"

If you know of more than three types of penile erections, e-mail me at PretzelLogicDave@aol.com and fill me in... , wait a minute… well, you know… figuratively speaking, that is.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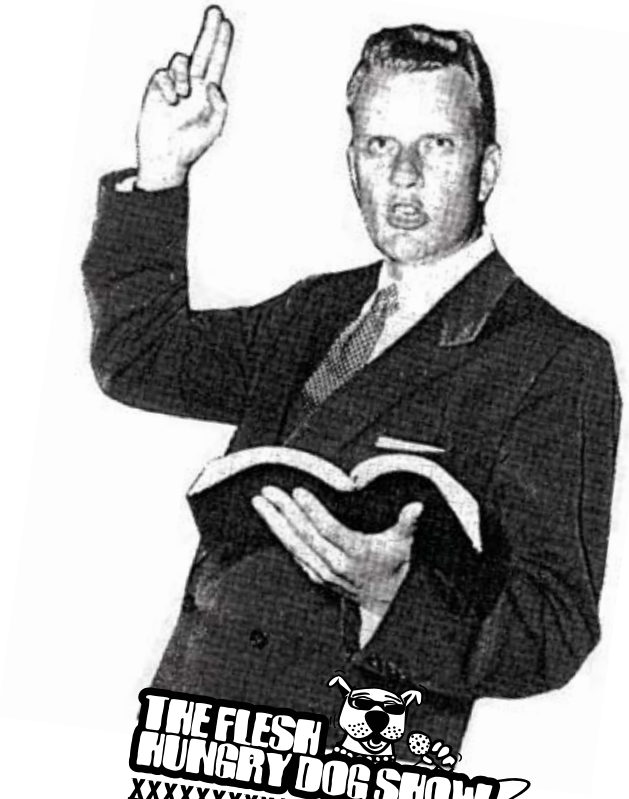

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chrisparrott.com/starwars/Photos.html

Chris Parrott recently made a short version of Star Wars for a YouTube contest. He did it using cardboard boxes to build most of the props. (It was a recycling competition.) Watch the video for the first link. Then click over to Chris's homepage and get a close up gander at the mad props. The movie is pretty amusing and tells the whole first film in 1:47. It's kind of like one of the Bunnies Movies, except with cardboard and Brits.

Why 40% of Americans Believe in Creationism

www.photobasement.com/41-hilarious-science-fair-experiments

As someone who makes his living in science (Seriously, you didn't think this gig kept my lights on did you?) I'm frequently appalled by the lack of science literacy in the US. Well, these pictures of Science Fair Projects cast a grim warning that things ain't going to get any better any time soon. My fave project titles: "Garlic: The Silent Killer," and "Crystal Meth: Friend or Foe?" I weep for the children.

Wow, All Your Base Are Belong to Hello Kitty

www.hellokittyonline.com/us/

OK. Can we now say that online gaming has totally jumped the shark? "This highly anticipated MMORPG will provide a new experience even to veteran gamers, with an engaging social aspect centered on the magical and cute online world of Hello Kitty." If there is any justice online, the Griefers will visit with a rain of penises on this game, or the Asperger's-addled members of the Ron Paul forums will move in and take over. After all, he is President of the Internets.

Garfield Minus Garfield

garfieldminusgarfield.tumblr.com

Revisionist Garfield has been visited here before. The first time some intrepid Intertuber deleted Garfield's thought bubble and reduced Jon to a lonely, pathetic bachelor talking to his uncomprehending cat. This time Garfield is removed entirely. Now Jon is reduced to a pathetic bachelor who talks to the walls.

It's way funnier that way.

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Do you feel like someone is watching over you?

Sometimes. - Andrew, Pubert
I do, and I'd like to believe I'm watching out for them as well. - Creaoke
Who do I look like, Rockwell? (Don't answer that.). - Kirk
Considering I don't believe in God or angels or any of that crap, no. - Amy
Nope. - Kathleen
I often think that Chester A. Arthur is watching over me, and he ain't happy. - graysong

As a kid, I was obsessed with...:

Reading the dictionary (no prevaricating here). - Andrew
Comic books. - Pubert
Matchbox cars (HELLO! Sign???) - Kathleen
Speed Racer. I now own every episode ever made (and a Mach5). - Creaoke
Soap operas. - Kirk
She-Ra and Catra. In my mind, they were girlfriends, not mortal enemies. - Amy
Chester A. Arthur. - graysong

What's harder: eating correctly or exercising regularly?

Eating correctly, no doubt. - Andrew
Exercising. - Pubert, Kirk, Amy
Eating correctly. - Creaoke
Eating correctly, fer shure! - Kathleen
Yes. - graysong

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Center on Halsted Jessica Halem presents "The Stand Up Vagina Show," featuring the Midwest's best female comediennes. 7-9 p.m., $20 with a cash bar, 3656 N. Halsted St., www.centeronhalsted.org

Thu March 6

Berlin Elevated Thursday with DJ Heather Doble and DJ Pete Augusta, special set by DJ Luke at 1 a.m., 954 W. Belmont Ave., 773-348-4975

Formerly Known As Viral!, the party. DJ Reaganomix. No cover, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., Big Chicks, 5024 N. Sheridan Rd., fkadance@gmail.com

Hubris Productions Girls Will be Girls world premiere based on the orginal film by Richard Day. Through March 29 (Thursdays through Saturdays). 7:30 p.m., $10-$25, Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St., 773-661-0938 or www.hubrisproductions.com

Macy's International Civil Rights Walk of Fame Exhibition, an exhibit of 13 pairs of shoes from civil rights leaders. Through March 15, 7th floor archives

Spin Janet Jackson Discipline CD release party, $5 Miller pitchers, no cover, 900 W. Belmont Ave., spin-nightclub.com

Fri March 7

Chicago Boi & Gurl Toiz Sin City w/ DJ Dragonfire and all the kings and queens, $7, Circuit, 3641 N. Halsted St., myspace.com/chicagoboitoiz

Flesh Hungry Dog Show Show featuring Scott Free and His Closest Friends for release of "The Pink Album (A Pop Opera)." Also Plaid on Plaid, giveaways and more. 9 p.m., Jackhammer, 6404 N. Clark St., www.fleshhungrydog.com

Hydrate Lube wrestling at 11 p.m., followed by DJ Jeannette, 3458 N. Halsted St., hydratechicago.com

Man's Country presents Peter, Alexander, Giorgio and Nate, 5017 N. Clark St.

Mary's Attic "Nunsense-Amen!" musical cabaret at 7:30 p.m., $10 cover, 5400 N. Clark St., 773-784-6969

Spin Goldfrapp Seventh Tree CD release party, $12 Stoli pitchers, no cover, 900 W. Belmont Ave., spin-nightclub.com

West Suburban Gay Association Dinner at Caliendo's in Winfield. 7:30 p.m., OS0550 Winfield Rd., see www.wsga.com for more info.

Windy City Gay Naturists Potluck and games. 7 p.m., wcgn60660@aol.com for more info

Sat March 8

Circuit All-Stars super show & dance party, featuring Foozie, Sebastian Cock, Miss Ketty and all your favorites, win Janet Jackson posters and CD during show, 3641 N. Halsted St., circuitclub.com

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Spin Fish Tank from Dummy Corps, $5, portion to benefit Estrojam, 900 W. Belmont Ave., spin-nightclub.com

Sun March 9

Center on Halsted Teatro Luno presents "S-e-x-Oh!" a production on the relationship between gender, culture and more. And March 12. 3:30-5 p.m., $20 ($10 for students), 3656 N. Halsted St., www.centeronhalsted.org

Test Positive Aware Network Jackets Required: The TPAN Tea. Traditional tea and champagne event featuring jackets designed by celebrities, fashion designers and artists. 3:30, $100 per person, limited to 150 ticket purchasers, Palm Court of the Drake Hotel, tickets at www.tpantea.org

Windy City Gay Idol Kickoff event of 6th annual talent search contest, sign up at 7 p.m. ($10 fee to compete), event starts 8 p.m., $5 cover, Star Gaze, 5419 N. Clark St., StarGazeChicago.com

Mon March 10

CALOR UNIDad: Social support group for young gay/bi men 14-24. 7-9 p.m., 3220 W. Armitage, 773-235-3161 ext. 0

Center on Halsted CemterPages: A Reading with Nicole Hollander, award-winning cartoonist. 6-8 p.m., $10, 3656 N. Halsted St., www.centeronhalsted.org

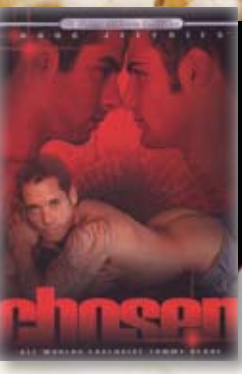
Test Positive Aware Network Rapid HIV testing. 3-5 p.m., Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St., free, www.tpan.com

Tue March 11

American Civil Liberties Union's Young Advocates Monthly bar night of drinks and discussion. Learn about Illinois' civil union legislation. 5-8 p.m., Elephant and Castle, 185 N. Wabash, RSVP to youngadvocates@aclu.il.org.

Windy City Gay Idol Second event of 6th annual talent search contest, sign up at 9 p.m. ($10 fee to compete), event starts 10 p.m., $5 cover, Jackhammer, 6406 N. Clark St., 773-743-5772

by Randy Pubert & Dick Groeper



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P: I just interviewed Blake Riley last week.
G: He's the hot new thing. They do have good stars in this one.

In a club, there is a private room where our first star has some alone time.

P: He is sucking himself off; I wish I could do that!
G: Look at that rib cage. He contracts it like a snake.
P: He's a hairy snake at that. He could use a trim.
G: Tommy is spying on him. What a show!
P: He's kissing the head.
G: Tommy is going to help him out now.
P: Check out the red jockstrap.
G: Damn, now that's a blowjob.
P: Tom's got skills.
G: He has precum everywhere.
P: Clean up on the milk aisle!
G: He's definitely a spitter.
P: This is a nice first scene. I can hardly wait for more.
G: Yes, I am impressed also.
P: Ow! Slap that ass.
G: He sure knows how to ride a dick too. You forgot to say multi-talented.
P: I guess they are keeping their boots on for this scene.
G: Must be a dirty floor.
P: This is getting too intense for me, next scene...

Two studs meet in a dirty warehouse room and hook up.

P: Those stares could burn holes in glass.
G: That's how you cruise.
P: He looks cross-eyed sucking that pole.
G: He's quite a bit younger than his new friend.

Next scene takes place in a dungeon somewhere with one man tied to a cross and two others playing in the same room.

P: That poor guy is tied up and only gets to watch.
G: I am sure he will get involved with the other two before it's over.
P: Wait a minute, he's setting him free.
G: His slave is getting to work now.
P: This scene is a little slow.
G: Yeah, compared to the beginning, this is a letdown.

Following the S & M scene, we have go-go boys in cages.

P: That's my Blake! He's shy, which is a surprise.
G: He doesn't look shy there. Maybe it's more his element.
P: He just let the canary out of the cage.
G: He likes twinks, I guess.
P: He looks like the blonde kid from Queer as Folk!
G: Blake is definitely a star.
P: This is not a bad scene but nothing spectacular.

G: What happened? This porno was off to such a good start.
P: It fell flat. I didn't get the connection with the other scenes.
G: What a disappointment.
P: This flick is very much like Doug's other film. He takes his time with directing.
G: And includes the gay rainbow of jockstraps.
P: The companies must send him thousands!
G: So, I will give this a mild thumbs up.
P: Me too. But only for the first scene. Although, if someone is looking for an all around great video, they should choose another!

Pubert: Choosy thumbs up the butt.
Groeper: Mild thumbs up.

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