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*June bursts on the scene  
with a rush of retrograding  
"Outer" planets. They cajole  
us to upend the landscape  
and (hopefully) bring about  
meaningful change. Will you  
plant as you go or just toss  
around some mud?*

### ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL

**20)** Proud Rams reinvigorate their corporate ascent and may decide to change their entire life path. Don't jump into anything permanent now though. There is too much going on that changes in the next few weeks. For now, stay loose and take a long lunch.

### TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY

**21)** One small idea leads to another even greater one. Not only can you reach out and make your opinions known, your ideas manage to seep into the group consciousness and move things your way. Will you go overboard in your zeal? Why the heck not?

### GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE

**21)** Weigh your words with golden charms to give them greater heft. National Coming Out month is a good time to consolidate your dreams and focus on what you truly value. This cannot be done quickly... even though you would wish it to be so.

### CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY

**23)** Relationships undergo extensive change this June. Gay Crabs can go from the apple of someone's eye to the pit if they try to boss the course. To insure a happy outcome, try to give more than you get and

give it all with a happy heart. Well, try.

### LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Proud Lions love to delegate. But times are changing. June is the time to demonstrate more of your initiative, enthusiasm and pluck (at least just enough to fool the powers-that-be). Do more than just show up. At the very least offer to make the coffee.

### VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Queer Virgins get into mischief and can squander their assets on wasteful tawdry times. This is bad? But who will pay the piper when the music stops and the bill comes due? Enjoy every libidinous opportunity but keep your dollars... and good sense.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Adding new home decor, moving or adding (or subtracting) a roommate will fill your June with activity and stress. Proud Libras should study all the possible outcomes before they take action. Or leave it to fate and see what is left on your doormat.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV.

**22)** June can be a very productive time for you, should you decide to make an effort. The most effective use of your time will be in the research arena, using your smarts to strategize and reach the most receptive audience. Once found, cash in, gay Scorp!

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 -

**DEC. 22)** It is time to calculate your net worth and find ways

by **Charlene Lichtenstein**

to increase it. Use June to plan a revised investment policy. Ask advice, create a sustainable budget or ask for a raise. Retirement should not be a life time away, although right now it feels like it.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN.

**20)** Pink Caps are chaffing to do something out of character and are also primed for success. This is a potent combination. The only risk is doing too much too fast without the right planning. Don't dissipate your best efforts. Think first, then act up.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB.

**19)** Sit back and listen to the background noise. Aqueerians have a psychic moment or two through June. You can use it as a parlor trick or as a strategic advantage. Hmm, guess which one gets you what you really want?

### PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH

**20)** Guppies with good ideas find themselves in the center of the party planning and the director of the action. Don't sit back and wait for things to come. Get Out and make your fun happen. Can things go too far and get out of hand? We can only hope so!

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by Kirk Williamson

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And thus we welcome **Thurst Thursdays at Avenue M**, 695 N. Milwaukee Ave. High class, hookers, high class.

Highest class of all was star-tender Johnathinn Florida. At the tail end of the night, before I poured my form into a cab, I asked Johnathinn for a water. You know, to level the drinking field. Not content with serving just plain ol' H<sub>2</sub>O, he ups and throws me a cocktail sword of blue cheese olives. Hey, a girl's gotta eat.

When I noticed that the olives didn't have quite the same zing as if they had been absorbing the sweet, sweet vodka, he even threw me a bonus shot to spice up my last olive. Now that's enjoyment!

I kidded Paul that it just wouldn't be Dragzilla at **Crew** if I didn't come away with at least one completely embarrassing picture of him. I think I did the job. I can't say it's the first time I've seen a drag queen give bloody birth on a stage, but it certainly was the funniest. Last time was just downright upsetting.

Get your Laverne & Shirley on and motor on up to scenic downtown Milwaukee for this year's **Pridefest** this weekend. See the facing page for all the goodness.

Oh, I don't know, that and 1,000 other things. Sorry for the abbreviated column, kiddies, but I've got some fish that's gonna go bad if I don't tend to it quickly. You can read whatever meaning into that you like.

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★ **FROM TOP:** Startender Johnathinn Florida at **Thurst Thursday at Avenue M**, Water with a prize at **Thurst Thursday at Avenue M**, The final touch at **Thurst Thursday at Avenue M**,



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## Joy And Pain: The Post-IML Music Wrap-Up

I have to say that I had a great Memorial Day weekend, as I hope all of you did. I spent it volunteering at IML XXX. While there were definitely lots of sights, the sounds and the people are really what made it great for me.

While I am not really a child of the right generation, it was a wonderful sight seeing all of the leatherfolk jumping, singing, and dancing around to **Andy Bell**'s set during the Sunday night finale. Sonically, it was a worthy precursor to the victory party at the House Of Blues. Tony Moran turned it out and had the packed house grooving until they literally begged for one last song at the end of the night. While I personally missed the Black & Blue Ball, Onyx Party, and Military Ball, from all accounts I have heard they were all well worth the entry fees, too. However,

no matter where you went, all of the bars were full of happy, friendly people. Pride season is officially underway!

While we are on the subject, I have heard what I shall call pride anthem number two.

Offer Nissim's new hit "Happy People" still features Maya on vocals and stays true to his personal style. However, this time it's the chanting chorus that really makes the track. There is an Allan Natal remix, but I prefer the Nissim mix. You can download it legally direct from \*69 Records' Web site or from PerfectBeat.com. Don't be surprised if you turn into a "happy people" when you hear the track.

Last word is on **Fergie**. The Dutchess has been re-released. All I can say is, "Why?"

(If you have a favorite Pride song, tell me what it is. I may feature that track in my special on Pride music later this June. You can reach me at [djres5@windycitymediagroup.com](mailto:djres5@windycitymediagroup.com) or [www.myspace.com/freemixshowman](http://www.myspace.com/freemixshowman))

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by Michael Hampton

I know that I never talk about bad places I go on dates, but this time I will. I haven't been there in a while, but I have to say that one of the worst places you could possibly take a date is **Kit Kat Lounge and Supper Club** at 3700 N. Halsted St.

Granted, it should be fun: Drag queens, Martinis, food and a fun atmosphere all sound wonderful. Alas, no.

There were literally eight bachelorette parties in the dining room with me and my date. The girls tried to make us play in their games and I wanted to stab each and every last one of them with their penis-shaped water guns.

I know I can't legally get married yet. I don't need some bimbo in a veil with LifeSavers on her shirt asking me for a dollar to remind me of it. I'd sooner eat George W. Bush's insoles. During Pride one year, a bride was crying because the street was blocked and her limo couldn't get to the door. During the parade!

Unless you want your date to be painfully reminded that you may never be able to marry them, with the federal government's tax blessings, miss this one, at least for a date.

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## Cooking Doesn't Have To Be A

# DRAG



**TOP:** Sherry Vine.  
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**MIDDLE:** Veronica Faye.  
Photo by David Collins.

**BOTTOM:** Alisson Gothz.  
Photo by Fabio Motta.

**RIGHT:** Frida Lay.  
Photo by Ryan Kolodziej.

### Nightspots: Where did the wacky idea for Cooking Doesn't Have To Be A Drag come from?

Stephen Bieniek: I love cooking and I love drag queens! Both can be fun to do, easy, sometimes difficult and yummy at the same time. So I thought "How can I fuse the two together?", and came up with the idea for the book.

### NS: It may be obvious, but what, in your opinion, makes a drag queen the perfect person to advise you about entertaining?

SB: Whether at a bar, restaurant, or at home, drag queens are always welcoming. They are witty and can get out of a sticky situation at the drop of a hat. And, they pay the utmost attention to detail!

### NS: How did you get ANT to do the foreword?

SB: Well, as my mom always said, "Never hurts to ask!"

### NS: Say I'm meeting my boy-friend's ex, who is still a "good friend," for the first time. What should I make for him that would be welcoming but, at the same time, not TOO welcoming?

SB: Girl, you don't want to put in too much time, that's for sure. I would go with Jackie Beat's EZ Taco Salad: 12 beef tacos from Taco Bell, a large salad bowl, and a set of salad tongs. Crush all the tacos in the bowl. Serve with tongs!

And if you want to get real fancy serve with salsa packets.

### NS: Do the long nails get in the way of food preparation?

SB: They don't unless your stuffing a chicken. A nail may fall off here and there but your guests will understand. It makes a great ice breaker!

### NS: What will people read in this book that will really surprise them?

SB: To be honest, the recipes. They are simple and flavorful. From Frida Lay's corn pudding to Veronica Faye's Chocolate Choker. You will find a dish to take to a BBQ or to prepare when throwing a formal dinner. And don't forget the humor of the drag queens sprinkled throughout the book.

### NS: How can get our hot hands on your new book?

SB: We will be promoting the book at PrideFest at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago booth. Also, we will be having book launches and signings throughout the US. Check out [www.cookinqueens.com](http://www.cookinqueens.com) to order the book, check out what events we'll be at and find out where you can meet some of the girls.

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## @ Avenue M



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Dragzilla threatens to destroy Tokyo at **Crew**



## Lesbian 101—Nature abhors a vacuum

Welcome to the sixth lesson of Lesbian 101. This lesson, and each subsequent one, will be posted at <http://www.jenniferpareollo.com/les101.html>.

Everyone I know asks me for advice. It's not because I'm an expert at anything. In fact, I know very little on almost any subject. However, I have a certain authoritative air that makes people think that I know a lot about everything. I have discovered that if you act like you know what you're talking about, most people will follow you blindly.

I field phone calls, e-mails, and personal visits daily from friends asking me for advice on matters large and small—gardening tips, how to install drywall, insect identification, career advice. At least once a week I'm called upon to identify a rash.

Recently, I've branched out to prescribing medication. Just yesterday, I put a friend on the steroid prednisone after I diagnosed her with lupus. My friend's doctor initially threatened to turn me into the authorities, but then reluctantly concurred with my diagnosis.

I absolutely love giving advice because it makes me feel like God. I become annoyed if a person seems reluctant to accept my advice without question or pause. When this happens I tap my fingers on a hard surface to demonstrate

my impatience and say, "You can do as you please. But I must warn you. Nature abhors a vacuum." The beauty of this phrase is that no one really understands what it means and yet it seems sage advice for everything from a plumbing problem to a broken heart.

About a week ago, a friend called me over for emergency counseling. Her neighbor—whom we'll refer to as Not Quite Straight, or NQS—had entered into her first lesbian affair with a married woman. It ended as badly as you'd imagine it would. The married lady returned to her husband. NQS was devastated and needed advice.

"You're the only one who can help," my friend pleaded in an urgent phone call. I sighed wearily in agreement and slipped into my sneakers.

When I arrived at my friend's home, NQS was sobbing loudly into a ginormous glass of vodka. Apparently, the married woman had arrived that day—with her husband in tow!—to collect some belongings from NQS's home.

To further torture herself, NQS logged onto the married lady's blog to find out if she was equally tramitzated by the breakup. The woman had written a long entry that detailed her dog's dietary habits and some convoluted gossip from her knitting circle. However, there wasn't a

mention in the blog about the breakup with NQS.

I sighed. (Sighing is a dying art form. If you want people to take you seriously, you'd better learn how to weight your sighs with gravitas and a certain vague wisefulness that can be interpreted as empathy, regret, or disappointment depending on your feelings toward the sigh-target.) "I advised you months ago not to get involved with a blogger," I said. (Bloggers, in my estimation, are as useless and inane as one of those edible fruit bouquets.)

NQS looked up at me with drunken, desperate eyes. I knew what she wanted me to tell her. She wanted me to say that the married lady would come back to her. That she couldn't detail her feelings in the blog because they were too painful for public consumption.

But, I couldn't. Because, while I know nothing about most things, I know a lot about loving the wrong type of woman. So, I gave her the best advice I could think of. I took her hand in mine and stared soulfully into her eyes. "Nature abhors a vacuum," I said. And I got the hell out of there before she could ask me what I meant by that.

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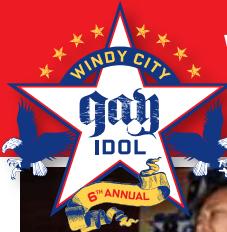


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# Windy City Gay Idol Wrap-Up

## Wild Card Round at Spin



1) Finalist Alycen finds her light. 2) Finalist Stephanie returns to claim her rightful place. 3) Finalist Valerie is a lot of sexy in a little package. 4) Judge Aunt Lola, part of the touring company of Hairspray finds a happy winner. 5) Judges Aunt Lola, Heather Schmucker and Sofia Saffire enjoy themselves perhaps a bit too much. 6) [Back: L-R] Judges Aunt Lola, Sofia Saffire and Heather Schmucker; Jeff Shapiro. [Front: L-R] Finalists Stephanie, Valerie and Alycen; host Amy Matheny.

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## next week: Semi-Finals at Sidetrack

Nightspots congratulates International Mr. Leather 2008 Gary Iriza. Gary is Mr. Palm Springs Leather 2008. Hot, huh?

He was crowned (or sahsed, as the case may be) at Park Hyatt Hotel on Sunday, May 25 as part of the 30th anniversary of the historic contest. *photo by Israel Wright*





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# Intermission



by graysong



**mmmm.... REPEAT STEW**

Sorry kittehs, I'm without the Internets right now while I feverishly await Comcast's arrival to hook up the digital morphine at the new WWWeird compound. Sadly, that means a rerun column—unless, of course Kirk yanks this to run a full-page preview of the upcoming Nightspots feature on Armpit or Miley Cyrus... I pray that you get to read this. I know opening the magazine to find a rehash column will produce a measure of disappointment in my regular reader (Hi Tony!). Sometimes life hands you these little setbacks. It's hard, but the sun will come up tomorrow; there will be another cornflake shaped like Illinois for sale on eBay soon; and there will be a new WWWeird next week. In the meantime, re-enjoy these sites from the recent past. The write-ups are **New and Improved! 40% Percent Fewer Tpyos!** (Caveat Browser: these sites may no longer be live. If not, pity. You should have read the column and visited the first time they were listed—like Tony.)

10. The following table shows the number of hours worked by 100 employees in a company.

# THE CHOPIN OF CHOPPIN'

[terryschopshop.blogspot.com](http://terryschopshop.blogspot.com)

All blogs should be like this. I don't care what your mood is today. I don't care if little Cindy took a shit on the potty all by herself. The simple fact is most of our lives are so dreary no one would get more than a few entries into our blogs before they'd click on to somewhere else. Terry has it right. All we really know about him is that he dresses as a medieval executioner, chops things in two with a battle axe, and films the destruction with a high speed camera. Honestly, how much more sharing do you need?

For more information about the study, please contact Dr. John Smith at (555) 123-4567 or via email at [john.smith@researchinstitute.org](mailto:john.smith@researchinstitute.org).



# GARFIELD MINUS GARFIELD

[garfieldminusgarfield.tumblr.com](http://garfieldminusgarfield.tumblr.com)

Revisionist Garfield has been visited here before. The first time, some intrepid intertuber deleted Garfield's thought bubbles—reducing Jon to a lonely, pathetic bachelor wandering around and talking to his uncomprehending cat. This time around Garfield is removed entirely—reducing Jon to a lonely, pathetic bachelor wandering around and talking to the walls. It's way funnier that way.

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**COME MANE OR COME SWINE**

[www.zoophile.net](http://www.zoophile.net)

Now before the vocabulary-challenged out there get too excited (Goody! I love Zoos!) let me point out that a zoophile is someone who loves animals... a lot... like more than PETA. This site gives very detailed how-tos on the art of fucking dogs, dolphins, horses, pigs, cats, big cats, goats, and, for the love of god, bulls. Gives the phrase "Take it, bitch!" a whole new meaning. Clearly, NSFW—and, clearly, visiting lands you on several government lists. That's OK. Flying isn't that big a deal anyway, right?

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# NIGHTSPOTS MAFIA

WE'LL tell ya what to think

Special Guest: Steamworks' Nirmalpal Sachdev



One thing the current economy has forced you to cut back on

Hookers and expensive lube. It's a toss-up.  
- Nirmalpal

Escorts (that's a joke, people!). - Andrew

Paying off my car. - Pubert  
NOT filling up my gas tank and then driving off without paying. - Robb

Road trips (and prostitutes). - Kathleen Ltrs. - Kirk

My dignity--I'm forced to ask "What's on special?" when I go out for drinks.  
- Amy

Driving. Thanks Metra!  
- graysong

Business spending.  
- Creaoke

WHAT WILL BE THE SUMMER MOVIE BOX-OFFICE CHAMP?

Iron Man or The Dark Knight.  
- Nirmalpal

Hancock. - Andrew

Whatever it is, I'm sure I won't care. - Kirk

The Dark Knight. - Kathleen

Iron Man--It's smart to open early. - Pubert

In my own little world it would be The Dark Knight. In reality, probably stupid Indiana Jones. - Robb

We nerds, geeks and dweebs will unite and make the X-Files movie champion. - Amy

Probably that Batman-thing with Heath Ledger as the Joker.  
- graysong

Iron Man. - Creaoke

EVER FALLEN FOR SOMEONE YOU INITIALLY DISLIKED?

My 7th grade gym teacher.  
- Nirmalpal

A couple of times, but I'm not saying names. - Andrew

Nope. - Pubert

Nah. - Creaoke

No--I'm consistent with my likes and dislikes. - Amy

Noooooo. - Kirk

Absolutely--I normally dislike people when I first meet them. - Kathleen  
Usually if I dislike someone, there's a pretty good reason. BUT I have fallen for someone who initially disliked me. - Robb

No, but I often come to dislike those I've fallen for. - graysong

Are you special enough? If you want to be included as a special guest in Nightspots MAFIA, send an email to [andrew@windycitymediagroup.com](mailto:andrew@windycitymediagroup.com) and plead your case.



**MAIN:** At Avenue M's "Thurst," this dude's hoodie...

**DETAIL:**  
...really makes a STATEment.



photo by Kirk

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## **Thursday, June 5**

**American Veterans for Equal Rights** Monthly meeting.

7 p.m., Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St., [www.avers.us](http://www.avers.us)

## **GLBTQ Friends-Central**

**Kane County Coffee & Conversation**. 7 p.m., Borders Books, Kirk \$ Main in St. Charles

## **New Town Writers** Meeting.

7:30 p.m., Gerber/Hart Library, 1127 W. Granville Ave., [www.myspace.com/newtownwriters](http://www.myspace.com/newtownwriters)

## **Stonewall Association of Illinois** Coming Out of Marriage Group.

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## **Vital Bridges** Chefs and

the City Kick-off party. 6-8 p.m., Rockit Bar & Grill, 22 W. Hubbard St., [www.chefsandthecity.com](http://www.chefsandthecity.com)

## **Friday, June 6**

**Berlin** Official after-party for MCA's First Friday, DJ Greg Haus, guest set from ThinkPinkRadio.com DJ Stinky Pinky, art installation by Jojo, 954 W. Belmont Ave., 773-348-4975, BerlinChicago.com

**Chix Mix Productions** Drag king and burlesque show by the Chicago Boi Toiz & Gurl Toiz. Doors open 9 p.m., \$7 at door, \$5 if you email first and last name to [versageproductions@yahoo.com](mailto:versageproductions@yahoo.com), Circuit Nightclub, 3641 N. Halsted St., [www.versageproductions.com](http://www.versageproductions.com)

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**Hydrate** Lube wrestling at 11 p.m., followed by DJ Jeanette, 3458 N. Halsted St., [HydrateChicago.com](http://HydrateChicago.com)

## **Milwaukee's Pridefest**

Friday's Pride festivities include Comedian Wanda Sykes and the Miss and Mr. Pridefest pageants, Maier Festival Park in Milwaukee, WI, [pridefest.com](http://pridefest.com)

**Milwaukee's Pumphouse DJ** Susan Morabito, celebrate Milwaukee's Pride weekend, 2011 S. 1st St., Milwaukee, WI, 414-763-2068, [Pumphouse-Nightclub.com](http://Pumphouse-Nightclub.com)

**Spin Fierce Fridays** with host Lady Vera Parker, featuring Jade, Regina Upright, Aurora Sexton and special guest Miss Continental Plus 2008 Mercedes, 900 W. Belmont Ave., [spin-nightclub.com](http://spin-nightclub.com)

**West Suburban Gay Association** Dinner at Claddagh. 8 p.m., 1702 Commons Dr. in Geneva, [west\\_burbs\\_gay@yahoo.com](mailto:west_burbs_gay@yahoo.com), 630-512-0100, [www.wsga.com](http://www.wsga.com)

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## **Saturday, June 7**

**Chi-Town Squares** Pride Dance. 7-10 p.m., 1640 W. Foster, [www.iagsdc.org/chitownsquares](http://www.iagsdc.org/chitownsquares), chi-

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**Hydrate** The Men of Hydrate Model Search, sign up at 8 p.m., contest 9-11 p.m., 3458 N. Halsted St., [HydrateChicago.com](http://HydrateChicago.com)

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Saturday's Pride festivities include pop superstar Natasha Bedingfield and DJ Tony Moran, Maier Festival Park in Milwaukee, WI, [pridefest.com](http://pridefest.com)

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## **NW Indiana Rainbow Days**

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## **Ride for AIDS Chicago**

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**Spin** Male EarRotica, monthly dance party with exotic

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**Vital Bridges** 20th anniversary of the "Whacklit" Croquet fundraiser. 11 a.m.- 4 p.m., individual players \$90, spectators \$50, Galleria Marchetti, 825 W. Erie, 312-948-2785 or [www.vitalbridges.org](http://www.vitalbridges.org) to register

## **Sunday, June 8**

**Milwaukee's Pridefest** Sunday's Pride festivities include The Indigo Girls and Kevin Aviance, Maier Festival Park in Milwaukee, WI, [pridefest.com](http://pridefest.com)

## **Monday, June 9**

**Six Flags Great America** Gay Day at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Ill. 10 a.m.- 9 p.m., [gaychicago@aol.com](http://gaychicago@aol.com), 773-327-7271 ext. 101

## **Tuesday, June 10**

**Funky Buddha Lounge** Out-danced with JoeElwin and Beyonda Doubt. 10 p.m.-2 a.m., 728 W. Grand Ave., [www.funkymbuddha.com](http://www.funkymbuddha.com)

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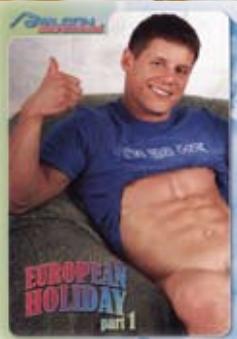
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# from the booth

by Randy Pubert & Dick Groeper



## European Holiday Part 1

from Falcon International

Starring Thomas Barton and Nicolas Cole

### JUDGING A PORN BY ITS COVER

**Pubert:** Well, I am off to Canada this week to write a story about gay travel for Windy City Times. I tried to find a porn video with some Canadian bacon, but settled for European sausage instead!

**Groeper:** I am just here for the ride.

**P:** This cover has a cutie on it.

**G:** If you like All-American guys.

*First scene has three buddies in a bed together. One wakes up and looks like he doesn't know where he is...*

**P:** He just rolled out from under the sheets and started drinking a martini by his bed.

**G:** That's my kinda breakfast!

**P:** Look at him stretch.

**G:** He's molesting the other one in his sleep.

**P:** Not for long; I think he just woke up.

**G:** And number three is stirring also.

**P:** I guess the breakfast cocktail is doing its work. He's ready for action.

**G:** This one has subtitles. At least we know what's going on, not like a lot of other videos.

**P:** He just said, "I am so hung over." I guess drinking in the morning fixes that like they say...

**G:** That and Gatorade.

**P:** The set is nice and has good lighting.

**G:** Yes, finally someone spent some money on sheets!

**P:** It's like these porn makers have been reading our reviews.

**G:** These guys are definitely cute. I just don't like the one guy's bleached hair.

**P:** I agree. Why can't people just go natural?

**G:** Europeans must be into flicking their tongues when kissing.

**P:** I will have to try that. Wait a second, they like flicking it on the dick too.

**G:** A fourth guy walked in.

**P:** I guess the back door was open, so to speak.

*The second scene features two studs in a tub.*

**P:** They are making a toast, how romantic.

**G:** He got bubbles up his nose.

**P:** He asked him if he had enough bubbles. Fucking hilarious.

**G:** He's going for the underwater backstroke.

**P:** Two points for the tongue flick again! I wish my Jacuzzi was that big.

**G:** At least you have a Jacuzzi...

**P:** That sun in the background is perfect.

**G:** Yeah, their lighting designer knows what he's doing.

*Third scene is in an exercise room.*

**P:** Well, we are not seeing much of the sites in Europe.

**G:** You are right. The cover says "Filmed on location," but so far this wouldn't matter where it's shot at.

**P:** Inside the house we get the Spanish sun again. This workout room doubles as a sunroom.

**G:** They could have called this movie European Halogen with all lamps and such.

**P:** Oh Gawd, he has a case of the European Red Balls!

**G:** I think he's pumping it out in the weight room.

**P:** On an exercise bench, no less.

**G:** It looks comfortable.

*Last scene has two lovers selecting a vacation spot.*

**P:** Planning out their vacation, just like me.

**G:** Before a quick fuck.

**P:** Again, just like me.

**G:** And a tongue flick on the nipple ends our video journey. Being 90 minutes, this porno works for me.

**P:** Exactly. When is European Holiday Part 2 coming out?

**G:** I'm ready for it. have a good trip, Pubes!

**Pubert:** Thumbs up the European butt.

**Groeper:** Thumbs up the butt.

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*If you want to read about Pubert's trip to Canada stay tuned for a future issue of Windy City Times.*

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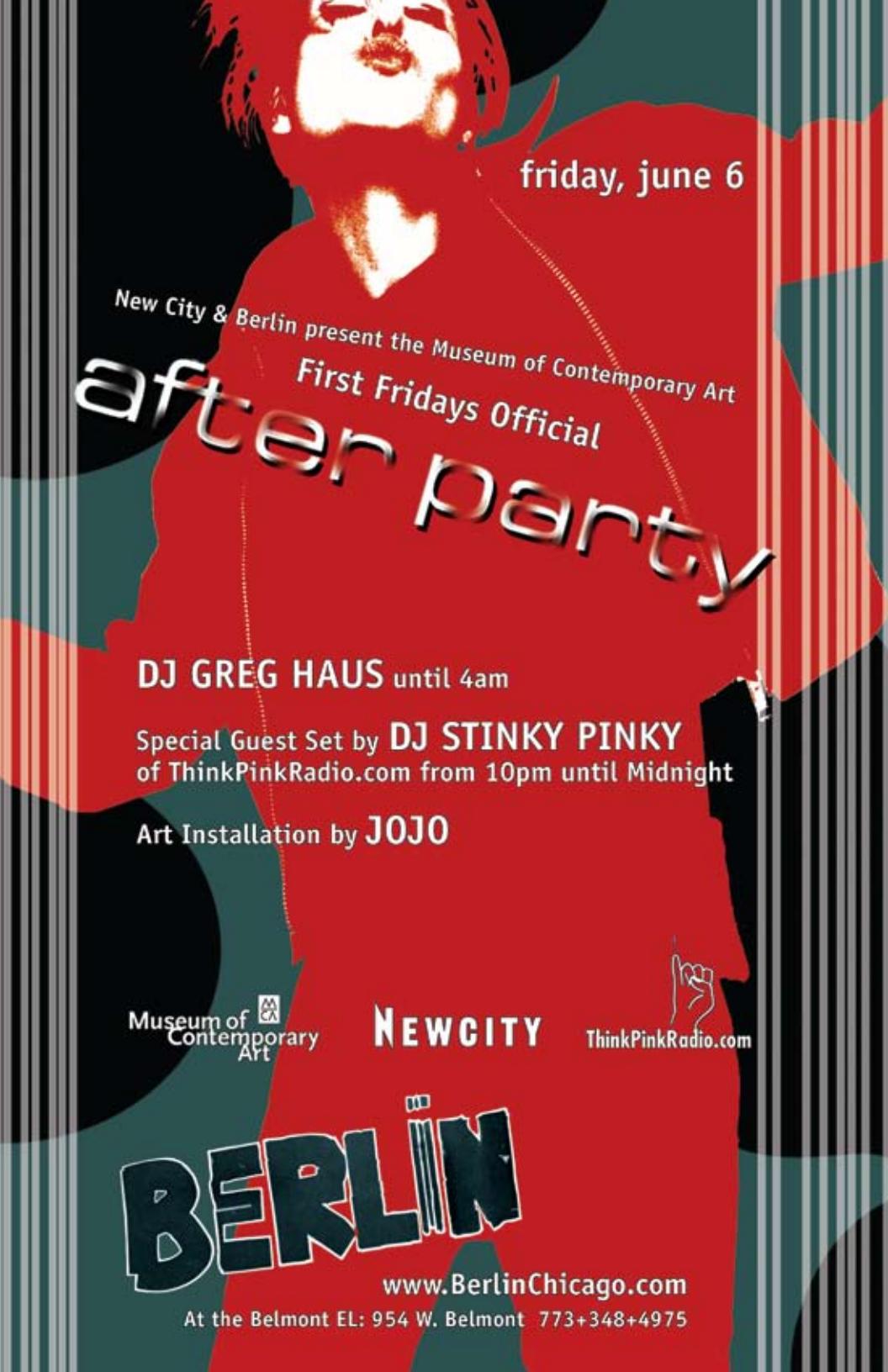
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