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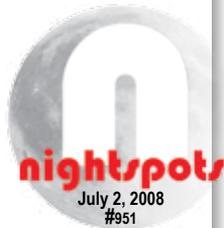
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have its ultimate rewards... or so it will seem.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23) No matter how hard you try to discern the political machinations of others, there is something that you might miss in the static. This can have a major impact on your job if you take a risk that is too risky. Keep your eyes open but lips tightly shut... for now.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23) Queer Virgins are surrounded by friends and on everyone's summer guest list. Make merry while you can. Find ways of harnessing your jolly times to make them as mutually enjoyable as possible. Just because you like it doesn't mean everyone does.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23) Proud Libras ache to get ahead in their careers but there is something that holds them back now. Avoid exploitation by continuing to do what you need to do to get the boss off your back and keep your eye out for other, more lucrative opportunities.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22) Spread your oil and simmer it on the stove. Proud Scorps have to spread their goodwill over a range of different personality types. But expect to step on some toes while you massage others. Let's hope that you don't come into contact with any fungus.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22) Gay Archers may have to face some unan-

pated stress if their spending outstrips their saving. Interestingly, the best summer escape is close to home. Not only will it save you travel money, it will feel more like a haven from the fiscal storm.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20) Not all that glitters is gold, Pink Cap. In fact there is nothing more valuable than good friendship and a loyal, loving partner. Of course that won't necessarily keep you in ermine and pearls... but you never know until you check your lover's bankbook.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19) Avoid a sense of entitlement. Aquerians risk alienating lower working castes with what seems to be a presumptive, imperious manner. Think about how you can use cooking oil instead of elbow grease to get what you want. Charm works wonders...

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20) Expand your social circle into a globe, Guppie. Find new avenues of mischief, increase your platonic power base and showcase your talents. An audience gets you going and going and going. Get going before they bring out the large hook!

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ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20) Gay Rams are ready to tackle anything, everything, anytime, anyplace. If you are looking for changes, you find them. But if you are seeking a sedate interlude, avoid snap decisions and emotional responses. Patience is a potent long-term strategy.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21) Diplomacy may not be your strong suit now. Queer Bulls are not the best choice of negotiators for world peace but they are the ones to watch as the month wears on. Not only do you regain your innate grace, you manage to grab power quietly.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21) Sun and Jupiter turn up the heat and make you sexy and intense. Make the most of it. Will you spin out of control and drain into the center of depravity? Only if you are lucky! Sometimes you need a little salt in your sugar to add flavor to a meal.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23) Gay Crabs need to find ways to balance their own needs and those of partners. The secret to your bliss is to let others grab the spotlight for once while you applaud. Being an appreciative audience will

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that guy

by Kirk Williamson



FROM TOP: With my niece Hollie (center) and her friend Mariya at Pride, Water, water everywhere, The exhausted spanker.

Barbra Streisand is, no doubt, very upset. She implored you not to rain on her parade. And lo, though these past 12 Pride Parades I have attended were not marred by the deluge, this was the year to smash the record. So to all of you who endured wet socks and runny eyeliner, I'm truly most proud of you. It'll take more than a little (OK, A LOT) of rain to spoil your parade. The sun's a bowl of butter, after all.

Now there's a sign that I'm getting older: I'm starting to quote showtunes in casual conversation. Perhaps that's why at least three folks have told me in the past month that I look good "for my age."

You should have seen me at my first Pride Parade in 1996. I looked good, but my good looks at the time needed no qualifier.

Kinda like that hot chica I'm hugging up there in my picture to the left. And there's a reason why she looks so good. That's my niece Hollie. All of 15 and I got to share her first Pride Parade with her. Why, I'm the proudest gay uncle this side of Poughkeepsie. And I'd wager on the other side as well.

Check out the definition in the droplets of water in that next shot down! Sure, my lens got a little wet, but it made for some cool photography.

The third picture shows what happens when a straight couple tries their best to spank my gay ass with a flimsy wooden stick. My ass won.

For coverage of many other Pride weekend events; including Pridefest, Backlot Bash, Girlblast, the Dyke March and many bar-related goings-on; check out next week's issue, or see this week's Windy City Times or online at www.windycitymediagroup.com.

This week's cover, though cool, was not the original plan. It was supposed to have been the fine work of Pierre Cameron to promote the first ever Black Party at the Congress Theater on Saturday, July 5. It's a shame too. He does good work. So turn your copy of Nightspots over, if you will, and pretend that the back is the front. Versatility is all the rage these days.

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Spotlight: *The Summer Kick-Off* column

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Next up is "Lollipop." The Lil' Wayne hit song has been cut up and reconstructed into a solid dance track by **The Klubjumpers**. They softened the song a little to give it more of a club bounce, but all of

the changes they made were improvements on the original. So, some of the more progressive Halsted Street DJs will likely have it in their collection.

Before we get to the news on **Danity Kane** and **The Pussycat Dolls**, I want to take a second and tell you to check out the sophomore album from **Cherish**. The Truth came out a couple of months ago, and was preceded by the catchy "Killa." The album's best cut is probably the album closer "Like A Drum."



"When I Grow Up" has a full remix package now. **Dave Aude**, who previously worked on "Buttons," contributes a solid club mix. However, his savant moment comes from his bootleg mix of the song with "Roadkill" by **Dubfire**.

The **Tyler Nelson** mix of "Damaged" is being courted for an official release now; kudos to him. Meanwhile, "Bad Girl" is being shopped around to remixers as the potential second single from their album.

Remember djres5@windycitymediagroup.com and <http://www.myspace.com/freemixshowman> for your music news.



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by Michael Hampton

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Don't be afraid, it's OK. French food isn't unapproachable. When I went there, we had some mussels that were steeped in wine and herbs that sent me through the roof. The Lyonnaise salad has an egg on top to mix with the light dressing, giving the dish a deep richness.

As we moved on to our entrées, our conversation turned to my trip to France in high school and how much I hated my French teacher. I forgot all about her fat ass after tasting my Steak Fritte, which was served with a green peppercorn sauce that I would have lapped from the pitcher had I not wanted to make a good impression.

For those on a budget, there's a prix fixe menu option offering a three-course meal for one low price. And this is a restaurant where you definitely need to have dessert. My date had a lemon tart that made him show me his "O" face.

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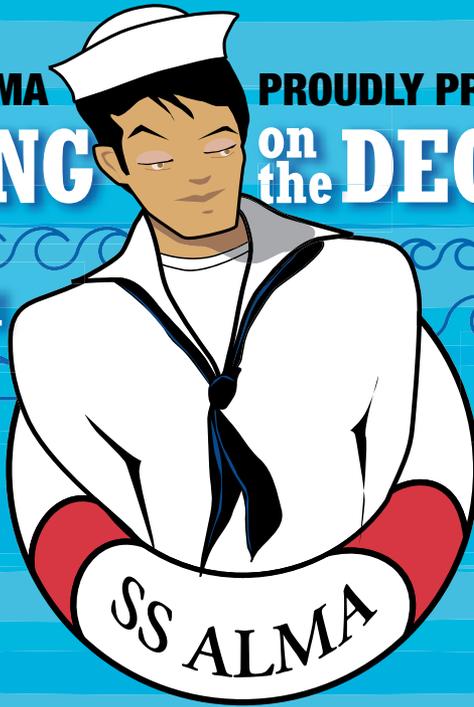
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The SPREAD



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

I recently was charged with supervising an intern for a few months. He's a good lad, and I've grown quite fond of him. Since he has no more interest in his job than I do, we've established a happy work routine. I do all the work and he's free to watch his shows on the Internet.

Occasionally, I'm inspired to teach him a life lesson, such as:

- Straight men should not be scared to wear linen!
- Don't ever buy fruit from a vending machine!
- Moisturize! Moisturize! Moisturize!

A few days ago, I took him along on a video shoot with me. We were filming a pair of difficult subjects, and it dragged on all afternoon. As we entered the third hour, the intern cradled his head in his arms and took a nap. This inspired me to give him another piece of advice:

- No matter how bored you are, pretend that you're interested!

And so we have stumbled onto our lesson for this week.

Over the years, hundreds of

readers have asked me the same question: "Jennifer, how do you do it? How is it that at your advanced age you continue to be catnip to the ladies?"

Is it my devilish good looks? No!

Is it my animal charms? No!

Dear readers, here's my secret: I pay attention!

Let's set the stage for a common scenario: You're on a date with someone you fancy. You want to impress her, so you rattle off your credentials in mind-numbing fashion. Meanwhile, your date, who is equally anxious to talk only of herself, fidgets with the silverware, sighs with impatience, and finally wanders off to chat with a cute girl who might let her get a word in.

How do we turn this situation around so that you don't end the evening depressed and deflated, confused about why the monologue about your unhappy childhood and string of poor romantic and career choices failed to charm your love interest?

It's simple. Stop talking and start listening. A great philosopher—my friend Scott, who knows a thing or two about manipulating a person into love—told me: "If you want someone to fall in love with you, pepper them with questions. Ask them about everything in their lives and

react to it all as if it's the most fascinating thing you've ever heard."

In short, if you want someone to be interested in you, act interested in them. Most people are fascinated by themselves and can't understand why the rest of the world doesn't hold them equally in awe. If they find someone who appears to be enthralled with them, they'll want to warm themselves in that sunlight for eternity.

Before you begin, two cautionary notes:

1. Don't overplay your interest. If you're too intense in your questioning, it will make you appear creepy and stalkerish. Don't fire a round of questions while squinting your eyes hard, like you're zeroing in on prey.

2. Make very sure that you want your target to fall in love with you. Showing an interest is a very powerful tool. To return to our sunlight analogy, most people blossom under such attention. If you decide that, after all your efforts, you're no longer interested, it will have the effect of stealing the sun from a fragile flower. She will wilt back into her sad existence, questioning whether she was ever as interesting or fabulous as you once led her to believe.

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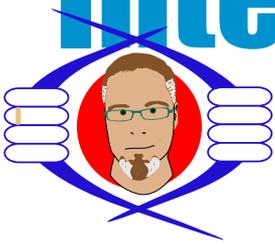


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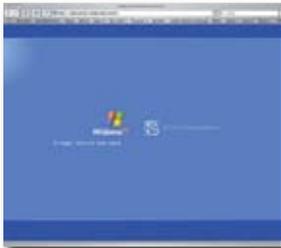
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Dexter. - Amy
Mary Tyler Moore:
Season 1.
- Kathleen
Firefly. - graysong
I haven't seen any but
I do need to catch
up on Entourage.
- Creaoke

HOW OFTEN DO YOU DO SOMETHING EMBARRASSING IN PUBLIC?

Hardly ever. I'm only FREAK-AY behind closed doors. - Dylan
Not too often—I think. - Andrew
I decline to answer as it may incriminate me. - Kirk
Once a week. - Pubert
Often! I also like to embarrass others by being embarrassing. - Amy
Pretty much constantly. - Robb
Daily (only once if I'm lucky). - Kathleen
Depends—are we talking caught-picking-your-nose embarrassing or caught-drunkenly-blowing-a-stranger-in-a-back-room embarrassing? - graysong
Every day. - Creaoke

FIRST THING THAT POPS INTO YOUR HEAD WHEN YOU SEE THE WORD "DECADENT"

A Hummer Limo with a full tank of gas. - Dylan
Peanut-butter ice cream. - Andrew
Sweets. - Creaoke
Chocolate. - Pubert, Amy, Kathleen
A river of chocolate. - Kirk
That it's sad how many people probably answered "chocolate" to this. - Robb
Ten-toothed. - graysong

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Shadow Bar A Night in Paris: The Music, The Madness, The Moment, a champagne reception with light hors d'oeuvres. Doors open 8 p.m., 811 W. Lake St.

Thursday, July 3

Annoyance Theatre "Dick O'Day's Big, Lovely Bingo." One night only. 8 p.m., \$10, 4830 N. Broadway, www.annoyanceproductions.com or 773-561-4665 for tickets

Chicago Windy City Black Pride Official Welcome Party with DJ Lil' John and DJ Unknown (NYC). 10 p.m.- 4 a.m., Ruby, 151 W. Ohio St., www.chiblackpride.com

Windy City Black Pride Through July 6. Host hotel: Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. Events throughout week include workshops, youth events, vendor fair, poetry slam and more. See www.windycityblackpride.org.

Friday, July 4

Chicago Windy City Black Pride Urbano Blatini Pride featuring DJ Gavin T and more. 10 p.m.-4 a.m., Circuit, 3641 N. Halsted St., www.chiblackpride.com

Equality Illinois Barbeque. 1-4 p.m., Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St., www.eqil.org

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

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Spin Fierce Fridays - The Birthday Show, with birthday girl The Lady Vera Parker, starring September Murphy, Kelly Luaren, Teri Yaki and more, 900 W. Belmont Ave., Spin-Nightclub.com

Saturday, July 5

Chicago Windy City Black Pride The 1st Annual Men's Black Party with DJs Craig Loftis, Anton and Kenae. 10 p.m.- 3 a.m., Congress Theater, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave., www.chiblackpride.com

Chicago Windy City Black Pride Xotik VIP after party featuring DJ Corey. 11 p.m.- 5 a.m., Tokyo 21, 901 W. Weed St., www.chiblackpride.com

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Sunday, July 6

Berlin Madonnarama, with DJ Riley York, 954 W. Belmont Ave., BerlinChicago.com

Chicago Windy City Black Pride OTDL Pride Reunion with DJs Anton and Kenae. 11 p.m.-4 a.m., Club 720, 720 N. Wells St., www.chiblackpride.com

Entre Familia Meeting. 2-4 p.m., El Valor, 1924 W. 21st St., 773-319-3329

Monday, July 7

Chicago Windy City Black Pride Pride Forever closing party hosted by Mz. Ruff 'N' Stuff, DJ Stoney. 10 p.m.-4 a.m., Circuit, 3641 N. Halsted St., www.chiblackpride.com

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Tuesday, July 8

3160 Dan Stetzel's post birthday celebration, 9:30 p.m., 3160 N. Clark St., myspace.com/chicago3160

Gerber/Hart Library Lesbian Book Group: Aquamarine by Carol Anshaw. 7:30-9 p.m., 1127 W. Granville Ave., www.gerberhart.org

Thursday, July 10

AIDS Foundation of Chicago AIDS Run & Walk Chicago Star Fundraiser Party. 5:30 p.m., Texas de Brazil, runandwalk@aidschicago.org, www.aidschicago.org

Windy City Gay Naturists M2M Massage. 2 p.m., BYOT, \$10, RSVP 773-764-1204

Friday, July 11

Affinity To Affinity and Beyond, a group for Black lesbian

and bi women hosts a young women's drop-in. First Friday of each month. 6-9 p.m., 5650 S. Woodlawn, garden level, www.affinity95.org

Association of Latino Men for Action Dancing on the Deck cruise with DJ Ale Perez and guest appearances by miss Ketty and Veronica Zaid. 8:30 p.m. departure from Navy Pier, \$125 includes four-hour cruise, buffet, beverages, entertainment and dancing, tickets at www.almchicago.org or at Circuit Night Club

Beyondmedia Education Housewarming party to celebrate its new location. 6-11 p.m., 4001 N. Ravenswood, Suite 204C, \$20 with cash bar, www.beyondmedia.org

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Groeper: We are sooo cutting edge.

P: We have to keep up with the technology. I even bought the Playstation 3 to watch this on.

G: I am sure that's not the only reason...

We begin our Blu adventure with various outdoor scenes of porn stars running on the beach, etc.

P: Wow, the colors are so much clearer.

G: Your TV makes it look good too.

P: I can even see the little mosquitoes in the background.

G: Look, it's your old friend Damien that you interviewed in May.

P: He was just spit on by his surfing buddy.

G: It must be love.

P: The body gloves are coming off now.

G: Good thing this beach is secluded.

P: Damien has some scruff going on this time. I like it.

G: Uh oh, François is spying on them from the rocks.

P: I guess it's not that secluded.

G: Check out how blue that water is. I want to take a dive.

P: I don't think we are going to find that in Lake Michigan.

G: Our buds found a trailer to get some privacy.

P: Fat chance, Frankie just followed them and is peeping in the windows.

G: That's a hot angle from the front seat of the camper.

P: He just missed the hole, oops.

We continue onward with two buds by a campfire and a forest ranger picking up some trash.

P: How will this all cum together?

G: The plot thickens.

P: The forest ranger is going to teach them a lesson for littering.

G: He's belting him black and blue.

Remember Woody Owl?

P: I never saw this version on Saturday morning cartoons.

G: The butt ranger is going for the other one now.

P: On a picnic table no less.

G: He's getting fisted and peed on by a bear

in the woods.

P: You hear the rock music in the background? The sound quality is definitely better than regular DVDs.

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P: Getting clean to get dirty.

G: It's the hungry fisherman for the seafood lover in you.

P: Look out for his fish stick.,

Three happy campers pitch a tent in the woods.

P: Is his porn star name really Diesel Washington?

G: Well, you get two summer movie stars for the price of one that way.

P: He actually does look like a mix of both now that you mention it. But he's no Fresh Prince.

We end on the back of a pickup truck with three of our stars.

P: Titan makes three ways look so easy.

G: This movie has more pissing in it than I have seen in a long time.

P: It is a good choice for re-mastering with all the outdoor scenes.

G: I am off to Best Buy to get a player for this flick.

P: This video is from 2007. It's going to take a while to make the whole world go big Blu.

G: But this is a good start. Gimme a Breaker!

Pubert: Thumbs up the Blu-ray butt.

Groeper: Thumbs up the butt.

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