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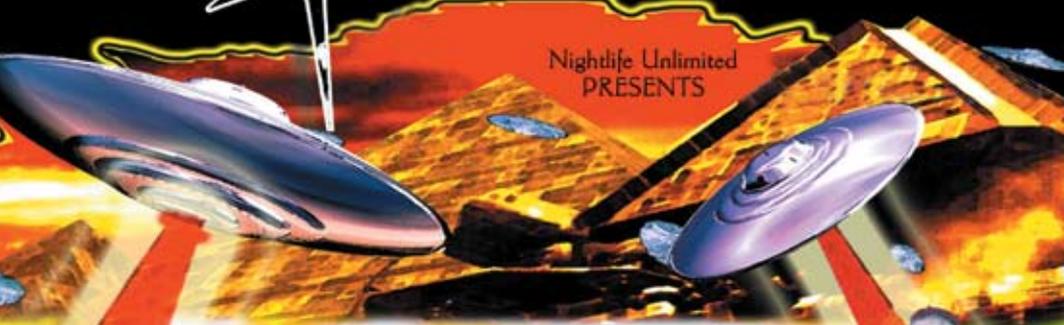
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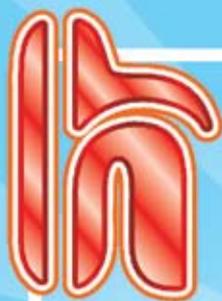
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out in the stars

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you make headlines. Uh oh...

make necessary adjustments in your plans. Gay Archers will be reinvigorated next week. Prepare for your coup d'etat.

cover BERTHA MASON AT MARKET DAYS

photos by Kirk

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ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Proud Rams want to outshine the competition but can't seem to gain any traction in the climb. Things are temporarily on hold. Box up your great ideas, enthusiasm and rampant ambition and unwrap it next week. Then open Pandora's Box!!

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

There is something fabulous swimming in your head but it can't get out. Queer Bulls could chalk it up to a creative block. This is not the week to grace the universe with your artistic sense. Mull, dream and wait. Razzle dazzle 'em next week.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Pink Twins ache for changes or improvements around the house. All things come in good time. Before you know it, you will be able to implement all your carefully crafted plans and make your humble surroundings a palace.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Gay Crabs may be surrounded by naysayers, dullards and a few egotists. Don't toss your pearls of wisdom before these swine. Take a cat nap and wake refreshed and raring to go, go, go. Find a new audience next week. Then

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

If your money situation was tight, expect more of the same now. Proud Lions have to satisfy their extravagant tastes with more mundane (and much cheaper) amusements. Be creative or austere now. Splurge and buy drinks for the house later.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Many of your personal projects will be put on hold for the time being. Queer Virgins will be better off taking a breath to pause, reflect and reprioritize. There is too much on your plate to handle everything effectively. Start a diet.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Is there something under the surface that itches and annoys? Cool down, chill out and relax. There is time to get your karma chugging and your psychic baggage opened and dumped. For now just meditate good thoughts and channel the benign spirits.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

If you feel too caught up in the whirlwind of the group dynamic, you have a chance to sit and catch your breath. Social things slow to a crawl, so much so that you may find it a bit too solitary and staid. Make up your mind, queer Scorp.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

All your best moves do not have the intended effect. But this gives you a chance to take a step back, survey the landscape and

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Although this might seem like an opportune time to summer-travel, pink Caps are advised to briefly stick to the tried and true and avoid any wayward twists and turns. International adventure is not all it's cracked up to be... this particular week.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

Aqueerians can't seem to attract the lovers they want and manage to get too involved in wasteful, uninteresting liaisons. As much as you love to strut your stuff, why not try to blend into the background and look sultry... in very low light.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Guppies try their best in certain relationships but even your best efforts may not move the needle. Learn from your frustrations and attempt to do better. Before you know it you will have your choice of the best of the best. Now that is a nice change of pace!

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that guy

by Kirk Williamson



Here I am with Ronnie Kroell of BRAVO's Make Me A Supermodel. This dude is just as sweet and lovely as everyone has been telling me he is. You'll be seeing much more of him in Nightspots!



Meet our cover girl, Miss Bertha Mason. In a sage bit of advice, Bertha offers, "Feeling bitter? Add butter!" For that and many more baking tips, see Bertha in "Baking With Bertha," playing Sunday, August 17 at Mary's Attic.

She even gave me a cookie.

This hand-delivered note at Sofo is only going to encourage me.



So in the interest of killing two birds with one stone, here's a shot of this issue being cobbled together fueled by the sugar high of Miss Bertha's chocolate chip cookie.



For another glimpse of the process, here's the very Obama sticker given to me by the boy on the right permanently affixed to my desk.



Meanwhile, check out LOGOonline.com to vote for videos by two, count 'em, two of Chicago's own queer artists, Scott Free and Johnny Dangerous. Catch our interview with Johnny next week!

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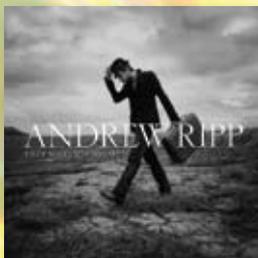
Ne-Yo has done a male version of "Take A Bow." It's on YouTube; go check it out! Ne-Yo can sing, dance, do snappy cover tracks, write his own songs, and be sexy. Let's hope those gay rumors are true. In the mean time, I am digging his new single "Miss Independent" and its surprisingly richly textured production. If "Closer" and his new joint are true representations of what this new album is about, The Year Of The Gentleman may turn out to be one of the best R&B albums of 2008.



While I am anticipating Ne-Yo's new venture, I am rather disappointed in Lloyd's new release. *Lessons In Love* suffers in the way of Usher and Ashanti's albums. It's pleasant enough, but a lot of faceless filler pulls down the better offerings like "Lose Your Love" or "I'm Wit It" (which has disco house mix written all over it, if someone's bold enough).

Being outdoors all day for Market Days afforded everyone a chance to hear some cool emerging artists;

another good way to do this is to arrive early for the opening acts of concerts. This is how I learned about **Andrew Ripp**. Ripp has a great commercial sound. If the Backstreet Boys were condensed down to one person and



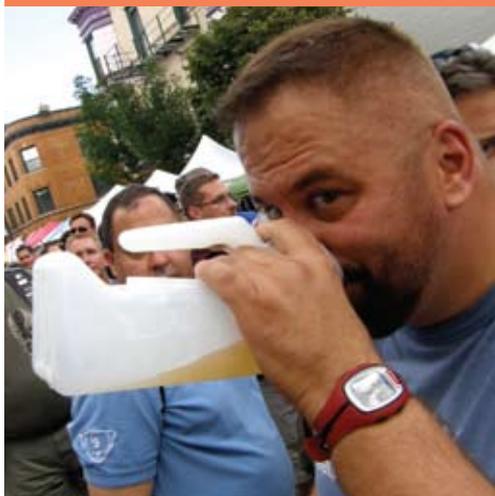
had a more natural James Blunt/John Mayer quality to their work, they would be Ripp. Check out "Just Another Song About California," "It's All Good" and "Tim's Song" from his album on iTunes.

Sound off at djres5@windycitymediagroup.com or www.myspace.com/freemixshowman.



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what do
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Free Dating Advice
(you're welcome)

by Michael Hampton

So here's me. A guy I fancy was at my house whilst I was working. I got home late (around 8 p.m.) and we were both starving. We walked over to Andersonville and ordered a pizza from **Great Lake** at 1477 W. Balmoral and am I ever glad we did!

Now I don't like superlatives when it comes to telling both of my loyal readers where to take your dates, but this place was amazing. We ordered a handmade pizza with chipotle salsa as a base, mozzarella cheese and squash blossoms. It takes about 20 minutes for them to make the pizza so we popped over and picked up some banana sorbetto and banana pudding ice cream from **J.B.'s Deli** at 5501 N. Clark and sipped a cocktail at **Marty's Wine and Martini Bar** at 1511 W. Balmoral.

The pizza was outrageously delicious. It was buttery and fresh and I can't wait to eat another one. Great Lake also sells artisan candies, such as mango bits that are sprinkled with chili powder to give them a sweet heat and homemade rock candies with flavors straight from heaven.

That date lasted 3 days. Your results may vary.

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For more Miss Bea-havior, see *Devil In the Details* on page 21.

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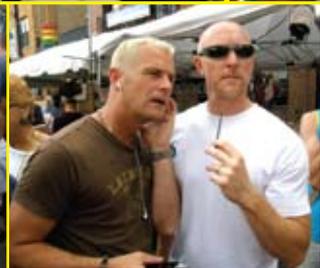
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Welcome to the tenth lesson of *Lesbian 101*. This lesson, and each subsequent one, will be posted at <http://www.jenniferparello.com/les101.html>.

It had been a long, dry spell, so my friend Stacy suggested we go to New York. By long, dry spell I mean verrrry long, verrrry dry spell. I was feeling (and, I suspect, looking) like a middle-aged frump and I badly needed to reconnect with my younger, naughtier self.

So I abandoned my bridge group (please note earlier reference to middle-age) and trotted off to NYC with Stacy.

The first couple of days passed unmemorably enough. Despite Stacy's begging that we hit the lesbian bars, I used all my passive aggressive powers to avoid them. When she suggested we go to happy hour at Henrietta Hudson, I led her to the Algonquin where I ordered her doubles of everything on the cocktail cart and soon she was too drunk to even remember she was gay.

My confidence had been shaken from a miserable period of no sex and even less flirting. I feared my magic charm—New York City, where, incredibly, I've always had luck with the ladies much to my delight and my luckless friends' dismay—would fail me, too.

But, finally, I couldn't resist Stacy's demands any longer.

So, on our final evening we went to our favorite bar, the Cubby Hole. Before we entered the bar, I was feeling bloated and resentful that God had given me a glorious youth only to snatch it away from me before I was finished abusing it. But as we took our seats by the window, I cheered considerably. The reason I was happy was because we were surrounded by girls.

I have been living in semi-self imposed exile for the past few years, and so I had kinda forgotten what a girl looks like. Almost immediately, I began to feel my inner scamp reemerge from its long hibernation. I began scanning the bar, searching for a target to make meaningful eye contact with. I found a couple candidates who I exchanged charged glances with before they gave up and drifted out of the bar.

But, then, a miracle. Stacy whispered in my ear that a pretty blonde was giving me the eye. I looked up and caught her staring at me. So, I stared back. Age has its privileges and I figured that if she got offended that I was staring at her I could always explain that I simply can't see anything through my cataracts.

But she wasn't offended. Instead, she looked up at me coquettishly. This conversation of glances went on for an hour. I knew that eventually one of would get drunk

enough and work up the nerve to approach the other. And because I have an early bedtime, I hurried things along by lingering at the jukebox so she could have an excuse to talk to me.

Sure enough, she was by my side, suggesting songs. We talked for several minutes, during which time my interest faded from enthusiastic to bemused. She was too young and I didn't care for her taste in music. In the old days, lust would have trumped any niggling complaints about a woman's personality. But I've been through enough to know that the person rarely disappears after you sleep with them. Instead, you find them the next morning fully alert, criticizing your décor and demanding that you get rid of your pets.

So, I left her standing at the jukebox with a stunned expression. And as Stacy slapped the back of my head in disgust as we left the bar alone, I skipped down the street knowing that someone very attractive wanted to sleep with me, but I walked away. And, suddenly, I didn't feel middle-aged. Rather, I felt in control.

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Crap Movie Comics relays the stories of all those movies you didn't get around to seeing at the theater. It's kind of like a Cliff's Notes version of the Mad Magazine parody of the movie. (It's got 100% of the recommend daily allowance of Vitamin S, so if you're snark-deficient this is a great way to fix that.) I'm now completely up to snuff on such film classics as *Next* and *Hancock* without losing four hours of my life. That's important, because I'm trying to watch all of the *Son of the Beach* episodes on Hulu.



FROSTING CAN'T FIX EVERYTHING

cakewrecks.blogspot.com

This blog, *Cake Wrecks*, catalogs a delicious assortment of cake-trastrophies. My favorites are the ones that vividly demonstrate the literal minds of \$7-an-hour cake decorators at Jewel. It's delightful to see a cake decorated with *the instructions*, so that it reads: "Write Welcome on it," or "Happy November & December Birthday's - abbreviate Nov. & Dec., if you need to." I'm particularly fond of the latter, which adds the bonus grammatical abomination of the dreaded, nonexistant 's plural form.



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You know, it was bad enough to have to worry about what snarky remarks might be made about your body when you posted a, um... revealing photo to a "dating" site. Now, you have to worry about having your decor ripped apart by these bitches too. Yes, *Lurid Digs* is a site devoted to critiquing the interior spaces revealed in photos posted to adult sites. It's delightfully bitchy, and offers yet another good reason to never, ever, show your face in a nudie shot.



HAARPING ABOUT NOTHING

www.youtube.com/user/dbootsthediva

OK, either a complete nut job, or a brilliant troll. I don't know which. I don't care. The videos are too damn funny. HAARP is the High-Frequency Active Aural Research Project, a government project that conspiracy theorists are convinced is aimed at controlling the weather and God knows what else. YouTube user **dbootsthediva** is documenting how HAARP transmissions are doing things like making her house "breath." There's also a delightful video of her bitching about rainbows archived on *CollegeHumor.com*.



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ONE LINE THAT COULD KILL A FIRST DATE

- "I live in my mother's basement." - Ron
- "You name any STD, and I've had it." - Andrew
- "You remind me of my ex." - Pubert
- "Oh hell, not you again!" - Kat
- "I'm going to kill you." - Kirk
- "I live with my parents." - Amy
- "I need to get home early because my boyfriend is getting out of prison tomorrow morning". - Creaoke

BEST TV SITCOM OF ALL TIME

- Seinfeld. - Ron
- Cheers. - Andrew
- Laverne and Shirley. - Pubert
- Does Family Guy count? - Amy
- Seinfeld. - Kirk
- What's a sitcom? - Kat
- The first three seasons of Soap. - Creaoke

MADONNA'S 50TH BIRTHDAY IS AUG. 16. WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD GIFT?

- Something from the Pleasure Chest. - Ron
- Some "memaw" panties. - Andrew
- A subscription to AARP. - Amy
- A gold chain for M-Dolla. - Pubert
- Depends... - Kirk
- A box of humility. - Creaoke
- She should come to my monthly house concert/tarot party on the 16th! - Kat

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The Devil in the details

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Thursday, Aug. 14

Star Gaze Kerri Grant, winner of 2005 Windy City Gay Idol, performs live. 9:30 p.m., \$5, 5419 N. Clark St.

Women and Children First Bookstore Ann Slavick: Hour Chicago. 7:30 p.m., 5233 N. Clark St., 773-769-9299, www.womenandchildrenfirst.com

Friday, Aug. 15

Berlin WaxTrax showcase, DJ Greg Haus & Jenamax, 954 W. Belmont Ave., BerlinChicago.com

Center on Halsted Femmes on the Mic Night Out, part of Femme2008 conference. 7-10 p.m., \$10 non-conference attendees, \$5 students, 3656 N. Halsted St., www.centeronhalsted.org, www.femmecollective.com

Eagle Underwear party, free coat check for pants, 5015 N. Clark St.

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Saturday, Aug. 16

Center on Halsted Relationship Enrichment Retreat Day. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., \$165 per couple, \$90 for individuals, \$15 early registration discount (July 20 deadline), 773-472-6469 ext. 158 to register and for info

Circuit UBU (You Be You) monthly hip hop after hours on second Saturdays. Encore performance by sexy Dominican dancers Machine (NYC), Matrix (NYC) and NYC hip hop legend DJ Unknown. 1 a.m.-5 a.m., \$5 1 a.m.-2 a.m. with ad or else \$10 at door, 3641 N. Halsted St., urbanochicago@aol.com, 773-991-7962

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Equality Illinois Join EI's cycling team for Rolling on the River, Illinois' Bike Ride for the Environment at Kendall County Fairgrounds in Yorkville, Ill. E-mail TLewis@eqil.org for info, see www.rollingriverride.org

Gentleman & Ladies out West Dinner at Connie's Pizza in Naperville. \$22/person all you can eat. RSVP to Andi at 630-844-1921

Hydrate Help bartender Amy Gill run the leukemia/lymphoma marathon, open bar 9 - 10:30 p.m., \$10 donation, DJ Mike Cruz, 3458 N. Halsted St., hydratechicago.com

Lambda Legal Into the Woods event in Galien, Mich. Cocktails, dinner and music. 6-9:30 p.m., 773-486-6920 for info and tickets or www.lambdalegal.org/woods

Lincoln Park Lagoons Drive-In Movie Night. See www.lincolnparklagoons.org

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Women and Children First Bookstore Sappho's Salon: A Provocative Night of Lesbian Diversion featuring Fiona Zedde and Andrea Askowitz with guest host Jolie du Pre. 7:30 p.m., \$7-\$10 includes refreshments, 5233 N. Clark St., 773-769-9299, www.womenandchildrenfirst.com

Sunday, Aug. 17

Cocktail Ben Holiday, the exhibition. 7-9 p.m., Halsted and Roscoe, 773-477-1420

GLBTQ Friends-Central Kae County Bike Ride and Weenie Roast at Geneva's Fabyan Forest Preserve. 10 a.m. bike ride, noon weenie roast, RSVP to gaysop@yahoo.com

Mary's Attic Baking With Bertha, 7:30 p.m., \$10, 312-239-8570 for tickets, berthamason.com

Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association Book Club: Loving Frank by Nancy Horan. 2-4 p.m., 947 Garfield

in Oak Park
PFLAG DuPage Monthly meeting. 2 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran, 515 S. Wheaton in Wheaton
Windy City Gay Naturists M2M Group Massage. Bring towel. 5:30 p.m., \$40. RSVP 773-764-1204 or wogn60660@aol.com

Monday, Aug. 18

Hamburger Mary's hambIN-GO, with hostess Regina UPright, a weekly charity event. Every Monday. 8-10 p.m., 5400 N. Clark St.

PFLAG Palatine BEHIV Living Well with HIV and Prevention presentation. 7 p.m., Countryside Unitarian Church, 1025 N. Smith in Palatine

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Homolatte Deb R. Lewis and Congress of Starlings perform. Hosted by Scott Free. 7:30 p.m., free, Big Chicks/Tweet, 5024 N. Sheridan, www.homolatte.com

Lincoln Park Lagoons Summer Picnic. See www.lincolnparklagoons.org

Mary's Attic Viva La' Diva. Special celebrity guests, raffles, etc. to benefit Hell in a Handbag Productions. 7-9 p.m., \$45 advance, \$50 at door, 5400 N. Clark St., tickets at www.brownpaper-tickets.com/event/39605 or call 800-838-3006

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Pubert: Well, here is part 2. Ready for more?

Groeper: Oh yeah, but the first one wore me out. And we should mention that this is the Market Days post issue. I am sunburned to hell!

P: You look like a lobster. The cover says, "Starring Falcon LIFE-TIME exclusive Matthew Rush." Sounds so final.

G: Like he will be in a rest home performing porn.

The story continues with a rehash of the last video. The search for a new star named Fox begins again, leading to a trip to the country and the reuniting of the boyfriends from last time.

P: The plot is so thick you can cut it with a knife.

G: This ranch is on its last leg... Brokedown Mountain.

P: Little Porn on the Prairie... and there's Half-pint.

G: He's short, but as long as a Nellie doesn't show up then I am fine.

P: He just said, "I yearn for every moment with you." Cheesy!

G: I bet they could make cheese with that butter churn in the corner. And who has a gas lamp?

P: Let's face it, this shed that they call a house is going to burn down.

G: It's a fire hazard, alright.

P: I wonder how he keeps his tighty whities so white?

G: Maybe he scrubs them on that washboard.

P: He keeps saying corny things and ruining it. "Lovely nuts?"

G: That porn star has no ass.

P: "Feed me." What is this, Little Shop of Horrors?

G: Little Shop of Pornos on the Prairie.

P: [Breaks into song] *Feed me all night long.*

Matthew Rush and his buddy watch porn together, which turns into the next scene.

P: The video they are viewing is all grainy with lines.

G: Yeah, it reminds me of that Quentin Tarantino movie.

P: This is artsy stuff, my friend.

G: His bicep is massive.

P: The better to tattoo, my dear.

G: He can put a whole billboard on it!

P: The tattoo looks like a devil sign. Scary.

G: Being blown on a brick wall does not look comfortable.

P: Spoiler alert...

G: Turns out one of the actors in the past video is the father of the new star. Now it's cumming together.

P: The plot thickens... and so do the cocks.

Murder and mayhem follow and new star Fox finds some diamonds in the porn office, along with a three-way.

P: They are squashing Fox underneath their bodies.

G: He's part of a double-decker sandwich.

P: It's a two-man toe licking.

G: They are fighting over his feet. This little piggy went to market!

P: That's a switch, the twink is the top.

G: Listen to the sounds he's making.

P: I think he likes it.

G: He's getting the tan fucked off him!

Matthew Rush brings two buddies to a secret location to see if they have the stuff to make porn.

P: Rush is acting crazy.

G: He wants to take over the porn industry?

When will it end?

P: Well, this story has been going on for two parts and we have written two articles about it. I am hoping we are almost done.

G: What's that expression about keeping a long story short?

P: Speaking of long, those dildos he's using on them are a foot long.

G: That penis is nice and it made him a porn icon.

P: He's got a lifetime to work on that. LOL

G: I have never seen a funeral in a porn movie before.

P: This mafia epic ended with a bang!

Pubert: Thumbs up the butt.

Groeper: Thumbs up the butt.

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