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The good feeling returns when Pluto redirects now. Come through the pain and experience the enlightenment; the monkey on your back gets a job at a banana stand. Relax and collect the rent.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20) Rejoice as Pluto helps you expand your vision beyond your own little squalid corner of the world. Look around and see how you can make a more global impact on our community. Maybe that means taking a fact-finding trip to the Riviera?

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21) Queer Bulls must not be at the mercy of the straight and narrow world for personal identity. It's time to unleash a sexual torrent that cannot be stopped. Compromise isn't in the cards. Walk in the sun. Wear sunglasses to avoid glare and fool paparazzi.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21) If you've been feeling restricted by relationships, this week you have room to roam. Alleviate the suffocation with well placed words. Depending upon the words, this means a happier balance within partnerships or total freedom. Your choice, your move.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23) Wouldn't it just be nice to have more overall oomph instead of parceling out the meager portion you can currently muster? Pluto and Jupiter expand the capacity of your motor and increase your speed and efficiency. Now try

for a new chassis. Ahem!

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23) Is it the quest for a perfect person or the reality that we are all human that has led you to a jaded assessment of romance? Hang up that moldy routine and add a bit of spice to your life. Only hole up in your cubicle on bad hair days, proud Lion.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23) Queer Virgins can overcome hardships or blockages and apply creative lessons in any family squabble or home based project. And, with a bit of luck mixed into the deck, a little gambling risk can pay off. Psst, I hear the jokers are wild!

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23) Proud Libras have recently struggled to find just the right words. Thankfully you can wallow in eloquence this week. Use this magnificent energy to push your political agenda one giant step forward. Speak Out while the speaking Out has impact. I can't hear you!

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22) Tackle monetary concerns that have been hovering over your head like mad demons. Queer Scorps would rather walk on hot coals than admit need. Before you singe your shoes, try approaching family or close personal friends and ask for a favor.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22) Gay Archers have been suffering from an incredible lack of self

confidence recently. Now as Pluto redirects, get Out there and make an impressive first impression. Adoring fans toss money your way... just to make it worth your while.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20) Jump into any new project with both feet and land gracefully. Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration but the fates now give you an extra psychic advantage. Of course, it can also mean that you simply take bigger risks. The bigger the better!

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19) Your personal philosophy finds interested adherents. Pluto gathers the mob for your rule. One word of advice: Declaring yourself supreme ruler and choosing minions to do your laundry and housework may not be particularly well received.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20) That which balances your life and gives it spiritual meaning has been perverted by career demands and kiss-ups. If you've felt compromised and cheap, don't fret. The corporate mandate is now thwarted. Plan a takeover and turn the boardroom into a tea room.

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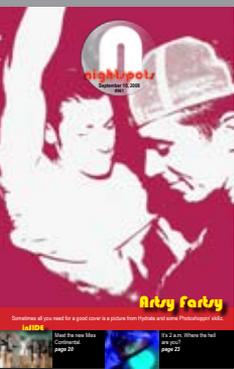
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that guy

by Kirk Williamson



FROM TOP:

The soon-to-be Chicago Eagle, Rockin' the "Sweet on Lou" T-shirt at Crew, One last dance with Chris at Berlin

Glamour was virtually dripping from the ceiling (at least I HOPE that was glamour) at the Park West for the Miss Continental pageant on Monday, August 31. Let's all give a hand to our new Miss Continental Tulsi and Mr. Continental David "Freklz" Hunter. I'm sure they'll carry themselves with the class and comportment required of such a titleholder.

Mega-super sorries to Crew for spacing their 4th anniversary party last week. In order to make up for the faux pas, I made sure to stop in so I could help promote their spanking new "Sweet On Lou" T-shirts. You can win one of these clever beauties at the conclusion of any of the remaining Cubs weekend games at Crew.

And as a Sox fan (not that that's an easy lot in life lately), I hope they realize how much crow I'm eating on this one.

Farewell to the current incarnation of the Chicago Eagle. I stopped in for one last shot (OK, several) before the relocation to the old Clark's on Clark space begins.

Here's the real deal: the bar will open, complete with all the amenities you've come to know and love, PLUS a dance floor. A taste for every palate.

Thanks for coming to Berlin's final installment of Prince night. I'm comfortable that you were there because the place was fucking packed by 11:30, which, as you may know, is quite odd for Berlin. It was one last chance to Housequake with Mr. Markus and the gang. Check out page 30 for a cool double-exposure moment chronicling Markus' famed splits/dance solo during the video version of "America." It's a Prince thing, you'd better understand.

I was on the search for yellow paraphernalia at water sports night at Touché. It was a golden opportunity. I was flushed with excitement.

Get it? If not, you're, in eight seconds, gonna realize the joke.

Just don't piss yourself laughing. Seriously, it's not that funny.

You want funny? Listen to Windy City Queercast and our new roving bisexual provocateur (or provocateuse, as the case may be) Cyn with her "Bi the Way" segment. No matter which side of fence you're on, or even if you're comfortably straddling it, you'll enjoy! Go to WindyCityQueercast.com.

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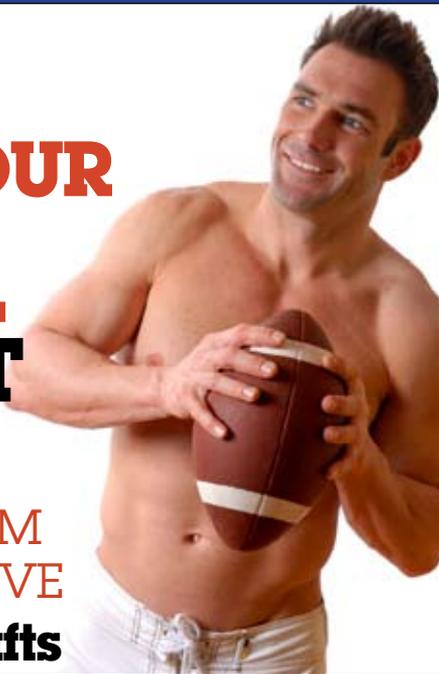
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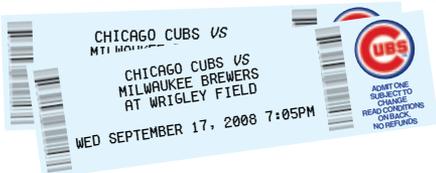
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(you're welcome)

by Michael Hampton

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

It's best in the warmer months.

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.

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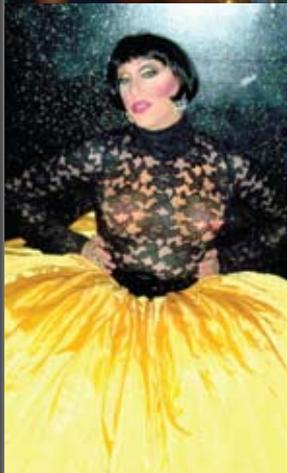
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Lady Vera Parker and the girls whoop it up at

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Here's to four years (and a week, give or take) at **Crew**





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Last night at the ol' **Chicago Eagle**



photos by Alexandra Klimczak

Mr. Continental showcase at **3160**



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

There comes a time in most romantic relationships when your lover will demand that you meet her parents. In most cases, this is not a request, it's a threat.

You have settled into a stage in your relationship where you are expected to share everything, including the misery of familial relationships. So, one sunny Sunday morning, your girlfriend barks at you: "Get dressed. We're going to my parents' house for dinner." What do you do? Let's take a look at your options.

Your first option is to run, run, run! Find another girlfriend whose parents died under tragically romantic circumstances and left her a large estate and several polo ponies. But, let's face it, for most of us, escape is not an option. So, let's figure out a game plan.

1. Wear something freshly laundered and untattered. And no T-shirts with outrageous political/feminist slogans. It makes me kind of sad that I have to spell this out for you people. But it's been my experience that lesbians tend to have no common sense when it comes to fashion.

2. Bring a hostess gift. A box of nice candy or, preferably, an expensive bottle of booze because you will all need a good, stiff drink to get through the evening.

3. When first introduced, display your best submissive behavior. I suggest you visit a dog park before the meeting to see how this works. Smart dogs freshly released into a dog park will roll on their backs and expose their soft underbelly to show that they are not a threat. They do not get upset if a more dominant dog pees on them. When it comes to entering the home of your lover's parents, you will get peed on. Accept it with grace and good cheer.

4. Eat whatever is put in front of you. I don't care how unappetizing the food is, eat it. If you're a vegetarian, pretend that the roast is a giant lump of tofu and eat it. There will be plenty of time for you to impose your pain-in-the-ass dietary demands on your lover's family. But for now, be a good sport and ask for seconds.

5. Don't flirt with the mother. If you had a few pre-dinner cocktails, you might be feeling a bit frisky and so might your lover's mother. The drinks may have warned you to the point where you both think it's a good idea for some good-natured flirting. This is a mistake! The following morning, she will tell her daughter

in true Victorian outrage that you tried to seduce her and all hell will break loose.

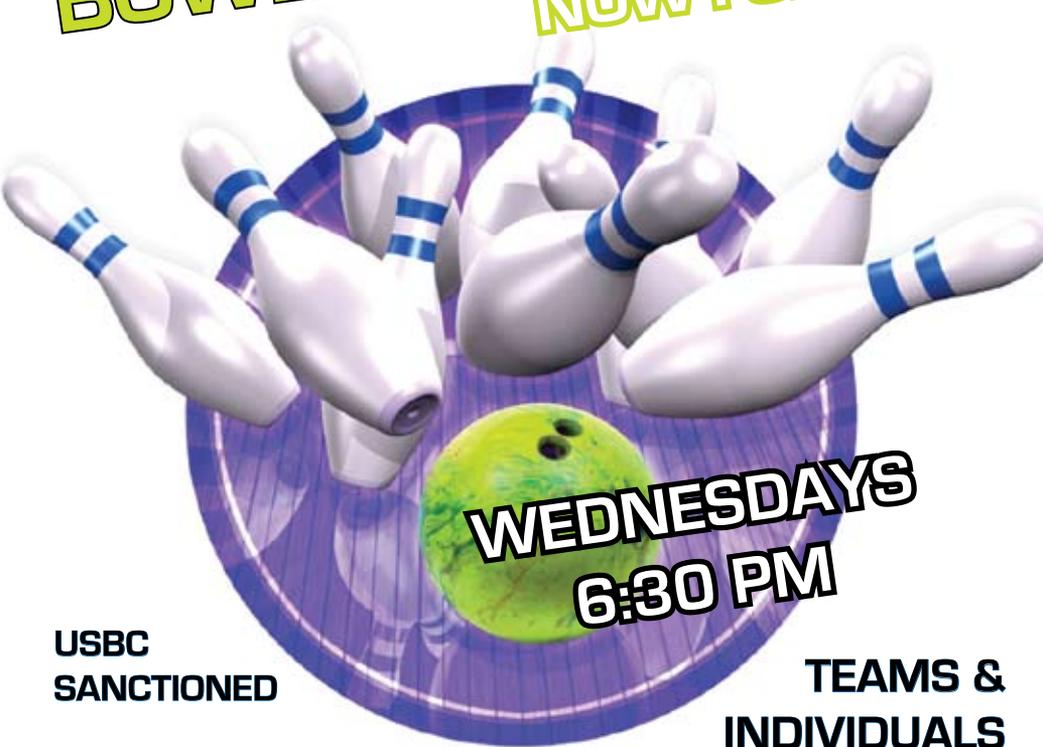
6. Don't offer to fix any of her father's vehicles or electric appliances. Once her father gets over the initial shock that his little girl is shtuping some broad with a crewcut, he'll come to appreciate your understanding of contact sports and carburetors. But for now, let him be the man.

7. No public displays of affection. Before you start writing me an angry letter about how it's your God-given right to stick your tongue down your lover's throat anywhere you please, listen to reason. Gay or straight, pawing your lover in front of your parents is simply tasteless and disturbing. After all, how would you feel if your lover's dad slipped his hand up his wife's skirt during dinner. I suspect it would make you retch.

8. Don't expect them to like you. No matter how well behaved and charming you are, her parents aren't going to like you immediately. So, don't get too upset if they don't invite you to Christmas dinner. Just be happy if they don't write their daughter out of the will.

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OUT and PROUD in CHICAGO

Out and Proud Book Now in Stores

Edited by Windy City Times Publisher
Tracy Baim.

There are several events planned for the launch of the Chicago Gay History Project Web site (www.chicagogayhistory.org) and companion book, *Out and Proud in Chicago: An Overview of the City's Gay Movement* (Agate/Surrey, 224 pages, \$30).

There will be co-authors at each of these events, depending on their own schedules. All events are free except for the Sept. 26 fundraiser.

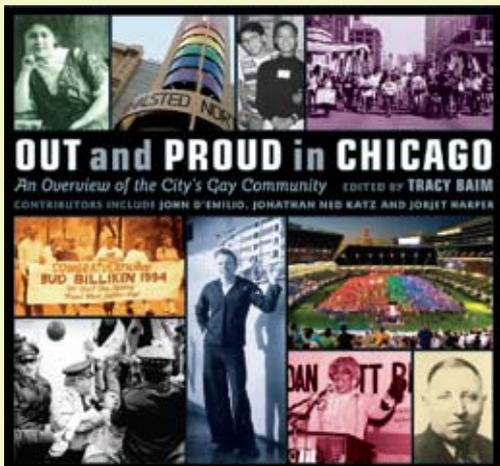
Sept. 18, 2008: Book launch: Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m. at Women & Children First Books, 5233 N. Clark Street, Chicago, 773-769-6729. Come meet many of the writers and photographers featured in this new book.

Sept. 26, 2008: History Project fundraiser featuring a rare Chicago appearance by national gay historian Jonathan Ned Katz and Chicago-based historian John D'Emilio. Hosted by Michael Leppen at the Sears Tower Metropolitan Club, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$500 donation. Call 773-387-2394 for details and tickets. Sign language interpreter available.

SPECIAL EVENT

Sept. 27, 2008: History Project and Community Book Launch, featuring more than a dozen of the writers from *Out and Proud*, plus Jonathan Ned Katz and John D'Emilio. Hear about the Web site's future and get copies of your book signed. Saturday, Sept. 27, noon-2 p.m., Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted. Sign language interpreter available.

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Oct. 5, 2008: Centuries and Sleuths Bookstore hosts our first suburban *Out and Proud* booksigning, featuring writer Marie J. Kuda and Tracy Baim, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2-4 p.m., 7419 W. Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., 708-771-7243.

Oct. 11, 2008: National Coming Out Day is the occasion for this signing in Oak Park 2-4 p.m. at Borders, 1144 Lake Street, 708-386-6927. Hear from Oak Parker Marie J. Kuda, Tracy Baim and other writers about Coming Out Day, the 10th anniversary of the Matthew Shepard murder, and its impact on Chicago.

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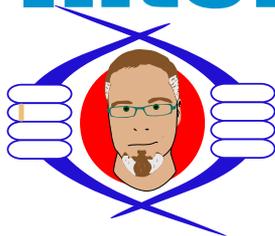


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WHEN I SAY "NAVAL FLUFF"...

www.feargod.net/fluff.html

...you think of blowing sailors. Come on, admit it. Oh... I guess that's just me then. Never mind. The naval fluff this site is about is belly button lint, and this feller has been collecting his (carefully removing any body hair from it) since 1984. He has three jars of it now covering the periods of 1984-1993, 1994-2000, and 2001-present. His lint collecting ways have given him a bit of fame. He has appeared on the Tonight show with his collection. Just goes to show that if you're the best at something, someone will be interested.



THE FRONT PAGE

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CoverBrowser is dedicated to the most important part of any publication: its cover. That's what prompts you to pick it up and, hopefully, buy it. The browser features primarily comic covers. We're coming up on Halloween, so check out the Tales from the Vault, Strange Tales, and Tales of the Unexpected covers, or, if you're in the mood for something truly frightening, check out the item collection of bad album covers. A photo of Millie Jackson squatting on a toilet, now that's terror!



NIGHTSPOTSMAFIA

WE'll tell ya what to think

Special Guest: Account manager Matt Coin

FAVORITE STAR WARS CHARACTER

I've never seen a Star Wars movie, so I can't say that I have a favorite. - Matt
Boba Fett. - Andrew, Pubert
R2D2. - Amy
Storm troopers. - Creaoke
C3P0. - Kathleen
Jar Jar
Binks—the aggravation he causes Star Wars geeks is a thing of beauty. - graysong

MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY HOPES TO DIE WHILE HAVING SEX. COMMENTS?

I don't think I would want to die while having sex with someone. However, I think that if Marat Safin had sex with me, I would die with excitement. - Matt
If it's with me, I'm fine with it. - Andrew
Sick and twisted. - Pubert
Just like his father. I can picture the heavenly high five afterwards. - Amy
I feel sorry for his wife/girlfriend. - Kirk
I just want to have sex. Um, did I say that out loud? - Kat
Far be it from me to piss on his hopes. May he achieve them—soon. - graysong
I just hope to have sex before I die. - Creaoke
He's an idiot! - Kathleen

DO YOU KNOW WHO OR WHAT MIU MIU IS?

It appears to be a handbag. - Matt
Either a designer label or what a French cow says. - Andrew
Those giant house dresses I hope to never wear? - Amy
Shoes are proof God loves me and wants me to be happy! - Kat
Just looked it up online... - Pubert
Miu Miu (pronounced "mee-yooooooo, me-yooooooo") is the sound a cow/cat hybrid (aka, a "cowat") makes. This genetically engineered designer pet is about the size of a small goat, is litter-trainable (granted, it's a hefty box), and produces enough milk for a family of four. Also, if you include coffee berries in its diet, it shits Kopi Luwak that you can sell to your local Intelligentsia shop. - graysong
Hawaiian-print dresses for the plus-sized? - Kirk
That's what Google is for. - Creaoke
A new panda baby or something old people walk around the house in. - Kathleen

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AIDS Legal Council of Chicago 20th Anniversary Summer Party, "Tropicalia." 6-8:30 p.m., Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St., tickets start at \$50, RSVP 312-427-8990, www.aidslegal.com

Beyondmedia Education Premiere screening of "HIV: Hey, It's Viral," a production of Beyondmedia Education and Broadway Youth Center. Reception 6:30 p.m., screening 7 p.m., under 25 free, over 25 \$25, Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St.

Columbia College Chicago Fruits of the Loop LGBTQ Reception. All LGBTQ students, faculty, staff and allies welcome. 4-6:30 p.m., 731 S. Plymouth Court, www.colum.edu/multiculturalaffairs

Thursday, Sept. 11

Chicago Area Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Mix & Mingle special 3rd Annual Cruise Event. 4:30-8 p.m., Chicago's First Lady, Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive, \$55 for members, \$70 for non-members, www.glchamber.org

Friday, Sept. 12

Affinity Annual Camping Trip at Starved Rock in Utica, Ill. \$40/person, 773-324-0377, www.affinity95.org for more info

Center on Halsted Artist reception for David Joseph. Runs through Oct. 1. 6:30-9:30 p.m., \$5 suggested donation, 3656 N. Halsted St., RSVP to MValle@centeronhalsted.org to attend

Encompass Lube wrestling, DJ Tiff, 2415 Rush St., Lake Station, IN, 219-962-4640

Energy Up Gallery Artist reception for gay artist Bret Grafton. 6-10 p.m., 1825 S. Halsted St.

Fair Wisconsin Fundraiser. Live music and more. 6 p.m. start, \$25/person, The Artisan Gallery in Paoli, Wis., 608-441-0143 or ccallsen@

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Flat Iron Artists' Association smARTshow opening reception. 6-10 p.m., Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$5 suggested donation

Hydrate Instinct/Undergear model search, open call 7-9 p.m., runway at 10 p.m., Positively Aware party, 8-11 p.m., 3458 N. Halsted St., HydrateChicago.com

Man's Country Cezar, Giovanni & Ricky Sinz, 5017 N. Clark St.

Seven's Cabaret Michelle L'amour's "Lipstick," a burlesque show. Fridays through Oct. 31. 11 p.m., 18+, \$15 at door or at www.theaterland.com, 777 N. Green St.

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Saturday, Sept. 13

Andersonville Music & BBQ Festival featuring local and national entertainment. 12-10 p.m., 5500 block of N. Ashland Ave., \$5 donation, 773-714-1542

Center on Halsted 2008 Career Expo. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St., www.centeronhalsted.org

Chicago Lesbian Brunch Group Run with Frontrunners/Frontwalkers. Meet for food afterwards. Free. 9 a.m., Totem Pole, 3600 N. Recreational Dr. and Lakeshore Dr., pphd1226@yahoo.com or http://gaypros.meetup.com/283

High Trek Adventure Scavenger hunt to help fight HIV/AIDS. 11 a.m. check-in, adventure starts at noon, Moonshine, 1824 W. Division St.

Hydrate Artreach presents "Magical Memories" 10 p.m., DJ Abel, 3458 N. Halsted St.,

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Spin Fishtank girls night, presented by Dummy Corps, 800 W. Belmont Ave., Spin-Nightclub.com

Test Positive Aware Network Aware Affair: Superheroes gala. Tickets are \$200-\$300, MCA Loft, see www.tpan.com

Touché Dungeon Master night, demo at midnight, full moon contest, 6412 N. Clark St.

Sunday, Sept. 14

Berlin True Faith '80s night, DJ Chester, 954 W. Belmont Ave., BerlinChicago.com

Chicago Lesbian Brunch Group Tour featuring the architecture of Riverwoods. Six hours and box lunch included. 9 a.m., ArcelorMittal Cityspace Gallery, 224 S. Michigan Ave., \$50, tickets at www.architecture.org/tour_view.aspx?TourID=149, info at http://gaypros.meetup.com/283

Monday, Sept. 15

Hamburger Mary's HamBINGO with hostess Regina UPright every Monday. All proceeds from bingo card sales go to a different charity each week. 8-10 p.m., 5400 N. Clark St.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

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Gerber/Hart Library "Cutting Edge Lecture Series: Kristin Parcell McCartney." 7 p.m., 1127 W. Granville Ave., www.gerberhart.org

Homolatte Lucy and E Nina Jay perform. Free. 7:30 p.m., Big Chicks/Tweet, 5024 N. Sheridan Ave., www.homolatte.com

Women & Children First Women's Book Group Special Meeting before discussion of The Teahouse Fires by Ellis Avery. 7 p.m., 5233 N. Clark St., 773-769-6729

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Hydrate Hydrag Revue, featuring Tajma Hall, Mercedes, Aurora Sexton and Mimi Plastique, 3458 N. Halsted St., HydrateChicago.com

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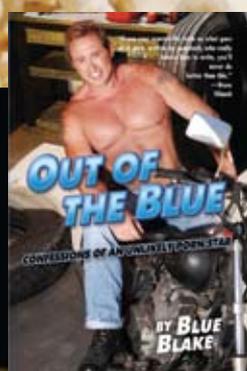
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Confessions From Out of the Blue: Blue Blake



*Blue Blake just published his memoirs, **Out of the Blue: Confessions of an Unlikely Porn Star**. I chatted with this charming man from Nottingham, England; luckily he had more to confess.*

Pubert: You said to read this book "drinking mojitos and wearing something skimpy." Well, I make mojitos in a local restaurant and wear skimpy underwear so this worked for me! This was a fast page-turner; what inspired you to write it?

Blue: So, you are sitting in Chicago drinking a mojito in a thong right now? [laughs]

Everyone said I should write a book because of the bizarre things that happened on set. I would tell stories at dinner parties and say, "You will never guess what happened today." I wanted the book to be funny and entertaining for people to read.

P: How has porn changed your life?

B: Some people are like, "Why did I get involved in porn?" or "It destroyed my life." I've never felt that way about it. Porn was really good to me. People would say to me that they dreamed their whole life of being a porn star. I told them that I just liked being offered a lot of cash.

P: You said you invented the "big dumb blue-collar persona" and it sold in porn. What are you really like then?

B: Well, when I started working in porn I weighed 225 lbs and there were not a lot of men involved in porn like that back in those days. The producers expected me to be

dumb so I acted like it to just get on with it. I am not like that at all. I wrote this book myself in longhand for years.

P: I liked the Chi Chi Larue part.

B: I just talked to Chi Chi at the Hustler's Ball and he said in his gravelly voice, "Girrrr, I hope that book's not mean about me." We get on much better now than when we first met because everything has a progression. I have great respect for Chi Chi.

P: He's another example of falling into the world of porn. What do you think makes a great porn star?

B: People that come prepared on the set. My actors always know that they are going to be making a movie. They have four weeks to get prepared. They have dieted, shaved and are clean. There's nothing worse than when you are sucking someone's dick and they haven't washed it.

P: I think we can all relate to that. You speak very frankly about taking steroids. What is your opinion on them?

B: When you take steroids, you see red. When you get angry it goes from one to ten in a second. I was horny all the time on steroids. This was before Viagra. A scene can sometimes film in as long as 12 hours, which is hideous.

P: That's a really long time. After I review a film the last thing I want to do is watch more porn at home for pleasure.

B: Exactly. I will watch a gang bang

scene with a straight girl and that's about it.

P: When are you coming back to Chicago?

B: I was given the Hall of Fame award at the Grabbys last time I was there. I will be there next year to promote the book in Chicago. I will be in one of those stalls somewhere selling the book.

P: Well, my column is called From the Booth, so we can work together on that project. Any plans for shooting a new porn movie?

B: Yes with Robert Van Damme. This book has sucked the life out of me. It has been hard managing both. Thank God my boyfriend encouraged me to finish that book. The advance check helped too.

P: Your website sports some big guys. Tell me more about it.

B: It's really doing well. People can go to Blueblake.com and see all of my films along with big straight bodybuilders showing their assholes. My stuff is very fetishistic.

P: What's in the future for Blue Blake?

B: I am actually writing a sequel to this book. It's about me being a producer this time. Each chapter will cover one of the movies that I have made.

P: Well, they need to get you an advance if they want more confessions [both laugh]!

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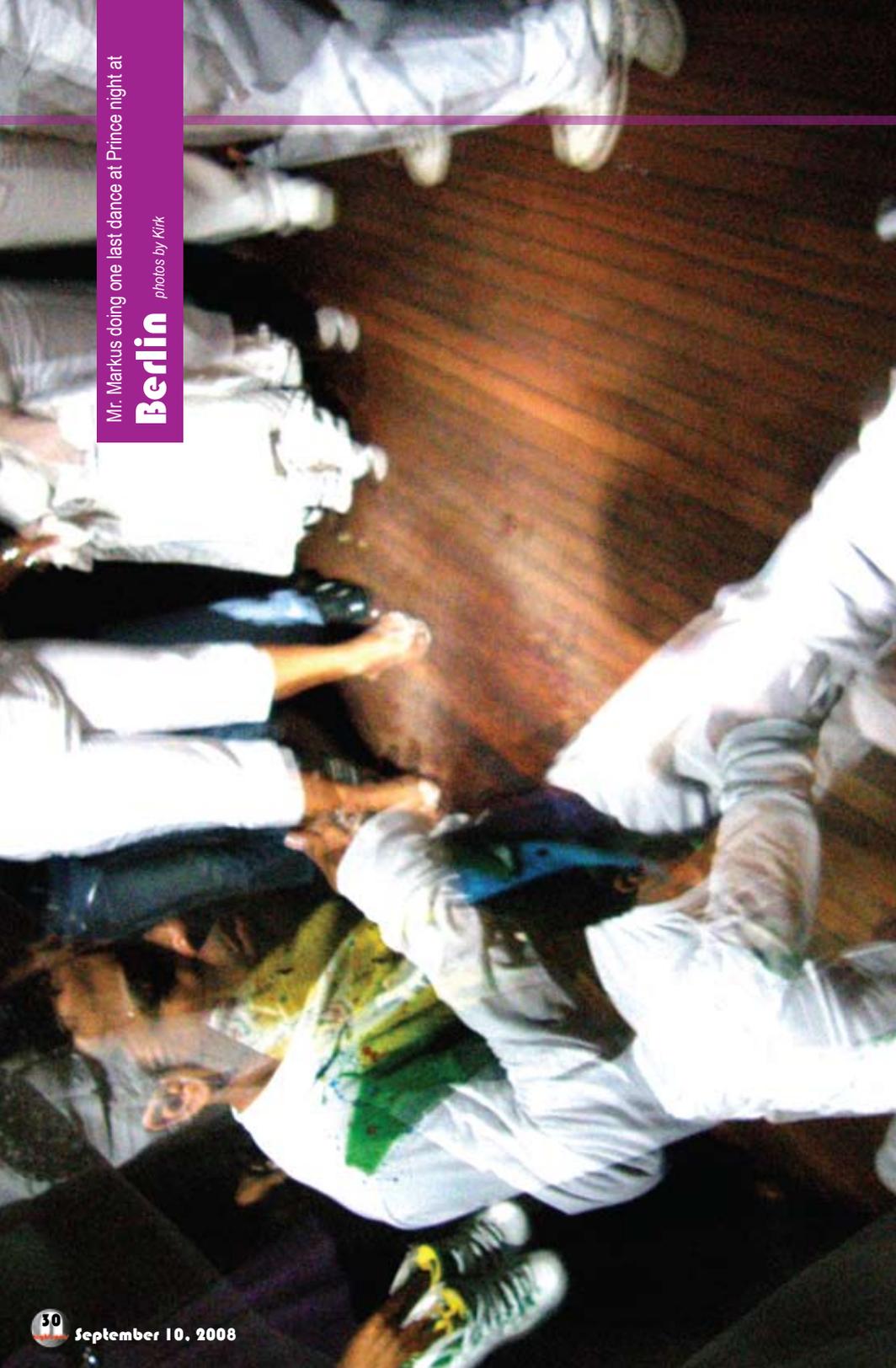
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