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"I don't know about you, but you've answered my prayers!"—**Bruno Tonioli** after watching Carlos PenaVega's stripper routine on *Dancing with the Stars*. Just remember—big things come in small packages. Or is it big packages come in small things?

Settle down: Class is in session. Today, we are going to discuss the difference between three terms. First, transvestite. This is someone who likes to dress in clothes of the opposite sex. Typically, these people are known as drag queens (or drag kings) and have no desire to be a member of the opposite sex. A transsexual lives as the opposite of their biological sex, which may, or may not, include surgery. A transgender person believes he or she is born in the wrong body and typically undergoes surgery to "transition."

While there is some overlap between transsexual and transgender, transvestites are a completely different thing entirely. To refer to a transgender as a transvestite or drag queen is not only demeaning, but completely incorrect. And yet, **Laverne Cox**, that trailblazer for transgender folks everywhere, is taking on a role where she'll blur those lines. She's just been cast as Dr. Frank-N-Furter in FOX's remake of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. The trades tout this as perfect casting—for this country's premier trans person to sing, "I'm a sweet transvestite, from Transsexual, Transylvania." But the role was written for a biological man in female lingerie. What is shocking is that it's a guy "making a man, with blond hair and a tan"—to say nothing of him having sex with both Janet and Brad. For this role to be played by a woman—even a transgender woman—is ridiculous, to say nothing of insulting to all the brave transgender people who have worked so hard to let everyone know they are not simply drag queens.

When *Glee* did its "Rocky Horror" tribute show, the person initially cast as Frank-N-Furter was **John Stamos**. At the last minute, those plans were changed because of "network resistance"—I guess someone at FOX didn't wanna see Stamos in fishnets. Now watch how seamlessly I weave this into a current event story. Stamos' DUI court date was supposed to be on Oct. 16; at the last minute, it was pushed to Nov. 24. We don't know what the holdup is. But we do know that he's been charged with driving under the influence of drugs. Some sources say that the drug in his system was GHB! So my dream of bumping into Stamos at a late-night rave wearing fishnets could actually come true!

Caitlyn Jenner has just gotten quite a bit of good news. First, her reality show, *I Am Cait*, has been renewed for a second season. It's also been announced that she's going on a five-city speaking tour next year. "Up Close and Personal" will make stops in Toronto, Vancouver, Denver, San Francisco and Seattle. You can get more info and tickets by going to UniqueLives.com/caitlyn-jenner.

Last week, a certain story caught my eye. A mother in Nebraska bound her two sons with duct tape and forced them to watch *Mommie Dearest* over and over again. I half-expected the mom's last name to be **Dunaway**. Alas, it was not. Mary Lucas claims that after her kids called her the "meanest mommy," she wanted to show them what a real mean mother was like. She's been charged with felony child abuse. Faye was only charged with overacting!

This leads perfectly into a new installment of *Fayewatch*. As I previously told you, Faye has signed a deal to write a book about the making of *Mommie Dearest*. The trouble is: a) she hates talking about it and b) doesn't remember much about the filming. She thought her memories could be jostled by **Rutanya Alda**, the actress who played Carol Ann in the movie. She heard that Rutanya had kept a diary and was plan-



Keegan Allen and James Franco aim to make a "sex-cellent" King Cobra.
Instagram photo

ning on publishing it. Faye got in touch with her agent and asked if her former co-star would be interested in "collaborating" on Dunaway's book—for acknowledgement but no pay. Rutanya declined and published her own book. The *Mommie Dearest Diary*—Carol Ann Tells All is a short, breezy read with precious little that would interest most people. But there is a handful of dishy Dunaway dirt. Left to her own devices, Faye was photographed in a Hollywood bookshop buying a *Mommie Dearest* script and Christina Crawford's book. There's no word on when her book is coming out.

Our "Ask Billy" question kinda has a literary bent. Brandon in Chicago asks, "What is the story about this movie being made about that gay porn murder that **Brent Corrigan** was involved in?"

Way back in 2007, the owner of a gay porn company (Cobra Video) was murdered by two escorts, Harlow Cuadra and Joseph Kerekes. Allegedly, they killed Bryan Kocis so that they could make a movie with Corrigan (who was not involved in the plot). The story was chronicled in the book *Cobra Killer: Gay Porn Murder*. The book is being turned into the movie *King Cobra*, which James Franco is producing.

Corrigan was approached to be involved in the production, but declined. The film will star **Christian Slater** as Kocis and **Molly Ringwald** as his sister, Melody. We believe that **Keegan Allen**, from TV's *Pretty Little Liars*, will play Cuadra, and Franco will play Kerekes. **Garrett Clayton**, best known for his Disney Channel flicks *Teen Beach Movie* and *Teen Beach 2*, will play the pivotal role of Corrigan. Brent initially seemed unimpressed with the casting choice: "I was 17-21 in the years the screenplay spans. I looked much younger. He doesn't embody Brian's [sic] preference for not legal boys." However, once the 24-year-old Garrett posted a photo of himself in a very revealing costume, Corrigan changed his mind: "Looks just like me at 17 :-)." We'll post pics of both boys on *BillyMasters.com* and you can decide for yourself.

When a porn star is turning down being in a Molly Ringwald movie, it's definitely time to end yet another column. How rare it is for me to continue a theme for a whole column. But that's what keeps people coming back to www.BillyMasters.com, the site that always delivers the unexpected. If you have a question for me, send it along to Billy@BillyMasters.com, and I promise to get back to you before John Stamos lets me play with his glow stick! Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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Magnus Hirschfeld wrote of this woman: "She was the first and only woman, indeed the first and only American, to take up the defense of homosexual love before the general public."

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Larissa X Sims (left) and Shayna X Sims.



WEDDINGS KRAMER/SIMS

Shayna X Kramer and Larissa Sims (now Shayna X Sims and Larissa X Sims) met at Berlin more than 15 years ago, and they recently held a fabulous wedding for family and friends.

"Larissa and I fought for marriage equality for Illinois," Shayna said. "We never thought we would get married but certainly thought everyone should! And then, I proposed to her at the finish line of the Tough Mudder race. After 15 years together, we loved our family and friends coming together to celebrate. It was the first time our families met only because everyone lives in different states. It was love at first sight with our families."

"Larissa's dad passed away, but we are happy to have his partner, Scottie, in our life. He is truly part of our lives. As he walked Larissa down the aisle, he wore a beautiful picture of Marvin (Larissa's dad) by his heart. Our gay married friends told us they cried more at our wedding than their own."

The wedding was a mix of nightclub, wedding traditions and craziness, including the artsy hosts passing tissues in the middle of the ceremony. "It was absolutely unforgettable," Shayna said.

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OUR WEEKLY PICKS TO PLAN YOUR NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR



**Positively Aware:
25 Years and Counting!**

Thu., Oct. 29

Museum of Broadcast

Communications, 360 N. State St.
An evening of celebration as Positively Aware magazine marks 25 years of HIV journalism. Complimentary cocktail reception, entertainment, raffle, and a short presentation. RSVP is required as space is limited. <http://pa25.kintera.org/RSVP>



**Halloween Magic on
North Halsted**

Sat., Oct. 31

Halsted St., Belmont to Addison
Parade registration begins at noon at Belmont and Halsted. Parade begins at 4 pm. Costume contest includes four categories: Scariest; Drag; Group; and Original. Jim Beam Apple and Effen specials at many bars along the route.



Halloween Costume Contest

Sat., Oct. 31, 10 pm

**The Glenwood,
6962 N. Glenwood Ave.**

Compete for the grand prize of \$250, or walk away with \$150 for second or \$75 for third. Hosted by KWizmaster Kirk Williamson, sounds by DJ Ron S. Photo from Glenwood's 2013 contest by Kirk Williamson

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SAVOR

Pastoral opening in Andersonville

BY ANDREW DAVIS

Pastoral Artisan Cheese, Bread & Wine held a sneak peek of its new Andersonville retail location and Appellation, the full-service wine bar & restaurant, on Oct. 23 at 5212 N. Clark St. Among those who attended were Ald. Greg Harris and artist Adam Thomas, whose work is on display at the site.

The store/restaurant hybrid (which one could call a "restorerant") is a multiuse space that could be great for dates, friendly gatherings or group events. It is slated to open the week of Oct. 28.

Jessica "Jesse" Williams (Uncommon Ground; Floriole; Lulu's Cafe) is the chef of the 75-seat Appellation, which will, according to a press release, "serve as an extension of the Pastoral retail store, presenting dinner cuisine that highlights artisan cheese, charcuterie [and] bread, and pairs them with wine, craft beer and cocktails."

To accent and accompany its charcuterie station, Pastoral will feature a rotating French mustard on tap from Maille, which, in the United States, is



Pastoral's Ken Miller (left) and Greg O'Neill.
Photos by Tracy Baim



available in just two locations outside of Chicago. Patrons will also be able to place takeaway orders for sandwiches and salads throughout the day in a separate to-go area. In addition, there will be many bottles of wine that can be inspected and purchased.

The best way to think of the space is as a store/gathering place that's open for dinner and brunch, co-owner Greg O'Neill told Windy City Times. O'Neill owns the spot along with life/business partner Ken

Miller. The couple have opened three other Pastoral sites in Chicago: at 2945 N. Broadway, 53 E. Lake St. and Chicago French Market, 131 N. Clinton St. For more information about Pastoral, visit pastoralartisan.com.

Judging by the number of people who peeked through the windows before the official opening, the Andersonville neighborhood is ready to greet Pastoral/Appellation with open arms.



SIDETRACK

Play time with Night of 100 Drag Queens: Queens at Play, Wed., October 21.
Photos by Kirk Williamson. See many more photos online at www.windycitymediagroup.com