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Welcome to the first issue of MYGAYZINE, a cool, new, online magazine platform that will be published monthly, beginning today, October 1st.

You can subscribe to our mailing list online at www.mygayzine.co.uk to be the first to receive your copy of the magazine every month or you can visit our online magazine platform and view MYGAYZINE online.

Can we just begin by saying a big thank you for accessing the digital version of our first issue. There's plenty inside to keep you going for a wee while, the mixture of hard hitting news stories, humour, entertainment, what's on guides and readers section are enough reasons to flick cover to cover but we've saved the best til last and have bundled a great big features section on the end too.

All our magazine content has been submitted by a variety of creative and talented, LGBT people from across the country, all working together to bring you one truly unmissable, monthly publication.

Our readers and features section offer numerous ways to get involved in MYGAYZINE - whether it be submitting a readers rant, sending us a comment in a text, contacting us through social media or emailing our agony aunt, we're all ears and we'll be featuring a selection of our best reader interactions every month.

We hope you enjoy the magazine as much as we have enjoyed putting it all together. We hope you enjoy the read, leave your comments and feedback on our website contact page or drop an email to editor@mygayzine.co.uk

Get submitting for next month's issue as we are running out of room already.

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WITH SO MUCH GREAT CONTENT TO READ THERE ISN'T A SECOND TO WASTE !

MARRIAGE EQUALITY MOTION DEBATE

"Prejudice in any form erodes our vision of a society which is fair for all." - Stephen Agnew - Leader of The Green Party.



It's October 1st and there is only one thing happening today that is more important than the MYGAYZINE Launch (much more important for that matter!) and that's the Marriage Equality Motion Debate taking place at 1:45pm this afternoon at Stormont Castle Buildings.

Green Party MLA Stephen Agnew (pictured right) along with Sinn Fein MLAs Catriona Ruane and Bronwyn McGahan will be backing the private member equal marriage motion which is tabled for plenary debate before the NI Assembly today.

This will make it the second time Green Party Leader and South Down MLA Stephen Agnew has spear headed a motion calling for marriage equality. An earlier motion in June this year never even made it to the assembly chamber after receiving disappointing amounts of interest from the other parties at the end of the 2011/2012 plenary.

Mr Agnew was undeterred in his campaign for marriage equality and motivated by his meeting with Sinn Fein councillor Martine Anderson (pictured left) at this year's Pride

Talks Back event in August who then pledged to get her party behind a future marriage equality motion, the South Down MLA and Green Party Leader resubmitted the Bill as the Green Party's first motion submission for the 2012/2013 plenary.

The Green Party have taken an inspiring and courageous standpoint and are ferociously pursuing calls to debate the equal marriage issue in government. On the Green Party website Mr Agnew clearly voices his support for the NI LGBT Community:

"In Northern Ireland, LGBT people are treated like second class citizens when it comes to the right to marry. This is a prominent social issue in Northern Ireland and this is a human rights issue that needs to be addressed. Prejudice in any form erodes our vision of a society which is fair for all." Now, backed by Sinn Fein MLAs Catriona Ruane (above) and Bronwyn McGahan (pictured below) it seems support is moving in favour of reforms and change in our infamously homophobic assembly. Sinn Fein want to move forward with their vision of an "Ireland of Equals" and were once the only party to fully support marriage rights for same sex couples. Councillor Barry Dogherty even got involved in a protest in Enniskillen against Fermanagh District Council when it became the first local authority to oppose Sinn Fein's marriage equality motion in September.

In recent days the DUP have attached a petition of concern to the marriage equality motion opting now to use a special provision designed to ensure that motions and legislation passed by the Assembly do not disadvantage one community over another to obstruct this motion .. As Steven Agnew tweeted "Legislation designed to protect minorities used to prevent the passing of a motion to enhance minority rights". Yet again

the DUP have infuriatingly chosen to continue to discriminate against LGBT peoples here in Northern Ireland and hinder any chances at achieving equality for all.

Incidents like this one make it seem unlikely the DUP will ever understand the LGBT movement. The party's notoriously homophobic stance is evidently going to be a major roadblock on our journey for equality.

The UUP have taken a different stance on the issue. UUP party leader Mike Nesbitt said that his party's position on gay marriage was that it was a "matter of personal conscience" however this has only meant that his members have overwhelmingly and consistently voted against or abstained from voting on the issue.

There is also a slight worry that there was a parallel motion tabled in the name of the leader of the UUP Mike Nesbitt (left) and his party colleague Danny Kinahan. The title for a start show a lack of understanding of the issues, theirs instead of being called Equal Marriage is called Same Sex Marriage.

The SDLP party won't have an official position until after its party conference in November, although after recent public displays of support from the likes of Conal McDevitt (pictured left), SDLP MLA for South Belfast, we can be hopeful the party will come down in favour of the proposals.

In September The Alliance Party also joined the equal marriage campaign following months of consultation but party Leader David Ford wanted to ensure that his proposals would include safeguards for religious groups so they would not be forced

into allowing their premises to be used. Mr Ford added - "Alliance will oppose any form of discrimination, whether it is based on age, race, disability, gender or sexual orientation. There are equality issues in allowing those in a same sex relationship to have only civil partnerships, which is seen as discriminatory."

All we can be sure of from today's discussions in parliament is that things are headed in a more positive direction and we have opened up constructive dialogue amongst our political parties and MLAs. There isn't going to be anything spectacular happening in the short term with no Executive move to legislate on the matter and no prospect of one while the DUP wield a veto. We do however need to recognise the gradual changes and improvements being made within our assembly and these could be the first steps to a more tolerant Northern Ireland and a society we can all share together.

In a bid to support the MLAs who have tabled today's motion – the Equal Marriage NI Campaigning group is calling upon all supporters and members of the NI LGBT Community to attend a demonstration being held at Parliament Buildings at 1.45 this afternoon.

Online viewers can click [HERE](#) to visit the Equal Marriage NI Campaigning group on facebook for their most up to date information...

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 **MYGAYZINE NEWS**

Homophobia at the very highest level of government in the UK and Northern Ireland.



Is it not the responsibility of our public representatives to respect the human rights and civil liberties for all whom they govern?

If this is so, how is it that people like Lord Ken Maginnis can hold a seat in the House of Lords and simultaneously harbour such deep personal prejudices and hatred towards homosexuality?

The same can be said for any government minister or person in a position of power who holds any sort of prejudice, especially when that prejudice is against people these individuals decisions are affecting.

Lord Maginnis was a UUP MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone for 18 years, from 1983 to 2001. He was then given life peerage and currently sits in the House Of Lords as The Lord Maginnis of Drumglass.

In June this year on Radio Ulster's Nolan Show when asked about his views on same sex marriage he responded that he was opposed to it as

it was "unnatural" he believed that society should not "have imposed on it something that is unnatural" He went on to ask "Does that mean that every deviant practice has to be accommodated? Will the next thing be that we legislate for some sort of bestiality?" Comparing a relationship between two consenting adults of the same sex to the depravities of bestiality should in my opinion give great cause for concern for this man's credibility as a Lord. In a shocking abuse of the freedom of speech - this man has been allowed to spread and preach these hate inspiring, prejudice forming ideas. Mr Maginnis clearly has a warped and perverse perception of homosexuality and for this reason I find it bizarre that he can still be granted the responsibility to oversee laws that affect these same people every day throughout the UK.

The leader of the UUP was quick to distance his party from Lord Maginnis's comments saying that they were personal views held by him and did not reflect the party's policy. Lord McGinnis has recently left the party describing the election of Mike Nesbitt as UUP leader a "mistake" and insisted he has no regrets about his comments on The Nolan Show.

Lord Ken Maginnis still sits in the House Of Lords as an Independent and will continue to do so.

Such senior political figures need to set a much more positive example in our communities

and should be held accountable for launching cruel, verbal tirades at minorities.

Had he have compared sex between two different minorities to bestiality, perhaps ethnic minorities, I don't think he would be sitting so cosily in his house of Lords chair.

Unfortunately this is the clear discrepancy in how LGBT People are treated by numerous politicians, failure to reprimand the individuals following such statements only serves to strengthen the resolve and encourage more of the same behaviour.

The statistics from the equality commission don't lie, homophobic attitudes in our country are on the rise.

How can we ever expect to make positive changes in social attitudes when there are "role models" and representatives actively promoting intolerance of homosexuality.

We need to stomp out homophobia at the very highest levels of government. It's time the NI LGBT people were recognised and accepted as the productive, friendly and valuable community WE all know so well.

Gavin Robinson felt no need to hide, at this year's Belfast Festival of Pride.



Gavin Robinson, DUP

In a Pride first and to the astonishment of many whom were present at the Pride Talks Back event at The Europa Hotel in August, Belfast City Lord Mayor Gavin Robinson of the DUP made an unexpected appearance marking the first DUP appearance at a Pride Event in its 22 year long history.

Democratic Unionist

Party members have made numerous offensive anti-gay comments in recent years and have been outspoken in their distaste for LGBT lifestyles and culture.

However in an unexpected turn of events, the DUP decided to accept this years invitation from the Belfast Pride Committee and Mr Robinson who has represented the Pottinger area of east Belfast since March 2010 became the first ever DUP member to take part in a Pride event. Mr Robinson participated in the discussions covering issues such as gay marriage and so-called conversion therapies. The Lord Mayor told reporters he wanted to "engage with every section of our society" and there was optimism that this would open a channel of dialogue within the DUP over the issues being discussed.

Sinn Fein MEP Martina Anderson welcomed the DUP's involvement calling it a "pinch yourself moment" and added "The DUP are on a learning curve and it was good to see Gavin here tonight. I'm glad he accepted the invite and I hope it's a sign of things to come," she said.



Other speakers at the event included Conal McDevitt from the SDLP, Ulster Unionist Michael Copeland, Anna Lo from Alliance and Stephen Agnew from the Green Party (pictured above).

Mr Robinson welcomed the "lively" debate but did not say his position has softened. "If you're asking if it has softened, that depends on how you think it was in the first place," the mayor told UTV. "To be honest I always think that it's useful to talk about issues because it gives you an alternative view. That doesn't mean I'm going to water down my position - my position is in variance to many of the politicians and pride people in this event but that does not mean it is wrong or a view I shouldn't hold, and it doesn't mean it is intolerant to hold it.

"It's part of the discussion and it was a good discussion we had tonight."

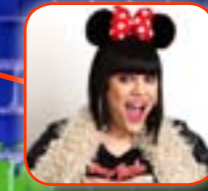
It was great to see the DUP making an effort to get involved in debating these issues and shows the party can take part in open dialogue with the LGBT Community. There weren't any miraculous changes of opinion, softening of views or commitments to change but it is the little things that make the big things happen and we should be optimistic that the DUP will seek to take part in future discussions regarding LGBT issues.

2012 Stonewall Awards

'The Stonewall Awards are an opportunity to celebrate the often courageous individuals who have made a huge difference to millions of gay people at home, at school and at work. As ever, it's humbling to see the selflessness with which so many people work for equality.' - Stonewall Deputy Chief Executive, Laura Doughty.

Nominees for Hero of the Year

The Voice judge Jessie J has been nominated as a role model for bisexual people.



Ben & Jerry's founders Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield earn a nomination for their company's staunch support for gay equality.

Former Manchester Pride Director Jackie Crozier (Nicknamed 'Queen of the Village') is nominated for years of charitable work.



Tim Franks work with the lesbian and gay community began more than 20 years ago and as CEO of Pace he provided invaluable support to LGBT people.



Rev Giles Fraser has long been an outspoken advocate of equality for gay people and tolerance within the church and is founder of Inclusive Church.

Nominees for Bigot of the Year

Lord Ken Maginnis, the former Ulster Unionist MP, who lost the party whip at Westminster in June for referring to same-sex marriage as "unnatural and deviant behaviour"



Simon Lokodo, the anti-gay Ugandan Ethics and Integrity Minister, who presided over a homophobic crackdown of LGBT organisations in Uganda back in June.



Cardinal Keith O'Brien, who has led a vitriolic campaign against equality in Scotland and has made headlines with deeply offensive comments about same-sex couples.



Archbishop Philip Tartaglia caused outrage in July when he claimed that the late David Cairns MP had died due to the fact he was gay.

Alan Craig caused outrage by comparing gay equality advocates to the invading forces of Nazi Germany and dubbing them the 'Gaystapo'.

Seven of the awards are chosen by an independent judging panel, but three – Hero, Community Group and Bigot of the Year – are voted on by Stonewall's supporters.

According to the Belfast News Letter, reporters contacted our very own Lord Ken Maginnis to inform him of the news of his nomination, he replied: "While I have never heard of 'Stonewall'

I should perhaps assume from the tone of it that your email is intended to convey some sort of intimidation and threat." Lord Maginnis added that more people should know of the "aggressive type of behaviour" that emanates from "perverse pressure groups", and their "corrupting influence on susceptible and vulnerable young people."

Perhaps Ken, you should take a read at this month's issue of MYGAYZINE. I guarantee it won't take too long before you see the resurgence of your name time and time again and you might feel more deserving of the award.

Click **HERE** to cast your vote and read more about the nominees.



Startling Statistics Revealed by the Equality Commission.



In June this year the Equality Commission revealed its findings from the Do You Mean Me? survey examining the experiences and attitudes towards discrimination in Northern Ireland.

A statement released by the Equality Commission read - "The key question is "Do you Mean Me?" and this is double-edged. It is not just have I experienced discrimination because of who I am, but do I have negative attitudes towards others just because of who they are? Where the answer to the second question is yes, then we each need to address what makes us think like this and challenge our own beliefs and stereotypes.

The report revealed that there has been a dramatic hardening in negative attitudes, linked to levels of social contact towards people from different backgrounds including race, disability and sexual orientation over the last six years and some of its findings could surprise you.

Michael Wardlow, Chief Commissioner said: "This study provides a valuable insight into our society, how we connect with others and who we are as people." Online viewers can click **HERE** to watch the video of the survey launch at Titanic, Belfast.

1,101 people were asked face-to-face about their attitudes last year.

• **Since 2008, the last time the three-yearly survey was performed, the number of people who perceive such discrimination against themselves has risen from 16 percent to 33 percent.**

• **27 percent of people polled said they would mind having a gay, lesbian or bisexual person living next door, compared with 14 percent in 2005. Four in ten would be unhappy about them becoming an in-law, a rise of 13 percentage points over the last six years.**

CHALLENGING HOMOPHOBIA TOGETHER

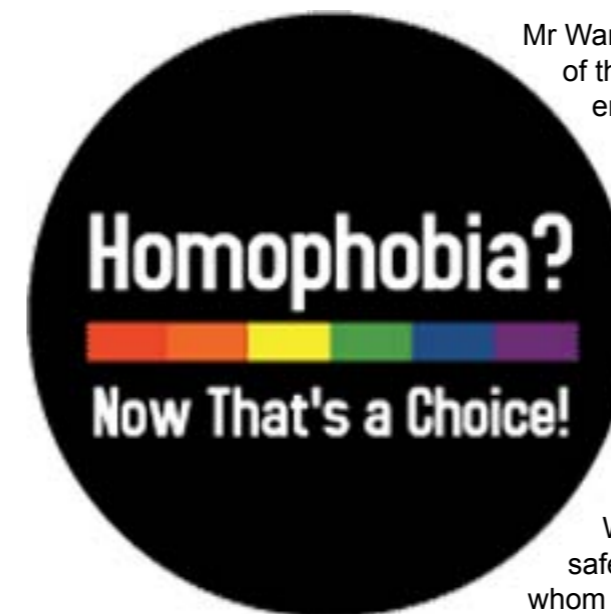
• **With the survey asking about trans people for the first time, 35 percent of people said they would mind a transgender person as a work colleague. 40 percent objected to the idea of having a transgender person as a neighbour and 53 percent would mind if a trans person had a relationship with a member of their family.**

Evidently there have been some sharp rises in negative attitudes towards LGBT

people in a relatively short space of time and understandably some groups are now feeling that much more needs to be done to stop these trends continuing.

John O'Doherty, Director of The Rainbow Project said:

"This report provides some startling information about attitudes towards LGBT people. Not only do negative attitudes still exist, they are on the increase. What this report clearly shows is that not enough is being done to address the negative perceptions that exist against LGBT people. While Government Ministers continue to refuse to introduce legislation to allow same sex couples to adopt children or get married, no consideration is given to the impact this has on attitudes towards our community. While government continues to treat LGBT people as second class citizens there is the risk that this is how LGB&T people will be viewed by the general public."



Mr Wardlow was keen to express his views on how best to resolve some of the points raised in the report outlining the importance of civic engagement with unfamiliar social minorities in changing people's attitudes:

"For me, the big thing is that we need people to meet more often. We need more civic engagement. Research shows consistently that when contact happens in a facilitated way, when all sides of the "in and out" groups are treated in the same way, with respect and in a safe place, people get to know the other groups, relationships develop and the fear factor goes. That is a huge meta-analysis of contact theory. It has been going on for 10 or 15 years. The theory first came forward in 1954.

We know part of the solution. This is about facilitated contact in safe places to allow people to get to know the transgendered person whom some 50% of us do not want as an in-law, probably because we have never met one, or the Traveller whom we do not want in the family, probably because we have never met one."

There is no good reason why the Government is so limited in its approach to good relations in Northern Ireland and there are calls for The Equality Commission to step up to the mark and start to make recognisable changes. Unfortunately this is now the third time this wide ranging research has revealed attitudes towards LGBT people are getting progressively worse. The newly included statistics for the Trans population of NI are particularly disturbing and will most certainly require some extra attention.

On a more positive note the survey did show some more encouraging statistics with most (91% of) people in support of equality laws here and in most cases the majority of people didn't hold any negative attitudes.

Much has yet to be done in regards to dealing with and tackling these problems in our society and if anything these statistics only serve to highlight the fact that it is becoming increasingly difficult to live as an LGBT individual in Northern Ireland. The Equality Commission are dedicated to making these changes a reality and already helps around 3,000 individuals each year resolve issues of discrimination. It will however be extremely interesting to compare our results with the next survey in 2014 and see how successful the organization is in achieving these changes.

ENTERTAINMENT

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I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO BE A LESBIAN... I JUST GOT LUCKY

Another news report has emerged this week about Lady Gaga and the damage she is doing to children's sexuality. The latest accuser is Linda Harvey, a US Radio pundit, who believes Gaga's Born This Way Foundation is leading children to a 'self-destructive path' by 'embracing homosexuality.'

Well Linda Harvey, I think someone needs to quietly correct you on one minor issue.

SEXUALITY IS NOT A CHOICE.

Lady Gaga is not influencing children's sexuality, and she is not manipulating their desires. She is simply saying that gay is okay and it seems this is Linda Harvey's real issue. She is clearly one of the few remaining homophobes who have failed to evolve with society.

So Linda, I just have a quick question for you: When did you decide to become straight? ... Sorry, what was that? You say you didn't decide, you just knew. Well guess what, so did we! I did not consciously choose to become a lesbian, I just am. No one, as yet, knows why some people are attracted to the same sex, but perhaps it is just a genetic difference like left handedness. Wouldn't it be awful if we tried to make all left handed people write with their right hand because it wasn't 'normal.' Oh hang on, we did before we evolved! Homosexuality is not a new phenomenon. It spans our human history.

Some people in every generation will grow up to be homosexual and some people in every generation will grow up to be left handed. Both are natural, but one still provokes cries of disgust from a handful of narrow minded bigots.

Thankfully times are changing, in part, to people like Lady Gaga who preach a message of tolerance, acceptance and love. She has over 28 million Twitter followers and it is wonderful that we have such a great ambassador fighting our corner. How great that children are told it's okay to be gay. They can be true to themselves and live the life they were born to live. I wish I was a teenager again. It would have saved me, and my poor unsuspecting boyfriends, an awful lot of heartache!

I am sorry Linda Harvey, but homosexuality is natural. The only thing that is morally incorrect is your outdated homophobia.

by Chris McMurray



THE SIMPLE LIFE? MAYBE NOT...

Oh how I once loved to tune into Paris Hilton's The Simple Life and watch as she and Nicole Richie embarrassed themselves and relentlessly played to the "bimbo" stereotype. Like two unruly, spoilt, oblivious children they toured America advertising their cluelessness to the world. Secretly however I enjoyed watching the two girls interact socially as they subjected a family and an employer to their scripted ridiculousness.

Would I watch now you might ask? Being a gay man and having heard Paris's shocking comments last month I have to say I was appalled.

Recorded by a New York Taxi Cab Driver on a journey home with an openly gay friend the two were heard talking about the smartphone app Grindr, which allows gay men to meet and hook up.

"Ew, ew," Hilton says on the recording when told about the app. "Gay guys are the horniest people in the world," she continues. "They're disgusting. Dude, most of them probably have AIDS ... I would be so scared if I was a gay guy. You'll like, die of AIDS." Online viewers can click [HERE](#) to listen to the transcript.

Totally an OMG moment, considering the Hilton Heiress has been shown a phenomenal amount of support from the LGBT Community. The story ignited a fire in the media and the public quickly responded to her casual, homophobic outburst. Her representatives released a statement several days later and tried to put across that Hilton's Rant was nothing more than an expression of concern about the dangers of unprotected sex and not homophobic slurs.

"I am so sorry and so upset that I caused pain to my gay friends, fans and their families," she said in the statement posted on GLAAD's website.

"Gay people are the strongest and most inspiring people I know."

Hilton, 31, said in her apology that she has always been a huge supporter of the gay community and explained that the recording was of a private conversation she was having with a gay friend and that it was not intended to represent her feelings about the larger gay community.

However it seemed the damage was already done and the controversy surrounding her comments was just too much for gay-focused American TV Network Logo who has now decided to remove her new TV show about celebrity culture "Paris Hilton Inc" from their schedules.

There are lessons to be learned from this Miss Hilton – Engage your brain before you speak, if you've got nothing nice to say, don't say anything at all, the LGBT Community does not tolerate such derogatory comments in any context AND stay well clear of all and any recording devices. by Brendan Shaw.



Top Paris Hilton Quotes

1: "Wal-Mart... Do they like make walls there?"

2: "I don't really think, I just walk."

3: "What's a soup kitchen?"

4: "Every woman should have four pets in her life. A mink in her closet, a jaguar in her garage, a tiger in her bed, and a jackass who pays for everything."



LUCY'S LOONEY TUNES ENTERTAIN AND DELIVER...

We have all seen or should have seen the fantastic first performance on this year's X factor from Lucy Spraggan. She sang her own song "Last Night", which was totally original and intelligently written. The success that Lucy experienced from that performance seen her rise to no.5 in the UK singles charts before the x factor bosses asked her to remove the song from iTunes as there was concern that her song would pip recent winners Little Mix top the singles top spot.

However there seems to be something Lucy enjoys doing just as much as singing, helping people come to terms with their sexuality has come as an unexpected side effect of her newfound fame. Lucy recalls receiving letters and talking to fans who were able to raise the issue of their sexuality at home when they recognised how accepting their friends and family were to Lucy's openness about her sexuality.

Already a keen supporter of the pride movement, Lucy also already played at several pride events including Manchester Pride in August. She said in an interview with The Sun "For me, to have helped someone come out is the biggest compliment ever." She also said: "It's the 21st Century, and if someone doesn't like the fact that I'm gay then I don't want them to listen to my music. Anyone who is prejudice or homophobic or racist has got something not right in their brain." "You can't just not like someone because of something like that."

There are some notable challengers in this years show. None least than Ella Henderson, a 16 year old singer songwriter. She wowed the whole country as she performed one of her own songs in the initial auditions beautifully. She also captured the heart of a nation taking one of the most recognisable and best known diva songs and completely turning it on its head. Cher's believe can be seen of you tube and has no less than 3 million views already now before any Cher fans have a fit it was a stunning performance with some even claiming that Ella's version was the way it should have been all along. We will be keeping an eye on the competition this year so don't forget to join in the conversations and your support your favourites by getting in touch.

ELLEN PAGE TO TAKE ROLE IN LESBIAN DRAMA 'FREEHELD'



Canadian actress Ellen Page (Juno, X Men, Inception) has reportedly taken a leading role as a lesbian in a forthcoming gay rights film, entitled Freeheld.

According to Deadline, the film will be based on an Oscar-winning documentary short about pension inequalities affecting gay couples. Page will play Stacie

Andree, a lesbian who was denied the pension benefits of her partner, Laurel Hester, after Hester – a New Jersey police detective – became terminally ill. The story follows Andree's fight for representation alongside Hester's police partner, Dane Wells - a staunch conservative who was previously unaware

that Hester was gay. In August of last year Page came under pressure to come out as gay, after a number of websites claimed she was in a relationship with actress Clea Duvall. Freeheld recently secured funding through Incognito Pictures, and is reportedly due to start shooting soon. by Chris McMurray

SUE PERKINS TO PLAY A LESBIAN VET IN BBC COMEDY 'HEADING OUT'

Openly gay TV presenter/comedian Sue Perkins is scripting and taking the lead role in a new comedy 'Heading Out'.

According to the BBC, the show is about a vet who is afraid to tell her parents that she's a lesbian. Perkins has been commissioned to write the show for transmission on BBC2, after submitting a couple of pilot episodes earlier this year.

In June, she told Broadcast magazine that although at first the main character was not written with herself in mind, Perkins had eventually been selected as the best person to play the role. She said: "I hadn't intended to be in it but I kept being told 'that's you' which wasn't what I wanted to hear as I saw it as an annoying, cretinous character".

Veteran comedian Dawn French will star opposite Perkins, along with Jo Scanlan ('The Thick of It') and Nicola Walker ('Spooks').

The six-part series began production in September and is due to be broadcast next year. The BBC has revealed the following about the new show: "Perkins will play Sara, a skilled veterinarian whose friends insist she tell her parents about her sexual orientation. To help her achieve this, her friends buy her a series of sessions with an eccentric lifestyle coach." Perkins has described the project as being "a joy to work on". Story by Chris McMurray



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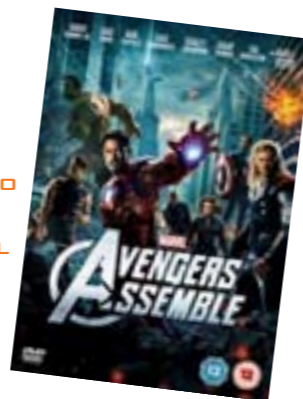
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STAR RATING: ★★★★★
CERTIFICATE: 12A
RUN TIME: 145MINUTES



2 SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN

IN A TWIST TO THE FAIRY TALE, THE HUNTSMAN ORDERED TO TAKE SNOW WHITE INTO THE WOODS TO BE KILLED WINDS UP BECOMING HER PROTECTOR AND MENTOR IN A QUEST TO VANQUISH THE EVIL QUEEN.

STAR RATING: ★★★★★
CERTIFICATE: 12A
RUN TIME: 127MINUTES



3 THE HUNGER GAMES

SET IN A FUTURE WHERE THE CAPITOL SELECTS A BOY AND GIRL FROM THE TWELVE DISTRICTS TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH ON LIVE TELEVISION, KATNISS EVERDEEN VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE HER YOUNGER SISTER'S PLACE FOR THE LATEST MATCH.

STAR RATING: ★★★★★
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RUN TIME: 142MINUTES



4 THE DICTATOR

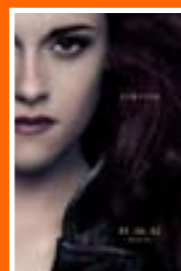
THE HEROIC STORY OF A DICTATOR WHO RISKS HIS LIFE TO ENSURE THAT DEMOCRACY WOULD NEVER COME TO THE COUNTRY HE SO LOVINGLY OPPRESSED.

STAR RATING: ★★★★★
CERTIFICATE: 15
RUN TIME: 83MINUTES



COMING THIS MONTH AT THE CINEMA

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2



KRISTEN STEWART TOLD MTV AT THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL THAT THE ENDING WAS "SHOCKING!" I BET ITS NOT AS SHOCKING AS HEARING ABOUT HER CHEATING ON OUR ROBERT! B*ATCH! #TEAMEDWARD.

AFTER THE BIRTH OF RENESMEE, THE CULLENS GATHER OTHER VAMPIRE CLANS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE CHILD FROM A FALSE ALLEGATION THAT PUTS THE FAMILY IN FRONT OF THE VOLTURI.

STAR RATING: ★★★★★

TAKEN 2



IN THIS SEQUEL TO 'TAKEN,' IN ISTANBUL, RETIRED CIA OPERATIVE BRYAN MILLS (NEESON) AND HIS WIFE ARE TAKEN HOSTAGE BY THE FATHER OF A KIDNAPPER MILLS KILLED WHILE RESCUING HIS DAUGHTER IN THE FIRST FILM.

STAR RATING: ★★★★★

V/H/S



FAMOUSLY RECOGNISED FOR VIEWERS' REACTIONS AT THE "SUNDANCE FESTIVAL" WHERE NUMEROUS VIEWERS LEFT THE THEATRE VOMITING AND ONE VIEWER PASSED OUT. DEFINITELY A MUST-SEE MOVIE! (IN THE DAY, WITH THE LIGHTS ON... CURTAINS OPEN!) - WHEN A GROUP OF MISFITS IS HIRED BY AN UNKNOWN THIRD PARTY TO BURGLARIZE A DESOLATE HOUSE AND ACQUIRE A RARE VHS TAPE, THEY DISCOVER MORE FOUND FOOTAGE THAN THEY BARGAINED FOR.

STAR RATING: ★★★★★

MUSIC

MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

TOP SINGLES

THE SCRIPT FT WILL I AM - HALL OF FAME



HALL OF FAME WAS WRITTEN BY THE BAND DANNY O'DONOGHUE, MARK SHEEHAN AND GLEN POWER, MORE WIDELY KNOWN AS 'THE SCRIPT', AND FEATURES WILL.I.AM

OF THE BLACK EYED PEAS. WHEN SPEAKING ABOUT HALL OF FAME, MARK SHEEHAN SAID: "WE WANTED TO CAPTURE AS MUCH EMOTION IN THE TRACK'S SOUND AS THERE IS IN THE LYRICS, WHICH ARE DEFINITELY SOME OF THE MOST POSITIVE AND UPBEAT WE'VE EVER WRITTEN."

STAR RATING: ★★★★★

EXAMPLE - SAY NOTHING



DESCRIBED AS 'THE MAN OF THE MOMENT', EXAMPLE RELEASED HIS NEW SINGLE, SAY NOTHING WITH IT ENTERING STRAIGHT AT NO.2 INTO THE CHARTS.

EXAMPLE HAS USED AN ELECTRIC CROSS OVER TYPE SOUND TO MAKE THIS NEW SINGLE WHICH WAS RELEASED VIA MINISTRY OF SOUND.

STAR RATING: ★★★★★

PSY - GANGNAM STYLE



BECOMING YOUTUBE'S MOST-WATCH KOREAN-POP MUSIC VIDEO WITH OVER 220 MILLION VIEWS, GANGNAM STYLE HAS INVADDED THE TOP OF THE CHARTS IN SEVERAL

COUNTRIES. WITH ITS 'GUILTY-PLEASURE TUNE' AND ITS BRILLIANTLY BONKERS DANCE ROUTINE TO MATCH, IS THIS THE START OF A K-POP EVOLUTION?

STAR RATING: ★★★★★

TOP ALBUMS

THE KILLERS - BATTLE BORN



THE KILLERS ARE BACK. NOT ONLY ARE THEY BACK ON THE MUSIC SCENE (EVEN THOUGH THEY WEREN'T REALLY OFF IT), BUT THEY ARE HERE WITH A GENIUS ALBUM WHICH IS PROVING POPULAR THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. "FRONTMAN BRANDON FLOWERS, BASSIST MARK STOERMER AND DRUMMER RONNIE VANNUCCI ALL PURSUED RESPECTIVE SIDE PROJECTS, AND THE KILLERS LET OFF CREATIVE STEAM, COLLECTED THEMSELVES, AND PREPARED TO TAKE ON LP NUMBER FOUR."

STAR RATING: ★★★★★

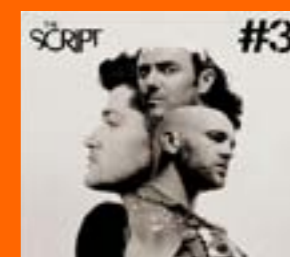
P!NK - THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE



"EVEN THOUGH SHE DOESN'T CALL HIM OUT BY NAME, P!NK MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO LISTEN TO HER SIXTH ALBUM THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE (OUT TODAY, SEPTEMBER 18) WITHOUT TAKING HER YEAR-LONG SEPARATION FROM HUSBAND CAREY HART INTO CONSIDERATION. IN THE TITLE TRACK, SHE UNFURLS EACH SYLLABLE SLOWLY AS IF DRAWN FROM A COY SMILE."

STAR RATING: ★★★★★

THE SCRIPT - #3



"THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE SCRIPT DOES BEST: TAKING A FAMILIAR CLICHÉ AND RIDING IT IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION, WHETHER IT'S THE "BROKEN ARROW" SOMEHOW "SHOOTING ACROSS THE SKY", OR USING "SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION" TO QUANTIFY ARBITRARY STAGES OF THE AMORPHOUS EMOTIONAL MORASS OF HEARTBREAK." - WWW.THEINDEPENDENT.CO.UK

STAR RATING: ★★★★★

EMELI SANDÉ - OUR VERSION OF EVENTS



"SANDÉ'S ROAD TO RECOGNITION HAS BEEN VIA TWO DISTINCT AVENUES. FIRST SHE OFFERED VOCAL BALLAST TO TRACKS FROM GRIMY HIT-MAKERS WILEY, DEVLIN AND PROFESSOR GREEN, BUT LATTERLY SHE HAS BEEN CO-WRITING MORE CONVENTIONAL POP SONGS FOR TALENT-SHOW ALUMNI LEONA LEWIS, CHER LLOYD AND EVEN SUSAN BOYLE, PROMPTING SIMON COWELL TO NAME-CHECK HER AS HIS "FAVOURITE SONGWRITER OF THE MOMENT" - WWW.TELEGRAPH.CO.UK

STAR RATING: ★★★★★

FILM FEVER



Yellow Fever Productions was set up in 2007 by award winning director

George Clarke (pictured), with an aim of giving those without degree's the chance to kickstart their CV and break Catch 22, by giving experience to gain experience in the industry



His first film was **BATTLE OF THE BONE (above)** - an absurd take on July 12th with a mix of zombies and kung fu, that quickly became the most media covered film ever made in NI.

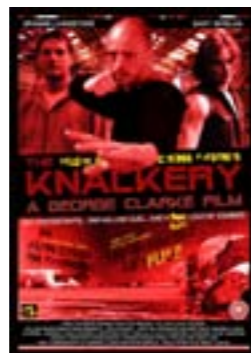
After that came **THE KNACKERY**, a follow up

This month see's the 5th birthday of award winning independent film company Yellow Fever Productions, based here in Belfast and celebrating the release of its 5th feature film - **SPLASH AREA** which premiered at the 4th annual Yellow Fever Independent Film Festival. One person in attendance was prolific US director Albert Pyun (Captain America, Cyborg, Nemesis) who described the film as "Relentlessly fun and surprisingly tense. Outstanding performances and imaginative direction make Splash Area unique and exceptional"

action flick with more martial arts and gore with George Clarke in a starring role as well as director and numerous other titles.

Both films went on to have lengthy runs in the Odyssey and Dublin Road cinema's, as well as stealing the show at the 11,000 strong Freak Show Horror Film Festival in Orlando.

Returning to the Freak Show for a third year with a film of a different pace, George's 2011 horror **THE LAST LIGHT** scared audiences witless and saw its lead star Robert Render take home the award for Best



Actor, created by Jeepers Creepers FX artist Barry Anderson. This was their second Freak Show award, with BOTB picking up the Audience Choice in 2008.

2012 see's the release of their latest gore fest - **SPLASH AREA** -

which takes them back to Orlando for Halloween, and features the music and songs of Loon Attic, a popular Spanish singer/songwriter and lead songster of Spain's Gay Pride.

The feature films, all made with no budget - have quickly gained a cult following world wide, and have screened on Sky as well as hitting the shop shelves on DVD (available in Belfast at HMV and HEAD). And its not only the feature films

that have people talking...

In October 2010, George posted a Youtube video called **CHAPLINS TIME TRAVELLER** that gained him over 4 million hits in just 2 days, and saw him appear on almost every news, chat show, and entertainment program across the globe, including Jay Leno, CNN, Sky, and even a soft porn magazine in Japan. The video is still going strong, and this month see's George release a series of follow up video's that will keep the mystery going.

2013 is looking strong for Yellow Fever Productions as the team are set to work on their first real life drama, **BILLY**, and kick some ass in NI's biggest action flick to date **THE FIRST MISSION**, which see's George return in front of the camera, and fight choreography courtesy of Jackie Chan Stunt Team member, Andy Cheng (Rush Hour and Twilight trilogies). Obviously the aim is to try and squeeze in another horror also, which may see a return to the zombie genre for the team - but with a twist.

For more on the company, its festival and George Clarke, please go visit:

www.yellowfeverproductions.com

MYGAYZINE TOP PICK

THE LAST LIGHT

THE 3RD FEATURE FROM BELFAST WRITER/DIRECTOR **GEORGE CLARKE** - **THE LAST LIGHT** - HAS BEEN PLAYED TO THE CROWDS FROM BELFAST TO ORLANDO, AND RECEIVING NOTHING BUT POSITIVE REVIEWS FROM CRITICS AND FANS ALIKE!



THE LAST LIGHT IS THE VIOLENTLY HAUNTING TALE OF A (REAL) **ULSTER MANSION**, DONATED AS A WAR HOSPITAL IN THE EARLY 1900'S BEFORE TURNING INTO A RETIREMENT HOME FOR THE OLD AND WEALTHY. EVEN AS A LISTED BUILDING, THE HOUSE WAS LEFT TO WASTE, AND SOON BECAME A PLAYGROUND FOR KIDS WHO DESTROYED THE ORIGINAL FEATURES OF THE PLACE, UPSETTING NOT JUST THE LOCAL PEOPLE AND HISTORIANS, BUT SOMETHING DEEP WITHIN THE WALLS...

LOCAL HANDY MAN **ROB WALKER** IS HIRED TO BRICK UP AND BLOCK ALL ENTRANCES AND WINDOWS OF THE PLACE, BUT ON HIS LAST NIGHT, GETS THE FEELING HE'S NOT ALONE!

IS IT THE KIDS - OR IS IT A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY THAT DOESN'T WANT TO BE SEALED OFF FOREVER? WHY NOT GET THIS IN TIME FOR A HALLOWEEN SCREENING? DO YOU DARE?



THE LAST LIGHT

QUICK FIRE QUIZ QUESTIONS

- 1
In religion, according to Islam, who was the last of the prophets?
- 2
The full moon seen closest to the time of the Autumn Equinox is commonly known as what?
- 3
Which notorious murderer is depicted in the 2001 film 'From Hell'?
- 4
One of the Wonders of the Modern World, The Catacombs of Alexandria are in which country?
- 5
The crab represents which sign of the Zodiac?
- 6
What is sodium bicarbonate known as in the kitchen?
- 7
In the UK the clocks move forward an hour during which month of the year?
(answers in the bottom right corner)

STRANGE FACTS

The labrys, a double-edged hatchet or axe, is a symbol of strength and unity for the lesbian community. Demeter, the Goddess of Earth, is said to have used a labrys as her sceptre, especially in religious ceremony

The God Apollo loved a young man called Hyacinth, when he dies it is said that Apollo made a flower out of his blood, this is why the Hyacinth is the divine patron of same sex lovers.

Soldiers in Ancient Greece were encouraged to take each other as lovers. It was believed that a man fighting alongside another man whom he loved was a much fiercer warrior.

JOKES

Son: Dad, this boy in school keeps calling me gay.
Dad: Then why don't you just beat him up.
Son: I can't, he's too cute.

Son: What does gay mean?
Dad: It means "to be happy."
Son: Are you gay?
Dad: No, son. I have a wife

Four men got together at a reunion. All of them had sons and it wasn't long before they started discussing them.

The first man said his son was doing so well, he now owned a factory, manufacturing furniture. "Why, just the other day he gave his best friend a whole house full of brand new furniture."

The second man said his son was doing just as well. He was a manager at a car sales firm. "Why, just the other day he gave his best friend a Ferrari."

The third man said his was doing well too. He was a manager at a bank. "Why, just the other day he gave his best friend the money to buy a house."

The fourth man just shook his head. He said his son was gay and hadn't amounted to much.....But he must be doing something right because, just the other day he was given a house, furniture and a Ferrari by his boy-friend!



Quiz -
1- Muhammed, 2 - Har-
vest Moon, 3 - Jack the
Ripper, 4 - Egypt, 5 -
Cancer 6 - Baking Soda
7 - March

saunas

health

sports

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thee WHAT'S ON GUIDE ???

Bored of sitting at home watching TV? Feel like there's never anything interesting happening in Northern Ireland? Need to fill your social diary with fun, exciting things to do? If you've answered yes to any of the questions above then Thee What's On Guide could be just what you need. Each Month MYGAYZINE will be featuring a selection of the most anticipated and talked about events, gigs and listings in NI. Our brand spanking new What's On Guide will offer an insight into some truly unmissable and alternative things to do or get involved in. Covering everything from stand up comedy, music performances, theatre, festivals, musicals and all sorts of other weird and wonderful goings on that will be sure to make you think twice about yet another night at home in front of the television. Check back each month and fill your social calendar with a variety of fun and quirky things to do.

EDITOR'S CHOICE

CHICAGO | 15th - 20th Oct Grand Opera House Belfast.



'Murder, greed, corruption, exploitation, adultery and treachery...all those things we hold near and dear to our hearts'...so begins the international award-winning musical, Chicago. Join an all-star cast including Ali Bastian as Roxie Hart, Stefan Booth as Billy Flynn, Tupele Dorgu as Velma Kelly, and Bernie Nolan as Matron 'Mama' Morton for the sexiest and most sensational musical theatre experiences in town! Created by John Kander, Fred Ebb and legendary choreographer Bob Fosse, With 6 Tony, 2 Olivier, 1 Grammy, 2 Bafta and 6 Academy Awards, Chicago is undoubtedly one of the most iconic musicals ever. You can look forward to all the favourite Chicago classics like "All That Jazz", "Razzle Dazzle" and of course The Cell Block Tango. A nightclub singer, a double-murderess, a smooth-talking lawyer and a cell block of sin - it would be a crime to miss it. Based on real life events back in the roaring 1920s, nightclub singer Roxie Hart shoots her lover and along with Cell Block rival, double-murderess Velma Kelly, they fight to keep from death row with the help of smooth talking lawyer, Billy Flynn.

Pop! Six! Squish! Uh Uh! Cicero! Lipschitz! We have it coming!

ALI BASTIAN STEFAN BOOTH TUPELE DORGU BERNIE NOLAN



CHICAGO THE MUSICAL



WHO? WHERE? WHEN? WHAT?

THE MYGAYZINE GUIDE TO WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT

WHO? Scissor Sisters
WHERE? Waterfront Hall, Belfast
WHEN? October 2nd
WHAT? Gay favourites Scissor Sisters are to make a return this month to Belfast, performing at the Waterfront Hall they are set to play their newest tracks from recently released forth album Magic Hour. At the 2005 BRIT Awards, the group won all 3 of their nominations, including International Group, International Breakthrough, and International Album, making the group the first to win the hat-trick in the BRITs' International categories.



WHO? Don McLean
WHERE? Millennium Forum, Derry
WHEN? October 3rd
WHAT? Don McLean with over 40 gold and platinum records worldwide and responsible for songs like Vincent, And I Love You So, Castles In The Sky and of course one of the greatest songs ever written American Pie performs at Derry's Millennium Forum. Don McLean is a true life American legend who's music career has seen his songs covered by the likes of Elvis, Shirley Bassey, Glen Campbell, Josh Groban and not forgetting Madonna and with over 3,500 concert appearances this one cannot be missed.



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WHO? Jesus Christ Superstar
WHERE? Odyssey Arena, Belfast
WHEN? October 5th
WHAT? Ok so we all watched Ben Foster winning Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest show on ITV's Jesus Christ Superstar beating Belfast's very own Jeff Anderson earlier this year, now we get to see him perform this sought after role right here in Belfast's Odyssey Arena. The production has been professionally produced and performed in 42 countries around the world from 1971 and is one of the most successful and longest running West End shows. This is an absolute must see.



WHO? Michael McIntyre
WHERE? Odyssey Arena, Belfast
WHEN? October 17th - 20th
WHAT? Finally, he is here the self professed "camp little monkey" and Britain's most favourite funny man is actually here. Have YOU been waiting on this day since you bought tickets almost 2yrs ago? The star of BBC1's Michael McIntyre's Comedy Road show and ITV's Britan's Got Talent has won more awards than he knows what to do with, he is currently touring with his third and biggest tour to date and it promises to be an amazing show with the guardian reporting it as a "masterpiece" watching Michael slipping into successive delightful routines on topics from the Olympic Games to family life.

STAR PICK!



WHO? Abba, The Show
WHERE? Ardhanlon Theatre, Enniskillen
WHEN? October 19th
WHAT? Another chance to get your bell bottoms and blonde wigs out because here come ABBA. Back by popular demand after last year's sell out sensational performance from the show group SMACKEE and their interpretation of Abba's story including a fantastically staged production. You will be enjoying the nostalgia inducing songs such as Dancing Queen, Super Trouper, Fernando, Waterloo and much more.



WHO? Cheryl Cole
WHERE? Odyssey Arena, Belfast
WHEN? October 3rd
WHAT? This will be Cheryl's first solo headline arena tour and she is coming here to Belfast First. Although this is the first time she has toured on her own she definitely knows how to put on a show. The nations Sweetheart has a few tricks up her sleeve for her fans when she comes on this Tour as she will perform tracks from her brand new album A Million Lights which follows the massive previous albums Three Words and Pretty Little Raindrops.



WHO? Kevin Bridges
WHERE? Odyssey Arena, Belfast
WHEN? October 4th
WHAT? This crowd pleasing Scot is coming across the pond bringing his no doubt hilarious brand new show "The Story Continues". Kevin has already had a hugely successful UK & Ireland tour helping him to win the prestigious breakthrough award at the Chortle Awards in 2010. Kevin has also appeared on panel shows such as 8 Out Of 10 Cats and Mock The Week and acted in the return of Rab C. Nesbitt. His show promises plenty of belly laughs with his Glaswegian style humour.



WHO? Brian Kennedy
WHERE? Lyric Theatre, Belfast
WHEN? October 10th
WHAT? Our very own Brian Kennedy returns to his home city for an up close and intimate concert at the stunning new look Lyric Theatre, Strandmillis. Kennedy who has toured worldwide and performed on Broadway released his first self-penned album in 1990, performed with the great Van Morrison for 6 years and also has a published book. One of the greatest and most beautiful male voices ever and this performance is a must see for his local fans.



WHO? John Edward
WHERE? Waterfront, Belfast
WHEN? October 4th
WHAT? John Edward is an internationally applauded psychic medium, lecturer, television personality and critically acclaimed New York Times best seller author.



Since the age of 15, John has connected countless families - from A-list celebrities to housewives - with those they have loved and lost. After 25 years, the message of his work remains unchanged and infinitely simple: communicate, appreciate and validate..

WHO? Jools Holland
WHERE? Waterfront, Belfast
WHEN? October 11th
WHAT? Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra come to the Waterfront along with long-time guest vocalists, Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall and the inimitable musicianship of the Rhythm & Blues Orchestra.



Jools and the Rhythm & Blues Orchestra play over the world and they continue to dazzle audiences in excess of 300,000 each year. Be sure not to miss this fantastic night out.

WHO? Belfast Restaurant Week
WHERE? Various Locations
WHEN? October 2nd - 13th
WHAT? This is Belfast's first ever restaurant week and with over 70 restaurants throughout the city, along with some of your most popular and best known award winning chefs taking part its bound to be a cracker. Restaurant Week includes special menus, great offers and activities, food tours, talks, tasting and many more activities. This event is being organised by Belfast City Council so feel free to contact them for full details of participating restaurants and event details.



WHO? Best of Eurovision
WHERE? Waterfront Hall, Belfast
WHEN? October 12th
WHAT? The biggest Irish names in Eurovision history are set to take to the stage. Eurovision stars Johnny Logan, Linda Martin, Dana, Niamh Kavanagh, Paul Harrington and Charlie McGettigan perform all your favourite Eurovision hits together for the first time ever.



If your like me and can't get enough of Eurovision then this'll be a great night out and a show not to be missed.

Nightlife guide

Welcome to the MYGAYZINE Nightlife Guide

Each month we will be featuring a selection of scene **photographs** from around the NI Gay scene plus **monthly REVIEWS** of venues nationwide.

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Your Monthly Nightlife Guide

Pubs ♦ Clubs ♦ Restaurants ♦ Saunas

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ENVY

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SUNDAY

**DRINKS
£2
ALL NIGHT**

MONDAY

**DRINKS
£2
ALL NIGHT**

TUESDAY

**STUDENT
NIGHT
DRINKS
£1.50**

WEDNESDAY

**KARAOKE
DRINKS
£2 TO
12AM**

THURSDAY

**FREE BAR
DRINKS
£2 TO
12AM**

FRIDAY

**CABARET
DRINKS
BUY 1 GET
1 FREE***

SATURDAY

**CLUB NIGHT
DRINKS
BUY 1 GET
1 FREE***

**MUSIC TO
2AM
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**MUSIC TO
3AM
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THE CIRCUS OF HORRORS HALLOWEEN BALL

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31ST 2012

DOORS OPEN 7PM

MUSIC TO 3AM

POPCORN & CANDYFLOSS

FREE ADM BEFORE 9PM

Nightlife guide

Rainbow Belfast Official Grand Opening Night

Rainbow Belfast is situated on the bustling Botanic Avenue and is Northern Ireland's newest LGBT friendly restaurant. Tuesday 18th September saw the Grand Opening of the venue along with owner Bryan Wests birthday party. Renowned for his lavish celebrations, party-goers were treated to a drinks reception and music from The Untouchables along with delicious sweet and savoury canapes from the restaurant's superb kitchen.

With their kitchen open 7-days a week the 3 floor venue also boasts a unique Supper Club on Friday and Saturday evenings combining fabulous food, live entertainment and VIP service. Check out the pictures from our launch party below.



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Nightlife guide



A peek inside Spice at the Deer's Head fresh of the back of their Best Float Win at this year's Pride Awards.

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WE ALL NEED TO EXERCISE!!

Doing regular physical activity can make you feel good about yourself and it can have a number of benefits for your health. For example, it reduces the risk of developing heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases. Plus it makes us look good! Ideally we should all be aiming to do at least 30 minutes of exercise 5 times a week, and this can range from a good old fashioned gym session to a recreational dance class. So if you think you could do with a helping hand, stay tuned, read on and enjoy our exercise tips!

MEN

No Permit Needed For These Guns!

As we watch our favourite action hero or just the star in our favourite Rom-Com, we always notice the impeccable muscle in those arms. The contributing factor being hard working arm exercises. Below is an exercise focusing solely on the biceps, and a personal guarantee that improvements will be noticed when exercising regularly!

Instructions

One Barbell and Two dumbbells will be used for this exercise

Ensure that correct posture is maintained throughout

Choose a weight that is (of course) challenging

Take 3-5 minute rest between reps

1. Standing Barbell Curl

15 reps,
12 reps,
10 reps x 3 sets

2. Alternating Dumbbell Curl

10 reps x3 sets

How To: Alternating Dumbbell Curl
Online Viewers Can Click [HERE](#)

How To: Straight-Bar Bicep Curl
Online Viewers can click [HERE](#)

WOMEN

EMBARRASSING??

A new survey from Cosmopolitan has suggested that more than half of women in Britain are too embarrassed to exercise in public! The reason for most is the fact that they feel uncomfortable in their own bodies. FEAR NOT, we have constructed a light DIY home exercise program in order to help you become the "new you."

Instructions

Perform all movements with good technique.

Repeat all exercises in the circuit without rest.

Rest for 30 secs between circuits and then repeat.

1. Jogging on the spot 1 MINUTE

2. Squat 8 REPS

3. Push up/ Half Push up 8 REPS

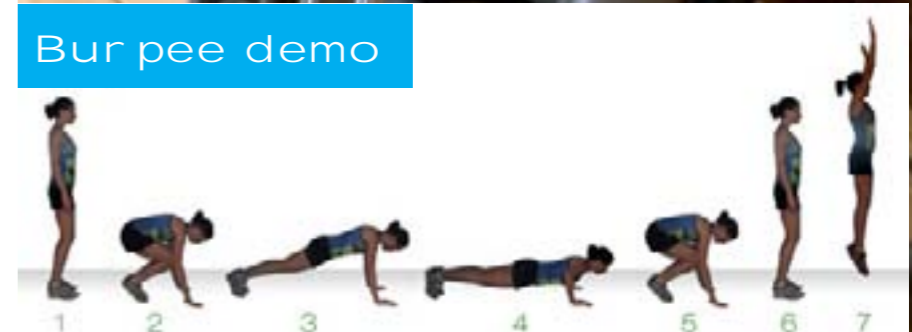
4. Lunges forward 8 REPS ON EACH LEG

5. Burpee 8 REPS

6. Star Jumps 1 MINUTE

*The circuit should be completed between 2-4 times.
It is also important to remember that walking to and from places at a faster pace can also count as your daily cardio!

Bur pee demo



grooming

By Nicky whit ten

LADIES

Product Recommendations



Clarins Hydraquench Cream



Davines Nounou Nourishing Illuminating Shampoo and Conditioner



MAC Lipstick Diva

Welcome to October, Autumn is finally upon us and we're already missing the Summer, but fear not My Gay Zine is here to guide you through the trauma seasonal change can wreak on your skin. It's time to shake up what products you're reaching for, the cooler weather means your skin will be craving hydration, so its worth investing in a slightly richer moisturiser (don't forget the SPF!) than what you've been using for the past few months. Its also important to remember that unless you have oily skin, matte finish foundations should be avoided at all costs, they'll only dehydrate your skin, leaving your skin looking dull and tired.

Hair is often forgotten, but it too suffers the effects of harsh weather so try switching to a shampoo and conditioner for dry hair, and never under estimate the power of hairspray, it can play a key roll in protecting your hair from the elements as well as keeping it looking fresh after the hurricane style winds have tried to blow out your blow dry.

To finish off your seasonal overhaul, why not consider changing up your makeup style, autumn/winter trends for this year are about warm rusty tones, think copper, orange and warm browns. Not feeling the ginger palette? Well it's the perfect time of year to go for a minimal eye look with a rich red lip, avoid bright reds and go for something deeper and more seductive.

GENTS

The bronzed Adonis of the summer is fading, but that doesn't mean you have to fade too. Keep your skin looking fresh and healthy by using a daily moisturiser designed for men. Shaving in colder weather can tear your skin to shreds, so avoid unsightly razor burn by switching to a shave cream rather than a gel, and don't forget the mans essential; aftershave balm, it repairs the damage you do every time you pick up that razor.

Wanting to keep ahead of the game with your hair? The trends for this season are more masculine than those of the summer, my personal favourite being The Ceasar, we also have The Buzzcut, The Slicked Pompadour and The Ruffian keeping their place at the fashion forefront. Key products for this time of year are waxes, the colder weather means that these lightweight stylers will hold for longer and keep your quiff standing at attention.

One thing I love about this time of year, is beards, well groomed beards. I'm not talking about Zach Galifianakis in The Hangover, I'm thinking more David Beckham at the Olympics. Keep it trimmed short and clean shaven from the jaw line down, you want to avoid overgrown facial foliage that can make you look scruffy, or worse, homeless (if any of you saw Ian Beales return on East-enders you'll know what I mean).

Product Recommendations



L'Oreal Men Expert Hydra Energetic Daily Moisturising Lotion



Clinique Post Shave Healer



Tigi Rockaholic Punk Out Moulding Gunk



The Slicked Pampadour



The Ruffian



The Buzzcut



The Ceasar

cooking

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ingredients

1. 450g (1lb) tomatoes, chopped
2. 1 tbsp fresh basil, chopped
3. 1 tbsp fresh flat leaf parsley, chopped
4. 1 tbsp fresh mint, chopped
5. 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
6. tbsp extra virgin olive oil
7. A squeeze of lime juice
8. Salt and freshly ground black pepper
9. 2 garlic cloves, halved
10. 8 x 2.5cm thick slices of baguette

to start



Bruchet ta

method

1. Place the tomatoes, herbs and vinegar, a tablespoon of oil and lime juice in a mixing bowl, season with salt and pepper and mix well. If time allows, leave the flavours to infuse for a couple of hours.
2. Rub the bread with the garlic and drizzle with a little oil. Griddle or toast.
3. Place the toasted bread on a platter and spoon the tomato mixture over. Serve at room temperature with the remaining olive oil.

ingredients

1. Extra-virgin olive oil
2. 1 chicken, about 1.75kg, jointed into 8 pieces
3. 12 small shallots
4. 8 small garlic cloves
5. 600ml medium-dry white wine
6. 2 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon leaves,
7. plus 8 small sprigs, to garnish
8. 4 fresh bay leaves
9. 1 heaped tbsp half-fat crème fraîche

mains



Chicken with white
wine and tarragon.

method

1. Heat a non-stick frying pan over a medium-high heat, spray with 10 squirts of oil and add the chicken in 1 layer. Fry for 5-8 minutes, until richly golden on all sides. Set aside on a plate lined with kitchen paper.
2. Wipe the pan clean, return to the heat and spray with 6 squirts of oil. Add the shallots and garlic and fry until lightly browned. Set aside with the chicken.
3. Add the wine to the pan and boil for 10 minutes, until reduced by three-quarters. Stir in 300ml water, the tarragon and bay leaves. Return the chicken to the pan with the shallots and garlic. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Turn the chicken and cook, uncovered, for 25 minutes, until the sauce is nicely reduced.
4. Lift the chicken into a serving bowl and scatter over the shallots and garlic. Stir the crème fraîche into the sauce, season, and pour over the chicken. Scatter with tarragon sprigs and serve with new potatoes and sugar snap peas.

ingredients

1. 6 slices shop-bought chocolate cake
2. 6 tbsp Baileys
3. 3 medium bananas
4. 6 tsp toffee sauce
5. 500g tub fresh custard
6. 142ml carton double cream
7. Splash of vanilla extract
8. Edible small gold or silver balls, to decorate

dessert



Toffee Banana trifle

method

1. To prepare: Break up the chocolate cake into pieces and divide between 6 dessert glasses. Drizzle 1 tablespoon Baileys over each. Slice the bananas and divide the slices between the glasses. Dollop a spoonful of toffee sauce over each, followed by a few spoonfuls of custard. Chill until required.
2. To serve: In a bowl, whip the double cream and vanilla extract until thick, spoon into each glass and decorate the top with edible gold or silver balls.



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What can be said – Gran Canaria is Europe's number one gay holiday hot spot!

The gay life on the island, especially in the south has fully found his place. Yumbo centre , the largest entertainment centre is gay orientated, with dozens of gay bars and discotheques. Maybe it's because of the perfect all year round hot climate, beaches which stretch on for miles or simply because the gay nightlife is fabulous for those who want to party all night...

GRAN CANARIA PRIDE 2013



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By day the Yumbo Centre is your average Spanish shopping centre but by early evening the restaurants are in full swing and there is none of the "can't eat before 9pm" of many Spanish resorts. Around this time, the boarded up shops mysteriously become gay bars and clubs, gay rainbows abound and suddenly there are rather more - well, in fact, a lot more boys out and about - and all in party mood. Famous as the Yumbo is, the City Centre just off the main

route back to Playa from the Dunes has an increasing number of gay bars and cafes, ideal for a cooling drink on the way back from the beach. By night, the basement transforms into a network of cruise and dance clubs which are popular with the British community.

Maspalomas Dunes is easily reached from the centre of Playa del Ingles with the start being around a 15 minute walk away. Whilst the dunes are attractive and attract their fair share of boys, it's the beach bar around kiosk No. 7 - around 20 minutes walk across the dunes or 10 minutes from the El Faro taxi rank - where the rainbow flags fly high and proud that most boys mingle.

If you want a beach by day, clubbing by night holiday then Gran Canaria is just your ticket - restrained it isn't but welcoming

to all it is.

Many gays from all over the world visit the warm and sunny island. Naturally the different accommodations anticipated on this, you can find several gay-only accommodations on the island, of course you can find gay-friendly accommodations as well. So you just can be yourself and no need to worry about what other people will think.

Although going out on the island is fantastic, the island has much more to offer. Throughout the entire year the dunes and the beaches are very popular. On the nude beach there is a separate gay area. Here you can enjoy the sun, listen to the music and see the beautiful mountains... So you can see that the island has much more to offer. Because Gran Canaria is stated on the same geographical line as the south of Morocco, you can enjoy the wonderful climate of the island all seasons. In December during daytime the temperate is approximately 24 degrees Celsius and in July it's around the 30 degrees, with a delicious sea breeze.

Furthermore the mountains are a forgotten place, probably because the south has already so much to offer. A day trip to the mountains is certainly recommendable. The Canary Islands are from nature volcanic islands, you can see the rough beauty clearly in the mountains. Since the end of the 14th century the Canary Islands belong to Spain, so Spanish is the main

language on the island. When you go to the highest point of the island ((1949 meters) you will find rough mountains, valley with palm trees and needle forests. And with a clear view you can see the top of Tenerife, which is with 3700 meters the highest mountain of Spain. Gran Canaria Gay Accommodation.

If you're a first-time gay visitor and want easy access to the gay beach and nightlife, you're probably best-advised to stay in either Playa del Ingles or Maspalomas.

Many travel agents offer packages to other resorts such as Puerto Rico (which is still very popular with British tourists, though much of its tourist facilities need refurbishing); but these don't have any real gay life and are very much aimed at families with children: we don't recommend that you stay there..

Many gay bars don't really come alive until around midnight, and the clubs get going even later. Drinks prices vary considerably from bar to bar, but all have one thing in common - measures of spirits are normally large, and it's easy to

end up drinking more than you realise..

There are a number of gay bungalow complexes in both areas - some such as Villas Blancas are men-only and allow nude sunbathing - and these are good places to stay if you've never visited before.

Playa del Inglés

As most gay life is centred on the Yumbo Centre, the City Centre and the Avenida de Tirajana, you may want to choose somewhere nearby. You will probably want to avoid staying near the Kasbah Centre, as this is the main area for young straight nightlife. At Gayaway2 we have a wide range of Gay Exclusive properties for men only and some for women only, as well as gay friendly apartments, hotels from budget to boutique and 5* Gay Pride Maspalomas 2013

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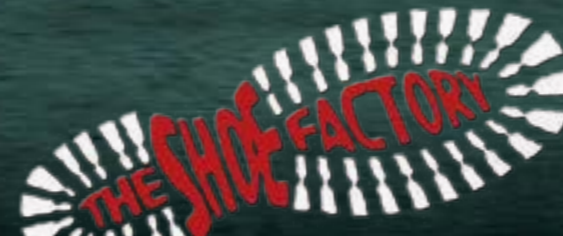
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Cannot believe that it's only two weeks until the launch of MyGay Zine and my first wee article!! I hope you all like it as much as I enjoyed writing!! Just call me Carrie Bradshaw!! :P Xx - **Misty Falls**

Right folks just a few weeks to go till the launch issue of MyGay Zine!!! I'll be answering all your love, life and sex problems in my agony aunt column!! If you want to be one of the lucky ones to have your problem printed in the first issue email your questions to me at ladykayewhy@mygayzine.co.uk and I'll solve all of lifes problems for ya!! Plus there will be a prize for the question of the month!! - Lady Kaye Why

JUST ASK WHY!?

Jenny, Belfast

Hi Kaye Why, great to see you featured in the MYGAYZINE launch issue, I don't want to pickle your brain but my head is a little fried at the minute. Why can't some girls make their minds up about their sexuality. I fancy this girl who I have met up with a couple of times and I really like her and she said she feels the same way but shes always going to straight clubs and still hooking up with straight men. What should I do?

Hi Jenny, thanks for the warm welcome! Well first things first, until this girl is comfortable with her own sexuality she is never going to be willing to commit. That's assuming it is commitment you want. It definitely sounds like she is having issues with accepting who she is, which is fair enough, bare in mind it was probably difficult for you as well to accept straight away. The problem is does she expect you to wait for her while she decides if she wants men or women, cause that's not fair on you. I'm wondering is this girl new to the gay scene or is she just plain greedy and wants her cake and eat it?? (no innuendo intended!). If she has said she feels the same way and means it, then why does she feel the need to see other people. If you both do like each other and want to keep seeing each other, maybe you should consider an open relationship. That way you are not being tied from finding someone who is prepared to commit to you but maybe in the mean time she will have made up her mind. Does she tell you about her "encounters" with the straight men? If so maybe she is trying to rub your nose in it! (again no innuendo intended, my god this is starting to sound dirty without me even meaning it!)

Paul, Craigavon

Hi Kaye Why, I have been a little naughty lately and been hooking up with guys from Grindr. Wasn't too pleased today when I started to get itchy in the nether region though. What can I do? I have a really over active sex drive?

Right Paul, the first thing I am going to say to you is – Don't be silly and wrap your willy!! These sites are great for meeting people on, but bare in mind you don't know how many other people those people are meeting! Anyone who thinks you are the only one the other has met is gonna end up with more than an itch! First thing you need to do is take yourself to a gum clinic before meeting with anyone else. It would be unfair to meet other people while there may be a possibility of something going on in your nether region!! An over active sex drive is something a lot of people have to contend with and is perfectly normal, but keeping it safe and healthy is the key to having a more enjoyable sex life. The problem with sites such as Grindr and the likes is that we don't know where those people have been before, have they used condoms, have they any history of sti's? Now I'm quite aware that these are not the type of questions you are going to ask someone, since of course the most common questions on Grindr are "age and location?" and "fancy a buck?". Have you thought about trying to meet one person and having an over active sex drive with that one person? It's always a good idea to go to the gum clinic maybe twice a year anyways just for a check up. If everyone did this then there would be less chance of catching something.



KAYE'S THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

People struggling with their sexuality seems to be a big issue at the minute. Everyone lives in different circumstances which is why I kind of understand, a lot of people say in this day and age there is no excuse for being in the closet, but you never know what people are going through behind closed doors. I get a lot of "straight" talking to me on facebook about how they are curious and wonder what it would be like to be with a man. To this I say – TRY IT! I remember when I was just a slip of a girl running around in my mother's high heels, her asking me to eat my vegetables to which I would throw my rattle out of the pram in retaliation protesting how much I didn't like them, of course at this stage having never putting a carrot across my lips! Her simple answer would be – How do you know you don't like them if you haven't tried them? It's only later in life you realise, oh my god this is so true! So to all you people out there who are confused and not sure if you like something or not, how do you know until you try it?

Colin, Belfast

Why does my pee sting?

Well Colin, let me ask – have you been a naughty boy lately!?!? Now I'm no doctor (had thought about it but not with these nails!), but stinging when you pee is a symptom of Chlamydia, so you definitely should go and get checked out to see if this is the case. For a lot of people the symptoms can start to appear one to three weeks after having unprotected sex with someone who is infected. Although with other people it can lay dormant in the body for months before showing any signs. Around half of all men with chlamydia don't notice any symptoms. If men do get symptoms, the most common include:

- pain when urinating (peeing)
- discharge from the tip of the penis (this can be a white, cloudy or watery discharge)
- pain in the testicles

Some men have mild symptoms that disappear after two or three days. Even if the symptoms disappear you will still have the infection and be able to pass it on. If chlamydia is left untreated in men they are at risk of complications such as orchitis (swollen testicles), reactive arthritis (inflammation of the joints) and infertility. By the way it is also worth noting that Chlamydia can infect the rectum, eyes and throat if you have anal or oral sex with someone who is infected.

A lot of people seem to take issue with using a condom, they think it decreases the amount of stimulation or it decreases the size of your orgasm! Well that's a load of crap! There are plenty of different types of condoms available now e.g.... ultra thin, ultra thick, ultra large (send me a message!)), ultra bright (glow in the dark condoms can be a lot of fun, it's like a scene out of Star Trek!). If you're not prepared to use condoms then be prepared for some return trips to the gum clinic. As far as I'm aware Chlamydia is fairly simple to treat with a course of tablets so you should get yourself down to the doctors or the clinic. You should also take a break from sleeping with anyone else while you are waiting on the all clear, last thing you want is to be the cause of an epidemic!

Samuel, Newcastle

*Hey Kaye Why, I have been going out with my boyfriend for 6 months and for the first time ever last night I picked up his mobile and found pictures of another guy's c**k. He said it was nothing and just a bit of fun but I don't think I can trust him anymore. What should I do?*

If it is only a bit of fun then why would he not have included you in the fun? Maybe he thought you might not like him looking at another man's pride, which is fair enough if it's the case. The reality of it is that people like to see what other people have and there is nothing wrong with that, but why not tell your partner about it. Sit him down and say to him, right listen I understand that you are having a bit of fun and that you're not meeting up with these people. So maybe from now on if you get a picture you can come and show me and we can have a bit of fun together about it. The flip side of it is, is he meeting these people. I'm inclined to think he is getting his pictures from people on Grindr or somewhere like that. You need to find out exactly what his intentions are when he is talking to these people. The other problem now is that you have reached the stage where you are going to feel the need to pick up his phone every time he nips to the loo! DON'T DO IT! You will drive yourself insane! If you get in to the habit of checking his phone it will end up consuming your relationship. If he is prepared to involve you in the fun he is having then every now and then say to him "what pics did you get today?" and sit down together to have a look through and a giggle. Only you can decide if you trust him enough to come clean when he does receive them.

Brian, Derry

Hi Kaye, I've been seeing this guy for roughly about six months now and we have been getting on great. He is not out of the closet but I'm kind of OK about this because I don't want to pressurise him into coming out. The problem is I have now found out that his ex-girlfriend is now two months pregnant and it's definitely his. What do I do?

Hi Brian, What would I do – RUN, RUN FOR THE HILLS! What should you do? Well where do I start on this one, there are so many questions. Well it doesn't take a mathematician to work out the numbers here, six months with you, two months pregnant so clearly he's cheating on you. So there is a trust issue straight away. Now I understand that some people struggle with coming to terms with their sexuality but this does not give the excuse to sleep with whoever they want when they want. If he wants to sleep with women, that's cool, just don't do it while he is pretending to be committed to you. Now you need to find out what he is going to do about his pregnant girlfriend, I would hope he is going to be there for his child regardless of whether he wants to be with the girl or not. You need to ask yourself are you prepared to be sat at home while he is away having a baby with someone. It will not be easy and don't go into it thinking it will. Are you going to be able to trust him though, if he has been sleeping with her up until now, is he going to stop? There are a lot of complications attached to this one but if you feel there may be hope for a future with him then it might be worth it. If this is nothing more than a bit of hanky panky then you might want to start looking elsewhere cause this one is about to get messy!

Lady Kaye Why, Northern Ireland's top drag agony aunt is available to answer all of your questions - send your e-mails to LadyKayeWhy@mygayzine.co.uk

PETER FAHY

READ PETER'S THOUGHT PROVOKING INVESTIGATION INTO THE MINDS OF SOME OF HISTORY'S MOST PROLIFIC HOMOSEXUAL SERIAL KILLERS... CALL ME A FAG? YOU'LL PROBABLY THINK TWICE AFTER READING THIS



I think there's some evil ulterior agenda behind that caustic social construct. How can anyone take the LGBT community seriously when we're portrayed as clownish, cartoonish characters who are more preoccupied with make-up and hair than equal rights and social acceptance?

Stereotypes are tools of social control. Representation controls perception, and perception governs reality. But I'm getting philosophical here - the point is that fictitious stereotypes can have disastrous consequences on individual and social scales.

A stereotype can turn a man into a monster.

Society might construe gays to be foppish and weak. Would you say that about Dennis Nilsen, Randy Kraft, Robert Berdette, Luis Garavito, John Wayne Gacy and Jeffery Dahmer?

I'm sure you've heard of these men, some of the most depraved, despicable serial killers to ever emerge on earth, and they're all queer.

Now, please don't assume that I'm parading these devils to prove that not all gay men reflect that effeminate image we see in popular culture.

Quite the contrary - I'm arguing that the negative stereotype has influenced those maniacal men and warped their minds in such a way that the only psychological release was through brutality and barbarity.

This isn't an original hypothesis. Many criminologists and law enforcement agents agree with the speculative theory that Dahmer, Kraft, Gacy and the other sadistic bastards who tortured, maimed and

mutilated male victims were, on a psychological level, killing a part of themselves, the gay part. Think of it as a violent dramatization of a psychological exorcism - they strip, rip, and kill the male, thereby purging something in themselves, the pernicious part that's portrayed as socially unacceptable and weak.

This psychiatric interpretation hasn't been scientifically proven, but the psychopathic projection theory is popular in the criminal profiling of homosexual serial killers.

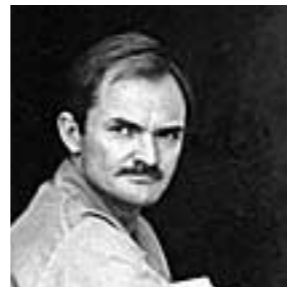
I'm sure you find all this pseudoscience fascinating, but you really want to hear about how these psycho killers butchered their victims, don't you?

Read on you gore whores....

I'll start with Randy Kraft, branded the Highway Killer for dumping up to 60 bodies along the motorways of California during the 70s and 80s. The victims were all young men who endured hours of savage torture and sadistic sexual abuse.

Kraft's serial killer 'signature' was to mutilate one side of the victim's body - burn off a nipple, hack off a testicle, or gouge out an eye while leaving the other side intact. Kraft had a wicked imagination. He sometimes sliced his victim's eyelids off so they couldn't close their eyes as he mutilated them with knives, scissors and cigarette lighters.

Believe it or not, Kraft once had a prestigious military career. He served in the Vietnam war and enlisted in the U.S. Airforce, but



RANDY KRAFT

was discharged on 'medical' grounds once he revealed his sexuality.

His murderous rampage began shortly after that dishonourable discharge.

Another notorious homosexual serial killer was John Wayne Gacy, the Clown Killer, a mammoth of a man who murdered over 30 young men and buried most of them under the crawl space of his luxurious Chicago home.



JOHN WAYNE GACY

Gacy was a successful businessman, a prominent community volunteer and a seemingly devoted husband, but a monster lurked beneath this masquerade, a maniac who couldn't control his homosexual or homicidal urges.

The big fat behemoth had a habit of handcuffing his victims before subjecting them to strangulation and sexual assault. Criminologists have frequently noted that strangulation is the most 'intimate' form of murder - the killers can actually feel their victims expire. After his arrest, Gacy confessed that he experienced orgasms as he slaughtered the young men, but he insisted again and again 'I'm not gay' - he didn't want to be associated with that social group.

He'd rather be seen as a malevolent mass-murderer than a queer.

Of course there's so many more homosexual serial killers - but I've saved the worst for last, a man who's nearly a household name, the depraved and deeply

disturbed Jeffrey Dahmer.

After Dahmer's arrest (and subsequent slaughter in a Wisconsin prison) his father published a book entitled 'A Father's Story.' Lionel Dahmer described how his son couldn't

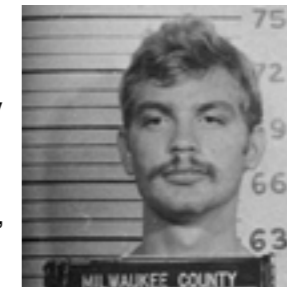
accept his sexuality. Of course, he doesn't assert that this made him a monster, but it might explain why his psycho son turned his Milwaukee apartment into a house of horrors.

Dahmer murdered 17 men in his home, but he didn't just kill his victims. His crimes included dismemberment, necrophilia and even

cannibalism. In the summer of 1991 he was killing one victim a week, and it's likely he would have killed more, but Dahmer, a alcoholic since his teenage years, got so tanked one night he didn't tie his victim up tightly enough.

Tracy Edwards, a young black man, bombed out of the flat and ran down the Milwaukee streets buck naked, hollering bloody murder. When the police picked Edwards up and ventured to Dahmer's flat, they found seven skulls, severed hands, penises in jam jars, a human heart in the freezer and a decapitated head in the fridge.

For some sick, sordid, psychological reason, Dahmer liked to keep pieces of his victims. He even tried to turn the men into zombies by injecting hydrochloric acid into the frontal lobes of their brains. He'd have companionship, but without the emotional ties of a homosexual relationship.



JEFFREY DAHMER

Dahmer, like Gacy, Kraft and all the other homosexual serial killers despised the stereotypical gay image and couldn't reconcile it within their psyches. All the shame, resentment and internalized self-hatred boiled up inside them and exploded like volcanos.

Now, I know that there are many other factors involved in the murderous minds of these men, social, political, and personal motivations, but for these gay men, I do believe the pressure of perception played a part in their vicious campaigns.

But now I'm getting worried. I hate the stereotypical image of homosexuality - What if I'm a psycho killer waiting to explode? When the police searched Dahmer's flat, they found Nightmare on Elm Street, Halloween, Prince of Darkness, The Exorcist - all the same movies I have!

But no, I'm too much of a comedian to be killer. Here, what's the difference between 10 dead bodies and a Lamborghini? I don't have a Lamborghini in my garage!

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My Muse

*I am filled with song lyrically connected to you
Each note tenderly written with love
As the words of our life somehow
Magically play through my fingertips
A symphonic story of us.*

*You are the inspiration my muse
That gives my heart flight
To rediscover life and its meaning
As you silently guide my journey
Into the unknowns of tomorrow.*

*The ability to create our vision
Defying the odds of space and time
To unify and reconnect our dreams
That once gave way to shadows
Are now reborn in me.*

*Where there is hope there is life
Where there is a dream there is fight
Where there is trust there is a solution
Where there is love there is a beginning.
For carried inside of me is you.*

Written by Chris McMurray, Get well soon.

Welcome to a minute or 4 with our favourite actor and writer Ryan Dior. Ryan rose to acting fame as a child after starring as Oliver in the West End and then went onto act in several films including the lead role in the Australian science fiction movie 'Patrick' and TV shows such as 'Ello 'Ello and Kavanagh QC. Ryan Dior, who was a script writer on Coronation Street for 35 years has also written for Emmerdale and Crossroads. He joins the MYGAYZINE team to give his views and insight into how things were and talks frankly about how things are now.

A MINUTE OR 4 WITH RYAN DIOR



Hi to all in and at MyGayZine indeed the whole of Ireland as I am sure you will share this with many gay followers as possible.

Here is just a taster-on just how Gay Pride was, in the Early days in Manchester UK and how it has, in my opinion, become a wagon for outside traders mostly of straight orientation to not only jump on but take full advantage of the commercial side of our annual celebration's we now know as Gay Pride, in most cases having no idea as to the origin of said Pride and what it stood for, and still should stand for today. As a well known and respected Actor/Writer in Manchester and the UK I have been asked on many occasions if I would like to be included in many past Pride events as a Celeb guest, and helped out when I could depending on my work schedule, I always asked my P.A to try and work around getting time free for Pride each year but was not always possible, anyway here are the facts as I have seen for myself and remember so fondly.

In the very Early days gay pride was just a very small celebration of our sexuality, that was marked every year, with a walk around the gay Village in Manchester, the very first one I remember like yesterday. There was this grey Mini Van parked outside the "new York New York" Pub with myself and the late Drag Artiste Foo Foo Lamar AKA Frank Pearson, God Rest his soul. There was us and two other couples, one male and one female hand in hand in front of the Van, we set off at 12pm and walked and then drove all around the perimeter of all the gay pubs in the village with the odd one joining in at the back. I was very proud to be a part of that liberation. Which has grown year on year to what it is today, a massive annual event that is so big that it is talked about worldwide.

Now that I am looking in from the outside that I fear that we are losing the whole purpose of what Pride means. Many unscrupulous business's I feel go in for the finical kill and less of the real meaning of Pride is being considered. As the years go on it seems there are more cash mad businesses to milk what they can get from such an opportunity. Ok yes they do pay their pitch fee or for their stall, but then rip the good gay folk off such as charging last year, £3.90 for a very sub standard burger, and then £1.80 for a very small sub standard bag of chips. What are the pride bosses doing to stop the over commercialisation of Gay Pride in the UK and how the plan reintroducing the meaning of Gay Pride to the next generation? What do you have to say? please support your magazine and all of your comments on this article is welcome. Ryan Dior Writer/Actor..

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WITH HER HANDS FIRMLY ON HER
CRYSTAL BALLS KOSMIC KAREN
REVEALS WHATS ON THE
CARDS FOR US IN THE
MONTH AHEAD...

ARIES - March 21 - April 19
You are flying high right now, which may threaten others but don't descend because you are loved for the big queen that you are. Potentially painful matters slide right off you.



TAURUS - April 20 - May 20
Now is the time to learn, study and gather information. There will be tempting sentimental opportunities, and you find it "hard" to say no as someone very sexy comes on strong.



GEMINI - May 21 - June 20
Romance is in the stars with a newcomer or old flame. Be open to plenty of giving and receiving - I'm not saying to buy shares in your favourite lube but you can't be greedy. If someone is sending you mixed signals, deal with it soon.



CANCER - June 21 - July 22
You are on the right path although it might seem to take a lot of time and effort keep up the good work. Resist the urge to bend or please others no matter how good looking they are. You are coming out of the darkness and into the light.



LEO - July 23 - August 22
Your desired outcome will occur in the near future. You will receive your wish. Stop perving and have patience and it will happen. Don't throw your weight around Leo!



VIRGO - August 23 - Sept 22
Someone is trying to communicate with you through your intuition, thoughts and dreams (dirty brutes!) Listen and follow the steps. Someone will need TLC and you could do with a cuddle yourself.



LIBRA - Sept 23 - Oct 22
You are confused and indecisive because you don't have enough information, the info you need you cannot find on a laptop, or a mobile phone, there's no app for that. You need to learn hard lessons and stop trying to get everything right first time.



SCORPIO - Oct 23 - Nov 21
You need to heal past wounds in quiet moments but release your pain and anger. Spank the ass of someone who will thank you for it & this will help the toxicity in your heart. You will attract someone who expands your world view.



SAGITTARIUS - Nov 22 - Dec 21
Something positive is on the horizon that you can't see yet, it won't be long until it just slaps you on the chin. Seeds you have planted are beginning to sprout results. Get up and make it happen you know you can do it just trust your instincts.



CAPRICORN - Dec 22 - Jan 19
Don't be afraid of your own power, you worry that others will leave you or disapprove. Think of a person that you admire who is powerful and balanced in masculinity and feministic energy. Someone is questioning your values.



AQUARIUS - Jan 20 - Feb 18
A misunderstanding has occurred because of judgements about another person's motives and character. Instead of seeing someone as good or bad have compassion you can be a big heart yourself. Clear away the ego issue.



PISCES - Feb 19 - March 20
Now is a good time to give birth to new ideas and situations. Exciting life changes are inevitable, instead of playing it safe, move forward. Have courage that your life change will hatch at the right moment. Handle things differently to the last time.



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FULLY Interactive Map - COMING SOON

what's the t? with misty falls



...and introducing special guest

Jeza Belle



Hey Gurl Hey, Misty Falls here, I am your down to earth, tell all, no holds barred Drag Queen, bringing you the 'T' (The Truth) on all things DRAG. The only thing that I will not and probably never do is name name's, don't expect me to do so because I won't.

Getting to know your home girl Misty; I'm from the Falls Road and have been performing for just over two years in both Belfast and Derry, having the chance to start up my Drag career around some of the best Queens in the North. Although when starting off, before my first outing at The Sunday Bingo Show in Union St. Bar I didn't go by Misty Falls, looking back I cannot remember the name I went by and many don't know this but 'Falls' came from Alexia, who suggested the surname after seeing a beauty salon called 'Tropical Falls' on the Falls Road and my first name came from Ray Steven's version of the song 'Misty' which was on my iTunes library at the time. When I put the two names together I just knew that this name was meant for me.

This month we are talking about Relationships and Drag, which I have spoken about recently on a Drag Queen YouTube channel called 'The Queen Chat'. Just think of me as the Carrie Bradshaw of @MyGayZine, although highly better looking and much more opinionated.

So the question that was asked by Stormi Rayne on 'The Queen Chat' was, "Since you've started drag how have your personal relationships been affected? Family relationships? And what are your views on these changes whether they are good or bad."

Firstly I want to dispel a myth about Me as a Drag Queen, I do NOT want to be biological women, I am a Drag Performer. Yes, I may dress and act as

a women but at the end of the night I transform back into a man. The reason why I say this is because a lot of men have not wanted to be in a relationship with me after finding out about my Drag life.

My experience in personal relationships are common to that many other Queens in that I had to end a relationship because I was given the ultimatum of 'It's me or The Drag' from a now ex-boyfriend. Now to you, the reader; before entering a relationship with a Drag Queen you are predisposed to this information, so how can you ask during said relationship for the other person to give up something that they love to do and suppress part of themselves. Now some people will say I could've been a bit more lenient with him and to an extent I did, I didn't dress or even speak about Drag in front of him and yet that was never enough, we still went to bed arguing over this issue most if not every night.

My family on the other hand has been a mixed bag of emotions. The whole of my dad's side know, accept and support my Drag lifestyle, which makes me feel great about having such a supportive family is that my granny has a picture of my cousin, Drag sister Alexia and myself at QUB LGBT formal on her bookcase in her living room for everyone to see and she is proud of the fact that I'm doing something I love which is great for me. In a way doing Drag has only strengthened my bond with my paternal family and so much so that Misty has become another person in my family with two of my cousins being among of my biggest supporters.

Yet on my mum's side, which some may find shocking, no-one knows or at least I don't know that they know but that is a personal decision that I haven't told them as I don't know how they would

react. I would rather keep it as it is and not discuss than have the repercussion of this.

My immediate family, which is Mum, Dad, my Brother and Sister all know and have slowly come to terms with the fact that their son and brother is a Drag Queen, in saying this, they still have yet to ever see me perform live and that is their own way of dealing with it but they respect me enough to let me do what I love to do without getting involved in a negative manner. The great thing about knowing that my parents are coming to terms with Drag is that my mother regularly comes with me on shopping trips and was the one who found the heels that I wore to Belfast Pride this year. My sister, I think, secretly loves it a bit because she gets any of the dresses that I don't like anymore, she has the first pick which is good because it gives us something to bond over and before I would decide to buy anything I get a second opinion from her. Sometimes for her it's like she has an older brother and sister all rolled into one.

So, as you can see, my relationships, have been truly a whirlwind ride and lucky I have had the support of great family and friends to help me through the bad times and laugh with me through the great times. Just like everything else in life, relationships are only there to learn lessons and make us stronger individuals. With a balance of both good and bad relationships we are able to appreciate the great times and know that there is always something better we things get a little bumpy. What doesn't kill you can only make you stronger.

It's not every day that a girl from the Big Apple gets to share her perspective on relationships from across the pond. But hey, no matter on which side of the Atlantic Ocean you fit your wig; all lady-boys come face to powdered face with the same issue: Doing drag can be a drag on relationships.

Being Jeza Belle, the over the top red-headed Drag Queen / Actress / Comedienne from New York City, can have its perks. With hair that can literally stop traffic, I've had my face plastered in magazines and blogs everywhere. I was even recently interviewed for a book being published in the States on 100 of the most influential LGBT entertainers, based on my web series "Jeza and the Belles". Yet, the fact that almost none of my family members know of my success speaks volumes.

I'm sure all of you savvy readers of MyGayZine can relate to my story. After years of hard work convincing family members that you're being gay was not the actual end of the world, would you relish the idea of coming through mommy and daddy's door with boobs and hair jacked to Jesus? When I was sixteen I dyed my hair blonde and my father screamed on top of his lungs that I looked like an alien. I'm afraid this look may lead to cardiac arrest. As a result, I've 'alien' -ated my whole persona from family view.

Friends in the gay community though can sometimes seem more like family to us than actual family. You figure you can bring them in on the secret. Well here's a recipe to teach us all that friendship and drag don't always mix: Take one heaping teaspoon of good friend. Add a pinch of them asking to help on your web series production. Stir in the admission that the series is about drag queen superheroes. Pour a cup of the fact that YOU are one of the drag queens. Bake until the friend decides that they would rather eat dinner far away from you. There you have it: a perfectly ruined friendship. Yet, for every friend that falls by the wayside, there's a true friend. These friends will even steady your arm on the stairs when you're in six inch heels and had far too much to drink. I am fortunate to have a few of these. Speaking of fortune, I am the richest when it comes to boyfriends. Most of you may assume it's a fantasy to find an honest long term loving relationship between two gay men; especially when one of them is a narcissistic queen. Here's where my tale turns completely fairy. Prince charming kisses my lips whether they wear chap-stick or MAC Cosmetics "Lady-Bug" red. In all seriousness, I happen to have the most incredible partner who gladly helps me strap on my tits before performing. I tell you this so that all the aspiring queens out there can know for certain that loves exists for them. In fact, when you find that special someone they won't care which face you are wearing because they love you for what's on the inside. My man does! In the end, although being a drag queen is a lot of smoke and mirrors, we face the same real relationship issues as everyone else. Family, friends, lovers these are the things we all struggle with. Underneath the foundation and eyelash glue drag queens walk a line as fine as the one we sketch around our lips. We must determine, as must all people, who we let see the real us.



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