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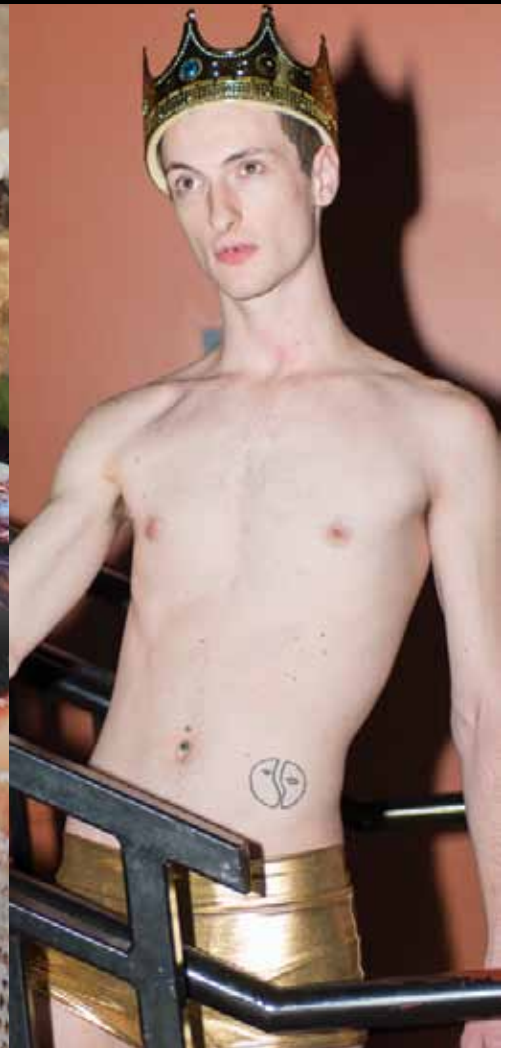
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DANCING ABOUT ARCHITECTURE

BY MARC 'MOOSE' MODER



DJing for the Daddies

The DJ industry has always been geared toward a younger demo of, let's say, under-35 folks. A bar traditionally drawing in young clientele is perceived as hipper and more lucrative. That was then, this is now.

In recent years the trend amongst that age group has been house parties or no parties, while the slightly older Gen X and Gen Ys still remember the thrill of dancing with a stranger and getting stranger with a dancer at a nightclub 'til the break of day. In turn, the X&Ys spend money (vs. pre-drinking or weed) because, first, they have more money, and second, are living longer and healthier with no children so they can party much later into their decades. Hence, the popularity of bars like Big Chicks and Sidetrack and bar nights like Madonnarama (Berlin) and DILF (Daddies I'd Like to F...) at The Sofo Tap, the latter of which I'm the DJ and co-creator. I've learned a lot working it for the +35s, and as you slip into the decidedly mature IML weekend, here's a few of my tips for your playlist or selecting a groove to kink to.

1. **Don't be afraid of retro:** Anyone looking

to soundtrack a party will go for Spotify's pure pop playlists or rush to contemporary house or circuit mixes. It's IML. You want subtler, darker, yet familiar. But with retro, don't get too cute. No one wants to hear "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" while sounding. Keep the choices middle-of-the-road obscure, not the first single off the album, but the second or third. Think a-ha's "Train of Thought" vs. "Take On Me." You're not only more likely to get a nice reaction from playing not-the-obvious, but you also weed out the less interesting ones. Don't let the twinks pick on you for not playing Britney or Rihanna. It's our party and we can play Prince if we want to.

2. **Stay a bit manly:** Nothing wrong with tossing in some female vocalists, especially your Grace Joneses and Florence + The Machines of the world, but make sure your choices trend to men. Nothing will throw off that pending boner like Deniece Williams shouting "Let's Hear It For The Boy!"

3. **Remix vs. 12": There's a difference:** Remixes are fun for the club with everything turned up to 11, and you might be turned up also to 11 (see Spinal Tap if you're not following me. I'll wait), but the classic 12" mixes are always more subtle and true to the songs. 12" mixes are usually an extended jam on the original, whereas a remix is usually a hyped up backing track, sometimes with less vocals and lots of ups and downs ... imagine edging vs. a line of blow. While a remix will pull you out of the situation and lift you up, the old 12" (and who doesn't love a good old 12") will just extend your pleasure.

As a final rule, just remember the daddies are a tad more serious, but no less fun. Don't disturb your daddy's groove and you'll soon get into his.

DJ Moose will be spinning for the daddies at The Sofo Tap's legendary IML DILF party, Saturday, May 28, starting at 9 pm. No Cover.

THE QUEER PROM @ NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART

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The Queer Prom (which took place at the National Museum of Mexican Art on May 20) was created 11 years ago to allow LGBTQ young people & allies to celebrate fearlessly & unapologetically who they are.

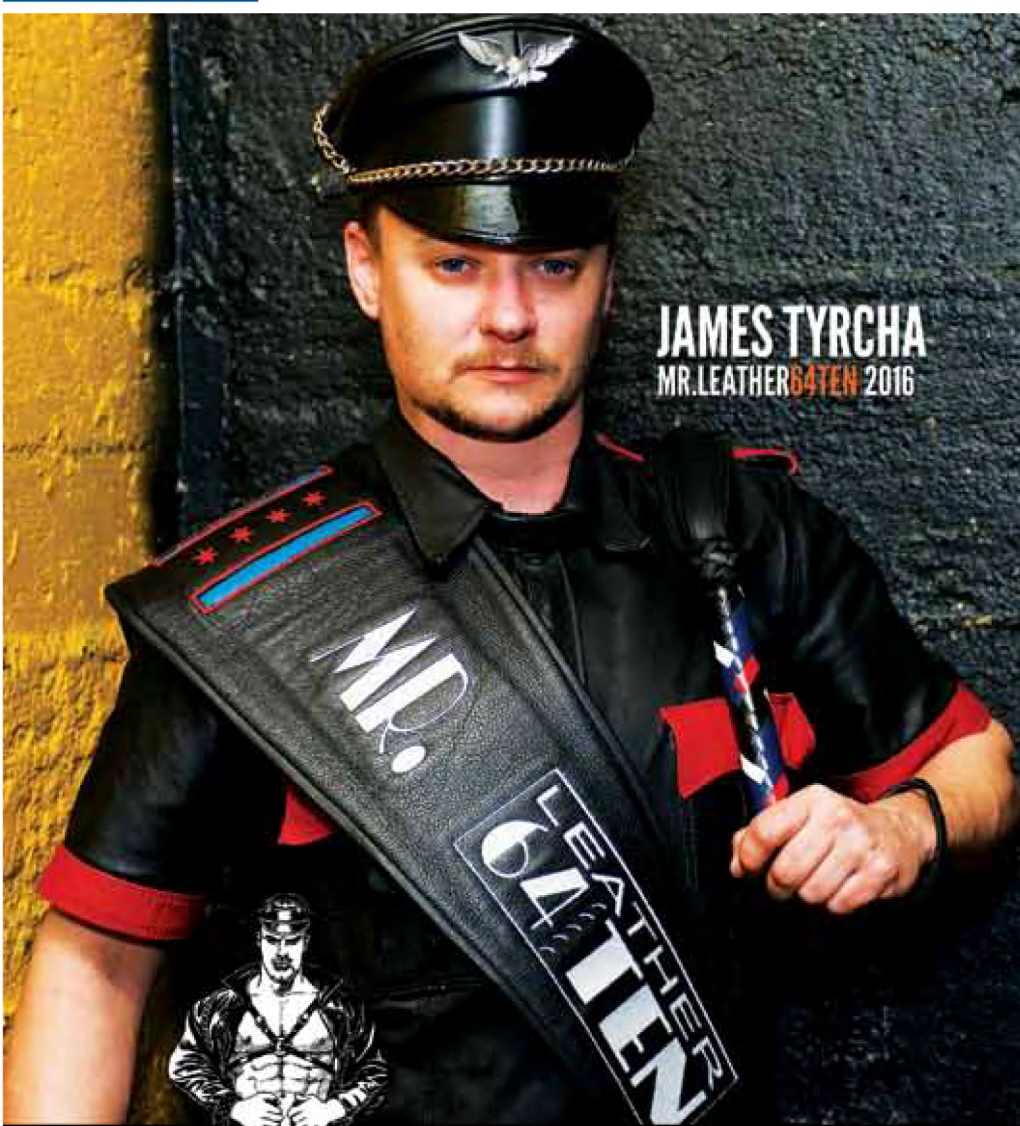
Unlike CPS-sponsored proms, this event provides information booths containing everything from safer sex information and kits to youth housing. The booths were provided by community partner organizations who sponsored the prom. Attendees come from schools all over Chicago.

When asked how they learned of the Queer Prom, many said they heard about it by word of mouth from past attendees and through social media. Some past attendees have even come back to volunteer because they want to keep the tradition alive and to make sure future attendees have just as much fun as they did.

Another thing you want see at a CPS promo is a drag show that showcases drag queens. The Queer Prom gives drag queen under 21 an opportunity to strut their stuff on stage. The evening's show was hosted by Chicago's Miss Continental Plus Milani Ninja. This year's amazing performances included those done by Sindy Vicious, Azula Sapphire, Ophelia Monroe, Luna La Catrina and Naomi as well as a dance performance by Yasss Productions.

After the show the crowd danced the night away—including a conga line—to the sounds of DJ OCD.

Text and photos by Ed Negron



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Wed., May 25, 9 pm
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Hosted by Mr. Chicago Leather 2016 Todd Harris, with BLUF/Chicago, welcoming leather brothers and sisters from across the globe. Come join the party and meet people from around the world and jumpstart the IML weekend.

Porn 'n Progress

IML WEEKEND FRIDAY MAY 27 7PM-10PM
PORN 'N PROGRESS



Fri., May 27, 7-10 pm
Progress Bar,
3359 N. Halsted St.

Underwear auction and raffle with signed DVDs from guest porn stars Jack Hunter, Bray Love, Mickey Taylor and Cameron Diggs. Hosted by Debbie Fox and Sister Roma. Benefitting Fred Says.

Furball



Sat., May 28, 9 pm
Metro,
3730 N. Clark St.

Bears and leathermen converge for one of the hottest, sweatiest parties of IML/Bear Pride weekend. DJ Hifi Sean (London) and DJ Ron Geronimo. \$16 advance tix at www.etix.com/ticket/p/5898391/furballchicago-chicago-metrochicagoil; \$20 at the door.

IML 2016 Victory Party



Sun., May 29, 9 pm
House of Blues,
329 N. Dearborn St.

Fete the new International Mr. Leather and International Mr. Bootblack at the official IML afterparty. DJ/producer Tiago Vibe (Brazil) and Chicago DJ Freddie Bain. Individual tix at www.house-ofblues.com.



NORTHALSTED'S PRIDE PROM

On May 21, The Northalsted Business Alliance (NBA), in collaboration with The Legacy Project, presented "Pride Prom: A Chance to Rewrite History."

The event—which kicked off the start of future collaborations between the two organizations—took place under a massive tent on Halsted and Newport streets, and featured live music by The Lakeside Pride Strayhorn Jazz Combo and DJ Moose along with light refreshments from Halsted-area restaurants.

NBA Executive Director Christopher Barrett Politan stated before the event, "For many in the LGBTQ Community, prom was a less than welcoming environment to express gender identity or sexual orientation." Under the tent during this evening, identity and orientation were the norm as long and short term same-sex couples danced and mingled to a soundtrack which included old-school jazz and dance-floor favorites like Rod Stewart's "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?" and ABBA's "Dancing Queen."

Many guests went all out in dressing for this prom with the attitude to reclaim the event as there very own. A number of guests made dramatic entrances in high-end tuxedos and a variety of full-length gowns. Later in the evening, 46th Ward Ald. James Cappleman and his husband, Richard Thale, crowned the "Queens" and "Kings" of the prom.

The event was co-sponsored by Miller Beer, BMO Harris Bank, Allstate Insurance, Steamworks Baths, and The Chicago Cubs.

Text and photos by Vern Hester

the DISH

Weekly Dining Guide in
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SAVOR

The Columbus Tap; Big Gay Brunch

BY ANDREW DAVIS

Columbus Tap (200 N. Columbus Dr.; ColumbusTap.com) is a new gastropub at The Fairmont Chicago that just opened in April and that has an unmistakable masculine vibe—one that my dining companion (a female) also picked up on immediately, down to the strong decor and the overwhelmingly male patronage.

Chef Atticus Garant (a chef who exudes an almost elegant air) offers cuisine that is in keeping with that vibe—although the menu really has something for everyone. We started with spiced pork cracklings that were absolutely enor-



Dessert platter at The Columbus Tap.

Photo by Nikki Hudson

mous. (Garant explained that even just a little skin can create these huge items.) Following that, we tried the open-faced toast with rotisserie chicken, bacon, lettuce, tomato and smoked "ranch"—an incredibly scrumptious item.

Another winning dish was called A Run Through the Garden, which consists of spring peas, fava beans, pea tendrils and spring onions. However, we then tackled a couple decidedly non-vegetarian dishes: Tap That Burger (yes, that's the name) and the fish 'n' chips. The burger, with "American Gruyere" and something called "sneaky sauce," was one of the best I've tried recently. The fish

'n' chips (with malt-vinegar tartar sauce) was also pretty tasty. (Other entree offerings include whiskey honey ham hocks and the tempting chicken and biscuits.)

Dessert was (literally) a slice of heaven, with items including chocolate cake, sundae (with bacon candy), coffee and donuts, strawberry shortcake and seasonal pie. Hopefully, Garant will take my advice and make a platter of all these sweet treats.

One more thing: It wouldn't be the Columbus Tap profile without mentioning its drinks. There's a spectacular selection—including an intriguing ale selection called Une Annee Esquisse that comes across as more of an acquired taste. However, those who want to try various drafts can try a beer flight; either the diner or the Tap's beverage director can choose.

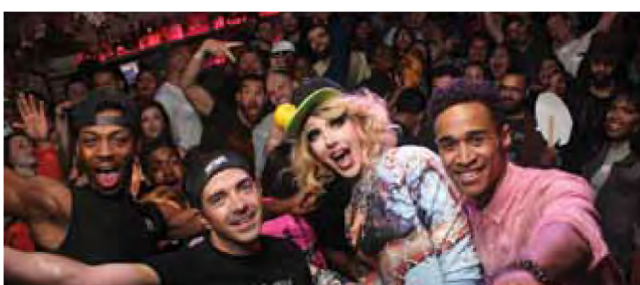
Big Gay Brunch June 5

The Big Gay Brunch will return to Boiler Room, 2210 N. California Ave., on Sunday, June 5, 1-4 p.m.

DJs Robojojo and Butch Sassidy the Come Dance Kid will entertain, while the hosts will be Lucy Stoolie and Imp Queen.

Guests are encouraged to RSVP at Do312 to receive a complimentary PBR and shot of Sauza Hornitos. Entrance is free.

RSVP at <http://do312.com/events/2016/6/5/big-gay-brunch>.



SIDETRACK

Dixie (with the good hair) hosts another All Things Beyonce, Wed., May 18.

Photos by Jed Dulanias



"I'm not opposed to anything. But if you're gonna pull your dick out, it'd better be from an Academy Award-winning movie."—**Zac Efron** lets us know what it would take to see him naked on film, which I'm guessing means he'll never appear naked on film—unless in some alternate universe, *Neighbors 2* is considered an art film!

I'd like to kick off this week with a story I'm sure will resonate with the bulk of my readers. A European study has proven that the more you masturbate, the longer you'll live. And you know what that means? People with a membership to BillyMasters.com will outlive everyone! Suddenly that \$5 a month moves from the Entertainment column to the Health column of your budget! You're welcome.

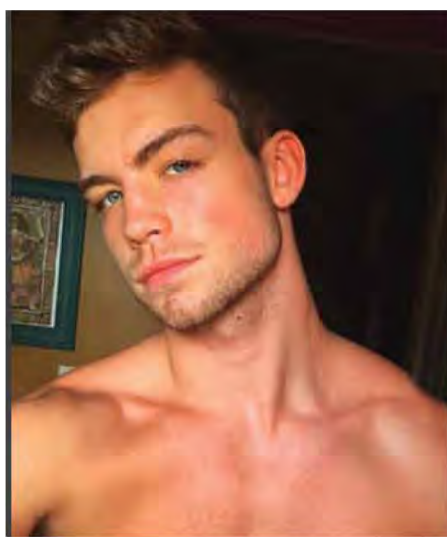
Last week, my native Boston was the site of the nation's first genitourinary vascularized composite allograft transplant—commonly referred to as the first successful penis transplant. This was done at Massachusetts General Hospital. And, in one of those coincidences I find fascinating, the head of the team was also instrumental in the first hand transplant four years ago—and if you don't think the hand and penis go together, then you aren't paying attention. Thus far, the organ has not been rejected—which is quite an accomplishment for any penis in Boston. Although we're not sure where the organ came from, I think it's safe to assume that the donor was just some stiff.

File this story under "You Think You Have Problems." Back in March, a man in Seattle was pissed off after being jilted by his Grindr hook-up. According to reports, Alik Lebedev went to the home of a guy he was chatting with on the popular hookup app. When he arrived, the guy offered him a glass of water ... and then asked him to leave. OK, we've all been there. I was actually asked to watch the potatoes cooking on the stove while two guys I was there to have sex with started without me. So, I feel your pain. Shortly after Alik left, the guy sent him another text inviting him back. (That part never happened to me.) When Alik returned, he brought a gun (also, something I never considered).

According to the victim, Alik wanted his cash, watches and credit cards, and then made him delete the Grindr conversation before taking his SIM card and leaving. But remember that glass of water? The glass had enough DNA for the police to track him down. Since real life doesn't work as quickly as TV, it took two months for police to get a match. When they did, police went to pick up Lebedev, who barricaded himself inside his home and threatened to shoot. At the end of the eight-hour ordeal, Alik tried to commit suicide by shooting himself in the chest. Alas, his suicide attempt was as successful as his sex life. He's currently in jail awaiting trial.

You know who else is looking for sex? The characters in *Looking*. And we'll find out what happened to them in the upcoming farewell movie. HBO has announced that the feature-length finale will premiere July 23. Reportedly, the film picks up one year after **Jonathan Groff's** character left San Francisco. Everyone seems to be wondering who will come back—hopefully, **Scott Bakula** stops by. A bigger question is, will the few viewers who stuck with the show 'til it limped to the end of season two even care to see how it all wraps up? Stay tuned...

A couple of weeks ago, my dear friend **Jenifer Lewis** sent me a video of her singing with **Brandy** and **Roz Ryan** in her kitchen. It was an infor-



Model Dustin McNeer likes attention, according to Billy.
Instagram photo

mal gathering of the divas—I'm told Roz brought fish. The ditty, improvised on the spot, was to the words, "I don't want nobody fucking with me in these streets"—only a snippet of a song, but one that could become a gutsy gospel anthem. I forgot about it until a handful of fans sent me a link to the same video this past week—and it's now had over 18 MILLION views! Not only that, but scores of people have filmed their own version of the song, including **Lee Daniels** and **Jussie Smollett**. Check them out on BillyMasters.com.

Speaking of divas, **Barbra Streisand** just announced that she'll be going on tour this summer in support of her upcoming CD *Encore: Movie Partners Sing Broadway*. The tour, subtitled "The Music...The Memories...The Magic!", includes nine cities from Los Angeles to Toronto, Canada. Reportedly, each show will include special guests to be announced at a later date.

More details are coming out regarding **Bette Midler's** upcoming *Hello, Dolly!* on Broadway. Her Horace will be that inimitable ladies' man, **David Hyde Pierce**. The show will play the Shubert Theatre, where "Matilda, The Musical" is the current tenant. Previews will begin on March 13, 2017, and opening night will be April 20.

Our "Ask Billy" question comes from Richard in Miami: "You've talked about **Nyle [DiMarco]** from America's Next Top Model. What about **Dustin McNeer**? He's absolutely stunning and always seems to be showing off."

To put it mildly. But first, let's address who Dustin is. He competed on ANTM during Nyle's season. In fact, Nyle made a point of saying that Dustin was the only contestant who made an effort to learn sign language in order to communicate with him. Let's all say it together: Awwwww. Was he flirting? Is he gay? Or just a tease? The jury's out, but one thing is certain—he likes attention. And he's been getting it by leaking some tasteful nudes since last December—not that I'm complaining. We've even received a couple of videos of him in the shower, and who am I to deny you those? A tasteful and yet explicit mouthful awaits you at BillyMasters.com.

When models are leaking, it's time to grab a mop and end yet another column. Wow, we really ran the gamut this week—from transplanted privates to leaking privates. For those interested in penii, this certainly is a varied collection—one of the many joys to partake of at www.BillyMasters.com, the site that uncovers only the best. If you have a question—or a story to leak—send it along to Billy@BillyMasters.com, and I promise to get back to you before we see if a membership to BillyMasters.com could be covered under Obamacare—or at the very least, count as a health-related deduction. So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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