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Watermark™ 2007 Wrap-Up

WaterMark™ couldn't have happened on a better day. The weather was fantastic.

This was the 1st time that Hurricane Harbor was open @ night for a Private Event – I did not know this until late Saturday – Thus there were some obstacles which we will sort out for next year.

Bryan Raughton & James Palmer did an excellent job spinning in the Patio & Shorty brought in some amazing sound. Thank you Michael 'Mistress' Jones, Alan Picus, Ray DeForest, Jim McGinnis, Nick Appice, Phil Mannino, Chris Ryan, Oscar Apaydinli & Scott Barnes you all were a tremendous help.

I thank all of you who supported this endeavor & look forward to seeing more of you next year.

I'm checking the Farmer's Almanac now...

Thanks Rick Harper, Steel Gym, Wear Me Out, Universal Gear & Andrew Christian.

Check out all the photos by Alan Picus & Ray DeForest by clicking the image @ the rightside.

[Six pages of Pix from WaterMark 2007 \(klik here\)](#)

Grand Opening - Marrakesh @ AZZA

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 Wednesday August 1 2007 9pm
 Celebrating Joseph Graham & Matt Tratner's Birthdays!

Put Thursdays @ Life, Spa & Plaid... Tuesday @ Beige & Sundays @ Hiro w/ a little Gansevoort thrown in... and you will have



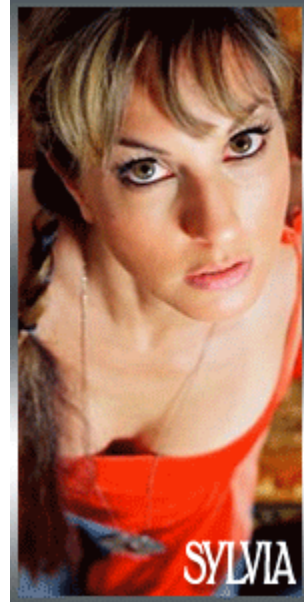
Wednesdays @ Azza

Hosts Mark Nelson, Matt Tratner, Giovanni Mena, Bryan Cantor, Ajoshua, Joey Israel, Nick Van Buren, Anthony Lamont, Shawn Campbell, Peter Lau, Alexandria, Scooby & Alan Picus present:

Music of Corey Craig, Scotty Thomson & Josh Owen
Performance by Sylvia Tosun <http://sylviatosun.com>

This high end French Moroccan themed restaurant, nightclub which is the newest haunt of Hollywood Celebrities like Scarlet Johansen, Nick Lachey & Vanessa Minnello... Hosts game rooms that feature billiards & card tables... The lush atmosphere is both seductive & sexy & cool - Just off of the Lexington & 53rd Street E Line stop - It's an easy jump from Madison & Park Ave.
Azza - 137 East 55th Street 212.755.7055
guestlist marknelsonevents@yahoo.com (sub: Azza)

[Beautiful Azza \(klik here\)](#)



Full Frontal Crew: Susan • Randy • Kurt • Brian

Mark Nelson & Ray DeForest present Full Frontal Fridays

This is the place to go for the best dj's currently spinning in NYC. Yes, our taste may vary; but a sure thing is a sure thing...

07/27 FFF presents Susan Morabito <http://susanmorabito.com>
Guestlist marknelsonevents@yahoo.com (sub: Susan)

08/03 FFF presents The Randy Bettis Gay Days Tour
<http://betboyz.com>
Guestlist marknelsonevents@yahoo.com (sub: Randy)

08/10 FFF presents Max Rodriguez <http://maxrodriguez.com> &
special guest Brian Kent <http://brian-kent.com>
Guestlist marknelsonevents@yahoo.com (sub: Max)

Visual Master Kurt Williams + FF Dancers weekly
Splash - 50 West 17th Street NYC @ 6th Ave

[What about this Stripper? \(klik here\)](#)

Butt what about the Face?

I'd like to think I'm a face kind of guy...
Butt I must admit my curiosity was lit when this came across my desk...
Face to Face NYC - now offers Anal Bleaching.



This innovative treatment comes directly from their Hollywood friends & is for those of you w/ a 'dark side'.
They start by waxing the area w/ their rosemary based wax - great for sensitive areas - followed by an application of a fruit acid peel to lighten you up.
30 minutes \$100

If that ain't enough you can do a Massage w/out Borders.
This package comes w/ serious deep tissue techniques to demolish knots & realign your back.
Also, plenty of muscle stretching ('tighty-whities' encouraged for those w/ a shy ego) & foot massage to rebuild heels & metatarsals.

100 minutes \$165

face to face nyc - day spa - 20 W. 20th St Suite 603 NYC
212.633.0404

[Face to Face \(klik here\)](#)



One - Two - Three more things to do

Pines Party 2007
Mardi Gras Desire w/ DJ ABEL
Saturday July 28 2007 10pm - 6am
The Beach, Fire Island Pines
This year, FIP joins Venice, New Orleans, Sydney & Rio to celebrate the magic of Carnival.
Pines Party '07 combines the bawdiness of Fat Tuesday & the glamour of Carnival in Desire!
More than just an all-night dance, Pines Party is the community's premier annual fundraising event, providing grants for 2 beneficiaries: The Stonewall Community Foundation & the FIPOA Charitable Foundation.

Tix @ <http://www.pinesparty.com> , Rainbows & Triangles, 192 8th Ave. - Summer Solstice - Fire Island Pines & Jumpin' Jacks Seafood Shack, Cherry Grove.

Saturday, August 4 2007
Derek Roberts Float '07
Milford, Pennsylvania - A full day of adventure & fun - Only 75 miles northwest of Manhattan
Featuring:
A Delaware River canoe trip
An After-party w/ bbq buffet
An open bar
Dancing under a huge open air pavilion in a private wooded setting...
Music by NYC DJ / Remixer Sin Morera <http://www.SinMorera.com>

More info about Float 2007 <http://www.milfordfloat.com>

Fire Island Black Out
For Boys & Girls

Saturday, August 11, 2007
Cherry Grove Fire Island NY

This landmark event, geared towards same gender-loving people of all colors, brings together men & women of various ages, socio-economic & cultural backgrounds, for a day of fun & networking @ the beach.

More info about FI Black Out <http://www.fireislandblackout.com>



Fairgrounds IV 'Out @ Night'

Mark Nelson Events, Ray DeForest, Michael 'Formika' Jones, Alan Picus, Yamil, Tenille, Nathan Seven Scott, Nick Appice, Oscar Apaydinli & Boi Party in association w/ Twisted Life present Fairgrounds 'Out @ Night' IV
Friday September 14 2007 6pm til 1am
Six Flags Great Adventure Jackson NJ

Music by Seth Gold

• Sound By Shorty <http://www.systemsbyshorty.com>

\$60 @ the door
 \$42 Advance Tix On Sale Now:
 \$30 r/t Bus Tix - buses leave @ 4pm in front of The Archive
 Building on Christopher St & Greenwich St

Tix @ Universal Gear 140 8 Ave • Village Apothecary 346 Bleeker
 St • Wear Me Out 353 W 47 St • Steel Gym 146 West 23 St

Tix online @ <http://www.circuiticket.com>
 * Groups of 10 or more available by contacting
Fairgrounds@hopinc.org

[Fairgrounds 'Out @ Night' \(klik here\)](#)



Birthdays July 26 – August 1 2007

David Fackrell – Adrian Bethea – Albert Russo – Alton Locks – Bill Mattle – Camille Gomez – Chuck Hettinger – Colin Ashley – Cory Shiller – Damion Hankejh – Darrell Perry – David Groeneveld – David Groenfield – David Marshburn – Dedrick Crawley – Dick Beebe – Donald Leitz – Ernesto Rosado – Fletcher Gensamer – Fred "Mr LA" Harris – Gregory "Mr New Orleans" Curtis – Isreal Hernandez – Jack Myers – James Arth – James Thornton – Jeff McGovern – John Lajiness – Jonathan Polansky – Jonathan Porter – Joseph "Mr NYC" Graham – Jourdan Lemieque – Kevin Queen – Kyle Quandel – Leonard Paul Owens – Louis Musano – Mark Finley – Mark Lamberth – Matt "Best Smile" Tratner – Michael Villane – Norman Candelario – Paul Skelson – Peter Houghtaling – Raoul Antonio Irizarry – Ricardo Morcelo – Sam Zeller – Tom Eiden

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From the Diary of a Mad Gay Man...

Did you ever have a Jenny Jones Moment?
 Years ago I pined for mine.
 Jenny's talk show, based out of Chicago, was a mainstay in my household.

My favorite were the episodes where people would resurface for some unsuspecting person to show how much they had changed.
It all seemed so powerful.
I was one of those kids that were forever picked on. (Many have this story)
My memory doesn't always serve me as well as I wished, so I don't remember who christened me w/ the nickname...
I do recall Marcia Cody said it the loudest & most often.
In fact, it was the first thing out of her mouth everyday she got on the bus.
"Hey, Gay Boy."
God, I hated Marcia Cody.
The nickname stuck like gum to a shoe.
The difference being, no matter how hard I tried to rid myself of it...
The more it stuck.
Kari, Monica, Kelly... mostly girls – who by the way as adolescents; were by far the meanest creatures on Earth – would toss this comment as easy as snapping their gum.
"Hey, Gay Boy."
They might as well have put a needle in my eye...
It hurt so bad.
It eventually got to a point where, some people thought my name was actually 'Gay Boy Nelson' for which I would try to correct them – if I had the strength to even go there.
School & all it involved became the angst of my life.
The nickname was bad enough, but it brought on more hateful things like locker doors being slammed in my head; the ever so popular... 'kick me' sign taped to my back or even something worse.
For the most part teachers did nothing.
One teacher actually joined 'in the merriment' of torturing me.
Mr Drevlow, My 8th grade Math Teacher.
"Do you have a question, Gay Boy?"
Wow... That caused me to skip school for the rest of the week, as the class went up in an uproar from his comment.
I hated school.
I dreamed up being anywhere but there.
We did not have school counselors or support groups.
It was everyman for himself.
I didn't tell my parents; they wouldn't have understood.
I bared the burden myself.
Yes, I was effeminate.
Yes, I tried to fix my eyebrows & ending up shaving them off.
Yes, I thought blondes looked better, so I put peroxide in my hair to lighten it.
Hello, Lucille Ball.
I looked more like a Gay Opie then Cristopher Atkins.
At the time, these things were BEYOND important to me.
I wanted to be popular & well liked.
I needed to popular & well liked.
Tho the harder I tried the further I'd get from that goal.
Kids can smell desperation, just like an animal smells fear.
So the Matt Woodcocks (yup, that was his name), the Joe Haddens & Christopher Krauses would make it their daily ritual to kick me, hit me or make public whatever may have been my weakness on a particular day.
Like the time I was 'found out'
We couldn't afford levi's in my family.
The best The Nelson's could do were JC Penney Plain Pockets.
You know how important clothes are to a teenager.
Well, being the clever character I thought I was...
I took the tag from an old pair of levis I found & sewed that tag onto my Plain Pockets.
I was 'In'
Nope. Wrong...
Matt Woodcock was more clever & noticed that the tag was sewn on the wrong side of the pants.
Damn Matt Woodcock.

Soon, the whole school knew.
Another embarrassment.
"Hey Gay Boy... Frickin' loser, can't your Mommy buy you better clothes?"
Ouch
Certainly, the world was not to going to end from any of this.
Tho it felt like it would to me.
Years later, after I finally accepted who & what I am...
I'd sit & watch Jenny Jones. (Now it's Oprah)
The Nerdy Guy or Gal would come out...
Fully made over – usually a stripper, or exotic dancer – And they'd bring out the main torturer
from their past to show off their 'new self'
God, I wanted to do that.
God, I needed to do that.
At my 15 year class reunion I thought I make use of the opportunity to show the new Mark
Nelson.
The rumormongers had already set tails a waggin' that I had 'turned gay & had AIDS'
Good Grief.
That summer, I worked out, did my 'supplements' Bleached those teeth, tanned my body & coifed
my hair - thanks Kenneth Tepper.
I looked good.
I was doing well in life.
This was my chance to 'show them'
So I went to Minnesota.
I picked up Jane & Jill - The only two girls I had always stayed in touch with & off we went to the
VFW in Bloomington. (I know... At least it wasn't the American Legion Hall or The Elks Club)
I was nervous.
I had on a super cute Raymond Dragon shirt that showed my bulging biceps (ok... you can take
the gay out of the Minnesotan - but you can't get the Minnesotan from being gay)
As the 3 of us strolled in; there were about 200 out of 700 classmates @ this function.
But, many of my nemesis were there. (the miserable bastards)
Thankfully, They were bloated & nearly unrecognizable.
Yes, there is joy in seeing your past enemies not looking so good...
But... Then it happened.
The let-down.
Matt Woodcock came over & said 'Hey Gay Boy'
I took a long & deliberate look @ this man.
He still had that power to make me feel like crap.
Then I realized I gave him that power.
I didn't react to his slur.
I replied, "Hi Matt, good to see you"
He looked perplexed.
In fact, I said how nice it was to see him & hope life was treating him well.
And to be honest. I did.
I realized at that moment; I can't change other people's perspectives in life.
I can only alter my own.
I am a Gay Boy.
So, what.
I happened to be a Great Gay Boy.
And that was my Jenny Jones moment realized.
No camera's to hurt feelings or nasty things to say...
I finally let it go. (That doesn't mean I forget)
The pain & suffering as a child will always remain.
So, watch what you say.
I will do the same.

So what did happen to Jenny Jones?
I emailed her & have yet to get a response.
I did find this tho:
The Lady is looking real fine & living in Southern California... writing a blog

[Jenny Jones \(klik here\)](#)

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