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It's all about the birthdays/anniversaries this week.

Berlin is the new 30 as they celebrate three decades of gender-bending, freak-flag-flying, arty, drunky fun with a packed calendar of events, Tues., Nov. 5 through Sun., Nov. 10. The week culminates in an all-out family affair with DJs Greg Haus, Chester, Larissa, Pete Augusta and more; along with faces of the past and present presented on their giant screens. Show up to see your smiling face in amongst the madness. I'll see you there through my Olympus SP-800UZ's lens and a pleasant vodka-induced haze. See the center spread for full details.

If you like 'em a little older, **Touche** celebrates it 36th on Tues., Nov. 5, with the ever-refreshing Bud Boyz, a free buffet (Bud Boyz included), drink specials and a porn lotto featuring hot xxx vids from the annals (with two Ns) of Bijou Video. DJ Freddie Bain spins.

Still not old enough for you? Well, I'll be turning 39 myself on Tues., Oct. 29. The technical street date of this issue is Wed., Oct. 30, but I know many of you like to snatch up a copy the night before. If you do, feel free to stop by **Sidecar Bar** to say hello as my trivia team Nerdcore and I will be wreaking havoc during our weekly Q&A Trivia throwdown, starting roughly at 8:30. After that, the plan had been (and may still be) to sing the night away at **Jackhammer**'s Tuesday night **Creaoke** karaoke, but we'll have to see. Word from the inside is that a licensing issue pends and that they have an excellent attorney on the case. So get on your knees ... and pray that the joint is reopened by then. Otherwise, I may not make it to 40.

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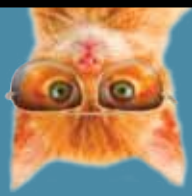

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LIVING LA VIDA HALLOWEEN

As I stripe my old black suit to create what is sure to be the second most predictable Halloween costume based on pop culture this year, my mind drifts across all my years of dressing up to reflect my musical nature. From the pitiful Morrissey costume in 1992 (4 out of 5 St. Louisans thought I was Kramer from Seinfeld) to going as Paul Stanley from KISS in the '70s with my cousin, my life has been littered with missed rock references. This year's Robin Thicke should be pretty on-the-nose, but maybe too much, which leads me to ponder other iconic rock stars who live their whole lives in a constant state of Halloween

Of course, we can't avoid the "Furry, Gold Howard the Duck Face" in the room, **Lady Gaga**. We could go on for days on how "unoriginal" we think Ms. Germanotta may or may not be, but we can't deny she brings it on a costume level. Ever since her Bad Romance video, she's made it a point to drop the cliché glamour for shock and schlock. It may not be always original, but from her man drag to her latex to her meat dress, the girl could fill a Party Outlet with her looks.

Gaga for sure took many queues from **Grace Jones**. A former model, the songstress has always proved her knowledge of couture and shock goes hand in hand to get your attention. Starting out as simply a crew-cut, dark-skinned island girl, she shifted into a post-disco art effect with a flat fade and men's suits then later in the '80s went full installation with her two story Keith Haring dress lovingly copied this Summer by Berlin in the Pride Parade.

One of Grace's contemporaries, the beloved John Waters' muse, **Divine** (as well as her contemporaries **Jayne County** and **Sylvester**) took costuming to a higher level with full drag while rocking it out. Divine wowed in an original look of non-glamour shock-drag to which half of RuPaul's drag winners owe a debt.

The shock-and-awe tactic from Divine, though, owes the most to her more butch counterparts, **Alice Cooper**, **New York Dolls** and **David Bowie**, who were gender f***ing before we knew what that was. You cannot make it through one biography of any artist in the past 40 years who doesn't cite at least one of them (Morrissey, Boy George, Motley Crue) for changing their minds not only on how to swagger as a man but how to feel like a lady. They also schooled many on what it means to be a man—gay or straight—and how to make the world a little more tolerant through the magic of costume.

Happy Halloween, my little monsters.

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Linnea's Bad

by Jerry Nunn

Up-and-coming singer Linnea Sanazaro left the small town life to follow her dreams. She debuted a single, "Move With It," that landed her in the Top 10 of Billboard's dance chart. Her new single "I'm Bad" is out now via Tommy Boy and is already making a big splash. She heads to Spin Nightclub to perform this week on Halloween night.

Jerry Nunn: Hello, Linnea. Where in the world are you?
Linnea: I'm in Nashville. I am performing at Play Nightclub down there. I did Play once before over Pride weekend one summer. It was fun so I am excited to go back.

JN: I was just there two weeks ago. You are originally from Missouri?
Linnea: I am; go Cardinals!

JN: You are from Cuba?
Linnea: Cuba, Missouri. People always say I speak good English with being from Cuba! [laughs] One part of my family is Italian and one part is Irish.

JN: You then moved to LA from Missouri?
Linnea: I did. I moved when I was 19.

JN: Did you always want to be a singer?
Linnea: Yup. There was not any other thought in my mind other than this possibility. I was always performing growing up and actually started out dancing. I was obsessed with Britney Spears and all I wanted to do was what Britney did.

I was a chubby kid and I thought I could never be pretty or skinny because I thought that is what it took to be in the music business. I changed my mind and decided to make it happen whatever it takes. I worked from there.

JN: Are you going to see Britney perform in Vegas?
Linnea: Absolutely. I am not sure when but at some point I will be there.

JN: Your new single "I'm Bad" just was released?
Linnea: Yes just last week.

JN: The goal is to have an album in the future?
Linnea: Yes, that is the goal. We are working on the next single right now and we are seeing where that goes. We just released the video for "I'm Bad" and it is doing really well. We are working towards an album, I just don't know when that will take place.

JN: You worked with choreographer and director Mikey Minden who has molded Usher, Pink, and Pussycat Dolls in the past.
Linnea: Yeah, he's great. We met in 2010 through one of his dancer friends. We hit it off and made a video together. I had the single "Move With It" already and wanted to make a video. We collaborated on that. We developed a close friendship outside of work afterwards.

JN: Have you been to Chicago before?
Linnea: I haven't been there since the 5th grade on a train trip for school. I am excited to see it through my adult eyes. I have a cousin that lives there to see. I hope it is a fun city on Halloween!

JN: It will be. There is a huge Halloween parade outside of the club where you will be performing.
Linnea: If it is anything like West Hollywood's parade then it will be crazy. You can't drive around there. I have been there for five years now and it is just nuts on Halloween.

JN: We can meet at the club and I know some drag queens that will want pictures with you so dress fierce.
Linnea: Good. I love drag queens. One of my favorite movies as a child was Too Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar!

Linnea sings at Spin, 800 W. Belmont Ave., October 31. For more on Linnea, visit www.linneaonline.com.

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Just a few of the 100 Shades of Drag.

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MARY'S ATTIC

They will not be outwigged at Wig Night Out.

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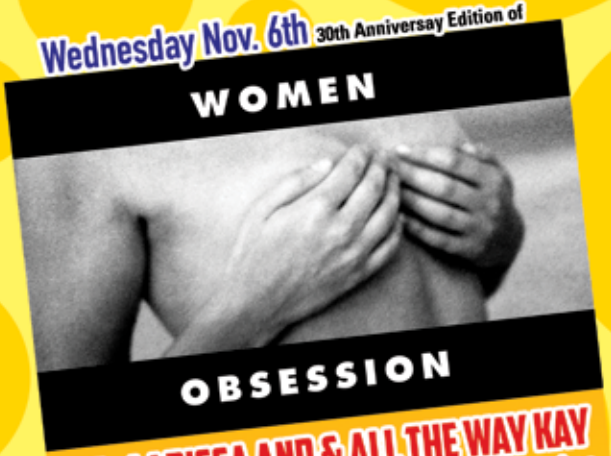

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THINKING BACK WAY BACK WHEN

The gymnasium was decorated with crepe paper streamers and balloons in school colors. There were a few colored lights on a stand by the DJ booth and the DJ was a history teacher playing appropriate music. It was the first dance of the school year following the first home football game. I had just turned 17 a couple of weeks before and it was the beginning of the end for me. The final step between me and setting off to be the man I was hoping to become. Senior year: a formality. I was fortunate enough to have a teen nightclub in my mid-sized Midwestern town. It was a place for all of the freaks and punks and misfits to meet and dance to Bauhaus while sipping coffee and smoking Djarums. I had met a lot of people like me that summer. Kids who didn't fit in, worshiped synthesizers and wore black eyeliner. I had road tripped to the first Lollapalooza, learned the magic that was 4AD and felt the pull of Chicago and the Industrial music scene that past summer. My eyes were opening. Even

with someplace else to be, I didn't hate my high school. It felt like a part-time job that I was good at. So I wanted to participate by stopping by the dance, just for a little while, before setting off for somewhere better. I was sitting on the bleachers talking with my Drama Club friends and having a nice time when Lauren came over and tapped me on the shoulder. I turned around and she asked me to dance. She was a beautiful and popular girl. She had bright blue eyes and permed blonde hair with hot-curled bangs that defied gravity. She spent the summer working at her grandpa's diner as a waitress and I saw her frequently on my way home from the teen club. She would make me chocolate malts and we would talk about how badly we wanted to escape to big cities and foreign countries. We also shared a peculiar affinity for Olivia Newton-John and we danced to her B-sides on the jukebox. Some nights, when the diner was slow, she would call me from the pay phone in back and talk to me until the quarter ran out. She was a lovely girl and I liked her, despite how obviously different we were. She came from a large family that was full of popular students including a long succession of prom queens, football stars and cheerleading captains. This was Lauren's first year to make the pom-pom squad herself and I could tell she was still full of adrenaline after her debut. I had promised her that I would go to the game to see her, and I did. I made it just in time to see her marching onto the field with her smile beaming as bright as a stadium light. When we hit the dance floor (basketball court) we moved our bodies the way Technotronic told us too. She asked me if I saw her cheer and I said, "Yes, you looked beautiful." The music switched over to an awful Color Me Badd song and I made a quick turn to go sit back down. "Oh no you don't," she said as she grabbed my hand and pulled me back. I laughed and complied. We were dancing slowly and I was more than a little uncomfortable. She had a new look in her eyes that confused me, so I closed mine. She leaned her head down on my shoulder and then she said it. She said "I love you." I stopped dancing and dropped my arms. My face began to turn red. She looked at me and I knew she was about to cry. I turned away, I can't remember if I ran out of the gym, but I may have. I was furious. I had just come to terms with the fact that I liked boys. I had just stopped hating myself and was determined that I was going to find a nice guy my age even though I was told that everyone would disown me. Even though I was told that sex would kill me. Even though I was repeatedly told that God hates fags. This was not how it was supposed to happen. The first person who told me that they loved me was supposed to be someone I loved and now that would never happen. I was in the high school parking lot leaning over my Ford Fairmont when I was spun around and smacked across the face. Stunned, I shook it off and looked at Bethany, Lauren's cousin. Arms crossed with a stern face, she was tapping her foot in her cheerleading outfit. "How could you?", she screamed. "How could you do that how could you just break her heart and

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Springfield, Il

Photos courtesy of Dougie Collins

Nightspots friend Dougie Collins loaded up his gAy List bus and rolled on down to the state capital for the March on Springfield For Marriage Equality, Tues., Oct. 22. Nearly 50 folks (on just this bus alone) made the 3.5 hour trip and joined an estimated crowd of 5,000 to rally for equal marriage on the first day of the State Senate veto session.

Photos by Kirk Williamson

A special concert was held the night before the march at Scandals in Springfield. Entertainment included music from local favorites Stephen Leonard, Sami Grisafe, De'Borah and others. Chicago poet C.C. Carter co-hosted the event and the joyful performances set the mood for the following day's historic gathering in front of the Capitol Building.

Check out www.windycitymediagroup.com for many more photos, videos, stories, and to download the October 23, 2013, issue of Windy City Times, which includes an eight-page center section highlighting the historic rally and march.

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Club Krave StarFinder Craig's Karaoke with bartender Andrew, $5 you-call-it top shelf

Crew Karaoke at 10 p.m., $3.50 pints (except high ABV), $2.50 Bottomless Chips n' Salsa

Downtown $6 Tito's cocktails, Trust Us DJs downstairs, every 2nd Thu. is Clock Out/Rock Out 5-9 p.m. in Main Bar

DS Tequlia Co. $9.99 All-you-can-eat tacos at 5-11 pm

The Glenwood Q&A Trivia w/ Kwizmaster Kirk, prizes and drink specials, 9 pm

Hamburger Mary's $1 off home-brew pints

Hydrate Effen Thursdays: DJ Phil DaBeatz, $5 Effen cocktails, $5 Effen bombs, Stage Door Johnnies perform

Jackhammer $2 MGD/Miller Lite/Bud/Bud Light, $3 premium domestics and imports, DJ Man Scott

Kit Kat Half-price martinis and $5 mojitos, tarot card readings by Therese Murphy

Late Bar DJ Larissa spins electric funk classics, $4 Kir Royale or Mimosa, $6 Mini-Martinis

Lucky Horseshoe Industry Night

Mary's Attic Big Red's Cabaret with Meghan Murphy (2nd Thurs), Drag It Out drag king revue (last Thurs), $1 off Home-brew pints

minibar The White Party: Bottle service specials weekly, 5 pm-2 am

Parlour TWREKit w/ Dakota, $2 well, $3 apple pie shots

Progress Bar CarnalVale party with hot dancers, adult games and prizes, Iced Tee Competition at midnight: first prize is $100, $4 Fireball shots

Roscoe's $10 Miller Lite Pitchers, $5 Three-O Bombs. Last Thu.: Wet Boxer Contest at midnight

Scarlet Frat Night, $5 40s of Miller Lite and 24oz Corona; $5 mini Long Island mini-pitchers, DJ NMF

Scot's $6.50 premium drafts

Sidecar Bar $1 off all beer bottles

Sidetrack Cocktail Hour videos 3 - 8 p.m.

The Sofo Tap TapU college night with $6 Miller Lite draft and Jameson shot combo, $3 blueberry or raspberry lemonade, $1 Jell-O shots

Spin Dollar Drink Night, $1 LBD Vodka, well cocktails, Barefoot Wine and Miller Lite and Coors Light drafts. $5 Bacardi bombs, $5 Fire Eater and El Jimador shots, DJ Chester. No cover before 9, $5 after 9

Taverna 750 $20 bottles of champagne (Brut, Rose or Prosecco)

Touché Handballer Night, red/white hanky specials, club room open

FRIDAYS

3160 Pop Goes the Gio show

@mosphere Bi-Polar Fridays with male dancers at 10:30 p.m. $5 Fireball shots

Antronio's Got Leche? dance party with DJ Trini and hot go-go boys

Berlin Cosmix: DJ Greg Haus, electro, progressive, and alternative, $1 select shots, $3 Bacardi Bombs, $5 "Tropical Sex" pints, $5.50 42 Below Vodka. $5 and up cover starts at 11 p.m.

Big Chicks DJ and dancing 10 p.m., no cover, 1/3 lb cheeseburger $5, $3 basket of appetizers (zucchini, mushroom, onion rings, poppers)

Bobby Love's Karaoke w/ Creagh 9:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

Bonsai Bar Doll House ladies' night

The Call After-work retro video cocktail party 6-9 p.m., TGIF Video hits after 9, $4.50 Stella bottles, $1 Dekuyper shots

Charlie's Two-steppin' lessons with Michael K. at 10 p.m., country with DJ Michael B 'til 1:30 a.m., Afterhours dance with DJ LuLu

The Closet $5 Jose Margaritas

Club Krave Male dancers w/ bartenders Eric and Romey, $10 dom. buckets, $16 import buckets, DJ Brandi Wyne

Crew $2, P.B.R. cans $4 Goose Island 312 and Seasonal pints, $4.50 Ketel Oranj Skinny Lemonades, 4th Friday-Frat Boy Friday, w/ Hot Jock Contest at 11:00 p.m. (sign up at 10)

Downtown $5 Jack and Jäger shots, 1st & 3rd Fri. - Downtown Lights w/ DJ Moose

DS Tequlia Co. Fishbowl Fridays 4-7p.m. includes ½ price apps, $10 Fiesta bowls, $4 4Rebels Vodka cocktails

Hamburger Mary's $5 Mary's Fruit Punch pints

InnExile Here's the Beef male dancers 11 p.m.

Jackhammer DJ Man Scott, Last Fri.-ManHunt. com party

Jeffrey Pub Guys All Night Out dance party, $3 cover

Kit Kat $30 three-course prix-fixe menu includes a martini, salad and entree

Late Bar Soul, Mod and vintage rock 'n roll, $3 PBR, $3 Schlitz Tall Boys

Mary's Attic 1st Fri. - British Twinvasion w/ The Byrne Twins. 2nd Fri. - Old Skool House Party: '80s and '90s with DJ Moose at 9:30 p.m. 3rd Fri. - Divas Dance Party with DJ John Murges. Mary's Fight Club w/ DJ Voxbox. No cover

minibar Kinetik Dance Party hosted By Pep Moretti in the Below Bar: Top 40 and club music with guest DJs weekly, rotating drink specials, $100 Bottles of 42 Below, 9 pm-2 am

Parlour Lipstick: hot girls' dance party, $4 Pinnacle vodka, $3 well

R Public House $12 fish and chips special

Roscoe's $15 Absolut Pink Lemonade pitchers, $3 off Martinis, $3.50 Peroni bottles, $5 Bacardi bombs

Scarlet $5 well drinks, DJ Dolo

Sidetrack Showtunes 5-9 p.m., Best of Sidetrack 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

The Sofo Tap Customer Appreciation Happy Hour 3-7 p.m. with $2 PBR cans, $6 big Miller Lites, $4 Fireball shots, free darts and free food 3:30-7. Followed by Grrr, It's Friday bear party at 10 with $4 Red Stag shots and cocktails, plus earlier drink specials

Spin The Shower Party, sign up by 11:30 p.m., contest at midnight, 1st prize $100, 2nd prize $50 bar tab. $5 Bacardi bombs (all flavors) and $5 Sam Adams. $2 cover after 10

Taverna 750 $5 late-nite menu, 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

3160 POP Goes the Gio!

Touché 1st week - MAFIA; 2nd week - Full Moon party and contest; 3rd week - ONYX Club night, Club Room open at 10 p.m.

SATURDAYS

@mosphere Dollar Store with male dancers from 11 p.m., $5 Fireball shots

Antronio's Drag show at midnight

Baton Shows 8:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m

Berlin $1 select shots, $3 Berlin Bombs, $5 Tropical Sex, $5.50 Ultimat. Twisted w/ DJ Chester or DJ Larissa, $5 and up cover starts at 11 p.m.

1st & 3rd Sat: House of Santana drag show 9 p.m.-midnight

Big Chicks Euchre Club 6 p.m., DJ and dancing 10 p.m., no cover

Bobby Love's Karaoke featured artist nite, trivia shots & giveaways w/ DJ Tim

Bonsai DJ Laura B

The Call $5 Absolut cocktails, video dance party

Charlie's Country with DJ Michael B 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Afterhours dance with DJ LuLu

The Closet $5 Jose Margaritas

Club Krave Club Krave Divas drag show, bartenders Romie and Markie, $10 mixed drink pitchers, DJ KY

Crew Open at 11 a.m., brunch until 3. $3.25 Bud Light pints, $6.50 well Bloody Marys, $13 Mimosa pitchers

Downtown $8 Vodka and Red Bulls, Scandalous Karaoke w/ Weston, 9 p.m. - 3 a.m.

DS Tequlia Co. Brunch 11 am-3 pm, $5 16oz UV vodka mugs (all day)

Halsted's $6 champagne cocktails, $4 22 oz. Bud Lights, 12 Stoli Bloodies during brunch

Hamburger Mary's Brunch served 'til 3 p.m.

Jackhammer DJ Man Scott, 1st Sat.-Great Lakes Bears with DJ Chris Eterno, 2nd Sat.-Bear Dance Party with buffet, 3rd Sat.-Underwear Party with DJ Phil DaBeatz

Jeffrey Pub Girls All Night Out dance party, $3 cover, show with host Indigo Blue

Kit Kat Divalicious Brunch starring Madame X, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (a la carte menu and $25 prix-fixe menu available)

Late Bar DJ Dave Roberts spins New Wave club classics, $3 PBR, $3 Schlitz Tall Boys, no cover

Mary's Attic 1st, 2nd, 4th Sats. - Party in the Attic with resident DJs. 3rd Sat. - Monthly themed dance parties with Velicity Metropolis.

minibar Top 40 and club music with guest DJs weekly, 9 pm-3 am

Parlour Local Music Lounge/rotating DJs

Roscoe's No cover before 10 p.m., $5 cover after, $15 Absolut Pink Lemonade pitchers, $3 off Martinis, $3.50 Peroni Bottles, $5 Bacardibombs

Scarlet Crossfader Kings DJ Group and Li'l Mikey, $5 imports

Sidetrack Sidetrack Classics 3 - 9 p.m., Best of Sidetrack 9 p.m. - 3 am

The Sofo Tap 1st Sat.: DILF party for men over 35 and men who want them. Hosted by Jason Hendrix, DJ Marc 'Moose' Moder. Hot Daddy Contest at midnight. 3rd St.: OTTER party, hosted by Gary Gangi, DJ Moose. Last Sat.: GEAR party: get your fetish on. 9 pm-3 am, $4 Stella drafts, $4 Fireball shots

Spin Dance party with resident DJs Riley York, Chester, Bryan and Dominic. $5 Skyy bombs (all flavors), $5 Peroni drafts, $5 Bacardi bombs. 1st Sat./mo: Chicago Is Burning vogueing party with DiDa Ritz and DJ Chester

Taverna 750 $5 late-nite menu, 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Touché Open 3 p.m., 1st week-Great Lakes Bears, Weekly fetish parties @ 10 p.m. Club Room open

SUNDAYS

@mosphere 1st and 3rd Sunday: DIVA starring Angelique Munro. $4 Hornitos Lime shots

Antronio's $5 Margaritas

Baton Shows 8:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m., 2 for 1 admission with coupon available at www.thebatonshowlounge.com.

Berlin $2 PBRs, $3 Heinekens, $5.50 So Co. 1st Sunday: Madonnarama w/ DJ Riley York. 2nd Sunday: True Faith '80s night w/ DJ Chester; Last Sunday: "Block Rockin'" '90s Night w/Greg Haus & Chester

Big Chicks Free BBQ/inside picnic at 4:30 p.m., $2.50 vodka lemonades

Bobby Love's Open at noon with Connie

Bonsai Bar $2 Mimosas, $4 well cocktails. Open at 1 p.m.

Bucks Sunday cookout, $10 Miller pitchers, $2 Schnapps

The Call $12 Long Island pitchers, $5.50 Pinnacle whipped vodka, After-beach party until 9 p.m., showtune videos after 9

Charlie's Euchre 6 p.m., karaoke at 9 p.m., DJ D-Too 1-4 am

The Closet Free darts, $5 Jose Margaritas

Club Krave Drag Bingo @ 7 p.m. with Brandi Wyne, karaoke with Star Finder Karaoke at 9:30 p.m., $2 drafts, $5 draft pitchers

Crew Open at 11 am, brunch menu until 3. $11 Miller Lite pitchers, $6.50 well Bloody Marys, $13 Mimosa pitchers, $4.75 Beergarita pints,

Downtown $4 Stella, trivia w/ Craig @ 9 & 11

DS Tequlia Co. Brunch 11 am-3 pm, in-season sports coverage all day, $9 liquor yards, $6 beer yards

Hamburger Mary's Brunch served 'til 3 p.m., HamBingo w/ Velicity at 8

Hydrate DJ Jeannette

InnExile Karaoke by Mariah Productions

Jackhammer $7 Long Islands, Amy Armstrong and Lloyd Young Open Mic Night

Jeffrey Pub Ol' Skool dance party, no cover

Kit Kat Divalicious Brunch starring Madame X, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (a la carte menu and $25 prix-fixe menu available), half-price martinis

Lucky Horseshoe Sunday Funday

Mary's Attic MHeroes of Maryoke with Tara Hyman at 10. 2nd and 4th Sun. - Dragstravaganza at 8. $4 well, $3 dom. bottles

minibar Brunch Gone Wild: $20 food and champagne package, $10 Bloody Mary carafes, 11 am-3 pm. Retox Dance Party: DJ Tony Tone, $10 bottles of champagne, $4 Rumple Minze, $5 42 Below, $5 Long Islands, 4 pm-10 pm

Parlour Kick-Ass Karaoke with Sue Heggeland, $8 Miller Lite pitchers, $4 Pinnacle vodka

Progress Bar $10 champagne bottles

R Public House $12 lasagna special after 5 pm

Scarlet Liquid brunch with DJs Dolo, Shawna, Step and Koncept; $12 champagne bottles; $5 Stoli drinks

Sidecar Bar $5 Bloody Mary's and $3 Mimosas , Walking Dead at 7 p.m.

Sidetrack Cocktail Hour videos 3-8 p.m., Showtunes 4-9 p.m., best of the 60s-80s, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

The Sofo Tap $5Jameson shots and PBR. $3 Miller Lite drafts. Untapped music series hosted by Stephen Leonard, 7-10 pm, $ 5 PBR & Jameson shot combo, $3 Miller Lite drafts

Spin Sunday Funday karaoke w/ Kyle 9 pm- 1am, $10 beer pitchers and supersized Absolut cocktails. Open at 2 with free pool and games.

Taverna 750 Martini brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m. ($25 for two courses; $2 martinis and champagne) Followed by $15 standard taster menu and $18 premium taster menu at 6 p.m.

Touché Open at noon, beer bust, 50¢ Bud & Bud Light drafts, pool tournament at 7 p.m., movie night in club room at 10 p.m.

MONDAYS

3160 Open-mic comedy showcase

Big Chicks $2 off all pitchers, $1 1/4lb burgers, $5 Veggie Burgers (dine-in only)

Bonsai Bar Monday Night Social industry night, DJ Chrissy Riordan, 4-5-6 drink specials for industry

The Call All-request video night, $2.50 well, $3 Miller Lite bottles, $12 Long Island pitchers

Charlie's $2 well, $3 Bacardi, $10 Absolut pitchers, line dance lessons 7 p.m., It's Just BINGO Bitch with Man Fag at 11 p.m.

Crew Pub Stumpers trivia at 8 pm, $50 bar tab for winning team, $5 Absolut cocktails, 1/2 price flatbread pizza (7 varieties to choose from)

Downtown Industry night with '80/'90s music

DS Tequlia Co. Half off all food 5-11pm

Halsted's $5.95 burgers, $4 22 oz. Bud Lights

Hamburger Mary's 'Margarita Mondays, $5 Sauza Margarita pints, HamBingo with Velicity Metropolis at 8 pm

Hydrate $1 drinks all night, no cover before midnight, DJ Laura B.

Jackhammer $3 U-Call-It (excluding Long Islands and Martinis), free pool, Delmaria's Drag Show at 1 a.m.

Lucky Horseshoe Industry Night

Kit Kat Half-price entire menu (food and drinks)

Mary's Attic Charity HamBINGO with Velicity Metropolis at 7 and 9 p.m., $5 Sauza Margaritas

Progress Bar VJ Riley York, $3 Blue Moon drafts, $5 Jameson shots

Roscoe's You're the Star karaoke with Honey West, 10 p.m., $3 off all Martinis, $2.50 Miller Lite Drafts, $10 Miller Lite Pitchers; $5 Smirnoff Bombs

Scot's $3.50 all domestic bottles

Sidecar Bar DJ Foxfonix

Sidetrack Cocktail Hour videos 3-8 p.m., Showtunes, 8 p.m.-2 a.m.

The Sofo Tap S.I.N. (Service Industry Night) $5 Jameson shots, $3 drafts, $3 well & select call cocktails, $2 featured cocktail. Bring in the most coworkers and win Sofo Tap gift card

Spin Dragzilla Drag Contest, where you can be the star. Hosted by DiDa Ritz. 1st prize $100 cash. Sign up by 10:30, show at 11. $5 Absolut cocktails, $4 Miller Lite & Coors Light drafts, VJ Tyrone 9 pm-2 am

Taverna 750 $5 Chef's choice gourmet pasta bowl, $5 quartinos of wine

Touché Big Game Mondays -7 p.m., sports on the TV and euchre club

TUESDAYS

3160 Cabaret open mic

@mosphere Bored Gaymes with Wii, cards, Jenga, Scrabble and more. $3 well, $5 electric lemonade, $3 Bud Light/Miller Lite drafts

Antronio's $2 domestics and Jimador shots

Berlin Sinful Circus with DJ Chester, $1 well and PBR, $5 cover

Big Chicks $5.50 Golden Margaritas, $4 Margaritas, $5 Chicken burger night, $3 Meatball Sandwiches (dine-in only)

Bobby Love's $2 domestic, draft and well drinks.

The Call Top 10 Tuesdays (watch Billboard top-ranked videos), $5 Skyy cocktails, $12 Long Island pitchers

Club Krave College Jock Night: first drink 50% off w/college ID, $2 well, $1 draft beer, $4 dom. pitchers

The Closet $3 well, Trivia Tuesdays

Crew $4.75 Beergarita pints, $1 tacos (beef, chicken tinga, grilled chicken), $2 tacos (shrimp, BBQ pork)

Downtown $5 Jäger, Talentless Tuesday Karaoke with Off-Key Kenny

DS Tequlia Co. Starving Artist Industry Night $5 create your own burger + $1 toppings 5-11pm, $3 Jameson, $3 Slammers (shots), $2 Select cans

Hamburger Mary's 'Tini-Tuesday with $2 off all Mary's specialty martinis, "Pop Quiz" trivia night in with Keven Pipkens in Rec Room, $2 PBR cans

Hydrate $1 drinks and $4 Rebel bombs

Jackhammer Karaoke with Creagh 10 p.m., $3 Bacardi and Finlandia (all flavors)

Kit Kat Half-price martinis, tarot card readings by Therese Murphy

Lucky Horseshoe Buff Night with the biggest and beefiest boys

minibar Tapas Tuesdays: Half off all tapas at the minicafe 5-11 pm

Parlour $3 well

Progress Bar Honey Pot ladies night with DJ All the Way Kay, special guest DJs, $5 Jim Beam Honey shots and cocktails

R Public House $12 fried chicken special

Scarlet DJ Luna, $5 mini vodka lemonade pitchers

Scot's $2 off all Martinis

Sidecar Bar Q&A Trivia at 8:30 p.m., $6 house martinis, $4 draft beers

Sidetrack Divas night, celebrating the female voices we love

The Sofo Tap Tringo (part trivia, part bingo) at 9, $5 Absolut cocktails

Spin Drag Queen Bingo w/ Mercedes 10 pm - 1 am with fun prizes and end-of-night grand prize. $4 Heinekens, $5 Bacardi cocktails, $6.50 "O-69" 42BELOW martinis

Touché Hard Core Tuesdays, club room open at 10 p.m.

WHERE MY BAR AT?

NORTHSIDE

1 @mosphere 2.0
5355 N. Clark St.
atmospherebar.com

2 The Anvil
1137 W. Granville Ave.

3 Big Chicks
5024 N. Sheridan Rd.
BigChicks.com

4 The Call
1547 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.
CallBarChicago.com

5 Crew
4804 N. Broadway Ave.
WorldsGreatestBar.com

6 The Glenwood
6962 N. Glenwood St.
TheGlenwoodBar.com

7 Hamburger Mary's/Mary's Attic
5400 N. Clark St.
HamburgerMarys.com/Chicago

8 Jackhammer
6406 N. Clark St.
Jackhammer-Chicago.com

9 Joie De Vine
1744 W. Balmoral Ave.

10 Man's Country
5017 N. Clark St. (bath)
MansCountryChicago.com

11 Parlour
6341 N. Clark St.
ParlourOnClark.com

12 R Public House
1508 W. Jarvis Ave.
RPublicHouse.com

13 Scot's
1829 W. Montrose Ave.
ChicagoScotsBar.com

14 Sidecar Bar
6920 N. Glenwood Ave.

15 The Sofo Tap
4923 N. Clark St.
TheSofoTap.com

16 Spyners
4623 N. Western Ave.
Spyners.com

17 Touché
6412 N. Clark St.
ToucheChicago.com

BOYSTOWN

18 3160
3160 N. Clark St.
myspace.com/Chicago3160

19 Berlin
954 W. Belmont Ave.
BerlinChicago.com

20 Bobby Love's
3729 N. Halsted St.
BobbyLoves.com

21 Bonsai Bar and Lounge
3503 N. Halsted St.
BonsaiBarChicago.com

22 Cell Block
3702 N. Halsted St.
www.CellBlock-Chicago.com

23 Charlie's
3726 N. Broadway Ave.
CharliesChicago.com

24 Circuit
3641 N. Halsted St.
circuitnightclubchicago.com

25 The Closet
3325 N. Broadway Ave.
theclosetchicago.com

26 D.S.Tequila Co.
3352 N. Halsted St.
dstequila.com

27 Elixir
3452 N. Halsted St.
ElixirChicago.com

28 Halsted's
3441 N. Halsted St.
HalstedsChicago.com

29 Hydrate
3458 N. Halsted St.
HydrateChicago.com

30 Kit Kat
3700 N. Halsted St.
KitKatChicago.com

31 Late Bar
3534 W. Belmont Ave.
latebarchicago.com

32 Little Jim's
3501 N. Halsted St.
LittleJimsChicago.com

33 Lucky Horseshoe
3169 N. Halsted St.
LuckyHorseshoeLounge.com

34 Manhandler
1948 N. Halsted St.

35 minibar/winebar
3341 N. Halsted St.
minibarchicago.com

36 North End
3733 N. Halsted St.
NorthEndChicago.com

37 Progress Bar
3359 N. Halsted St.
ProgressBarChicago.com

38 Replay
3439 N. Halsted St.

39 Roscoe's
3356 N. Halsted St.
Roscoes.com

40 Scarlet
3320 N. Halsted St.
ScarletBarChicago.com

41 Sidetrack
3349 N. Halsted St.
SidetrackChicago.com

42 Spin
800 W. Belmont Ave.
Spin-Nightclub.com

43 Steamworks
3246 N. Halsted St. (bath)
SteamworksBaths.com

44 Taverna 750
750 W. Cornelia St.
Taverna750.com

DOWNTOWN

45 The Baton
436 N. Clark St.
TheBatonShowLounge.com

46 Downtown
440 N. State St.
DowntownBarandLounge.com

47 Sanctuary
632 N. Dearborn Ave.
CastleChicago.com

48 Second Story Bar
157 E. Ohio St.

THE OUTSKIRTS

49 Club Escape
1530 E. 75th St.
ClubEscapeChicago.com

50 E.M. Lounge
4247 W. Armitage Ave.
em-lounge.com

51 InnExile
5758 W. 65th St.
InnExileChicago.com

52 Jeffrey Pub
7041 S. Jeffery Blvd.

53 La Cueva
4153 W. 26th St.

THE BURBS

54 Antronio's
6319 W. Roosevelt Rd.
Berwyn, IL
antroniosbarandgrill.com

55 Club Krave
13126 S. Western Ave.
Blue Island, IL
ClubKrave.com

56 Forest View Lounge
4519 S. Harlem Ave.
Berwyn, IL
forestviewlounge.com

57 Hideaway
7301 W. Roosevelt Rd.
Forest Park, IL
hideawayforestpark.com

58 John L's Place
335 154th Pl.
Calumet City, IL

59 John L's II
12456 S. Western Ave.
Blue Island, IL

60 Maneuvers
118 E. Jefferson St.
Joliet, IL
JolietManeuvers.com

61 Phoenix Bar
1932 E. Higgins Rd.
Elk Grove Village, IL
PhoenixBarChicago.com

INDIANA

62 Dick's R U Crazee?
1221 E. 150th St.
Hammond, IN
DicksRUCrazee.com

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Wed., Oct. 30

The Call Nunn's Halloween Habit, featuring world famous singers, comedians, female illusionists, costume contest, celebrities, appetizers, drink specials and tons of prizes. $20 suggested donation at the door with proceeds benefiting Vital Bridges. 6 pm, 1547 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.

Thursday, Oct. 31

17th Annual Northalsted Halloween Parade: Twisted Circus! The theme this year is "Twisted Circus" so channel your inner bearded lady and come join us. 6:30pm, Along Halsted St. from Belmont to Addison. www.northalsted.com

Spin Halloween $1 Drink Night. Hocus Pocus drag show with Specificity Jones, Tequila Mockingbird and Vixen. Performances at 11 pm and midnight. Costume contest. No cover before 8 pm; $5 after. 800 W. Belmont Ave.

Berlin PicturePlane LIVE at midnight. Total therapy with Supreme Cuts and DJ Svengali. Presented by Stardust. 954 W. Belmont Ave.

Sidetrack Watch the parade live on Sidetrack's many screens. Followed by a $500 cash prize costume contest at 10 p.m.

Touche Halloween in Hell. Treats, tricks and a costume contest with cash prizes. 6412 N. Clark St.

Crew Scary-Oke Excellent Karaoke Adventure. Come out and sing to your heart's content. Draft beers are only $3.50 to help you get your courage up. 10 p.m. 4804 N. Broadway

URBANO Halloween Party @ Circuit. Costuem contest with $1000 1st prize. ATL superstar DJ Maestro, sexy Urbano dancers. 11 pm-4 am. 3641 N. Halsted St.

Friday, Nov. 1

URBANO Halloween Party @ Circuit. Costuem contest with $1000 1st prize. ATL superstar DJ Maestro, sexy Urbano dancers. $5 at the door 11 pm-midnight with flyer or text. 11 pm-4 am. 3641 N. Halsted St.

Roscoe's Halloween Costume Contest. $750 grand prize. Sign up by 9 pm, contest at 10pm. 3356 N. Halsted St.

Wang's WangBang Halloween. Resident DJs Harry+Jpeg and guest space designers David Andora and Sean Hunt for a wicked night of dancing, turning and banging. No cover. 9:30 pm, Wang's, 3317 N. Broadway St.

Saturday, Nov. 2

Spin Think P!nk with RuPAul's Drag Race's Morgan Michaels. Hosted by DiDa Ritz. Two shows at midnight and 1 a.m. $5 advance; $10 at the door; $20 VIP includes hosted bar package 10-11 p.m. and a meet-and-greet after the show. $6 Absolut cocktails. 800 W. Belmont Ave.

Touche Bear Night w/the Great Lakes Bears. "Bear Hunter" dating game at 11 p.m. Midnight pizza panic. 6412 N. Clark St.

Parlour See comedian Jessica Kirson (as seen on LOGO) Show at 9 p.m. Tickets $20. Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/483607. 6341 N. Clark St.

The Sofo Tap DILF: Gathering Wood. Put away the shorty shorts and break out the flannel. DILF is making sure its got enough nuts for the winter this month and finding a sexy boy to snuggle up to. 9 p.m. 4923 N. Clark St.

Chicago Gay Men's Chorus Lipstick & Lyrics: Sex Is in the Heel. Chicago's very own fierce drag divas sing some of the greatest hits of pop music live. 7:30 pm, Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave., www.cgmc.org

Sunday, Nov. 3

minibar Barlesque VI: Pajama Party kickoff. Meet the 17 sexy contestants of the sixth installment of Barlesque. Sunday Funday turns into a Pajama Party--come as you are, or have fun and wear some jammies in the spirit of this year's theme. 4-6 p.m. 3341 N. Halsted St.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Touche 36th Anniversary Party. Meet the Bud Boyz at 7 p.m. Free buffet and drink specials. Porn lotto: win hot xxx videos from Bijou Video. Bijou Boys perform at 10 p.m. DJ Freddie Bain. 6412 N. Clark St.

Berlin Testosterone Tuesday w/DJ Ralphi Rosario, Go-Go Menz, doors 10 p.m. No cover. 954 W. Belmont Ave.

Wed., Nov. 6

Sidetrack Holiday Season wine tasting party. Sample more than 99 wines from around the world. Light bites from J&L Catering. Bottles and cases available for purchase. $20 contribution benefits Equality IL PAC. 3349 N. Halsted St.

Friday, Nov. 8

Bad Romance National touring live concert musical production to the music of Lady Gaga. & musicians, 5 world-class dancers. First 1000 will receive a free Gaga makeover. One night only in Chicago. 7 p.m. door. Concord Music Hall, 2047 N. Milwaukee Ave., www.concordmusichall.com

Mary's Attic The March on Springfield After-party. Following the triumphant rally and march on 10/22, celebrate all who organized, worked and attended this historic event with a big ol' Old Skool Dance Party the way only Mary's Attic can. DJ Moose. 9 p.m. 5400 N. Clark St.

Touche Nick Zuko's Barlesque Fundraiser. To kick off MIR weekend, Nick will be hosting a fundraiser for Barlesque VI. The more money donated the more clothes he takes. See www.barlesque.org for more. 10 p.m. 6412 N. Clark St.

Saturday, Nov. 9

Berlin Drag Matinee celebrating the original drag race from the '80s. Hosted by Trannika and Heather Caldwell. Featuring Anastasia Santana, Ivory, Valentine, Debbie Fox, DiDa Ritz and Ruby Dee. 10 p.m. 954 W. Belmont Ave.

Spin Rih-Oncé. VJ Dominic spins the dance floor until 3 a.m. Get down to your fave queen B and RiRi jams all night. Featuring performances by DiDa Ritz. 800 W. Belmont Ave.

Sunday, Nov. 10

Berlin 30th anniversary party. Doors open to public at 11 p.m. DJ Greg Haus, Chester, Larissa, Pete Augusta, and more. View faces past and present on screens. 954 W. Belmont Ave.

Monday, Nov. 11

Mary's Attic Bid farewell to Jason Apollo as he flies the coop to L.A. Hosted by Trannika Rex and featuring many guest performers. $10 suggested donation. 9 p.m. 5400 N. Clark St.

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leave her there in front of everybody when she's one of the most popular girls in school and you are lucky she even talks to you…" I interrupted her with a sharp "Because I am gay." Bethany went silent. She uncrossed her arms and stopped tapping her foot. "You know, I thought so," she said as she lifted up her cheer skirt and pulled out a pack of Marlboro Reds. Cheerleading bloomers have always been a mystery to teenage boys. She offered me one and she lit us up as we took a seat on the hood of my car. After a few puffs she said, "Most everybody thinks so, you know. I mean, senior year and you've never had a girlfriend." I nodded my head. I had suspected as much. I am sure doing show choir freshman year didn't help. Bethany looked up at the sky and said, "My mom has a cousin who is really sick. No one in the family talks to him anymore, but when we were kids he was our favorite." She slid off of the car. "Look, I'll talk to her, okay? But she's going to be pissed that you didn't tell her yourself." She impressively flicked her cigarette over four cars and walked back to the dance. I got into my car and started the engine. "Losing My Religion" began to play when the cassette player kicked in. I rolled down the window to let the cool, fall air wash over me. I felt bad, but didn't know what to do. I had accidentally learned how to break a heart before my own had learned to fully function.

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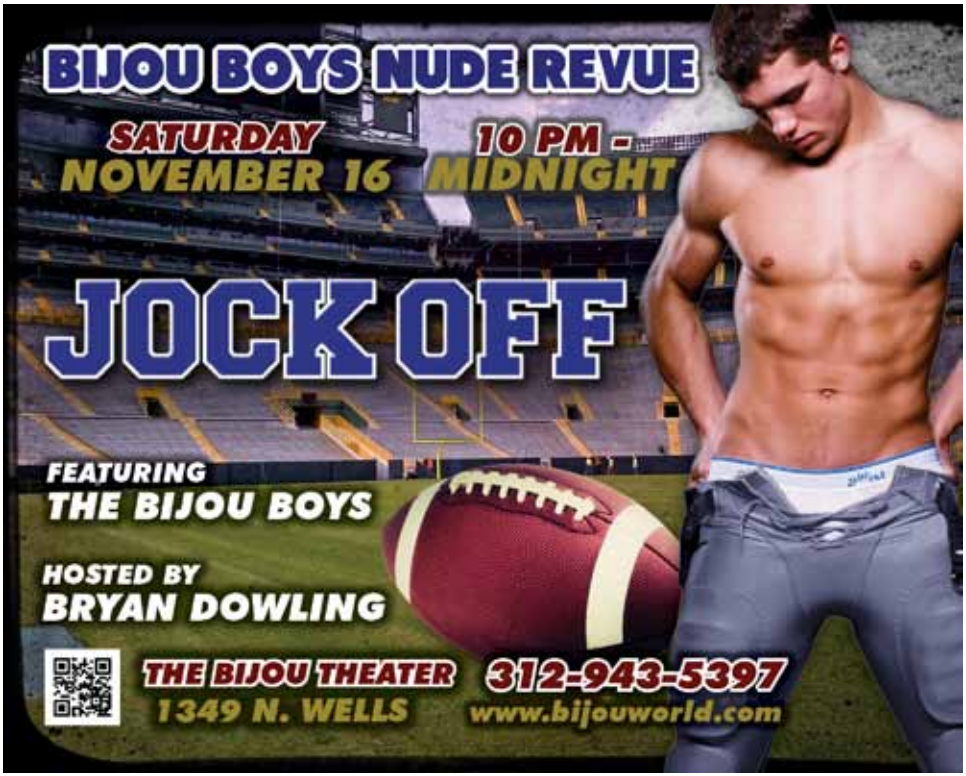

The Bijou Chronicles
Steven Toushin

I CAN'T STOP LOOKING AT THE CROTCH!

by Madame Bubby

A while ago I posted something about some ads the authors of a 1960s gay magazine called Drum interpreted as "so gay." Fascinated, I found some ads for male-oriented products in some 1960s magazines. One ad particularly caught my eye. I can't stop looking at the crotch here, and I'm sure the composers of that ad wanted that to be the focal point.

Now, supposedly the ad is geared for the stylish male who wants to pick up groovy chicks, but I'm pretty certain the gay male would find that angle enticing.

And the copy for this ad really suggests sexual aggression: stalkers, stompers, lopers (what does that mean?), and lovers.

What was the sexual climate in those days? The double standard still pretty much applied then in the days before women's liberation. Men could have their fill, but the girls, even if they succumbed to wearers of slacks like these, were still trying to hook a husband, even though Helen Gurley Brown's Sex and the Single Girl at that time was encouraging girls to become financially independent and enjoy sex outside of marriage.

Gay men at that period were still pretty much in the closet. Some men like Harvey Milk at that time were in monogamous relationships that tried to mimic Ed and Jane Smith in Middletown, but for many gay men, serial sexual anonymity, being "stalkers and stompers" in parks and T-rooms, was the norm.

I also found out that the manufacturer of these hot slacks, Campus Sweater Co., located in Cleveland, Ohio, was at that time the largest manufacturer in the country of men's casual clothing. The company's business really took off in the 1950s as weekend leisure time spent around suburban barbecues or in urban nightclubs became more prominent as more men began to take off their hats and ties.

I would like to see whoever posed for this ad take off more than his hat and tie. Preferably, those slacks. I can't help looking at the crotch.

For more retro gay items, check out Bijou's Vintage Gay Culture Magazine section, which includes Arch Brown's The Night Before, featuring a scene where a magazine ad comes to life.

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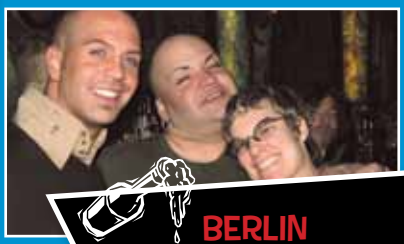

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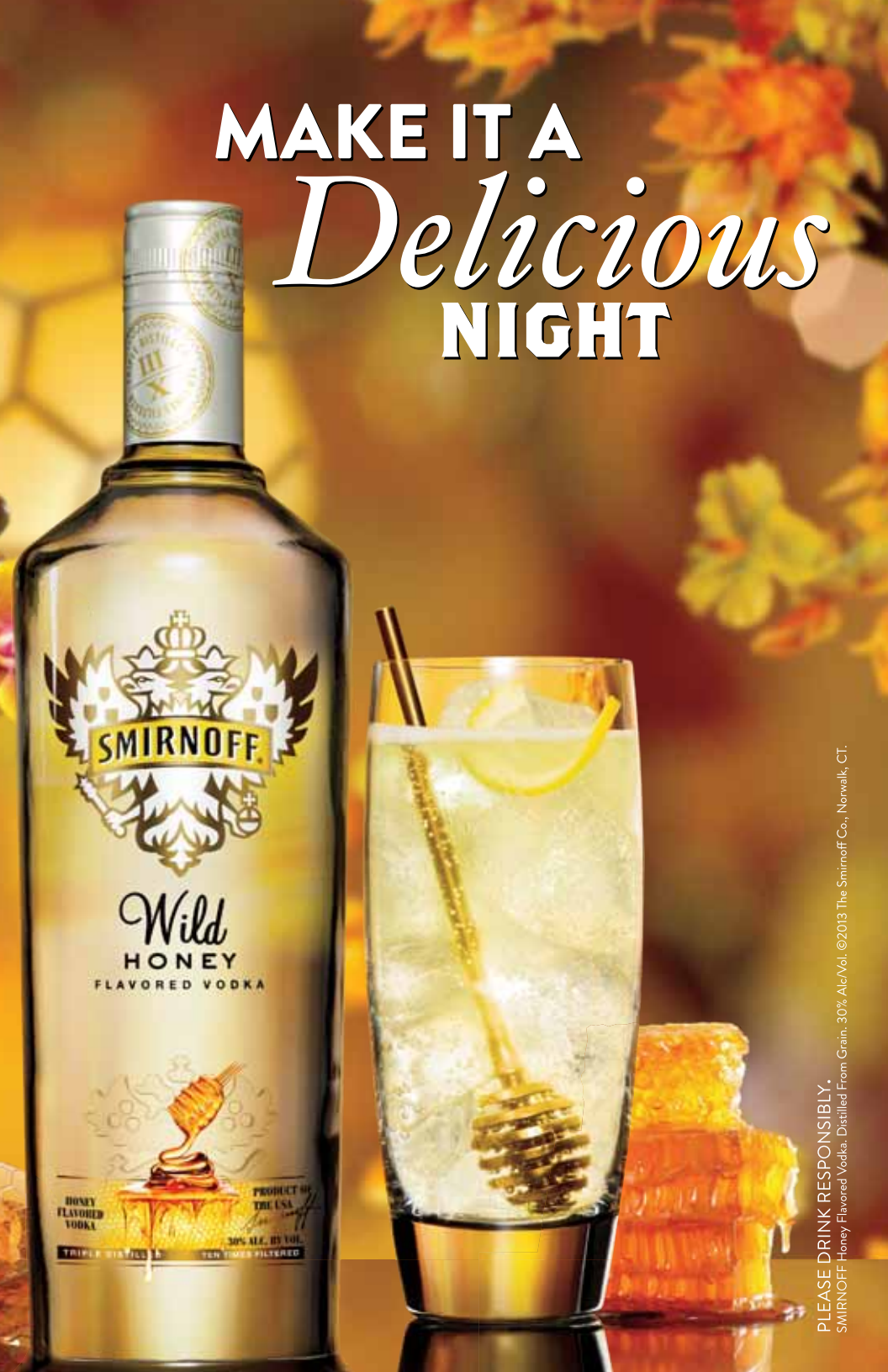
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