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It was the classic battle of good and bad with Circuit Mom at House of Blues, Sat., August 11.

Photos by Jerry Nunn

















"Dude ... No underwear and pierced ... F--- me.. You never showed me that shit."—Steven Tyler texts his love/envy/astonishment at Lenny Kravitz's exposed private parts. But more on that later—or on BillyMasters.com.

This week we have a plethora of penises. I almost called them a gaggle—but I know better than to underestimate my fans' gag reflex! While that surely whets your appetite, we're going to start in what I hope is a different direction. Our first story comes out of Japan, where a gaggle of gals are getting the vapors in the presence of a gorilla! Ladies are spending most of their free time at the Higashiyama Zoo and Botanical Gardens in Nagoya to see Shabani, the gorilla. A zoo spokesperson is quoted as saving, "He is more buff than most gorillas and he's at his peak physically. We've seen a rise in the number of female visitors—women say he's very good-looking." And you know what's crazy? Shabani really is kinda hot—I get it. OK, so he's also pretty hairy—but I'm not entirely convinced I haven't slept with someone hairier!

I have no explanation why some of our favorite celebrities have recently announced they are separating, divorcing, hooking up or getting married. It must be the heat. First are Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert. A quick perusal of this week's tabloid covers will tell you that she cheated on him with oodles of men, or that he's been stepping out on her. So who really knows. What seems clear is Blake initiated the split—to the point that when they were both away from home, he had his assistant pack up all of Miranda's belongings and leave them on the porch. Now, I normally don't go for those gay rumors, but these actions really seem to be the definition of a "hissy fit"—typically thrown by a "bitchy queen." I calls 'em like I sees 'em.

I'm terribly upset about the breakup of **Reba**McEntire and her hubby/manager of 26 years.
But what about Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale? I'm still shocked they got married in the first place. We all know about Gavin, right?
Maybe that explains Gwen's alleged offer to pay him off quickly and quietly. Even more shocking is the reported breakup of Miss Piggy and Kermit. Say it ain't so. Was it the interspecies issue? Does it count as bestiality if both parties are actually beasts? Anyway, I think this is all a ploy for their upcoming series, and I refuse to use this column to shamelessly promote a show which will air Tuesday nights on ABC.

Perhaps the most troubling story is the one about **Tom Cruise**'s love for his PA. I don't know what it is about this story. That one of them works for the other? That Tom's roughly twice as old as the PA? I just can't put my finger on it. Oh, yes, now I remember—it's that the PA is a woman! I bet she won't be able to put her finger on it. either!

Rumor has it that the split between **Jennifer Garner** and **Ben Affleck** is connected to the alleged pregnancy of the couple's nanny, Christine Ouzounian. While Ben and Jen vehemently refute rumors of any infidelity, Affleck has been seen squiring the sitter since news of the divorce went public. Shades of Schwarzenegger...

A.R. Gurney's Sylvia is a play about a man who is in a love triangle with his wife and his dog—yes, Sylvia is the dog. The play was a hit



Rocker Lenny Kravitz's on-stage wardrobe malfunction.

off-Broadway two decades ago. Finally, the show will be making its Broadway debut, and will star **Matthew Broderick** as the aforementioned man. This is not in itself a column-worthy item, except when you realize that the original off-Broadway production starred **Sarah Jessica Parker** as the dog. There's a joke in there somewhere—maybe I'll think of one by the time I get to the last paragraph.

This leads perfectly into our "Ask Billy" question. Henry in Hollywood writes, "After reading your review of 'Bent' [at Los Angeles' Mark Taper Forum] and seeing your footage of Jake Shears, I quickly snapped up a ticket. I loved it. But you didn't mention that gorgeous naked guy at the beginning of the show. WOW—what a stud. And what a beautiful d--k. I can't believe you didn't get that for your website."

You and me both. Most certainly, Tom Berklund is a fine actor. But that is somewhat eclipsed by his amazing body and enormous penis—and a semi-hard penis at that. Alas, not even I had the hubris to try and capture it for posterity. That would be like biting the penis that feeds me (would that that were true). I was fairly sure that Mr. Berklund's penis would be one of those things you see once in your life and then wonder if it was real—like Bigfoot, or a hit movie starring the Olsen twins. And then, POOF, his penis popped up in my inbox. No, that is not a euphemism. It was sent to me by an enthusiastic and industrious fan who was giving me the exclusive. I haven't gotten this excited about a stage penis since Steven Weber virtually poked my eye out with his. This one is every inch as impressive—no Visine required. You must check it out at BillyMasters.com.

Because we can never have enough male nudity, I'm sure you're all familiar with the dick heard 'round the world. That ponderous penis belonged to singer **Lenny Kravitz**. During a concert in Stockholm, the singer squatted down while wearing skin-tight leather pants. And before you can say Jack Robinson in Swedish, his pants split at the crotch, exposing his privates and some hardware. While Steven Tyler refers to it as pierced, I believe Kravitz is actually wearing a cock ring. You can decide for yourself when you check out the enhanced video and photo on BillyMasters.com.

When we're featuring a bent penis, it's definitely time to end yet another column. Well, it's not actually bent—but it does curve slightly downward. You can see all that and more on www.BillyMasters.com, the site that has nothing to hide. Since I'll be in Provincetown this week, I'm sure I'll see more than my share of penises. But that won't distract me from answering your questions. So just email Billy@BillyMasters.com, and I promise to get back to you before Matthew Broderick takes Sarah Jessica Parker out for a walk! Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.







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SAVOR

Municipal; Hard Rock's burger; beer brunch

BY ANDREW DAVIS

A lot has stayed the same at **Municipal Bar + Dining Co.** (216 W. Ohio St.; MuncipalBar.com)—including the Chicago theme, the laid-back atmosphere and those cool metallic chairs.

However, a lot has changed as well—mainly regarding the menu. (The restaurant's patio has also opened for the summer, although a friend and I avoided that recently because of the intense heat.)

First, there were the refreshing drinks. My friend Alex and I both got the Moscow Mules that were, thankfully, served traditionally (in the copper cup). However, Municipal sets itself apart in having a whole section of the drink section devoted to Mules—including the Monster Mule, which is served in a teakettle.

The food was similarly impressive, overall. The ceviche managed to be refreshing while also packing a little heat, thanks to the jalapeno component. The smoked bacon deviled eggs were solid, as was the quinoa summer salad—even if it had quite the mishmash of ingredients (arugula, strawberries, apples, carrots, sliced almonds, feta cheese



Lobster roll with fries at Municipal. Photos by Andrew Davis

and honey vinaigrette on a quinoa bed).

Coming from the East Coast, I usually don't have high hopes for seafood dishes in the Chicago area, but Alex and I enjoyed the lobster roll and fish tacos. (A side note: The fries I had with the roll—deep golden-brown and very crunchy—are the best I've had anywhere this year.)

The desserts (chocolate chip cookie skillet and empanadas) were probably the weakest links during the meal, especially when I compare the latter to Latin American restaurants I've visited.

I do plan on revisiting Municipal; those fries and Moscow Mules are positively seductive.

Hard Rock's burger

Hard Rock Cafe (63 W. Ontario St.; HardRock. com/Chicago) has always struck me as one of those "touristy" places to avoid. However, the restaurant now has a compelling reason for locals to give it a try.

Available now through Aug. 31, Hard Rock Cafe's limited-time Goose Island Tropical Bacon Burger will be paired with Goose Island IPA. I liked how the chili-spiced bacon, grilled pineapple and man-

go salsa played off each other and the burger. Also, Hard Rock was able to accommodate my friend, who doesn't eat red meat; there are chicken and veggie-patty options as well.



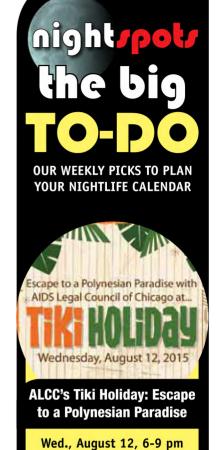
Above: Goose Island tropical burger at Hard Rock Cafe. Below: Deviled eggs at State and Lake.



Beer brunch

Speaking of beer pairings, **State and Lake Chicago Tavern at theWit** (201 N. State St.; State-AndLakeChicago.com) now has a beer brunch, with combinations such as house-cured pastrami corned-beef hash and Matilda Belgian Style Ale.

My dining companion absolutely loved the pairing with his tasty tavern Benedict. I eschewed by beer (although my friend was more than happy to drink mine), opting for apple juice with my pastrami corned-beef hash—which was absolutely scrumptious. If you have room, be sure to have an ice-cream sandwich at the end.



Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St. AIDS Legal Council of Chicago's yearly travel-themed fundraiser, with island fare by Three Dots and a Dash, entertainment, silent auction, and the Grand Raffle. Contact Kevin Mork at kjmork@aidslegal.com for more info.

Totally Requested LIVE! for About Face Theatre

Friday, August 14, 9 pm Mary's Attic, 5400 N. Clark St. DJ Moose (pictured) spins your favorites, by request. \$1 per song request to benefit one of Chicago's most beloved

theater groups.
Photo by Kirk Williamson















These Boots Are Made For Walkin'

Saturday, August 15, 10 pm Touche, 6412 N. Clark St.

A boot fetish party and benefit for the Chicago House AIDS Walk Team. Win a pair of Chippewa Boots from Leather 64TEN and a \$100 boot care kit. Bootblacks will be on duty. Presented in association with CLAW Nation. Photo by Kirk Williamson

More from the Midwest's largest two-day street festival.

Photos by Ed Negron

COMMUNITY ALENDAR

Wed., Aug. 12 Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce Work-shops, panels, and networking. Speaker Lamman Rucker, actor. Celebrity guest Harry Lennix, actor, Blacklist 1:30pm a-dice Hotel, East Peoria, Through Aug. 13. http://www.ilbcc.org Tickets: http:// events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/ event?oeidk=a07eazoksd4b56346a2&llr=e bvrnedab

Taste of Andersonville Dinner Crawl Selections from 22 restaurants Andersonville. Choose the SALT Route or the PEPPER Route. Or both with THE WHOLE ENCHILA-DA. \$30 for each route in advance, \$35 at door (if available). THE WHOLE ENCHILADA \$55 in advance, \$65 at door, Questions to sdandelles@andersonville.org. 6:00pm -9:00pm Headquarters, Taste of Andersonville, Swedish American Museum, 5211 N. Clark St., Chicago 773-728-2995 Tickets: http://www.andersonville.org/dinnercrawl

Genderqueer Chicago A grassroots group that works to create safe spaces for everyone to talk about, think about, explore and express gender. 7:00pm - 8:15pm Center on Halsted 3656 N Halsted St.

The Boy From Oz The story of songwriter and performer Peter Allen. Features songs by Peter Allen, book by Martin Sherman and Nick Enright, Direction by David Zak, and Musical Direction by Robert Ollis. 7:30pm Stage 773 1225 W Belmont Ave., http:// pridefilmsandplays.com

Thursday, Aug. 13

Open Gym Volleyball Every Monday and Thursday for 18 and over. All gender and experience levels welcome. Cost \$7/night or \$30/month. 6:00pm - 9:00pm Center on Halsted 3656 N Halsted Chicago

Move Your Body: The Evolution of House Music Exhibition in the Chicago Rooms celebrating more than 30 years of a home-



grown art form that is now heard around the world. Through Aug. 16. 7:00pm - 9:30pm Chicago Cultural Center 78 E. 9:30pm Washington St. Chicago http://www. cityofchicago.org

Queer Tango A beginner and intermediate

Argentine Tango class designed specifically for the LGBTQ communities led by Paola Borden (Second Place winner at the USA Championships for Argentine Tango in 2015). \$15/class. 7:00pm - 9:00pm Center on Halsted 3656 N Halsted Chicago

Parents of Trans* Individuals Conversa-

tion and support for parents of Trans* individuals who identify as Transgender or are questioning their gender identity. Free.

7:00pm - 9:00pm Center on Halsted 3656 N Halsted St.

Screening: She's Funny That Way 2014, Peter Bogdanovich, USA, 93 min. Through Sept. 3. 11:00am Gene Siskel Film Center 164 N State St.; http://www.siskelfilmcenter.org/shesfunnythatway

Friday, Aug. 14

Iddy Id Design Exhibition, "A.U.C.T.I.O.N." Group exhibition of new works featuring mixed media and visual and performing artists. Featured artists include Iddy Id Design, Ayodele Drum and Dance, Nish Hamilton, Alycia Davis, Jeremy Royster, Wanda Rosado-Johnson, Kia Givhan, Kim Ferguson and others. Taking the negative event of auctioning slaves to auctioning creativity and Black commerce. Pre-sale tickets available. Tickets sold at the door will not include food and beverage. A.U.C.T.I.O.N. is sponsored by Team 101 Chicago. 3:00pm -9:00pm Space 1858, 1858 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL https://www.facebook.com/ events/891317447594831/

Opening reception, Blood at the Root: Unearthing Stories of State Violence Against Black Women Blood at the Root is an exhibition to focus our attention on the fact that #BlackWomensLivesMatter. RSVP to bloodattheroot.eventbrite.com 6:00pm - 9:00pm Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, 925 W Diversey Pkwy, Chicago https://www.facebook.com/ events/1634523903431391/

Gay Men's Movie Night Movie, facilitated discussion and light refreshments, \$5 6:15pm - 9:00pm Center on Halsted 3656 N Halsted Chicago

Significant others, family, friends and allies of ManCavers (SOFFA) Partners, family, allies and friends of Transmen and those who attend Mancave. Free. 6:30pm - 8:30pm Center on Halsted 3656 N Halsted St.

Bette, Live At The Continental Baths Hell in a Handbag Productions presents this musi-cal tribute to Bette Midler starring Caitlin Jackson, directed and choreographed by Christopher Pazdernik with musical direction by Jeremy Ramey as Barry Manilow.

Tickets \$20 advance, \$22 at the door. VIP reserved seating with drink \$35. 8:00pm Mary's Attic 5400 N Clark Chicago Tickets: http://www.brownpapertickets.com/ event/1391656/

Formerly Known As (FKA) Long-running Northside queer dance party moves to second Friday of each month. Welcoming space for people of all genders, representations, expressions, identities and sexualities. 10:00pm Big Chicks 5024 N Sheridan Rd Chicago http://facebook. com/FKADANCE

Saturday, Aug. 15

Dance for Life Performance To raise funds and awareness for HIV/AIDS. Emceed by Joey Bland and Tim Mason from Second City. Participating companies include Giordano Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Joffrey Ballet, River North Dance and others. 7:30pm Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University 50 E Congress Pkwy Chicago (312) 922-5812 www. danceforlifechicago.org Tickets: www. danceforlifechicago.org

Loving Repeating Musical tribute to the life and loves of celebrated American author Gertrude Stein. Using Stein's own works as lyrics. Through Aug. 30, 2015 7:30pm Theater Wit 1229 W Belmont Ave. Chicago Tickets: http://www.kokandyproductions.

Trans* 101 Casual potluck, discussion, or outing for Trans*. Free. 4:30pm - 6:30pm Center on Halsted 3656 N Halsted St.

Sunday, Aug. 16

The Lighthouse Church of Chicago Multiethnic and LGBT-inclusive with Pastor Jamie Frazier, 10:00am Uptown Underground, 4707 N. Broadway St., Chicago http://www.lighthousechicago.org

PFLAG DuPage chapter Meets the third Sunday of each month 2:00pm St. Paul Lutheran Church, 515 S. Wheaton Ave. Wheaton http://www.pflagillinois.org
Parents, Family, Friends and Allies of

Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) Free. 2:00pm 4:00pm Center on Halsted 3656 N Halsted

Idina Menzel Tony-winning icon Idina Menzel has a diverse career that traverses stage, film, television and music. Menzel's voice can be heard as Elsa in Disney's global box-office smash Frozen, in which she sings the film's Oscar-winning song "Let It Doors open at 5 pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. Tickets: http://www.ticketmaster.com

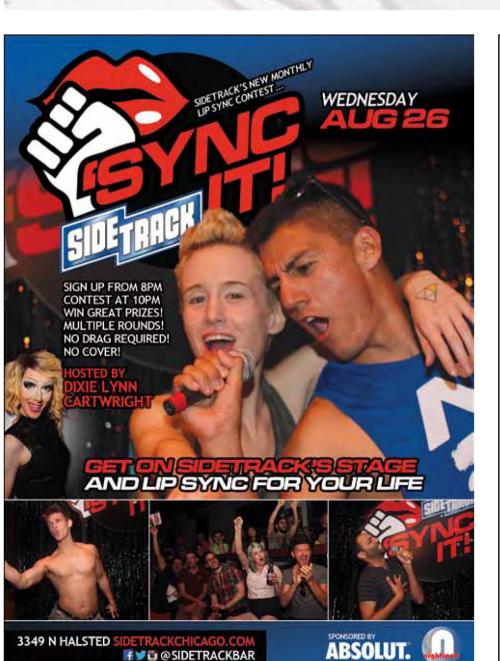
Monday, Aug. 17 Center on Halsted's Limelight Series pres-

ents: An Evening with Pride Films and Plays Chicago's Pride Films and Plays utilizes stories with GLBT characters or themes and creates powerful theatrics and films that speak for the community and are essential viewing for all audiences. Mix and mingle 7 -7:30 pm followed by a chat with Executive Director David Zak. Then, several live performances and sneak peeks at their upcoming season. Free. RSVP online. 7:00pm Center on Halsted 3656 N Halsted St., http://pridefilmsandplays.

Tuesday, Aug. 18

Chicago Women's Health Center Celebrates 3rd Annual Revolutionary Healthcare! Fundraiser Emcee Jackie Boyd, DJ Black Gold, and raffle items from Cards Against Humanity, Second City, Chicago Fire, Logan Square Theatre. Tickets sliding scale of \$45-\$65 include unlimited beer and appetizers. Questions to wd@chicagowomenshealthcenter.org 6:30pm Revolution Brewing Brewpub, 2323 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-935-6126 x229 Tickets: http://www. brownpapertickets.com/event/1761878

GED Registration The Fall session runs from Aug 24, 2015 - Dec 12, 2015 with classes held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 pm - 4 pm at the Center on Halsted. Fall registration will run from July 16, 2015 -Aug 22, 2015 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 pm - 4 pm. Plan on staying up to 3 hours for assessment testing. Free. 12:00pm - 4:00pm Center on Halsted 3656 N Halsted



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