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## MISS CONTINENTAL 2015

Hearty congratulations to Tiffany T. Hunter, the new Miss Continental 2015. These pageant photos are from both the semifinals, Sun., Sept. 6, and the finals, Mon., Sept. 7, both at The Vic. Photos by Jack Nielsen



## SIDETRACK

Cazwell raps up the summertime season, powered by Scruff, Fri., Sept. 4.  
Photos by Jerry Nunn

## THE SOFO TAP

The silver lining (with no clouds) at DILF: Silver Fox, Sat., Sept. 5.  
Photos by Kyle Henderson



"As time has gone on, I think a lot of people on this issue have really changed their thinking here to, 'I don't ever want to stand in front of anybody's happiness.' That's not my job." —**Caitlyn Jenner** tells Ellen DeGeneres how her feelings about same-sex marriage have evolved. What a difference a couple decades (and some estrogen) make.

It's been a year since **Joan Rivers'** untimely death. As you know, I had a long relationship with Auntie Joan, so I'd like to relate two anecdotes that I don't believe I've ever shared before. When I first contacted her as a kid, the abbreviations for states had just changed to what are now the standard two letters—so Massachusetts went from Mass. to MA. She ended her first letter to me (on Caesars Palace stationery) saying, "It makes me feel so happy to know I have a fan in Maine." Over the years, Joan and I spent many memorable moments together on the red carpet. One that stands out was the 2005 Golden Globes. Joan had briefly left E! for the TV Guide Network. After the pre-show, we were walking by the now-deserted E! set. I mentioned how nice it looked, festooned with roses. "You should take the flowers," I quipped, knowing it never took much to goad her. Auntie Joan's eyes flashed, "Damn right! I put that network on the map—they owe me. Get out your camera." Not sure if I should take photos or a video, I did both. You can see this brief video and photos for the first time on [BillyMasters.com](http://BillyMasters.com).

Joan was taken from us at 81. Meanwhile, **Marilyn Maye** is still knocking 'em dead at 87! Although I've vacationed with Marilyn in P-town for most of the past decade, our dates did not coincide this year. At the last minute, I found myself available and snuck into town for her closing night. If anything, Maye's voice gets better and richer every year, like a fine wine. This year's show at the Provincetown Art House was devoted to love songs. Why? Maye explained, "With marriage equality now the law of the land, what else could I sing about in my favorite city?" God love her.

My sister in gossip, Michael Musto, reports that **Miley Cyrus** was in discussions to slip into Hedwig's stilettos on Broadway. Alas, that plan was thwarted since Hedwig and the Angry Inch will end its Broadway run on Sept. 13 with Taye Diggs. However, Miley would not have been the first female Hedwig. Way back when it was an off-Broadway sensation in 1999, the show briefly starred Ally Sheedy. At the time, rumors ran rampant that the first female Hedwig was going to be the sensational Sandra Bernhard—yet another lost opportunity.

Legendary Olympian **Greg Louganis** has signed with CAA to represent him in all areas of showbiz. This may seem trite—people switch agents all the time. But in Greg's case, it is quite significant. He's won numerous honors, written best-selling books and was even the subject of a documentary last year. But what does he want? To be on Dancing with the Stars. At least we've heard of him! And he's an Olympic legend, to say nothing of an HIV trailblazer. There's also talk of him finally getting onto a box of Wheaties. Baby steps...

You know how innocent young men often ask a famous person to a prom, or a ball or some other fabulous event? Well, we now have a first. Tanner White, a Marine, made a special video for **Steve Grand**, better known for posing in various forms of undress than for actually singing. "Steve, you are an amazing singer. I've seen some of your



**Steve Grand** will soon be in the military, so to speak.

Photos by Joem C. Bayawa

blog videos, and they were awesome. I would like for you to go with me to the 2015 Marine Corps Ball in Wilmington, North Carolina as my date. Hopefully you'll say yes. If not, it was worth a shot." Because apparently nobody can simply pick up a telephone, Grand posted a video of his own: "I want to say that I'm honored to accept your invitation to be your date at the Marine Corps Ball this November. Thank you so much for your service to this country, and I look forward to a really fun evening with you in November." I wouldn't be surprised if the date includes more servicing—to say nothing of a part of the anatomy turning purple, decidedly south of the heart.

One of my favorite events is fast approaching. Gay Days Anaheim will take place at Disneyland Oct. 2-4. In addition to the revelers descending on the parks in red shirts and dancing in Downtown Disney till dawn (OK, till 1 a.m.), there are a number of special additions this year. **Audra McDonald** will be performing a full concert on Friday night prior to the Wonderland party with **DJ Ray Rhodes**. Saturday night will be the big Kingdom party, featuring my pals **Well-Strung** alongside the phenomenal **DJ Kimberly S. Miss Coco Peru** will also be doing a show on Saturday. And then the PLUNGE! pool party will take place on Sunday at the Anaheim Majestic Garden Hotel. I'm skipping lots of details, but you can get all of the information and buy tickets at [GayDaysAnaheim.com](http://GayDaysAnaheim.com).

Our "Ask Billy" question comes from Ryan in Tulsa: "I can't believe you never wrote about The D Train, with **James Marsden** and **Jack Black**. They have sex and everything."

I love when I learn something from my fans. James Marsden's career has always fascinated me. Rarely has someone had the whole package, such as it is. Looks, talent, charisma and, of course, that body. Although he's played gay several times, he is (allegedly) heterosexual. I remember being virtually tongue-tied when I met him at the Hairspray premiere. And, yet, Jack Black finds himself literally tongue-tied with Marsden in this film, which came and went in May. It made roughly \$440K its opening weekend and then quickly disappeared—so quickly that I never even heard of it. The plot surrounds a nerd (Jack Black) trying to arrange his high school reunion and tracking down his hottest classmate (James Marsden). You'll have to watch the movie to see how they end up having sex, but you can see them in the act on [BillyMasters.com](http://BillyMasters.com).

When I'm jealous of Jack Black, it's definitely time to end yet another column. Here's something else I can't believe I'm saying: I'm glad the summer's over. I was getting a bit bored. Back to reality and Los Angeles—if that's even possible. For all your gossip needs, check out [www.BillyMasters.com](http://www.BillyMasters.com), the site that never takes a vacation. And if you have a question, send it along to [Billy@BillyMasters.com](mailto:Billy@BillyMasters.com), and I promise to get back to you before I record a video asking Marsden to be my date for Gay Days Anaheim! So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.



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## SAVOR

### Brunch at Bottlefork; Rosebud's 40th

BY ANDREW DAVIS

As one might guess from its name, **Bottlefork** (441 N. Clark St.; [Bottlefork.com](#)) combines elements of the bar and the kitchen (and it even says so on the window, for those who still might wonder).

The River North restaurant is a collaboration between Rockit Ranch Productions (Rick Young, Arturo Gomez and the seemingly omnipresent Billy Dec) and former Four Seasons Executive Chef Kevin Hickey, so expectations should be high.

And, overall, those expectations have been met—starting with the decor. There was a cool vibe about the place, which is simultaneously narrow but open—something Operations Manager Dey Hamilton told Windy City Times allows for a sort of “dancing.” (Some take that dancing literally, as our server, Eddie, did a little jig for us, although I’ll admit that was at my behest.)

Hamilton also said that Bottlefork is known for having food in its booze and vice versa, although that originated in its dinner menu (and certainly not brunch). However, the Bloody Marys certainly have some food in them. My dining companion



Above: Brisket hash and the sope at Bottlefork.  
Below: From Rosebud's 40th anniversary.  
Photos by Andrew Davis



tried two different concoctions (Bottlefork and Slaughterhouse Bloody Marys—the latter with a garnish that included wagyu and rabbit sausage), and really liked both. I went the non-alcohol route with a Chef’s Huckleberry Kool-Aid that was certainly tangy. (Of note: My friend noted the Wisconsin influences throughout the menu, including the Rhinelander beer that accompanied the Marys.)

The food also struck high notes. Although the doughnut holes were a little too, well, doughy for me; however, my friend said they reminded him of beignets, and he loved them. However, the Richie’s Mom’s Cast Iron Baked French Toast (with caramel) was absolutely divine; the only drawback was that the dish was so sticky, it rendered our utensils practically useless when we tried other items.

I also heartily recommend the breakfast sope—an intoxicating olio of ranchera sauce, fried egg, black beans, guac and cotija cheese that’s practically as good as any I’ve had in an authentic Mexican restaurant. The brisket hash gets high marks as well, with poached egg and a Russian dressing hollandaise. (Another caveat: The prices of items vary widely, although most items are under \$20.)

There are many reasons to stop by Bottlefork (including the view of female-impersonator nightspot The Baton across the street). Rockit Ranch (and Hickey) have added another feather to their caps.

#### Turning 40

**Rosebud Restaurants**—which is responsible for a slew of eateries in Chicago—marked its 40th anniversary with a media event at Gold Coast spot Carmine’s.

Among other things, guests were served items from the company’s 40th-anniversary menu, including chicken Vesuvio, Rosebud original eggplant salad and The 1975 cocktail.

See [RosebudRestaurants.com](#).

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#### Phase Variance: An Of Montreal Afterparty

Thursday, Sept. 10, 10 pm

Berlin, 954 W. Belmont Ave.

Special guest DJ set from Of Montreal singer Kevin Barnes. Live performance from Rapper Chicks. Presented by Stardust, Cold Tech and Unsung Femmes Magazine.



#### All Things Beyoncé

Wed., Sept. 16, 9 pm

Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St.

Dance to Queen Bey all night long and shake it in the Beyoncé dance-off contest. Hosted by noted Beyoncé impersonator Dixie Lynn Cartwright. No cover.



#### Out in the Park at Six Flags Great America

Saturday, Sept. 11, 7 pm-midnight

Six Flags Great America, Gurnee, Ill.

Live performances by Amanda Lepore and Pablo Hernandez (pictured) are the highlights of a spectacular night of amusement and entertainment, to benefit Northalsted Business Alliance. See [www.GaySixFlagsChicago.com](#) for ticket info and more.

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