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**SIDETRACK**

Chantay, you stay! RuPaul's Drag Race season finale party, Monday, May 16.  
Photos by Jed Dulanias

**Will you go to  
Pride Prom  
with me?**

That's the question! As prom season approaches, The Northalsted Business Alliance (NBA) announces a right of passage redux in the form of Pride Prom: A Chance to Rewrite History, set for Saturday, May 21, in Boystown at Halsted and Newport.

As part of the newly formed collaboration with The Legacy Project, NBA invites revelers to enjoy an unforgettable evening of entertainment and celebration in the heart of Boystown. The elaborate set-up will include an expansive outdoor tent on Waveland, between Halsted and Broadway. Guests will savor light fare by featured neighborhood restaurants, beverages and dancing.

Christopher Barrett Politan, Executive Director of the Northalsted Business Alliance, describes what the night means for the neighborhood. "For many in the LGBTQ community prom was a less than welcoming environment

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Dancing on their own (with friends) at the Polar Music Party night, Sat., May 14. Photos by Jerry Nunn

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OUR WEEKLY PICKS TO PLAN YOUR NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

**All Things Beyonce: One-year Anniversary**



Wed., May 18, 9 pm  
Sidetrack,

3349 N. Halsted St.

Sip the Lemonade with the rest of the Beyhive at this special "beyniversary" celebration. Formation concert ticket giveaway at midnight.

**the DISH**  
Weekly Dining Guide in  
WINDY CITY TIMES

**SAVOR**

**Marion Street Market; Chefs and the City**

BY ANDREW DAVIS

Oak Park's **Marion Street Market** (100 S. Marion St.; MarionStreetMarket.com) is just as quaint and welcoming as the suburb in which it is situated.

By the way, it's a good thing the venue has re-branded from its original name of Marion Street Cheese Market—because there's a restaurant that made the trip out there certainly worth it.

Stopping by for lunch recently, there was a large group of "ladies who lunch," as some call them. For some reason, the scene reminded of the (soon-to-be-revived) show *Gilmore Girls*, and the women moving onto to Marion Street's cuisine, lunch includes items such as soups, salads and sandwiches—and all the things we tried were pretty tasty. My dining partner raved about the chicken noodle soup ("Everything tastes so fresh!") and also really liked the Miller's Farm chicken sandwich.



Cauliflower tart (above) and apple cake at Marion Street Market. Photos by Andrew Davis



I was initially a little hesitant to order the cauliflower tart—but, boy, was I glad I did. The honey and curry aioli, tart apples and Cabot cheddar made for a sandwich that was complex and amazingly delicious. In fact, my friend said that she

didn't even like cauliflower until she tried this item. I also have to give kudos to the lamb burger, which was extremely juicy—and the focaccia, from Morton Grove's Z Bakery, was the softest and tastiest bread of its kind I've had in quite some time.

Also, if you can spare it, please try a dessert. Even though we were full, we absolutely devoured the buttery apple cake that was paired with vanilla ice cream.

A side note: We went at a time when some of the menu and drink items are being phased out for spring offerings. Thankfully, items such as the tart will remain.

Also, be sure to stop by the market. There are various spirits, breads, desserts and, yes, cheeses.

**Chefs and the City**

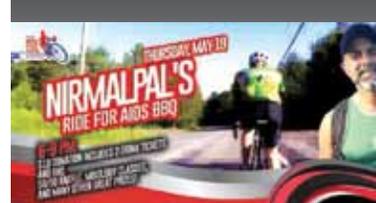
Heartland Alliance and Heartland Health Outreach, Inc. (HHO) announced the return of its annual Chefs and the City tasting event at the Montgomery Club, 500 W. Superior St., on Thursday, June 2, at 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Some of this year's chef participants include RL Restaurant's Ryan Pitts, Enolo Wine Bar's Felipe Ospina, Tanta's Jesus Delgado and Swirlz Cupcakes' Marissa Meyer.

Attendees can take a chance in the premier and grand raffles to win an array of prizes, including a trip to New York City.

Complimentary cocktails from Bombay Sapphire and fine wines are included with each ticket purchase. Early-bird tickets for the event are \$100 until May 20 at 5 p.m. (\$125 after the date). To purchase tickets, visit <https://secure3.convio.net/ha/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=106444>.

**Nirmalpal's Ride For AIDS BBQ**



Thu., May 19, 6-9 pm  
Replay,

3439 N. Halsted St.

\$10 donation includes two drink tickets and BBQ, 50/50 raffle, mixology classes and many other great prizes. Event sponsored by Steamworks Baths.

**OTTER: Booty Marauder**



Sat., May 21, 9 pm  
The Sofo Tap,  
4923 N. Clark St.

Marauder (noun) - Someone who attacks in search of booty. Guest DJ Voxbox will be attacking the tracks. Ty will be your host with the most bootylicious search magnet in town. Show off your booty in your finest warm-weather booty attire. Patio bar open 'til midnight. No cover.

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to express gender identity or sexual orientation. Our Pride Prom gives everyone the chance to rewrite their prom experience. Furthermore, we are thrilled that Alderman James Cappleman and his husband Richard Thale will serve as honorary co-chairs of the evening"

The event marks the first joint initiative for The Northalsted Business Alliance and The Legacy Project, which recently announced their collaborative agreement to advance Boystown cultural programming, business efforts and tourism plans.

Neighborhood businesses are joining in the celebration by offering prom goers discounts at their establishments leading up to, during and after the event. Local bars and nightclubs are offering specials and line privileges at their establishments.

Tickets are available at [www.northalsted.com](http://www.northalsted.com). See ad on back cover for more details.

**These Boots Were Made For Walking**



Sun., May 22, Noon - 4 pm  
Rogers Park Social,  
6920 N. Glenwood Ave.

Help bartender Leo raise funds for breast cancer. Leo is walking 39 miles to fight the disease. Help him by drinking tequila and throwing pies at all of his friends. Raffle prizes, 50/50 raffle, burlesque, bingo, crepes and more.



"You ain't nothing to me but a disappointment. And the day you die from AIDS, I'm gonna celebrate."—**Lucious Lyon's** response to his gay son on Empire. Excuse me—is it 1986? Why not have Alexis walk in wearing a hat with a veil and sunglasses? It would have fit in just as well—and been just as relevant.

Is anyone in the market for some slightly over-the-hill, slightly used sperm? Yes, I am talking about my sperm; the fruit of my loins ... literally. I realize this is not a seller's market, but there might be someone within earshot (or whatever the written equivalent is) who is interested in some sluggish swimmers. For years, I thought that when my life settled down, I'd have a child—and I don't mean that in the icky Michael Jackson way. But as time marches on and 50 is within sight, I suspect that raising a child is beyond my capabilities—raising a dog who is free-fed and litter box trained is often beyond my capabilities. But why should I deny the world a little Billy Masters? He could grow up to be president of the United States—or, at the very least, make fun of people running for president!

Last week, history was made on Dancing with the Stars. For years, the idea of a same-sex dancing couple has been floated. The idea picked up steam when Lance Bass competed—there were serious talks about him being paired with a male pro. Last week, a same-sex couple dance finally happened, spearheaded by **Bruno Tonioli**. He had to choreograph a dance that would feature two of the contestants—**Nyle DiMarco** and **Jodie Sweetin**—and their partners. In the course of their Argentine tango, the stars swapped pros. And that's how we ended up with Nyle dancing with Keo and Jodie dancing with Peta. Much was made of the bold move, particularly since Keo was the one who led. "Well, it's a different experience," said Nyle.

In a move that is being called "groundbreaking," CBS has given the green light to Doubt, a one-hour legal drama starring **Laverne Cox**. One report said, "This will be the first broadcast series featuring a transgender series regular character played by a transgender actor." That may technically be true, but one must give ABC their due for casting **Candis Cayne** in Dirty Sexy Money way back in 2007 (although, technically, she was "recurring" rather than a "series regular"). Alas, Doubt has something that almost guarantees it will fail—star **Katherine Heigl**. Oh, well.

**Melissa Rivers** has settled her medical malpractice lawsuit against Yorkville Endoscopy, where her mother **Joan Rivers** died in 2014. "In accepting this settlement, I am able to put the legal aspects of my mother's death behind me and ensure that those culpable for her death have accepted responsibility for their actions quickly and without equivocation," said Missy in a statement written by her lawyers. (I doubt she uses the word "equivocation" in everyday conversation.) While we don't know the exact details, we're told the payout is in excess of \$10 million.

Didya know that Dreamgirls is heading to London's West End? And didya know that Effie will be played by **Amber Riley**? The show opens Nov. 19.

Meanwhile here in the States, a national tour of Hedwig and the Angry Inch will begin at the Golden Gate Theatre in San Francisco on Oct. 4. If you missed sexy **Darren Criss** when he took over the title role on Broadway for 12 weeks, you're in luck—he'll be headlining the show in San Francisco and Los Angeles. It hasn't been announced who will take over after he leaves.



**Nyle DiMarco** danced his way into history, according to Billy. Instagram photo

Although the live stage version of The Bodyguard has been a hit in London since 2012, it hasn't opened here. That will be rectified in November, when the show skips Broadway and hits the road for a national tour starting at the Paper Mill Playhouse. Even better news is that **Deborah Cox** will be slipping into the Whitney Houston role.

A television series about the long-running feud between **Joan Crawford** and **Bette Davis**? Yes, please. FX has ordered eight episodes of Feud from **Ryan Murphy**. And if you were excited to see Crawford and Davis battling, wait 'til I tell you who will be playing them ... **Jessica Lange** and **Susan Sarandon** (as Crawford and Davis, respectively). I can't wait!

We've gotten some photos of **Katie Holmes** on the set of The Kennedys: After Camelot, and I must say it's uncanny how much she looks like **Jackie Kennedy**. Of course, I had no doubt she could play the role of a woman who turned a blind eye to her husband's secret sex life. After all, she spent years perfecting that part!

**Ronnie Larsen's** production of **David Dillon's** Party, currently running at the Empire Stage in Fort Lauderdale, brings together various elements of my life. I've often said that without people like **Ronnie Larsen** and **David Dillon**, there would be no Billy Masters. Both were notable gay theatre animals who inspired me in the 1990s—and later became friends. Way back in 1999, I suggested they collaborate. It only took 17 years, but Larsen is finally producing Party—a play he's always loved, and it shows.

The play, about a group of seven gay friends playing a version of Truth or Dare (called Fact, Fiction or Fantasy), survives or fails based on the chemistry of the cast. This group seems to be having a gay ol' time, and that spills over into the audience (it doesn't hurt that the good-looking cast all get naked eventually). Special kudos to the superlative performances by **Charlie Logan** and **Jamie Morris**, who really anchor the show. This is a party you won't want to miss—and it runs through June 12. For tickets and information, go to [RonnieLarsen.com](http://RonnieLarsen.com).

If you can't get to Fort Lauderdale, you can see a hot naked guy online. For some inexplicable reason, Olympic skier **Gus Kenworthy** decided to take a nude photo of himself frolicking with a group of kangaroos in Australia. "I know I said no more kangaroo pictures butt I changed my mind." Oh, there's that sparkling wit we've come to expect from our gay sportsmen! You can check him out on [BillyMasters.com](http://BillyMasters.com).

When Gus is showing us what's Down Under, we've definitely come to the end of yet another column. You can always get the latest dish at [BillyMasters.com](http://BillyMasters.com), the site that's got something for everyone. We didn't have room for a question this week, but you can send your queries along to [Billy@BillyMasters.com](mailto:Billy@BillyMasters.com), and I promise to get back to you before I start a new website—Sperm2Go.com. Until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.

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