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'Out of the Bars' voting effort, Sat., Nov. 5

In this tempestuous election year, having our voices heard is more important than, perhaps, ever before. Chicago's bar community is aiding in that effort with **Out of the Bars and Into the Streets**, an organized effort to get people together to talk, to dance, and, most importantly, to vote.

This first-of-its-kind event, presented by Chicago Votes and Organized Grime Crew, will begin at noon, **Saturday, November 5**, gathering at **Replay**, 3439 N. Halsted St. in Boystown. At 1 p.m., there will be a **march from Replay to the polling facility** at Merlo Branch Chicago Public Library, 644 W. Belmont Ave. An afterparty will be held at 3 p.m. at **Hydrate**, 3458 N. Halsted St., with DJs Harry Cross and Cindel. "Political realness" looks are encouraged for the entire event.

The event derives its name from a quote by instrumental gay politician Harvey Milk and is being organized by Derek Elliott Bagley, development director of Chicago Votes, a local non-profit tasked with registering, educating, and activating young voters across Chicagoland.

"Our community has a history of marching for our rights," states Bagley. "It has been our greatest tool to make our presence known in the public arena. After the unprecedented tragedy at Pulse Orlando this summer, it is clear that our visibility is key to ensuring our ability to be who we are this election year. We encourage all people—queers and allies alike—to join us in this effort as we stand our ground for our rights."

Windy City Times is a proud sponsor of this event.



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OUR WEEKLY PICKS TO PLAN
YOUR NIGHTLIFE CALENDAR

**Mister International
Rubber (MIR) 20**



**Thu., Nov. 3 - Sun., Nov. 6
Berlin,**

954 W. Bemont Ave.

The 20th anniversary weekend includes an array of events, including;

MIR Welcome Party

Thu., Nov. 3, 11 p.m.

Touche, 6412 N. Clark St.

Welcoming MIR 20 attendees with a bar night filled with surprises for all in attendance. No cover charge. Featuring MIR 19, Chicago's own Jeffrey "Gumbärchen" Basile (pictured).

Rubber Hole

Fri., Nov. 4, 11 p.m.

Jackhammer, 6406 N. Clark St.

A party in The Hole for MIR attendees. Cover charge possible.

Meet the Contestants

Sat., Nov. 5, 4-5 p.m.

Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St.

Get to know the contestants through one-on-one conversation in the social zone or watch them go to town in the demo pit.

MIR 20 Contest (two nights)

Fri., Nov. 4 and Sat., Nov 5, 9-11 p.m.

Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St.

Night one begins with fun and erotic entertainment, with competitions in "Rubber Image" and "Rubber Fantasy." The contest concludes on night two, with the ever-popular judging of the on-stage question, a "mystery bag" and the opportunity to vote for the new Mister International Rubber.

3rd Annual Puppy Brunch

Sun., Nov. 6, 11 a.m.

Cell Block, 3702 N. Halsted St.

Hosted by Sir Justin and Pup Tork.

For a full schedule of events, see mirubber.com/attend/schedule-of-events/.

the DISH

Weekly Dining Guide in
WINDY CITY TIMES

SAVOR

Green Zebra

BY ANDREW DAVIS

When I first went to **Green Zebra** (1460 W. Chicago Ave.; GreenZebraChicago.com) several years ago, I came away with a new appreciation of vegetarian/vegan cuisine—and the room that makes your coats toasty during the winter was a nice touch as well.

A recent visit to the Shawn McClain-led eatery, which opened in 2004, did nothing to dispel said appreciation, as I was continuously dazzled by appetizing selections.

Chef de Cuisine David Chapman (an affable, incredibly funny fellow) started things promisingly with an amuse bouche of squash, reduced apple cider and pecans (just in time for fall), followed by hen of the woods mushroom pate, served with raspberry mostarda and shaved watermelon rad-



Beet tartare (left) and corn cake from Green Zebra.
Photos by Andrew Davis

ishes.

I heartily recommend the fermented beet (not beef) tartare, delicately balanced with borscht yogurt, candied pistachios, dill pollen and raspberry powder. And my favorite item was probably the pumpkin pot stickers (with sesame soy dipping sauce), although the apple pierogis weren't far behind.

Fresh spring rolls were tasty and refreshing; they're filled with snow peas, pickled shiitake mushrooms, Ruby Streak mustard greens, cucumber, mint and apricot soy sauce. And I have to give props to the poached duck egg dish, which

is served with smoked potato puree, parsley and country sourdough.

And please take time for dessert. Although the olive-oil cake was not there (I remembered that from my previous experience there), tantalizing items such as fried apple pie and dark chocolate cake are available.

To make sure you have a filling experience (physically and otherwise), I'd recommend getting at least three dishes apiece. That way, you can have a more well-rounded experience at this incredible space.



DRAGAPALOOZA @ SIDETRACK

This year's "Night of 100" was on fire for Equality IL, Thu., October 27.
Photos by Jerry Nunn

Sidetrack Election Day Party



**Tue., Nov. 8, 3 pm
Sidetrack,**

3349 N. Halsted St.

Join Chicago's LGBT community after you cast your vote. The event is free and open to everyone 21+. Doors open at 3 pm. No cover. Results all day and night on the Sidetrack Big Screen until 2 am. Party sponsored by Chicago LGBTQ for Hillary.



"I don't want to say it was big, but I believe it had an elbow!"—Nathan Lane discusses seeing John Slattery naked back in 1989, when the two appeared off-Broadway in *The Lisbon Traviata*. The two are currently appearing on Broadway in a revival of *The Front Page*, where, I believe, all elbows are covered.

The Saturday matinee performance of Rossini's opera *William Tell* at the Metropolitan Opera in NYC was stopped before the last act, and the audience was ushered out while local police and federal agents investigated. During the intermission, a suspicious-looking man walked down to the front of the theatre, reached into a black bag and then sprinkled some powder into the orchestra pit. An orchestra member reported this activity and the theatre worried about a possible terrorist attack—because if there's one thing ISIS hates more than Hillary Clinton, it's opera! Turns out, the culprit was Roger Kaiser, a 52-year-old opera buff from Dallas who had flown up to NYC specifically to go to the Met and scatter some ashes of his friend and mentor. While leaving ashes in special places like Broadway theatres, sports arenas, etc. is a common occurrence, it's foolish in these hypersensitive times. Thus far, Kaiser is not being charged with any crime. Met head honcho Peter Gelb said, "We appreciate opera lovers coming to the Met; we hope that they will not bring their ashes with them."

Carol Burnett has had one helluva week! On Monday, it was announced that she's headed to ABC to star in a sitcom created by Amy Poehler. The next day, I was at the grocery store and saw the front cover of *The Globe* tabloid that exclaimed "Carol Burnett, 83—THE END! Brave farewell to fans." So, what's the truth? While I believe Burnett is in fine health, ABC may have hedged their bets just a tad. The plot of the new sitcom is as follows: A young couple gets a great deal on their dream house, but it comes with one condition—they must live with the current owner, an older actress, until she dies. Guess who plays the actress?

It was announced that, for the first time in their 111-year history, the Spiegel catalog will feature a transgender cover model. Can I see a show of hands who thought the Spiegel catalog WAS history? Keep those hands up. Now, can I see a show of hands of people who never heard of Spiegel? Wow, I expected more hands—I'm playing to an older demographic than I thought. That's why you never complain about all those Marilyn Maye stories!

Great Britain was on the brink of making history when Parliament considered passing the Alan Turing Law, which would pardon thousands of men who were convicted of being gay. It was named after the famed English mathematician and scientist, who was portrayed by Benedict Cumberbatch in *The Imitation Game*. It was Turing who broke the Nazi code in World War II and is credited with helping the Allies defeat Germany. Four years after this accomplishment, he was prosecuted for "homosexual acts." Two years later, he committed suicide. Although Queen Elizabeth II granted him a posthumous pardon in 2013, close to 50,000 other men were also prosecuted. The proposed bill would allow the government to expunge all criminal records for people who were found guilty of "solicitation by men", "gross indecency between men", and "buggery." This would only apply if the people involved were over 16, did not engage in the act in a public lavatory (sorry, George Michael), and if the act is not still illegal. You'd think that would cover everything, but you'd be



Billy gets into legal waters this week, discussing British codebreaker Alan Turing.

wrong.

The first phase of the parliamentary process is an open debate on the floor. Conservative government Minister Sam Gyimah spoke first. He felt that pardoning everyone across the board would lead to some people who are actual criminals being cleared. He proposed amending another bill which would pardon only people who died. Those who are still alive could go through a "disregard process" to have the matter stricken from their records. Gyimah used all of the 25 minutes allocated for the debate—killing the possibility of the bill even being voted on. Writer of the bill, MP John Nicolson, said, "It's great to forgive all the people who are now dead, but it's kind of sentimental. I'm more interested in forgiving the people who are still alive, and have lived with this for decades."

Tom Hanks is all for the remake of *Splash*. And he'd like to be involved ... as Channing Tatum's lover! Hanks said, "Look: I think if they were really going to be bold, I would come back as Allen Bauer, and I would go off with Channing Tatum. That would be a bold move. And I am suggesting it right now." I guess while you can take the fish out of the man, you can't take the man out of the fish!

After swearing they'd never reunite, ABBA was on stage together in June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Benny and Bjorn meeting—Agnetha and Anni-Frid sang "Me and I." (You can see the video on BillyMasters.com.) That event thawed the quartet to the possibility of working together, and they've just announced a partnership with Spice Girls mastermind Simon Fuller for a "groundbreaking venture." Benny said, "We're inspired by the limitless possibilities of what the future holds and are loving being a part of creating something new and dramatic here. A time machine that captures the essence of who we were. And are." More details will be announced next year, but we hear it will be some sort of virtual reality—kinda like when they wouldn't turn on Posh Spice's mike!

Our "Ask Billy" question comes from Randall in London. "Have you checked out *The Young Pope*? It's really great. And you get to see Jude Law's ass!"

Do people actually want to see any pope nude—young or otherwise? I suppose for Jude Law, we'll consider it. The show also has Diane Keaton playing a nun, which intrigues me. It started airing in England last week, and will be on HBO in February. But why wait? You can see the important parts of the first episode on BillyMasters.com.

When we're promoting a pope's posterior, it's time to end yet another column. As usual, all faiths are welcomed to check out www.BillyMasters.com, the site that doesn't discriminate. If you have a question, send it along to Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before Tom Hanks reveals if he prefers fish or chicken. So, until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.

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Scream, Queen, Scream!

The annual Northalsted Halloween Parade turned 20 on Oct. 31 this year. Judges Dixie Lynn Cartwright, Miss Foozie, and Trannika Rex hosted the evening on the microphone where contestants won awards for creative costumes such as a Hodor from Game of Thrones with an actual door strapped to his back. Stranger Things and the singer Sia were spotted multiple times in the neighborhood. Superheroes are always popular choices along with video game characters such as a Pokemon and Super Mario Bros. There was lots of drag of course adding to the Scream, Queen! theme this year.

Police were on hand with barricades set up along the parade route to control the large attendance. Salvation Army handed out hot dogs and hot chocolate at a booth for mobs of people. The judging panel was placed in front of Roscoe's this year for a change with competitors strutting from Belmont to Addison on Halsted Street.

Afterwards many lined up for the bars while city crews cleaned up the surrounding area. Visit www.northalsted.com for upcoming events in Boystown.



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