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Market Days talent unveiled

Saturday, Aug. 12

Bud Light North Stage (at Addison)

3:45 p.m.: Prince Poppycock
4:45 p.m.: Inaya Day
7:45 p.m.: Linda Clifford
8:45 p.m.: Jody Watley

Hydrate Dance Stage (at Cornelia)

Noon-5:30 p.m.: DJ Laura B
1:30-4:30 p.m.: Drag Show
5:30 p.m.: DJ Cindel
7:30 p.m.: DJ Nina Flowers

Nissan's Celebrate Equality Stage (at Roscoe)

2 p.m.: Steve Grand
3:15 p.m.: Tiffany
4:45 p.m.: Brian Justin Crum
7 p.m.: Robin S
9 p.m.: Maxine Nightengale

Capital One Jazz Stage (at Aldine)

1:30 p.m.: Joe Poliscastro Trio
3:30 p.m.: Whiskey and Cherries
5:30 p.m.: BMR4



Steve Grand.
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Bud Light South Stage (at Belmont)

2 p.m.: KC Ortiz
3:30 p.m.: Michael McBride & Friends
5:30 p.m.: Wedding Banned
7:45 p.m.: Satisfaction



Sunday, Aug. 13

Bud Light North Stage (at Addison)

3:15 p.m.: Big Freedia
6:15 p.m.: Rod Tuffcurls
8:35 p.m.: Purple Experience

Hydrate Dance Stage (at Cornelia)

Noon-5:30 p.m.: DJ Laura B
1-3 p.m.: Drag Show
5:30 p.m.: DJ Alex Acosta
7:30 p.m.: DJ Ralph Rosario

Nissan's Celebrate Equality Stage (at Roscoe)

1:15 p.m.: Chicago Gay Men's Chorus
2:15 p.m.: Don't Speak
4 p.m.: JC Brooks
6 p.m.: 10,000 Maniacs
7:50 p.m.: 16 Candles

Capital One Jazz Stage (at Aldine)

1:30 p.m.: The Winchester Sound
3:30 p.m.: The Flat Cats
6:15 p.m.: Branden & James

The following day has these stars, among others: Big Freedia; CeCe Peniston; JC Brooks; Frenchie Davis and more

There is a \$10 suggested donation to Market Days. Visit Northalsted.com.

Following is a full schedule of entertainment.

Bud Light South Stage (at Belmont)

12:30 p.m.: Girl Power Night
3:15 p.m.: CeCe Peniston
4:15 p.m.: Frenchie Davis
6 p.m.: Boy Band Review
8:15 p.m.: Catfight

Big Freedia.
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Weekly Dining Guide in
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SAVOR

Maple & Ash brunch; Epic Burger

BY ANDREW DAVIS

Maple & Ash (8 W. Maple St.; <https://www.mapleandash.com/>) certainly isn't perfect, although there is much over which to fawn.

However, I'll say this much about brunch at the Gold Coast spot: It's one of the most enjoyable experiences I've had at a restaurant on a Sunday morning (and brunch is strictly on Sunday at 10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

The experience was for several reasons, including my dining companion. However, company aside, Maple & Ash has several aspects that merit



Seafood tower at Maple & Ash brunch.

Photo by Andrew Davis

mentioning.

Start with the elegant decor itself, which incorporates light and shadows as well as sweeping drapes and seating that allows practically everyone to see and/or be seen. In addition, the guests we saw on this particular Sunday were among the most smartly dressed I've seen at a brunch: attractive women with low-cut maxi dresses, and good-looking men in button-down shirts and conservative shorts. (People can also sit outside in a lovely setting; however, with the heat beating down that day, we sought the in-

doors.)

And then there's the food. A line-up of stations and smiling employees awaits to provide such items as fontina cheese market omelets with black truffle; filet mignon with a variety of available toppings, including beef butter and smoked salmon capers.

There's also a sweets table with items like brioche French toast, mini-coconut cakes and slivers of rich brownies. And if all that's not enough, offerings such as housemade agnolotti, succulent fried chicken and a seafood tower (with the largest shrimp I've seen in recent memory) are served tableside.

And I have to give shout-outs to the DJ who played a slew of '80s and '90s music from acts like The Jets (remember them?); and general manager David, who was extremely helpful—and seemed at several points like he wanted to hit a dance floor himself.

An "Epic" stop

Epic Burger (various locations; <http://epicburger.com/>) doesn't quite live up to its name—but the items are certainly above most fare people will find at fast-casual restaurants.

There's no shortage of options there, as a guest can order everything from a regular burger to a

grilled-cheese sandwich to the Beyond Burger, which is a vegetarian-friendly item with a protein-packed, plant-based patty. (There's also an impressive list of toppings, including avocado and fried egg.)

Get fries (regular or sweet potato) and a shake/malt, and you're good to go. By the way, I highly recommend the Skinny Shake, which incorporates frozen yogurt (resulting in a lot fewer calories) and is just as tasty as a regular shake.

Note: Restaurant profiles/events are based on invitations arranged from restaurants and/or firms.



Turkey burger from Epic Burger.

Photo by Andrew Davis



BERLIN

8th annual Lollapalooza Sideshow party, Thu., August 3.

Photos by Kirk Williamson

LOLLAPALOOZA '17

Chicago's annual music (and fashion) festival in Grant Park, August 3-6.

Photos by Jerry Nunn



BILLY Masters

“So You Think You Can Dance’ Winner Gets A Year In Jail”—Industry trade headline. What did the runner-up get?

There are no accidents. I believe that as much as I believe I will once again fit into my size 30 skinny jeans! Days ago, **Caitlyn Jenner** was seen wearing a red cap emblazoned with the phrase “Make America Great Again.” For someone who has publicly decried Donald Trump, this was a questionable fashion choice. Jenner says she accidentally grabbed the hat when rushing out for a golf game. It’s bad enough to be seen in the cap, but she was photographed wearing it—in a convertible! Jenner tweeted, “I apologize to all of the trans community. I made a mistake.” Caitlyn is considering signing the hat and auctioning it off for charity. Just when you thought it was impossible to devalue Trump memorabilia.

Aaron Carter is making lots of announcements for someone with virtually no career. A few weeks ago, he tearfully told Entertainment Tonight he has an eating disorder and actually gets fillers in his face—and if that’s what he looks like with fillers, it must be REALLY bad. He said, “I have a hiatal hernia. I have a stress condition it’s an eating disorder. ... How would you feel every two seconds seeing a tweet, ‘You have AIDS. Go die. Oh, look at this meth head. Oh, meth kills. Crack kills.’ I’m not a methhead. I’ve never touched it in my life.”

Then this week, there was another revelation—he’s bisexual. He might have considered revealing this when he headlined LA Pride in June! He posted, “I grew up in this entertainment industry at a very young age and when I was around 13-years-old I started to find boys and girls attractive. There were years that went by that I thought about it, but it wasn’t until I was 17-years-old, after a few relationships with girls, I had an experience with a male that I had an attraction to who I also worked with and grew up with.” Let the guessing game begin. My money’s on someone with the initials PS.

The legal proceedings against **Rentboy.com** have come to a close. While charges against former employees were dropped since the raid two years ago, CEO Jeffrey Hurant’s sentencing loomed. Judge Margo Brodie considered all the factors—including the scholarship fund Hurant set up for sex workers: “I am convinced you started this site for a good purpose. I struggled with sentencing of this case. It kept me up at night.” She also had to take into account that Hurant already pled guilty to promoting prostitution and money laundering through his company, Easy Rent Systems. With her hands tied, the judge sentenced Hurant to six months in prison.

The line between porn and prostitution is fuzzy, to say the least. While porn great **Benjamin Bradley** was not a rent boy, a transition is a transition. Benji—for whom I have enormous affection—needs our help. He has non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma and is undergoing treatment to shrink a metastatic tumor in his neck that makes it



It’s been a week of revelations for **Aaron Carter**, **Billy** says.

PR photo

difficult for him to ... well, to do pretty much anything. He’s maxed out his credit cards and exhausted all resources that could assist him in paying for treatment. Friends set up a YouCaring.com fund under his real name (Benjamin Lemke). If you are so inclined—and I hope many of you are—give what you can. There but for the grace of God...

Last week, the **Will & Grace** creators and stars met with the critics to discuss the show’s return. While they didn’t get into specifics, they basically said we have to pretend the entire last season (and, specifically, the finale) never happened. They said, “When the decision was made to bring the series back, we were like, well, we left them with kids, right? And if they have children, then it has to be about them being parents, ‘cause presumably it would be a priority in their lives. And if it wasn’t a priority in their lives, then they’re still parents, they’re just bad parents, right? We frankly did not want to see them being either good parents or bad parents. We wanted them to be Will and Grace.” So, like Bobby Ewing in the shower, it was just a bad dream! They must be doing something right—Will & Grace has already been picked up for a second season.

Many of you have asked how long **Bette Midler** will stay in Hello, Dolly! We now have an answer—until Jan. 14, 2018. What will happen after she leaves the show is unknown. It could stay open with a replacement. Here’s my recommendation—**Dolly Parton!** Will the show tour? Joy Behar let it be known on The View that producers asked if she would be interested in headlining a national tour. While they noted Joy’s resemblance to Midler, they did not realize the similarity did not include singing, dancing or acting. Thus far, the only definite is that the only known footage of Bette playing Dolly can be found on BillyMasters.com.



Speaking of footage, several of you asked the same “Ask Billy” question. The first one was from George in Florida. “Loved watching part one of Angels in America with **Nathan Lane**. But do you have part two?”

It took a while, but we finally got our hands on both parts of Angels in America from the National Theatre in London—starring **Nathan Lane**, **Andrew Garfield** and **Russell Tovey**. You can see them on BillyMasters.com.

When I’m eagerly awaiting Aaron Carter’s next revelation, it’s definitely time to end yet another column. Did I mention Carter and girlfriend Madison Parker just broke up? These things happen when you announce you’re bisexual—which, as we all know, tends to be a brief stepping stone on the way to proclaiming you’re gay. You’ll find many more revelations on BillyMasters.com—the site that never holds anything back. Of course, keep sending your questions to me at Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before Caitlyn Jenner replaces Bette Midler in “Dolly!” So, until next time, remember: One man’s filth is another man’s bible.

