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'Sound of Music,' AIDS movie at Music Box Theatre

The Music Box Theatre tradition of "The Sound of Music Sing-A-Long" will return Nov. 24-Dec. 3 at 3733 N. Southport Ave.

It all starts before the film, with a vocal warm-up led by the evening's host and our house organist on the famous Music Box organ. Every member of the audience receives a complimentary Magic Moments Pack, containing various props to be used at strategic points throughout the film—and there's a costume contest as well.

Meanwhile, the film BPM is showing at the Music Box through Thursday, Nov. 23.

The critically lauded film (the Grand Prix winner at this year's Cannes Film Festival) is a drama about the AIDS-activist group ACT UP, and it is set in Paris in the 1990s. The 140-minute movie is in French, with English subtitles.

More information about "Sound of Music" is at <https://www.musicboxtheatre.com/events/the-sound-of-music-sing-a-long>. Info about BPM is at <https://www.musicboxtheatre.com/films/bpm-beats-per-minute>.

Riva Lehrer among grant recipients

The Joan Mitchell Foundation has announced its 2017 Painters & Sculptors grant recipients, a

group of 25 artists who will each receive \$25,000 in unrestricted funds—and Chicago artist Riva Lehrer is among said recipients, according to ArtNews.

Established by the foundation's namesake in 1993, the grants are awarded annually to under-recognized artists working in the United States through a nomination and subsequent jury vote.

Another Chicago artist, Amanda Williams, also made the list. A 2016 Windy City Times article on Lehrer is at <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/lgbt/ART-Riva-Lehrer-and-the-evolution-of-Risk/55207.html>.

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Chicago setting tourism record

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced that the city is on track to reach the goal of 55 million visitors annually at the end of this year—three years early, according to a press release.

Chicago has been setting tourism records every year since 2012. Last year, more than 54 million people visited the city.

The release added that, to build on that progress, the Institute of Food Technologists—with members representing more than 95 countries from virtually every discipline related to food science—will begin a decade of meetings in 2020.



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"I can't wait to shove this up Adam's ass!"—**Blake Shelton's** comment after being named "People" magazine's Sexiest Man Alive. I don't really understand all these "straight guys" who are obsessed with ass play. But, hey, as long as they enjoy it.

Only your beloved Billy would read that sexy **Jeremy Jordan** blamed his recent hospital stay on Chipotle and think, "Mmmm, that sounds good." While I have no symptoms and it's been a few hours, I am telling you up front that if I don't make it to the end of this column, you can blame it on a beef burrito bowl with guacamole!

This week, man has gone where no man has gone before: the first gay kiss in Star Trek history—or, more correctly, the first gay kiss in Star Trek history that we've seen. According to **John Cho**, his Sulu did share a kiss with his male partner in the last film—but it was cut. That left Star Trek: Discovery to feature the first same-sex lip lock between **Anthony Rapp** and **Wilson Cruz**. In case you missed it, you can see the smooching on BillyMasters.com.

In sad news, Hulu cancelled *Difficult People*. Forget about **Julie Klausner** and even **Billy Eichner**. But **Andrea Martin** had a dream role—the scene with Tina Fey was worth the price I should have paid had I not downloaded it illegally. Perhaps that's why it's cancelled! Anyhoo, all three seasons are online for you to watch—legally!

Another week, another crop of sexual-assault allegations. Regarding **Ryan Seacrest**, you know what they say—there's no such thing as bad publicity. I'm sure he can sigh in relief that the allegations came from a female.

More troublesome are the claims against **Jeffrey Tambor**. The first was from his former assistant—allegations Tambor "adamantly and vehemently" denied. Then there was an actress from "Transparent" who had a similar story. Intriguingly, both accusers are transgender. Days later, he quit the show, stating, "The idea that I would deliberately harass anyone is simply and utterly untrue. Given the politicized atmosphere that seems to have afflicted our set, I don't see how I can return to Transparent." It should be noted that he didn't have a contract for next season.

While you're there, you may want to check out **Aaron Carter's** remarkable physical transformation. Since coming out and admitting he has an eating and drug disorder, he's been getting help. To illustrate his journey, we're going to bring you a word problem which may turn up on a future SAT. Aaron started out looking super-tanned, really ripped and sporting an eight-pack, and was obviously way too skinny at 115. Then he lost his dad, a sister, the definition and the tan—but gained 30 pounds. He stopped talking to his brother, cut his hair and was up to 160 pounds. From where his journey began, how much weight did Aaron gain? OK, pencils down ... and put your away your abacus. Aaron gained a total of



Wilson Cruz had made Star Trek history, Billy says.

Photo from Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles

45 pounds. If you got that right, you may qualify to get into your local community college.

Speaking of sizes, **Kathy Griffin** has once again gone after **Andy Cohen**—and this time her target is the size of his package. In a recent tweet, she shared an email she received from someone currently living in Croatia who claims to have had a one-night stand with Andy back in college—no, not in Croatia. Forrest (last name suppressed) says, "Andy Cohen is a little guy. I happen to be 6 feet tall. He rather assertively had his way with me. It was very one-sided." In other words, he confirmed what Anderson Cooper already told us—that Cohen's a top. "By the way," Forrest adds, "Andy is a small guy, not just in height." Kathy sums it up with, "Do you know me now, b*tch?"

Andy Cohen recently had **Rosie O'Donnell** and **Joy Behar** on *Watch What Happens Live*, which was a riveting interview. Seeing the two former *The View* co-hosts together was fascinating—particularly in the after-show, when Joy interrogated Rosie about the fight with Elisabeth Hasselbeck and why Ro really left *The View*. Her illuminating comments are required viewing, on BillyMasters.com.

Speaking of *The View*, within days of original co-host **Star Jones** announcing her engagement, ex-hubby **Al Reynolds** made an announcement of his own: "I have come to a point in my life where I am ready to discuss my truth. I wasn't ready to do this then. I wasn't even ready to think about it, let alone process it. I have learned that sexual orientation is not binary, at least not for me. I am capable of loving both sexes, and I have done both. Today, I accept myself as a bisexual man." The only thing shocking about that is the "bi" part!

You know who else came out as bisexual? **Tyler Posey**. OK, not exactly Tyler Posey, but the character he plays on *Jane the Virgin*. His character, Adam, tells Jane (the virgin), "I had a boyfriend in our school when everyone was experimenting, and another in Fort Green when everyone wasn't." For those of you playing at home, that's two boy-

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friends. But that's just his character, right? Well ... let's not be too hasty. After all, he's previously admitted to being on Grindr—and how many straight men can say that? Hands? Well, it's really not a fair question—how many straight men are reading this column? But how many straight men have seen Posey's penis? Again, I see no hands—although they may be otherwise engaged. Since Tyler has said he doesn't care that his nudes (and the videos) fell into our hands, why not share them with you—on BillyMasters.com.

When we've rung around Rosie to a pocket full of Posey, it's definitely time to end another column. As we close, time to pay respects to another legendary lady. Ann Wedgeworth, best known from *Three's Company* and *Evening Shade*, was my kinda gal. Rest in peace. As we enter the holiday season, the most ho, ho, ho's can be found on BillyMasters.com, the site that'll require the use of both hands. After washing them, feel free to reach out to me at Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before my next Chipotle run! So, until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.

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