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Hewn; Prosecco; Restaurant Week

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There are your standard bakeries—and then there are places like Evanston's **Hewn** (810 Dempster St.; HewnBread.com), which specializes in hand-forged artisan breads.

How seriously does Hewn take its breads? So much so that the website has a page on how to care for and how to properly freeze your bread (as well as how to thaw it).

Head baker/co-owner Ellen King told Windy City Times said that some of the breads incorporate so-called ancient grains such as einkorn (the oldest wheat in nature), adding, "Our big focus



Bread selection at Hewn.
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in working on the heritage variety of wheats—so, wheat that really hasn't been grown before World War II—and they haven't been changed/hybridized. She added that these grains are actually much better than so-called mass-market grains for those who are gluten-sensitive and even gluten-intolerant.

As for the types of bread available, Hewn has a wide variety of items, including cheddar country, red fife, whole wheat gruyere, spent grain, chocolate hazelnut brioche, stecca, Midwest Blend (whole wheat bread made with flour from farms in Illinois and Wisconsin) and challah, among others. However, be sure to pay attention

to the bread schedule (also on the website) to know when to get what.

Prosecco's 10 for \$10

River North Italian restaurant **Prosecco** (710 N. Wells St.; <http://prosecco.us.com/wordpress/>) is marking its 10th anniversary with a "10 for \$10" menu running 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. through Jan. 24. (Also, that would be 10 items that are \$10 each—not 10 for a total of \$10, as someone else thought.)

Items include appetizers, entrees, appetizers and drinks (glasses of wine—and prosecco, of



Flourless chocolate cake, tiramisu at Prosecco.

Photo by Andrew Davis

course). Some of the dishes include the extremely popular veal, pork and beef meatball as well as chicken saltimbocca, pork chop, chocolate flourless cake and tiramisu, and one of my early picks for the top dish of 2018: orecchiette, complete with wild mushroom, asparagus, black truffle cream, shaved Grana Padano, sun-dried tomatoes and white truffle oil. It's just sinfully indulgent.

Chicago Restaurant Week

Chicago Restaurant Week (<https://www.choosechicago.com/restaurants/chicago-restaurant-week>) will take place Jan. 26-Feb. 8.

The 11th annual culinary celebration features special prix fixe menus starting at \$22 for brunch or lunch, and \$33 and/or \$44 for dinner (excluding beverages, tax and gratuity).

More than 370 restaurants will take part in the two-week event, and venues can be sorted by name, cuisine, area or meal. Just a few of the spots include Arami, Barcocina, Nacional 27, Sepia, TWO, Ixcateco Grill, WhirlyBall Chicago, Kendall College, Monteverde, Oceanique, The Gage, Portsmouth and bistronomic.

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



Jonathan Zeng.
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Zeng's 'Songs That Speak' Feb. 8

Chicago-based tenor Jonathan Zeng will perform tunes from the worlds of musical theater and popular music in "Songs That Speak" on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Pregnant Buffalo Lounge at the Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., 7-8:30 p.m.

Pianist/composer Michael Oldham and percussionist Daniel Eastwood will join Zeng.

The lounge is a cash-only bar.

For tickets (\$15 each), see JonathanZeng.com or "Songs That Speak" on Eventbrite.com.

Country star Kinder at Schubas Jan. 27

Country-music singer/songwriter Ryan Kinder will perform Saturday, Jan. 27, at Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave., at 7 p.m.

In addition to headlining his own shows, he also maintains a busy touring schedule opening for such artists as Lady Antebellum, Martina McBride, Zac Brown Band, Brett Eldredge and Tim McGraw. Last year, he was one of the artists who performed at gay singer Ty Herndon's "Concert for Love and Acceptance," showing his support for the LGBTQ community.

Tickets are \$11-\$13 each; visit RyanKinder.com and LH-ST.com/Shows/01-27-2018+Ryan+Kinder.



Ryan Kinder.
PR photo by John Shearer

Charles Busch at Pride Arts in January

Tony Award nominee, Drama Desk Lifetime Achievement honoree and two-time MAC Award winner, Charles Busch, who performed two sold-out shows at Pride Arts Center, 4139 N. Broadway, in January 2017, will return on Jan. 21-22 with "Charles Busch: My Kinda '60s."

Weaving tales of his Manhattan childhood and adolescence raised by his indomitable Aunt Lillian through the lens of the tumultuous decade of the 1960s, Busch will be singing a great songbook from Broadway to pop, featuring the work of among others Burt Bacharach, Jimmy Webb, the Beatles, Henry Mancini, Bob Dylan, Stephen Sondheim, and Kander and Ebb.

He will be appearing with longtime musical director/arranger Tom Judson in an evening of music and storytelling.

Admission is \$40-\$75 each; visit <http://pride-filmsandplays.com/charles-busch-kinda-60s> or call 800-737-0984.



Charles Busch.
PR photo by John Shearer



New club to open in Berwyn in former gay club's space

Angel's Palace, located at 6319 W. Roosevelt Rd. in Berwyn, is set for its "royal grand opening" in February 2018. The new venue hosted an invite-only exclusive sneak peek at the space this past weekend, Sat., January 13 and Sun., January 14.

This new bar occupies the space left by Antro'nio's, which was opened in 2012 by owner Jose Antonio Casco, formerly the owner of South Side gay bar Chesterfield's. Casco passed away in 2016 and the bar was closed as a result.

For updates on opening date and other details of the club, see <https://facebook.com/AngelsPalaceClub>



BILLY Masters

"And special thanks to Armie's wife, Elizabeth Chambers, who is here tonight, as well, who is as crucial to this process as anyone. And for letting me crawl all over your husband for two months. Thank you for that."—**Timothée Chalamet** fondly recalls filming *Call Me by Your Name* with **Armie Hammer**. It might be a nice touch if he thanked the person who supplied the produce. He was a real peach!

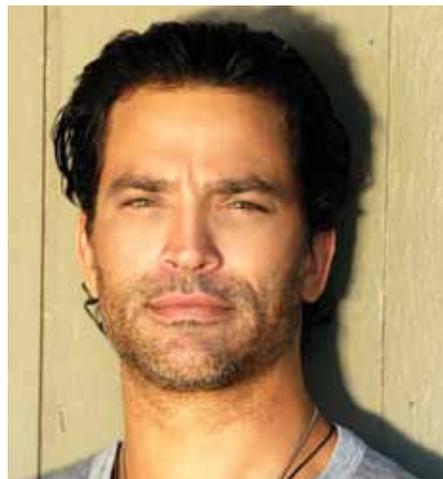
Did I write a column last week? Were the Golden Globes only a few days ago? Did I actually come home—drunk as a skunk—and bang out a column as the sun came up? Yes, yes, yes and YES! But, I must admit, it's all a blur. That's the only reason I have for forgetting to tell you something very important. The night before the Golden Globes, **Miss Ross** (her close friends call her Diana) showed up at The Abbey in West Hollywood. And this was not a walk-and-wave situation. No, no, no. She showed up, went to the dance floor, and boogie-oogie-oogied 'til she just couldn't boogie no more—and if she took a double dose of Boniva, that could mean a good 20 minutes! Looking decades younger than her 73-year-old self, she writhed and cavorted to her new single—actually a remix of her first number-one hit as a solo artist—"Ain't No Mountain High Enough." When the song was first released in 1970, I was still in diapers. Now that the song has once again hit the top of the Billboard Dance Charts, it's entirely possible Diana can say the same thing! You can see the video of her dancing on BillyMasters.com.



U.S. figure skater Adam Rippon has made history.

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I have been betrayed by **Ricky Martin**—alas, not in a sexual way. There we were, together (in a manner of speaking) at the Golden Globes, and he didn't tell me he was a married man. How dare he! To add insult to injury, his betrayal happened less than 24 hours later. Oh, the shame and humiliation. He was on the red carpet for the premiere of FX's *The Assassination of Gianni Versace* when he told E!, "I can't introduce him as my fiancé. I can't. He's my husband. He's my man. It still feels amazing." When pressed for details, Martin added, "We exchanged vows, and we've swear everything, and we've signed all the papers that we needed to sign, prenups and everything." Nothing says everlasting love quite like a prenup.



Johnathon Schaech (above) has made some serious allegations against director Franco Zeffirelli, Billy says.

Photo by Alan Mercer

With the Olympics fast approaching, folks are on the lookout for our next gay icon. One of the people getting oodles of attention is skater **Adam Rippon**—who is absolutely adorable. He's also being called the first openly gay U.S. figure skater to ever qualify for the Olympics—the operative word being "openly" because ... well, you know. One reporter asked the fetching 28-year-old what it's like being a gay athlete. "It's exactly like being a straight athlete—only with better eyebrows." When asked about the possibility of visiting the White House, he said, "I don't think somebody like me would be welcome there. I know what it's like to go into a room and feel like you're not wanted." He then added, "If I talked to people the way that President Trump talks to people, my mom would kick my ass." Perhaps she should visit the White House!

Days ago, Johnathon Schaech announced that he had been sexually molested by director Franco Zeffirelli while making the 1993 film *Sparrow*. First, who saw Sparrow? Hands? OK, moving on. What had Johnathon Schaech done before Sparrow? Anything? So, an unknown model (and a stunning one at that) is cast by a director widely known for sleeping with virtually every hot guy he encounters. After lots of innuendos and propositioning, Schaech claims that one night, Zeffirelli was very drunk and got the key to his (Schaech's) hotel room.

It is beyond the confines of this column to dissect this moment by moment, except to mention that's a lot of activity for 30 seconds! Zeffirelli's (adopted) son stated that this lurid tale is news to him. He said Schaech has regularly been in touch with the family, often texting inquiring about the 94-year-old director's health.

In our first *Ask Billy* question of the year, Stephen from Chicago is looking forward and backward: "With American Idol returning, I was wondering about **Spencer Lloyd**. He was gorgeous. What happened to him?"

I have worked with many "Idol" alums around the country, and I have never heard the name Spencer Lloyd before. There's a good reason for that. He was a contestant on season 13—the year after Mariah and Minaj. So, like most of America, I wasn't watching. That said, Spencer

was one of the hottest contestants—something noted by judge Jennifer Lopez, who immediately labeled him "pretty guy." The "pretty guy" parlayed his brief stint on "AI" into a successful modeling career and works with the famed Wilhelmnia agency. Needless to say, he is most often shot in various forms of undress. But why, oh why, is it always the devout Christian ones who take videos pleasuring themselves? While most sites have removed the footage, the pious can find it on BillyMasters.com.

When we're willing to fall on our knees before a false Idol, it's definitely time to end yet another column. Those of you in Chicago can see Spencer Lloyd in the flesh since he's a trainer at Barry's Bootcamp in Lincoln Park and River North. For those of you looking for something a bit closer to home, go to BillyMasters.com, the site that's only a click away. You can send your questions to Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before I climb all over Johnathon Schaech at next year's Golden Globes—as if he'll be invited! So, until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.