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### LiqrBox; Good Stuff Eatery

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The best thing I can say about **LiqrBox** (873 N. Orleans St.; <http://liqrboxchicago.com/>) is that it can make you feel at least 20 years younger.

Why do I say this? It's because the clubrestaurant (with the upper club space open on weekends) exudes an unapologetically nostalgic vibe, with everything from '90s music piped throughout the first-floor restaurant space ("Don't go chasin' waterfalls...") to boozy concoctions served in juice boxes (yes, juice boxes)—and those drinks are pretty smooth, with Absolut Peach, for example, not that far removed from a Capri-Sun (making it a pretty tricky drink).

Guests enjoy the perks of a 4 a.m. liquor



The signature juice box at LiqrBox.  
PR photo

curfew, along with a full-service kitchen that serves shareable bites until 3 a.m. The food program is spearheaded by Mark Sparacino, chef/owner of the nearby Italian restaurant Prosecco.

At LiqrBox, though, Sparacino gets creative with traditional favorite snacks. He serves items such as (large) pizza rolls, shrimp corn dogs, Spaghetti Ohhhh's, creamy mac 'n' cheese served in a parmesan bowl and a loaf of cheesy bread—with part of it cut out to hold tomato soup. (I personally can't wait until LiqrBox hooks up with a delivery service.)

## Good Stuff Eatery

Top Chef alum Spike Mendelsohn is the mind behind **Good Stuff Eatery** (22 S. Wabash Ave.; [GoodStuffEatery.com/locations/chicago](http://GoodStuffEatery.com/locations/chicago)), a deceptively large spot that "serves delicious burgers, handspun shakes and handcut fries," according to its website.

Actually, I can't argue with any of those claims. The burgers are sizeable sandwiches, priced at \$6-\$8 each—and a few of the items pay homage to the restaurant's Washington, D.C., roots. (This Good Stuff is currently the only one outside of the D.C. area, and has artwork featuring the Blues Brothers to acknowledge its Windy City location.) Some of those offerings include the very tasty Michelle Melt (a free-range turkey burger with caramelized onions, Swiss cheese, ruby tomato and lettuce on a wheat bun—with "South Lawn herb garden mayo") and the Prez Burger—formerly known as the Obama Burger (burger with applewood bacon, onion marmalade, Roquefort cheese and horseradish mayo). Don't ask me what the Melania Melt might have.

There are other enticing options, such as the Big Stuff Bacon Meltdown and the Nashville Hot Chicken sandwich. (By the way, any of the burgers can be made with grilled chicken, for the more health-inclined.)

The milkshakes are worth mentioning as well. They come in flavors such as Toasted Marshmallow,

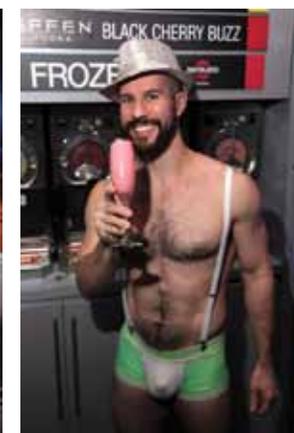


The giant cowbell at Good Stuff Eatery.

Photo by Andrew Davis

Salty Caramel Kiss, Cinnamon Crunch and Bipartisan Vanilla (which the general manager said is simply vanilla, despite its political name). The Milk & Cookies shake is a wonderfully viscous vanilla concoction that's topped with a couple Oreo cookies.)

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



**SIDETRACK**

525,600 (minus 525,589) pictures from the Rent showtunes night.

Photos by Jed Dulanus



## BILLY Masters

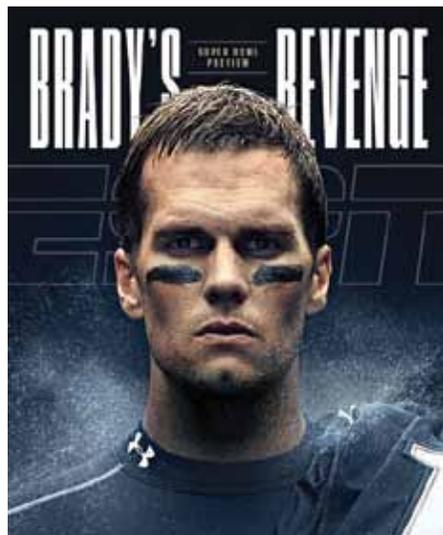
"We've only got five hits, so we have to fill in the blanks somehow."—Chynna Phillips, explaining the covers performed during a recent Wilson Phillips concert. In truth, the group had seven Top 40 songs, three of which went to number one.

And now, some good news—penis sizes are going up. Yes, according to a recent study, the penises are on the rise. What has caused this phenomenon is uncertain—as is the veracity of this report. There are so many holes to be filled, so to speak. How were the penii measured? Was it a self-reporting survey? Because if so, I don't buy any of it. Were the penii measured by the pollsters? Because if so, where do I apply for that job? While the polling method is unknown, we do know that when the study was done in 2016, the size of an average penis was 5.16 inches when erect. I don't know if this is a salient point, but it should be noted that these were UK penii. When the same research group did this recent survey, the average penis jumped to 6.1 inches. What could account for that increase of almost 24 millimeters? Maybe they just sent out hotter pollsters.

Whilst there is no penis competition in the modern Olympic Games, I'm sure a handful will be on display in the coming days. It may be the Winter Games, but since most competitors wear Lycra, dick slips are not just for summer anymore. As we previously reported, **Vice President Mike Pence** is leading the US delegation, something that doesn't please everyone. Echoing the sentiments of **skater Adam Rippon**, **skier Gus Kenworthy** said, "I feel the same way as him. I think it's not the person I would have expected, and I think it sends mixed messages because this is the first time we're seeing out US Olympic athletes competing in the Winter Olympics, and then we have someone leading the delegation that doesn't support that, and doesn't support the LGBT community, and has spoken against it. I think it doesn't send the right message. It's unfortunate, but it is what it is."

Before moving on, let's tie these first few paragraphs together as only I can. We've learned that the International Olympic Committee placed the largest order of condoms in Olympic history! Over 110K condoms were ordered, which means 37 condoms per athlete—which, over a two-week period, sounds about right to me. Spokesman Chung Geun-sik says he doesn't expect the athletes to use them all, saying, "Many will likely be taken home as souvenirs." That said, Olympic officials predict that this will be the "most promiscuous group of athletes in Olympic history." Apparently they forget that athletes in the first Olympics in ancient Greece competed in the nude!

While I typically would drop everything and jump on a plane to see a reunion of **The Go-Go's**, I had pressing business in California and couldn't get away. And so, while I may have been absent when the girls took to the stage of the Bowery Ballroom in New York City, ousted bass-



The "Ask Billy" question this week centers on New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady.

ist **Kathy Valentine** was back where she belonged—onstage between **Belinda Carlisle** and **Jane Wiedlin**. The classic lineup reunited for the official launch of the Broadway-bound musical, *Head Over Heels*, which is using the music of The Go-Go's. They rocked out to seven of their biggest hits (well, six of theirs, one of Belinda's) and the capacity crowd ate it up. The glitterati on hand included **Sandra Bernhard**, **Debbie Harry** and **Andy Cohen**. And then it was over ... or was it? Two nights later, they did a five-song set on the beach adjacent to the swanky Mandarin Oriental in Miami as part of the Broadway Across America conference—where producers promote their shows to theater owners around the country. Kinda premature for a show that's not even hitting Broadway until June, but it makes me happy. You can see footage from the NY show on [BillyMasters.com](http://BillyMasters.com).

By the way, when *Head Over Heels* hits Broadway, it will also make a bit of history. One of the leads will be played by **Peppermint**, a runner-up from *RuPaul's Drag Race*. With her casting, she'll be the first trans woman to originate a leading role on Broadway. However, she won't be the first "Drag Race" alum to hit the Great White Way. That honor goes to **Milan**, aka Dwayne Cooper, who appeared in *Motown: The Musical* and *Hair-spray*.

Just to remind you how lucky we are to be living in the United States (even under the current administration), last week the first same-sex active-duty soldiers got married where they met—at West Point! Daniel Hall and Vincent Franchino are both captains, both Apache helicopter pilots, and both pretty hot. In case you're interested in how hot they look out of their uniforms, check out [BillyMasters.com](http://BillyMasters.com).

This column may be going to bed during the Super Bowl, but one of our readers is definitely up. Our "Ask Billy" question comes from Spencer on Cape Cod, who writes, "I know everyone goes crazy over Gronk's body, but I'm a Brady boy. Has Tom ever posed nude? Or have you ever come across any nude shots of him?"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9  
**MARDI GLOW PARTY**  
DANCERS & GLOW PAINTING  
DIXIE LYNN CARTWRIGHT  
9PM-2AM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
**MASQUERADE PARTY**  
FACE & BODY PAINTING  
DANCERS & BEADS  
9PM-3AM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13  
**FAT TUESDAY**  
FACE & BODY PAINTING  
DANCERS & BEADS  
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HOSTED BY DIXIE LYNN CARTWRIGHT

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VALENTINE'S EDITION

When I got this email, I had a vague recollection of some nude photos of **Tom Brady**. So what did I do? Went to the bible of nude photos of hot men—[BillyMasters.com](http://BillyMasters.com). I wrote a story two years ago about how the paparazzi got off some shots of Tommy while he was sunbathing au naturel in Positano, Italy. He certainly gives Gronk a run for his money in the ass department. As for the dick, it's grainy, but it appears to be above average.

When Brady's looking a bit deflated, it's time to end yet another column. Before wrapping up, I want to note the passing of a dear friend. Rick McKay was a writer, performer and filmmaker best known for his documentary *Broadway: The Golden Age*. In fact, when he used to come to LA and interview luminaries for the film, he would sleep on my sofa! Before you doze off, check out [www.BillyMasters.com](http://www.BillyMasters.com)—the site where most penises are above average. If you have a question, send it off to [Billy@BillyMasters.com](mailto:Billy@BillyMasters.com) and I promise to get back to you before I start my own survey! Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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