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**QUEEN!**

Finally! A special Pride Queen! upstairs at the Metro with CeCe Peniston.  
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## BILLY Masters

"I'm someone you can't put a label on. I'm much like a sponge. You can squeeze me and get everything out of me. But you'll never know unless you try."—More pearls of wisdom from self-proclaimed male model **Jordan Kimball** on The Bachelorette. Don't try to figure it out—you'll hurt yourself.

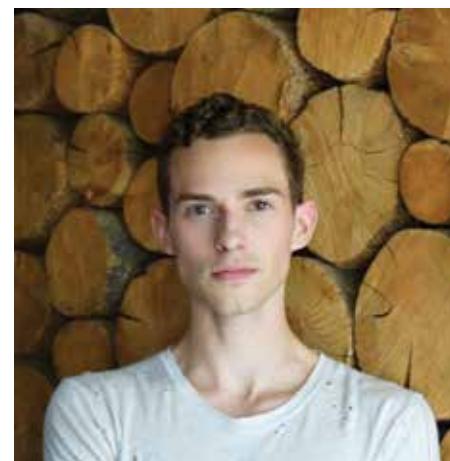
The summer is supposed to be my slow season. That's when all the films are shooting on location, all the TV shows are on hiatus, and all the producers are doing perp walks. And yet here we are, with oodles of news. First and least surprising—ABC has picked up the Roseanne spinoff, tentatively titled *The Conners*. Hmm, where on Earth did I first read about that? I am confounded. I'm also double-jointed, which may not be relevant ... yet.

Then there's the *Dynasty* reboot. As the first season limped to a close, two things were clear: 1) This version was deviating from the original's storyline, and B) None of you were watching. Now comes word that Cristal is dead! Yes, one of the main characters has been written off. Remember the fire? Well, of course you don't—you weren't watching. But there was a fire that threatened to kill Alexis and Cristal. Actress Nathalie Kelley has announced that she will not be returning to the show next season. So, Cristal is dead? Perhaps—perhaps not. Maybe she'll come back as a twin (Raquel instead of Rita). Maybe she'll have plastic surgery and look completely different. Maybe she'll be played by Linda Evans! Who knows? Who cares. Eh, I'll still probably watch.

*Broadway Bares* has been raising funds (and other things) for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS since 1992. And how better to do that than feature some of the hottest bodies on Broadway in as little clothing as possible? Last week, the annual event brought in more than \$1.9 million, but enough about that—let's get to the real story.

Featured in the show was the cast of *The Boys in the Band*—well, most of the cast. **Jim Parsons**, **Zachary Quinto** and **Brian Hutchison** were no-shows. That left **Matt Bomer**, **Charlie Carver**, **Robin de Jesús**, **Andrew Rannells**, **Michael Benjamin Washington** and **Tuc Watkins** to fill the necessary gaps—although the youthful Mr. Carver was saddled with most of the heavy lifting. Since the theme for this installment of *Bares* was "Game Night," the "Boys" played a version of Trivial Pursuit where each wrong answer meant Carver took off another article of clothing. When he lost the final round, his G-string was pulled off and he was left holding his cowboy hat in front of his nether regions. (His character in the play is a hustler named Cowboy.) However, for the midnight show—oh, yes, there are two *Broadway Bares* shows—Zachary Quinto surprised the audience with a special appearance and pulled off the G-string. And Charlie cheekily showed off his cheeks, as you can see on [BillyMasters.com](#).

I was surprised that Carver was the only member of his cast to show any skin. After all, Matt



Adam Rippon is feeling quite liberated, Billy says.

PR photo

Bomer has played a male stripper ... twice. Not only that, but *The Boys in the Band* opens with him taking a shower and walking around in a towel for the first scene. Customers thought at the very least he'd join in for "Rotation," the finale of *Broadway Bares*, where all of the participants hit the stage for the audience to gang tip their favorites. Someone in the know said that Bomer could have easily made five figures—or was it that he could have easily taken five fingers? I have to start paying better attention. Either way, Bomer demurred.

One of my favorite issues of "ESPN The Magazine" is its annual Body Issue. Who am I kidding—it's the only issue I've ever seen, and that's because they celebrate the human form by capturing athletic icons out of their gear—something which typically makes readers pull out their gear. Last year, **Gus Kenworthy** was featured skiing in the nude, which is only against Olympic rules because they didn't have snow in ancient Greece. This year, the magazine got **Adam Rippon** to slip off the Spandex. The photos were taken shortly after he came back from the Olympics. He said, "I couldn't have done this while I was in the closet. I think that, with my experience of coming out, I felt so liberated in so many ways." Adam also had an ulterior motive: "I don't want to say I'll never be in this shape again, but I'll never be in this shape. I'll be in another shape." With his delicious derriere, I'm guessing he may be inching toward pear-shaped. For a peek at his peak, check out [BillyMasters.com](#).

Our "Ask Billy" question comes from Justin in Chicago: *"Do you know that hot, short gay guy who is going to be on Big Brother? His bio says he's a go-go dancer in West Hollywood."*

Big Brother announces the casting of **JC Moundouix**, touted as the 1st contestant in the show's history who has dwarfism. "I say I'm 5'0, but I'm only 4'8," says JC. Yes, he is gay and a go-go dancer in West Hollywood. I don't know him personally, but I did hear he has—or had—a hot boyfriend who also "dances." It should go without saying that JC is attractive and has an amazing body.

If you have a question, send it along to [Billy@BillyMasters.com](mailto:Billy@BillyMasters.com). And remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.

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# the DISH

Weekly Dining Guide in  
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## SAVOR Homestead on the Roof; Big Gay Ice Cream at Nico

BY ANDREW DAVIS

Have you ever seen one of those print ads or commercials where people dine in a picturesque outdoor setting—while eating perfect-looking dishes and laughing?

Well, that can happen to you, courtesy of **Homestead on the Roof** (1924 W. Chicago Ave.; HomesteadOnTheRoof.com), which looks like it's straight from one of those advertisements—complete with the strings of lights that crisscross the spot.

Homestead, which sits atop Roots Homemade Pizza (which has some pretty nice fare itself), has reopened for spring and summer. Moreover, Executive Chef Jesse Badger is presenting items that are mash-ups of American and global



**Homestead on the Roof's five-way beets.**

Photos by Andrew Davis

influences.

And the indelible impressions start with a bread basket that's second to none. (Even if you're carb-phobic, you're going to be tempted.) Current selections include pain rustic, cumin pretzel, buttermilk sourdough, honey pecan and mini-challah—that's all that needs to be said (or typed).

From there, it's a gustatory adventure,

complete with items like "Caprazy" (tomato sushi, chrysanthemum pesto, blistered tomato salad, Genovese basil); five-way beet (with spiced pistachios and goat cheese); coal-charred asparagus topped with balls of deep-fried hollandaise; Italian beef tartare (a novel twist on Chicago's traditional Italian beef, complete with duck egg yolk); and pork chop and pie (complete with a savory pie of rhubarb, bacon and sausage). And please don't miss out on the mashed potatoes, which come in such varieties as classic, roasted garlic, brown butter, miso (yes, miso) and black truffle.

Lastly, dessert ensures the meal ends on a high note, thanks to items like tiramisu; strawberry shortcake creme brulee; and deconstructed S'mores (topped with chocolate Pop-Rocks). All of this is enjoyed in a setting that allows views of the wonderful rooftop garden that's the source of many of Homestead's ingredients. If the weather's agreeable, it's an unforgettable experience.

### Big Gay Ice Cream social

With Chicago celebrating Pride Month (culminating in last weekend's Pride Parade), it made perfect sense for New York City-based **Big Gay Ice Cream** to make an appearance in the city.

On June 22, Big Gay Ice Cream stopped by Nico Osteria, 1015 N. Rush St., collaborating with Nico Pastry Chef Leigh Omilinsky to create several dishes, including Dirty Banana (caramelized



**Big Gay Ice Cream's Doug Quint, Nico Pastry Chef Leigh Omilinsky.**

Photos by Andrew Davis

banana and brown sugar ice cream and a cacao-nib biscotti), Apricot Gobbler (a mini-pie crust filled with a scoop of roasted vanilla ice cream, topped with a spot of bourbon and apricot-infused whipped cream) and Out & Proud Pops (raspberry-, coconut- or mango-flavored freeze pops, submerged in a shot of tequila), among others.

Nico offered the dishes all of Pride Weekend, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Howard Brown Health.

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



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**Cirque de Sidetrack: The 36th anniversary party.**  
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