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## Men's fashion awards Sept. 12

The Costume Council of the Chicago History Museum will celebrate the most stylish men in Chicago at the third annual Chicago Men's Fashion Awards on Wed., Sept. 12, 5-8 p.m., at Room & Board, 55 E. Ohio St.

The co-hosts will be celebrity stylist Eric Himel and Chicago journalist Darlene Hill.

The Art Deco-inspired evening will feature an awards presentation honoring Chicago's best-dressed men, which the Costume Council chose from nominations submitted across the city. Ten nominees will be formally recognized for their dedication to fashion and individual style. Three of the city's best-dressed men will receive the evening's highest honors: awards named after fashion designers whose work is represented in the museum's costume collection.

Individual tickets are \$75; visit [ChicagoHistory.org/event/chicagomensfashion-awards](http://ChicagoHistory.org/event/chicagomensfashion-awards).

## Cher to release ABBA covers CD Sept. 28

On the heels of appearing in the film *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*—which features ABBA songs—Cher will be releasing *Dancing Queen*, a new album of all-ABBA hits, on Sept. 28 through Warner Bros. Records.

In a press release, Cher said, "I've always liked Abba and saw the original *Mamma Mia* musical on Broadway three times. After filming *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*, I was reminded again of what great and timeless songs they wrote and started thinking, 'Why not do an album of their music?' The songs were harder to sing than I imagined but I'm so happy with how the music came out. I'm really excited for people to hear it. It's a perfect time."

Some of the songs on the album include "SOS," "The Winner Takes It All," "Waterloo," "Mamma Mia" and the title song. Those who pre-order the new album will immediately receive Cher's rendition of the song "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! (A Man After Midnight)"; visit <https://wbr.lnk.to/DancingQueen>.

Cher is scheduled to be awarded a Kennedy Center Honor on Dec. 2 in Washington, D.C. Also, she is a co-producer of the *The Cher Show*, which ran this summer in Chicago and will run on Broadway starting Dec. 3, and will be touring Australia and New Zealand in September. She is currently performing a residency at MGM Resorts.



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## CIRCUIT MOM PRESENTS WARRIORS

Fighting the good fight at Aragon Ballroom, Saturday, August 11.  
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"Is there anything more satisfying than seeing recent photos of someone you once lusted after now looking hideous? I also recognize: a) this makes me a terrible person and 2) it is the definition of *schadenfreude*—which is delightful with a cup of tea."—**Billy Masters**

Since he assumed the presidency, Donald Trump's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame has been routinely vandalized. Last week, it was completely destroyed. In response, the West Hollywood City Council voted unanimously to remove the star. There's just one problem—the star isn't in West Hollywood, and the City Council has no jurisdiction over the Walk of Fame. What the City Council actually did was pass a resolution to recommend to the Hollywood Walk of Fame that Donald Trump's star be removed. Sounds like a big waste of time to me.

We live in dangerous times. And that was epitomized at Berlin's Schönefeld Airport. TSA (or whatever they call it in Germany) flagged "suspicious content in a luggage piece" around 11 a.m. on a Thursday. An announcement went out over the PA, "Can the gentleman with the multiple unknown objects in his luggage please step forward and explain them?" The 31-year-old man sheepishly skulked to security. When asked what was in the suitcase, he murkily said "technical stuff." The terminal was evacuated and the airport tweeted the following: "Due to police investigation concerning a piece of baggage, check-in at Terminal D is currently restricted." The bomb squad arrived and gave a long, hard look at the questionable items. It was quickly determined that the suitcase was heavily laden with "sex toys," including a vibrator which the man claims he bought for his "girlfriend."

Hunky **Stephen Amell** is in hot water after being photographed wearing a T-shirt that read, "I'm not gay, but \$20 is \$20." It didn't help that he wore the shirt at Vancouver Pride, to say nothing of the implication that sexuality can be bought. More accurately, it sounds like Stephen Amell can be bought—and I think 20 bucks is a bargain!

**Caitlyn Jenner** is letting the world know she's open to an acting career, saying, "In a Marvel movie, I want to play the baddest-ass lady you've ever seen in your life. They got the wicked queen or the wicked lady. Just do the make-up and the outfit. And I got the deep voice." Are there many wicked queens in Marvel projects? And lastly, given Caitlyn's previous forays in the world of acting in such vehicles as *Can't Stop the Music*, does anyone really feel that she is particularly qualified to play any role?

Lesbian actress **Ruby Rose** has just been cast as Batwoman and will appear in several shows on The CW, including *Arrow* and *Supergirl*, before



**Wilson Cruz (right, with co-star Anthony Rapp) is returning to Star Trek: Discovery.**

Photo by Getty Images for GLAAD

transitioning onto her own series. Not only that, but Batwoman will be a lesbian. So, who is this Batwoman? We all know Batgirl and Catwoman. Turns out, the character of Batwoman was first introduced by DC Comics in 1956. Critics claim her romance with Batman was invented to dispel rumors that the Caped Crusader was gay (which wasn't a particularly large leap given his close relationship with "ward" Robin). Catwoman first appeared in the comics way back in 1940s. But, apparently, she didn't quite do the trick.

We're thrilled to tell you that **Wilson Cruz** will be returning to *Star Trek: Discovery*. You'll recall that early in the first season his character (the spousal equivalent of **Anthony Rapp's** character) was killed off. During that season, Cruz's contract for the show was as a recurring cast member because he was also filming *13 Reasons Why*. This year, he's billed as a full cast member and is around all season long. How do they explain his "death?" Is he real, or a dream, or a hologram? All we know is he's not solely in flashbacks and he's not a ghost.

During my recent jaunt to Provincetown, I caught **Thirsty Burlington** in *The Cher Show*—not to be confused with the upcoming Broadway musical of the same name. Burlington is spectacular at channeling Cher in a way that, frankly, makes you actually think you are watching Cher! All live singing, spontaneous patter (more than Cher ever does), costume changes, videos—all in the confines of the intimate Cabaret room at the Crown & Anchor. It's a fabulous show and definitely a must-see. You can get tix at [OnlyAtTheCrown.com](http://OnlyAtTheCrown.com).

Our "Ask Billy" question is from Ben in Chicago: "I just saw a photo of **Zac Efron's** brother. WOW, he's gorgeous, too. What do you know about him?"

Remember how hot Zac was before he became all jacked and (dare I say) too big? That's what his 26-year-old brother **Dylan** looks like. He's

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done two Ironman triathlons, and this year he ran the Boston Marathon with Zac cheering him on. Dylan may have brawn, but he's also got brains—he has a B.S. in economics from Cal Poly. You can get a better idea of his physical attributes on [BillyMasters.com](http://BillyMasters.com).

When I'm extolling the virtues of brotherly love, it's time to end yet another column. Did I mention that Dylan Efron writes poetry? "A Brotherly Thing," which he wrote in sixth grade, begins thusly: "My brother is a movie star / And is only sixteen / He doesn't have a job yet / Still, he thinks he is the queen." Out of the mouth of babes! Methinks the Efron lads might want to check out [BillyMasters.com](http://BillyMasters.com)—the site where all queens are welcome! If something's on your mind, write to [Billy@BillyMasters.com](mailto:Billy@BillyMasters.com) and I promise to get back to you before Batman and Robin race to give Stephen Amell that \$20! So, until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.

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Weekly Dining Guide in  
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## SAVOR

### Chicago Chop House; Taste of Andersonville

BY ANDREW DAVIS

**Chicago Chop House** (60 W. Ontario St.; <https://chicagochophouse.com/>)—which has been around for more than three decades—is currently about the past, present and future.

Looking at the walls reflects local history, including a montage of past business titans, the obligatory photo of Al Capone (this one with his family) and even an homage to fashion via a display of shirt collars. The future involves ongoing renovations—during which the restaurant has remained open—down to an impending third-floor speakeasy that will have the kitchen as its entrance.



**Snake River Wagyu beef at Chicago Chop House.**

Photo by Andrew Davis

On Aug. 8, there was a media event in which patrons were treated to varieties and preparations of the filet (from dry-aged bone-in filet, to wet-aged Mishima American Wagyu filet) paired with a variety of wines, along with signature Chop House sides and accoutrements. (The sides included truffled mac 'n cheese, four-cheese au

gratin potatoes, ahi tuna, potato pancakes and others—and they all tasted divine.) Attendees also received engraved knives and tins of cowboy rub, which traditionally contains ingredients such as coffee, spices and peppers. Managing Partner Matthew J. McCahill and Executive Chef Hector Villegas led the event, which, in part, served as a measuring stick regarding what items should be added to the Irish steakhouse's current menu.

Villegas started at the Chop House in 1989 as a sous chef, and has tales that will stun any patron—including that a man once ate a 102-ounce steak in one sitting (along with some bread and two beers). He has been instrumental in maintaining the spot's true "chop house" status by continuing to butcher all of the restaurant's meat in-house.

As for the Chop House's offerings, they are many and varied, but be forewarned: The items are not cheap. (Appetizers start at \$13, and a 42-ounce grand porterhouse is \$119.) However, also know that patrons get a LOT of food for their money.

#### Taste of Andersonville set for Aug. 15

The Andersonville Chamber of Commerce will welcome guests on a dining tour of Andersonville's robust restaurant district during the annual Taste of Andersonville on Wed., Aug.

15, 6-9 p.m. (Check-in starts at 4 p.m. at the Swedish American Museum, 5211 N. Clark St.)

The event has expanded this year to three routes in order to accommodate increased participation from area restaurants and businesses, as well as diversified menu offerings, with each route highlighting dinner, dessert, and drink options. Tickets are available online now for three curated routes—FORK, KNIFE and SPOON—each featuring 12 small plate stops. Guests can also select THE WORKS ticket, allowing dining access to two routes of their choice.

Just a few of this year's participating spots include FORK's Candyality, FRIO Gelato, Lady Gregory's and Simon's Tavern; KNIFE's Bar Roma, The Wooden Spoon and Reza's; and SPOON's Octavio Cantina and Kitchen, Appellation and First Slice Pie Cafe.

All routes will feature vegetarian-friendly options. Routes, participating restaurants and menu items are subject to change.

Tickets can be purchased online at [andersonville.org](http://andersonville.org) until Aug. 15 at noon. If available, additional day-of tickets will be sold starting at 4 p.m. at the Swedish American Museum.

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



## JOE FIORE PRESENTS FURBALL

The national fur-fest party does Market Days for the first time, Saturday, August 11, at the Metro Chicago.  
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