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BILLY Masters

"Yes, I did offer them acting jobs in exchange for sex, but so did and still does everyone. But I never, ever forced myself on a single woman."—Harvey Weinstein's justification for his legal woes. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury—the defense rests.

I'm mad that after 68 years, the Gypsy Robe will now be called the Legacy Robe. Why? Because Actors Equity does not want to upset the Romani people. For the last time, Broadway "gypsies" are performers who go from show to show ... like gypsies. They're not reading tea leaves, banging a tambourine or dancing. No, that's me!

Someone else aggravated is **Dame Diana Rigg**. She is in the Broadway revival of *My Fair Lady*, playing Henry Higgins' mother. **Lauren Ambrose** has decided that due to the burden of carrying a show, she will take off Sunday matinees. Well, Dame Diana is not amused: "I learnt, courtesy of a newspaper, that our leading lady will not be appearing in future Sunday matinees. Now call me old-fashioned, which I unashamedly am, but I don't think this development is fair to audiences. They have booked their seats in advance, paying an exorbitant price for them to see what they have been led to believe is the original cast. The very least we can do as actors is to acknowledge their presence as a privilege and take care never to abuse it. It is time management put their audiences first and insist on the old adage, slightly adapted by me, 'The show must go on—with ALL principals.'" Hear, hear!

Another legendary lady got some bad news. **Olivia de Havilland's** suit regarding how she was portrayed in *Feud* was rejected by the California Supreme Court. Even worse, the news came nine days after her 102nd birthday. We hear she is considering bringing the case to the Supreme Court. She'd better hurry!

The Boys in the Band has added a special show as a benefit for The Actors Fund on July 26 at midnight. Since it's a late-night performance, perhaps someone getting out of the shower on stage will take a few extra minutes putting on his undies. Grab your tickets at ActorsFund.org. Tell 'em Billy sent you!

I'm already scheduled to be in NYC that night because that's when *Head Over Heels* opens on Broadway. The long-gestating show featuring the music of The Go-Go's will surely be a momentous occasion—not the least of which because it will feature the first openly trans person to star in a Broadway musical! Not only that, but **Peppermint** is playing a trans role—the oracle Pythio, who is described as "neither he nor she." When it comes to replacement casting, the possibilities are endless.



Harry Styles (pictured here in an ad for the VMAs) offered a helping hand to a fan at his concert.

Harry Styles helped a fan come out to her mother. The fan, Grace, made a sign to hold up at Harry's concert, which said, "I'm Gonna COME OUT To My Parents because of YOU!!!" Harry spotted the sign, stopped the show, and spoke directly to Grace. He asked where her parents were. Grace said her mom (Tina) was back at the hotel, Styles said congratulations, and then the whole audience chanted "Tina, she's gay!" Grace showed her mom the sign and the video of Harry and the audience. Mom's response? "Yes, I do love you and you can be whoever you want to be." Now Grace is bringing Tina to see Harry in Los Angeles. So, the ball's in your court, Harry.

Not to be outdone, a gay couple got engaged at a Taylor Swift concert—well, anything to avoid listening to that twit! I'll let one of the boys explain what happened: "He asked me to marry him while Taylor Swift was singing our song in front of us and I said ABSO-FUCKING-LUTELY." Samy (the proposer) knelt in front of Ric (the proposee)—I suspect guys get on their knees all the time at Taylor Swift concerts. And just like that, Samy popped the question. In this case, the singer played no part in the proposal—she was just background noise.

When a gay couple is getting married in spite of Taylor Swift (you look at it your way, I'll look at it my way), it's time to end yet another column. Just after last week's column went out, we heard about the death of Tab Hunter. As I wrote only weeks ago, he certainly defined an era and was without a doubt one of the most breathtakingly beautiful men to walk the Earth. Of course, lots of other breathtaking men can be found at BillyMasters.com—the site that'll take more than your breath away. I didn't have room for an "Ask Billy" question this week, but you can always contact me at Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before Jamie Lee Curtis replaces Peppermint in *Head Over Heels*. So, until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.

the DISH

Weekly Dining Guide in
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SAVOR

The Purple Pig

BY NOAH MCCARTHY

"Whoa, this place is literally famous. I heard about them back home!" Two tourists admired the sign hanging under **The Purple Pig**—"Cheese, Swine and Wine"—before snapping a selfie. After leaving, I was half-tempted to commemorate the occasion myself.

Located on the south end of 500 N. Michigan Ave., The Purple Pig opened in 2009 and features various dishes from around the Mediterranean. The restaurant itself is fairly cramped. Tables are packed to the extent that those sitting along the wall will almost certainly have to brush uncomfortably close to their neighbor's food. These sorts of close quarters are fairly common in Magnificent Mile restaurants, but increased



From The Purple Pig.
PR photo

elbow room would have been appreciated. Since the odds of having an empty seat next to your own are essentially zilch during one of the restaurant's bustling dinner services, the space

becomes doubly appreciated. Luckily, the patio seemed more accommodating.

Service was excellent throughout the night, ever-courteous and approachable despite the brimming confines. There were certain moments when staff began to hover, standing hawk-like just a few feet away as we finished whatever plate we were working on. Despite being somewhat discomforting, over-attentiveness is a good problem to have.

Once inside, the decor emphasized the last item on its tagline: "wine." One side of the restaurant is dedicated to wine racks and another to various wine-barrel decorations. In fact, every item on the menu comes with its own recommended pairing from sommelier Alan Beasey. The decor, between the burgundy chairs and white tiling, is warm but not stuffy.

As for the food, if its eight straight years of Michelin recognition didn't cue you in, it is wonderful. Chef Jimmy Bannos Jr., a Chicago native, has drawn the menu's inspiration from Italy, Greece and Spain. The dishes are diverse but consistent. Highlights from the night include octopus a la plancha on a bed of green beans and fingerling potatoes, all served with a perfect salsa verde, and roasted bone marrow served alongside unspeakably good bread.

The Purple Pig's menu is ever-changing with the

seasons. (Offerings from this summer's iteration include duck fat-roasted radishes and lamb chop with sweetbread, dolmades and grapes. It might be worth a second visit to try these items.) The table next to us ordered another seasonal dish, grilled broccoli in an anchovy vinaigrette with roasted garlic and breadcrumbs—and the smell alone made me want to sit down to begin the meal again.

The desserts kicked off with a Sicilian iris—a gooey ricotta-and-chocolate-filled brioche that's worth every calorie. Be warned, however: They only make a certain amount for every day, and regularly sell out. You owe it to yourself to arrive early enough to nab one of these Chicago classics. The final dish of the evening was a peanut butter-and-marshmallow mille-feuille; although it certainly recalled childhood, it also recalled why we eventually grow out of those sandwiches.

Though it has been a Chicago mainstay for some years now, The Purple Pig shows no signs of slowing down. Dishes are seasonal and exciting, and the constant bustle of people in and out make for a vibrant atmosphere. If you want a charming night out with top-notch food, but without breaking the bank, there are still few places on par with The Purple Pig.

Leather Archives announces Kinky Rummage Sale

Have a root around in the Leather Archives & Museum at their Kinky Rummage Sale, Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29.

Over 600 items will be made available for sale, including leftover Male Hide Leathers/Shel-Don Chicago stock, magazine, books, clothing, handcuffs, medical equipment, restraints, bondage gear, IML-related items and more. Also up for sale, you can walk away with a pup cage or a St. Andrew's cross.

The sale begins Saturday at 9 am with a LA&M members-only preview. Door open to the public at 11 and the sale goes until 5 pm. Sunday hours are 11 am - 5 pm.



Items start as low as \$1 and plenty of good finds can be purchased for under \$10.

It is asked that you bring your own bags for merchandise. Otherwise, Fist tote bags are available for \$2.

These sales hours include free admission to the museum for Saturday and Sunday.

Leather Archives & Museum is located at 6418 N. Greenview Ave.

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Market Days acts announced

The Northalsted Business Alliance (NBA) delivers a diverse and dance-heavy line-up for this year's Market Days, set for Aug. 11-12, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

The fest (said to be the largest two-day event in the Midwest) will return to Boystown with entertainment, shopping, food and more.

Entertainer Todrick Hall will take the stage as part of his Forbidden tour on Aug. 11, while Betty Who will sing her power pop on Aug. 12. MAX, with the gold single "Lights Down Low," will end the festival.

Some of the other acts include former American

Idol acts Trenyce and Kimberly Locke; legendary songstresses Martha Wash, Kristine W and Ultra Nate; the girl group Exposé; local act 16 Candles; out country singer Ty Herndon; and the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus.

There is a \$10 suggested donation.

Formed in 1980, NBA represents more than 100 businesses along the Halsted Street corridor. The organization hosts major events throughout the year, including Chicago Pride Fest, Northalsted Market Days, the Halloween Parade and Frost Fest. For information about NBA, visit Northalsted.com.

Saturday, Aug 11

Addison Bud Light North Stage

1:30-3:30 p.m. - Drag show
2:30-3:30 p.m. - Todrick Hall
3:30-4:15 p.m. - Trenyce
5-6:30 p.m. - Cat Fight
7-7:45 p.m. - Kimberly Locke
7:50-8:35 p.m. - Ultra Nate
8:40-9:25 p.m. - Martha Wash

Hydrate Stage

11:30 a.m. - DJ Laura Bee
1 p.m. - Drag show
4 p.m. - DJ Laura Bee
5:30 p.m. - DJ Cajjmere Wray
7:30 p.m. - DJ Oscar Velazquez

Roscoe Stage

1:15-2:30 p.m. - Hello Weekend
3:15-4:30 p.m. - Girl Power Night
5-5:45 p.m. - DJ
5:45-6:25 p.m. - Crystal Waters
6:25-7 p.m. - DJ
7-7:45 p.m. - Ty Herndon
8:20-9:45 p.m. - Hank & Cupcake

Aldine Jazz Stage

1:30-3 p.m. - Sam Fazio Quartet
3:30 p.m. - Lakeside Pride Strayhorns
5:30-7:30 p.m. - Feathered Beaus

Sunday, Aug. 12

Addison Bud Light North Stage

1-2 p.m. - DJ
2-2:45 p.m. - Betty Who
3:30-4:30 p.m. - Sushi Roll
4:45-6:15 p.m. - DJ
6:15-7 p.m. - Exposé
7-9 p.m. - DJ
9-9:55 p.m. - MAX

Hydrate Stage

11:30 a.m. - DJ Laura Bee
12:30 p.m. - Drag show
3:30 p.m. - DJ Guy Scheiman
5:30 p.m. - DJ Toy Armada
7:30 p.m. - DJ Tom Stephan

Roscoe Stage

1-1:45 p.m. - Chicago Gay Men's Chorus
2:15-3:45 p.m. - Boy Band Review
4:15-5 p.m. - Kristine W
5:15-7:15 p.m. - Rod Tuffcurls
7:45-9:45 p.m. - 16 Candles

Aldine Jazz Stage

1:30-3 p.m. - BMR4
3:30-5 p.m. - Joe Policastro Trio
5:30-7:30 p.m. - The Flat Cats



See Todrick Hall on Saturday, August 11. PR photo



Betty Who performs Sunday, August 12. Photo by Zak Cassar