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Italian Expo: The fourth annual Italian Expo features competitive cook-offs and cooking demonstrations by 16 of Chicago's top Italian chefs, plus samples of Italian food products. Free admission for children under 12; \$15 tickets at door (\$10 by Sept. 16); 2:30-9 p.m. Sept. 17; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sept. 18; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 19. Navy Pier, Festival Hall A; tickets and information, 312-553-9137 or [italianexpo.us](#)

Pork basics: Learn all about matching the right cut with the perfect cooking method in a Pork 101 class led by chef-owner Denise Norton. \$40; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. , Sept 12; Flavour Cooking School, 7401 W. Madison St., Forest Park; reservations, 708-488-0808 or visit [flavourcooking.school.com](#)

Doughnut day: Chef Michelle O'Malley teaches a Brownie Troop Scout Outing Donut Day where scouts will learn about yeast, French rolling pins and doughnut cutters. \$15, includes patch; 4 p.m. Sept. 13; A Kid's Kitchen, 1603 North Aurora Road, Naperville; reservations, 630-983-3663

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Taste of the islands: Chef Christopher Tong of My Private Chef demonstrates a Caribbean-themed menu with hands-on opportunities. \$70; 7 p.m. Sept. 20; Cheney Mansion, 220 Euclid Ave., Oak Park; reservations, 708-383-2612

Perfect piccata: Roseanne Pileggi and Dede Frank of Mezzaluna teach how to make chicken piccata and other Mediterranean favorites. \$65; 7 p.m. Sept. 23; reservations, [cookmezzaluna.com](#)

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A taste of Italy coming to Chicago

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August 25, 2010

BY LORI RACKL Travel Editor

If you can't make it to Italy, let Italy come to you. The fourth annual Italian Expo is slated for Sept. 17-19 at Chicago's Navy Pier, Festival Hall A. Watch the city's top Italian chefs duke it out in a cook-off and peruse more than 100 vendors showcasing Italian cuisine, wine, fashion, tourism, art and entertainment. Tickets are \$15 at the door, or \$10 on the website italianexpo.us until Sept. 16. Kids under 13 get in free.

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Play picks



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Chicago Football Classic

Alumni of Historically Black Colleges and Universities look forward to the Chicago Football Classic as much as some look forward to homecoming. This year's classic features Alcorn State University taking on Mississippi Valley State University. The really fun part: the Battle of the Bands halftime show. 4 p.m. Saturday at Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive; \$15-\$40; 800-745-3000, ticketmaster.com

International Talk Like a Pirate Day

Don't shiver ye timbers when you are greeted with an "Ayyy, matey" on Sunday because it's International Talk Like a Pirate Day. Dave Barry's goofy idea eight years ago has gone viral with T-shirts, videos, books and more. For the most complete TLAPD info, go to talklikeapirate.com. You can get into the spirits of the day at Durkin's Booty Crawl. The pub crawl includes a pirate booty buffet, rum punch, beer and trolley service among the six participating bars. Crawl is 6-9 p.m. Sunday, and you can begin at any stop (go to barlevents.com for locations)



Chicago Blackhawks Mad Dash to Madison

The NHL champion Blackhawks get you in a hockey state of mind at the Training Camp Festival, which includes an open practice, a 5k walk/run and 10k inline skate, and the Mad House on Madison Street Festival. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.; open practice and Mad Dash sold out; free admission to street festival; blackhawks.nhl.com

Child Cause benefit

Watch the season premiere of "The Apprentice" with cast member Stephanie Castagnier at a fundraiser for Child Cause. The organization, founded by Castagnier, provides a peer network for teens affected by households with AIDS and substance abuse. 7-10 p.m. Thursday at Rockit Bar and Grill, 3700 N. Clark St.; \$15; 773-645-4400

Italian Expo

Italian and Italian-American culture is showcased at the Italian Expo with a culinary cook-off, arts competition and fashion competition where the audience gets to vote. A taste of Italy (including food and products not currently available in the U.S.) is also part of the family-friendly expo. 2:30-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.; \$15, free for children 12 and under; italianexpo.us

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Art Institute exhibit focuses on ancient ballgames

On the Road

By

Explore "Ballplayers, Gods, and Rainmaker Kings: Masterpieces from Ancient Mexico" at the Art Institute of Chicago and you'll see how ancient ballgames were played not only for sport, but also for mediation and divination. In those days, cosmic events were thought to influence the outcome of the games. The museum joins dozens of other cultural organizations around Chicago participating in the citywide celebration of Mexico 2010 with this exhibit of sculptural masterpieces from the country's ancient civilizations, many of which have never before been seen in the U.S.

10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, from Thursday, Sept. 16 to Jan. 2, at 111 S. Michigan Ave. Admission is \$18 for adults; \$12 for kids 14 and older, students and seniors; free for children younger than 14. For details, visit artinstituteofchicago.org.

That's amore

Celebrate all things Italian at the Italian Expo at Navy Pier. Sample culinary specialties from Chicago restaurants such as Ristorante Al Teatro, 312 Chicago, Club Lago, Quartino and Coco Pazzo, among many others. It will be like shopping in Milan when more than 100 companies and vendors display and sell Italian-made products. Experience apparel and fine jewelry runway shows and watch cooking competitions among Chicago's top chefs of Italian cuisine. There will be information on visiting and touring Italy, too.

2:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at Navy Pier, Festival Hall A, 600 E. Grand Ave. Buy tickets online for \$10 or at the door for \$15; free for kids 12 and younger. Visit italianexpo.us.

Hips don't lie

Millennium Park will soon be heating up for the annual Viva! Chicago Latin Music Festival. Considered one of the most spirited festivals of the summer, the 2010 fest celebrates 22 years and features Grammy Award-nominated Mexican pop singer Cristian Castro, Julio Cortez y la Explosión de la Cumbia, Colombian salsa and tropical music singer Carolina Ovalle Arango, Chicago Sones Collective and many others. Musical styles include ranchera, banda, cumbia, salsa, fandango, merengue típico, folkloric rumba, Colombian music of the valley, Spanish and Cuban. In addition to music stages, expect a separate area for dancing and a kids' zone for arts and crafts, and storytelling.

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday to Saturday, Sept. 17-18. Call (312) 744-3370 or visit vivachicago.us in Millennium Park, North Michigan Avenue and East Randolph Street.

Midwest

Start spreading the moos

The oldest and largest food fest in the Midwest (dating back to 1914) will take place in Green County, Wis., home to the largest concentration of cheese makers in the country and the most certified Wisconsin master cheese makers in the state. At Monroe's Cheese Days, you'll enjoy cheese tasting and cooking demonstrations, live music, dairy farm

tours, Swiss cuisine, children's parade, an arts and crafts show, antique tractor and car show and the Swiss Colony Cheese Days Parade. Don't miss the Cheese Days Cow Milking Contest and, of course, there will be plenty of food and refreshments.

9 a.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at Historic Courthouse Square in Monroe, Wis. Call (800) 307-7208 or visit cheesedays.com.

Get your flicks on Route 66

See 62 films in three days at the Route 66 International Film Festival. Films include documentaries, experimental pieces, dramas, animation, thrillers, foreign films, comedy and horror movies from around the world. Get in on filmmakers meet and greets, as well as contests in which the audience votes on favorite films in various genres.

6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 17; 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 18; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. 6th St., Springfield, Ill. Festival pass is \$60 and includes a party with the filmmakers; a two-day pass is \$50; a one-day pass is \$30; three sessions any day is \$25; and a single session is \$10. Call (217) 523-2787 or route66filmfestival.net.

Roll out the barrel

Frankenmuth, aka "Michigan's Little Bavaria," is the first Oktoberfest outside of Munich to be sanctioned by the parliament and the city of Munich. The festival offers oodles of German culture and heritage with food, from colossal pretzels to authentic sauerbraten, barrels of beer, "wiener" dog races, oompah bands and entertainers flown in from the Motherland.

3 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16; noon to midnight Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18; and Sunday, Sept. 19, at Heritage Park, 601 Weiss St., Frankenmuth, Mich. Admission is \$8 for adults, free for ages 12 and younger; Sunday admission is free for all ages. Visit frankenmuthfestivals.com or call (800) 386-3378.

Worth the trip

It's all finger-licking good at the 21st annual World Chicken Festival in London, Ky. Delicious fried chicken dinners are served from the World's Largest Stainless Steel Skillet, which requires 300 gallons of cooking oil. A parade, carnival rides, games and entertainment that includes regional bands, a stage devoted to bluegrass music and the Kiddie World Stage with a Kid's Day Circus, music and magicians. Get in on a clucking contest, hot wing eating competition or the chick-o-lympics.

5 to 11 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23; 10 a.m. to midnight, Friday to Saturday, Sept. 24-25; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, in Laurel County, Ky., located in the heart of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Visit chickenfestival.com or call (800) 348-0095.

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Forte's bad secret

STELLA'S SPOTLIGHT

THE SCOOP: THE BEARS' shining star, running back Matt Forte, 24, who scored two touchdowns against the Detroit Lions in a 19-14 victory Sunday and was named the NFC offensive player of the week, is not winning in his personal life. I happily announced in May that Forte had gotten engaged to Chicago's Danielle Daniels at the Trump International Hotel in New York while they were there attending a promotional event. Forte gave her a big diamond and the couple later flew to his home state of Louisiana to celebrate with his parents. Well, surprise, surprise! On Tuesday, Forte broke the news to his faithful and beautiful fiancée that his ex-girlfriend, who lives in Louisiana, is pregnant with his child and will deliver in November.

This news has devastated Daniels as well as her parents, the Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Daniels, who hosted an engagement party for them in July at the LuxBar and were planning a platinum wedding for July 2011.

Danielle, who works for the Daniels Entertainment Group public relations firm and is a full-time student at Columbia College, and her family dined with Forte on Saturday at Harry Caray's downtown, attended the Bears game on Sunday, and he still didn't let on that he was hiding this major secret. However, he came clean on Tuesday and Danielle promptly called off the wedding and the relationship. When I spoke to the Rev. Daniels, he said, "My wife and I feel very bad for our daughter and for Matt, but by the same token, what is most important for me now is to help my daughter and wife heal. And these athletes have to be held accountable for their actions whether it is a Tiger Woods or a Matt Forte."

And who would blame her for leaving him? They met a couple of years ago through her boss and friend, Regina Daniels, and fell madly in love. Matt's football career is looking bright.

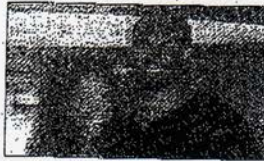
but, Matt, you are not right! Putting on your Bears suit is not the only suit you should have put on! As for Danielle, God must have a plan for you to get a better man!

I CALLED WLS-Channel 7 long-time sports anchor Jim Bose to ask what he thought about the harassment scandal concerning sports reporter Ines Sainz getting catcalls from the New York Jets while in their locker room. His response:

"There is no room for intimidation or sexual harassment of reporters in any locker room of any sports team on this planet. If the NFL or any sports league or conference in America would take the time to inform its employees that any type of disrespect would be dealt with harshly, incidents like what happened to Ines Sainz would disappear. In my many years of covering sports teams in Chicago, the majority of athletes have been very respectful of the women who cover sports."

Personally, Jim, I think she knew what she was doing when she averted her behind into that man cave with those super-tight jeans and cleavage showing. She should have dressed much more conservatively. Yeah, I said it!

SAY WHAT! A 50-foot working replica of Rome's legendary Tyro Fountain will be in place to wow the crowds at the August Amer-



Danielle Daniels & Matt Forte



Jim Bose



Allison Rosati

ican Chamber of Commerce gala Saturday at the Palmer House honoring Gov. Quinn and ComEd's chief, Anna Franzaglione.

HAPPENINGS: Attorney Bob Clifford and wife, Joan, hosting a fund-raiser for Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan at their Gold Coast home Sept. 21... The Safe Haven Foundation's "Champions for Recovery" awards luncheon is Sept. 20 at the Union League Club with WMAQ-Channel 5's Allison Rosati emceeing. The honorees include state Rep. Cynthia Soto and the Illinois Student Veterans of America. Businessman Abe Thompson is chairing... The "Rock of Ages" musical opening Sept. 22 at the Bank of America theater... WGN-Channel 9's Micah Materre emceeing the Women in Film Chicago's "Focus Achievement" awards dinner honoring Raquel Welch, Merri Dee and Jamie Censer Oct. 14 at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza... "To Kill a Mock-

ingbird" at Steppenwolf starting Oct. 12... "Aiming for Sainthood" at Victory Gardens starting Sept. 20... Feminist Gloria Steinem the special guest at a fund-raising luncheon for Alexi Giannoulias at Carnivale Sept. 22.

ON THE TOWN: Minnesota Twins Delmon Young, Drew Butera and Danay Valencia relaxing at Hub 51... Attorney Jeff Levling hunching with TV's Nate Berkas at LuxBar... Cabaret singer Denise Tomasello listen-

ing to vocalist Jaqueline Horton at the Drake Hotel... The Stretch Run Sporting Club has closed allegedly for remodeling... The Bears' Brad Maynard and family dined at Harry Caray's.

THE BIRTHDAY BEAT: Judge Patricia Bail-Reed, Kathy (Ronaley) Leventhal, Channel 9's Gloria Brown (who retires after 47 years on Friday), belated to Brenda Butera and Al DeMarco and anniversary wishes (50) to Gene Liggins and Lucille. On Friday: Phil Jackson and anniversary greetings to Tommy and Barbara King. On Saturday: Van (Miller's Pub) Gallies, Ryan Sandberg, Joe Cartwood, Don Jackson and Charles Wojciechowski. On Sunday: Chuck Jordan, Rick Rosenthal, Ken (Palmer House) Price, Mable Buckner and anniversary wishes (50) to Ed & Ninette Gaffin. On Monday: Ed Curran and Sophia Loren.



Micah Materre

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Back to scuola

Chef Luca Corazzina of 312 Chicago, 136 N. La Salle, conducts a pasta-making class at noon Saturday with a special guest: his mother, Gabriella Corazzina; \$45. Recipes include stuffed gnocchi and spaghetti carbonara. (312) 696-2420.

Bacon wrap

Chef Gilbert Langlois of Chalkboard, 4343 N. Lincoln, offers a four-course bacon feast at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday as a preview to next spring's BaconFest; \$45. (773) 477-7144.

Half shell

Shaw's Crab House, 21 E. Hubbard, offers a shucking lesson and tasting of sustainable oysters at 6 p.m. Sept. 15; \$40. The event will benefit the Shedd Aquarium's Right Bite program. (312) 527-2722.

Taste of Italy

Chicago chefs, including Tony Priolo of Piccolo Sogno, John Coletta of Quartino and Merlo's Luisa Silvia, offer half-hour cooking demos and tastings during the three-day Italian Expo starting Sept. 17 at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand; \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. The expo also will feature Italian makers of wine, olive oil, bread and more; italianexpo.us.

Favorite fruit

Apples are the focal ingredient of a class at 10 a.m. Sept. 18 at Le Titi de Paris, 1015 W. Dundee, Arlington Heights; \$60 includes three-course lunch. (847) 506-0222.

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A taste of Italy in Chicago this weekend

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September 15, 2010

BY **LORI RACKL** Travel Editor

Chicagoans can get a taste of la dolce vita this weekend at the fourth annual Italian Expo at Navy Pier. Buy products straight from Italy, dig into some authentic cuisine and check out Italian fashion, cars, entertainment and tourism info. More than a dozen Chicago chefs will do live cooking demonstrations and tastings as they compete for the title of top toque. Tickets cost \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. Hours are 2:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. It takes place at Navy Pier's Festival Hall A; (312) 553-9137, www.italianexpo.us.

Weekend Update... The Beginning of Year Two for the Chicago Cubs

From ChicagoCubsOnline.com

Featured Chicago Open House Listings for Sat. November 13, 2010 & Sun. November 14, 2010

From Chicago Real Estate Blog

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COOL THINGS TO DO

THUNDERBIRDS ARE A GO!

Texas Blues band the **Fabulous Thunderbirds** soar into the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th, for an 8 p.m. concert tonight. While the set list is still under wraps, the band is certain to play hits like "Tuff Enuff" and "Wrap It Up." Tickets, \$32-\$35. Call (773) 445-3838; beverlyartcenter.org.

DELIZIOSO!

Ristorante Al Teatro, Coco Pazzo, 312 Chicago, Club Lago, I Monelli Trattoria Pizzeria and Marcello Ristorante & Pizzeria are just a few of the Italian eateries taking part in this year's **Italian Expo**, 2:30-9 today, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand. A fashion show and more than 100 Italian and U.S. companies selling their wares also will be part of the fun. Tickets, \$15 (children 12 and under free). Call (312) 553-9137; italianexpo.us.



Riccardo Muti
SCOTT STEWART/SUN-TIMES

A NOTABLE WELCOME

Riccardo Muti officially takes over the conductor's baton and will be front and center for the **Chicago Symphony Orchestra's free concert** in Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Picnicking on the lawn will commence at 2 p.m. The CSO will be playing crowd-friendly selections from Verdi, Liszt, Tchaikovsky and Respighi. Did we mention this is free? Call (312) 294-3000; cso.org.

PAGING ROCK STAR WANNABES

The Young Professionals Development Board of Special Olympics Chicago is giving you the chance to live out your rock star dreams (at least for one night) at the second annual **Rock Star for a Night** from 8 to midnight tonight at Angels and Kings, 710 N. Clark. **Stevie Ray** will host



Jeff Bridges (from left), Steve Buscemi and John Goodman in the 1998 film "The Big Lebowski."

THE DUDE RULES

The cult film "The Big Lebowski" will be celebrated tonight and Saturday at the **Lebowski Fest Chicago**. Tonight's 8 p.m. movie party at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee, will feature music by Chicago-based Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band Blue Moon Swamp, Lebowski-themed burlesque by Vaudezilla and a screening of the 1998 cult classic film. On Saturday, Diversey Rock and Bowl, 2211 W. Diversey, will host a 21-and-over bowling party. Tickets, \$18-\$22 (tonight) and \$25-\$30 (Saturday). Visit lebowskiifest.com.

brave and the bold a chance to perform their favorite songs with a live band on-stage. Tickets, \$20. Call (773) 278-2178; rockstarforanight.com.

THE SITES OF MUSIC

In **Songs About Buildings and Moods**, some of the best Chicago architecture will come alive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, thanks to musical compositions commissioned for the special music/architecture celebration. Chicago composers participating in the event include Seth Boustead and David Hampton (the Monadnock Building), Amos Gillespie (the Chicago Cultural Center), Jason Raynovich (the Marquette Building), Kyle Vegter (Aon Center) and Randall West (the Aqua Tower). The \$20 cost includes guided tours of the buildings led by the Chicago Architecture Foundation. Call (773) 334-3650; acmusic.org.

CELEBRATE

Rediscover Chicago's vibrant Jewish history via **Uncovered & Rediscovered: Stories of Jewish Chicago**, a new exhibit opening at the Spertus Museum, 610 S. Michigan, at 3 p.m. Sunday. The Maxwell Street Junior Klezmer Orchestra will perform in honor of the occasion. Free. Call



Big Boi
TOM CRUIZE/SUN-TIMES

OH, BOI!

Since parting ways with Outkast partner Dre for solo ventures, **Big Boi** has managed to put together a body of work that reflects his true talents as a skilled Southern oracle. His newest album, "Sir Luscious Left Foot: The Son of Chico Dusty," is a notable debut full of rapid-fire lyricism and blunted hooks reminiscent of his work with velvet crooner and fellow Georgia native Sleepy Brown. It's another well-crafted and colorful chapter in the post-Outkast life of Big Boi, which essentially makes his pricy shows well worth the cost of admission. Also on the bill for tonight's **Back Pack Ball** at 6 p.m. at the Congress Theatre, 2135 N. Milwaukee, are **Travis McCoy** and **Chiddy Bang**. Tickets, \$35-\$100;

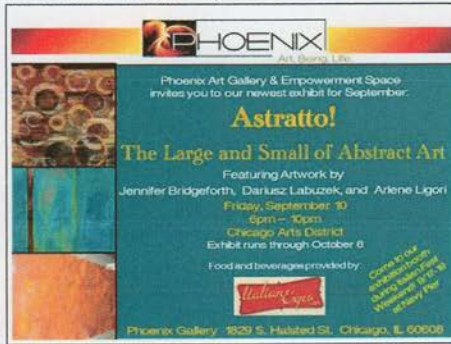
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FOR THE CONTEMPORARY ART LOVER, INVESTOR, FAN, AND SUPPORTER.....

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

Art Italian Style!

In our ever growing effort to get the word out about the wonderful art space we call Phoenix, I am always excited to partner up with fantastic companies that appreciate what we do. This week is 2nd Fridays, and we are welcoming the Italian American Chamber of Commerce to the Phoenix partnership team! They are the sponsors and creators of the Italian Expo - a weekend event of art, wine,



r Navy Pier Sept. 17-19th. With its 30,000+ attendees, it is a great event that shouldn't be missed! They are also bringing a taste of Italy to 2nd Fridays this week. With gallery presence, a large PR and marketing campaign, (check us out in Time Out Chicago, and CS Magazine!) and Italian wines and cheeses for gallery visitors to enjoy, we are looking forward to a great night! Stop on by Phoenix this Friday (8/10), and enjoy La Dolce Vita! We will also have an art exhibit space during the Italian Fest, so come and see even more art there. Looking forward to a great event, and an exciting September! Hope you will celebrate with us as we continue to grow! Ciao!

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GALA & AWARDS DINNER HOSTED BY THE AGGA B. COLLECTION

The Elegance of an Era

Chicago, IL – July 26, 2010 – Live “La Dolce Vita” this season with the AGGA B. collection in celebration of the 103rd Anniversary Gala & Awards Dinner hosted by The Italian American Chamber of Commerce. This exclusive event will be held at the renowned Palmer House Hilton Hotel in downtown Chicago on September 18, 2010 to recognize the efforts of various philanthropists. More importantly, this event infuses Chicago fashion and the Italian culture.

Agga B. has always aspired to celebrate a luxurious lifestyle that reflects a strong woman. Her trademark is her ability to execute flawless symmetry, perfect cuts and tasteful styling of her client roster, reading like a who’s who of celebrities. Her collections have been featured on the runways in New York, Warsaw, Tokyo and Chicago.

The most recent fall/winter 2010 collection, La Dolce Vita, was inspired by the lifestyle and the femininity of the late 60s that was featured in Italian film by Federico Fellini. The movie portrayed strong, sexy and sophisticated women, which was an alluring subject for the collection. “The elegance of the era, mixed with the darkness and romanticism of the movie, was the essence of my inspiration.” The movie painted an image, illustrating that “the mystery and sexuality of a woman can not be hidden; it can only be highlighted by elegance.” La Dolce Vita will be previewing exclusively for this black tie event debuting for Anne Pramaggiore, Francesco Bettoni, Joseph G. Eisceglia, and Illinois governor, Pat Quinn, among others.

In addition to the Gala, the entire weekend will be a multi-day event held on the weekend of September 17-19 called the Italian Expo. This is a chance for emerging Chicago-based designers to preview their own collections and win a trip to Florence, Italy. During the three-day event, you will be able to purchase the designers collections, including AGGA B.

To make sure you attend this magnificent Gala event, buy tickets by visiting www.iacc-chicago.com or email Melissa Passalacqua at mpassalacqua@iacc-chicago.com Hurry, tickets are selling fast.

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Food, wine, fashion, design, tourism, art and entertainment are showcased as the cultures of Italy and Chicago collide at Italian Expo. Over 100 companies and vendors from Italy and the U.S. will be present displaying and selling their products straight from Italy for three days only.

We welcome all to enjoy this family-friendly event by tasting delicious Italian cuisine, viewing fashion runway shows of apparel and fine jewelry, and discovering luxury cars, motorbikes, and travel and tourism information from various regions in Italy.

Italian Expo is held annually in Chicago and Houston and is organized by the Italian American Chambers of Commerce located in those cities.

Where: Navy Pier, Festival Hall A, 600 East Grand Avenue

Hours:

Friday 2:30pm - 9:00pm, Saturday 11:00am - 9:00pm, Sunday 11:00am - 6:00pm

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Soleil's To-Dos!

Week of Monday, September 13, 2010

Sunday, September 19, 2010



Italian Expo

Sunday, 9/19, 11am – 6pm

Category: Soleil's To-Dos! » Festivals

Venue: Navy Pier Festival Hall A 600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

Food, wine, fashion, design, tourism, art and entertainment are showcased as the cultures of Italy and Chicago collide at Italian Expo. Over 100 companies and vendors from Italy and the U.S. will be present displaying and selling their products straight from Italy for three days only. We welcome all...

Other Times To-Do It: September 17 - September 19, 2010



Chicago's Historic Route 66 Classic Car Show

Sunday, 9/19, 12 – 5pm

Category: Soleil's To-Dos! » Family/Children

Venue: North Lawndale, 3800 West Ogden Ave. Chicago, IL 60623 773-592-4718

This is Chicago's only Classic car show on Historic Route 66 "The Mother Road". Great Food and Fun Games and raffles for the Entire Family.

There's a 50/50, Raffle Door Prizes, Goody Bags & over 20 trophies for car participants. Show off your Classic Ride or come see the Nostalgic Cars from the Past.



The African Presence in Mexico f/ Resistance = Yanga!

Sunday, 9/19, 12 – 5pm

Category: Ongoing To-Dos! » Art/Exhibit

Venue: DuSable Museum of African American History, 740 East 56th Place, Chicago, IL 60637, (773) 947-0600

The African Presence in Mexico, the most comprehensive project ever organized about African contributions to Mexican culture featuring three exhibitions: The African Presence in Mexico: From Yanga to the Present, Roots, Resistance and Recognition, and Common Goals, Common Struggles, and Common Groun...

Other Times To-Do It: August 13, 2010 - November 14, 2010



Under America

Sunday, 9/19, 2 – 4pm

Category: Ongoing To-Dos! » Theater

Venue: The Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport, Chicago, Illinois

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by Jacob Juntunen

directed by Rachel Edwards Harvith

Her job threatened, a reporter from Chicago's Gold Coast must write a series on public housing, gentrification, and the prison industry. But when she moves into the infamous Cabrini Green projects, she tries to help with the...

Other Times To-Do It: September 3 - 26, 2010



Blues for an Alabama Sky (Closing Weekend)

Sunday, 9/19, 2:30 – 4:30pm

Category: Soleil's To-Dos! » Theater

Venue: Theater Building Chicago, 1225 West Belmont, Chicago, Illinois

To-Do!: Set in the 1930's during Harlem Renaissance in the apartment of Guy Jacobs, a popular gay costume designer, and his friend Angel, a recently fired Cotton Club jazz singer, Blues For An Alabama Sky brings together a rich cast of characters who reflect the conflicting currents of the time thro...

Other Times To-Do It: August 26 - September 19, 2010

Those Sensational Soulful Sixties

Sunday, 9/19, 3 – 5pm

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Fashion Events Through the Weekend

Posted by Heather Kenny on Thu, Sep 16, 2010 at 11:14 AM



An image by Jason Kim, part of "Fashioning Desire" at City Gallery

Hours are 10 to 6 on Saturday and 9 to 4 on Sunday.

Today marks the opening of **Fashioning Desire**, a show of work by nine local fashion photographers, at City Gallery in the Historic Water Tower, 806 N. Michigan. The exhibit includes images by both established and emerging photographers, including Brian Kuhlmann, Sandro, and Erika Dufour. Hours are 10 AM to 6:30 PM Monday through Saturday and 10 AM to 5 PM Sunday. The show runs through January 10.

Tonight, local designer Ashley Zygmont previews the fall collection of her line, **Zamrie**, and holds a sale of spring and summer items. It's from 5 to 8 PM at her studio, 1213 W. Diversey.

Also tonight, West Loop boutique **Koros** celebrates its five-year anniversary. Festivities run from 6 to 9 PM at 1039 W. Lake. RSVP to 312-738-0155.

This weekend's **Italian Expo** at Navy Pier focuses on food, art, and, of course, fashion. A handful of Chicago designers, including **Agga B.**, **C/FAN**, and **Veil** are taking part in a weekend-long **Fashion Icon competition**, during which attendees can vote for their favorite. The winner, who will be announced Sunday, gets a trip to the Polimoda International Institute of Design and Marketing in Florence. Expo tickets are \$10 if you **buy online** by 10 PM today and \$15 at the door. Kids under 12 get in free.

Though it seems like most women would like to be taller, apparently it can be tough for the vertically blessed to find clothes that fit correctly. (Join the club.) **Long Tall Sally**, a British retailer serving women 5'8" and up, is hosting a **pop-up shop** in the Picasso Ballroom of the Omni Chicago Hotel, 676 North Michigan, this weekend.

Tags: Fashioning Desire, Zamrie, Ashley Zygmont, Koros, Italian Expo, Agga B, C/FAN, Veil, Long Tall Sally

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Italian Expo: La Dolce Vita - Three Days of Food, Fashion, Shopping



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Weekend: Viva Italia!

By [MARCUS RILEY](#)

Updated 1:00 PM CST, Fri, Sep 17, 2010



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LA DOLCE VITA: Pop on your Pradas, jump on your Vespa and head over toward [Navy Pier](#) this weekend for the Italian Expo. The fourth annual event includes plenty of food, wine, fashion, design, tourism, art and entertainment. More than 100 companies and vendors from Italy and the U.S. will be displaying and selling their products straight from Italy on Friday through Sunday. [Click here for more information.](#)

CALLING ALL BILLIONAIRES: Fresh off an appearance at the VMAs last weekend and following a concert at the Congress Theatre with Big Boi and Chiddy Bank, "Billionaire" singer Travie McCoy hosts the official after party at [Le Passage](#). McCoy will spin, along with DJ Million \$ Mano. *10 p.m., 937 N Rush St*

LUCK OF THE IRISH: Streeterville's [Timothy O'Toole's Irish pub](#) finds a reason to celebrate on Friday with its Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party. Snag \$2 pints of green beer, while "Joe the Leprechaun" interacts with the crowd with his \$4 Jameson shots. A special menu will also be available with goodies like Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potato Pancakes and Shepherd's Pie. [Bull & Bear](#) also gets in on the Irish action early Saturday with a Premium Drink Package from 10 a.m. – 1p.m. and a broker's breakfast of green eggs and potatoes, corn beef hash and reuben sliders. \$20 advance tickets can be purchased at www.HalfwayToStPatricksDay.com.

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The Italian Expo features food, wine, fashion, design, tourism, art and entertainment from Italy. Over 100 companies and vendors from Italy and the U.S. will be selling Italian products for three days only. It's a family-friendly event filled with Italian cuisine tasting, fashion runway shows, luxury cars, motorbikes as well as travel and tourism information from various regions in Italy.

Event summary prepared by the Goldstar [Editorial Team](#).

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Italian Expo (Event Over)

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Where: Navy Pier Festival Hall
Address: 600 E Grand Ave Chicago, IL [Map](#)
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Italian Expo is held annually in Chicago and Houston and is organized by the Italian American Chambers of Commerce located in those cities.

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The Italian American Chamber of Commerce-Midwest (IACC) is presenting a three day long festival in Chicago dedicated to Italian culture in its multifaceted forms. Attendees will enjoy watching a variety of competitions: there will be a fashion contest among emerging designers; a cooking contest involving Chicago's 16 best chefs; and an art competition and accompanying art exhibit displaying works by artists from Chicago Arts District. More than 100 participating businesses will introduce authentic Italian artisanal products to the Chicago public. A preview of Italian Expo is available through "showPODs" of Chicago Arts District during the month of September.

Details

Date: Friday, September 17, 2010 - Sunday, September 19, 2010

Hours: 9 am - 9 pm on Saturday

Venue: Navy Pier

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-[Highwood Street Market Festival](#) September 18th 10am-6pm and September 19th 10am-5pm, 260 Green Bay Road, [purchase \\$5 tickets online](#) or \$6 at door. The new Highwood Street [Market Festival](#) brings together some 75 vendors from all over the United States, as well as local independent [designers](#), to showcase their high-end antiques and vintage wares, including [jewelry](#), bags, artwork and furniture. Attendees will also have the opportunity to find out the value of their antique treasures at the Antique Trader Magazine appraisal tent for \$5 per item. The festival will also feature food and drinks from local restaurants, live music and much more

- Have you ever been to a show at [The Baton](#) downtown? Anyone who's ever been loves it, and now is your chance to see a vintage drag and fashion show while sipping complimentary martinis this Saturday at the [Highwood Street Market Festival](#), show begins at 12:30pm! If you want free passes to the event, [let Violet know today!](#)

- [Italian Expo](#) will bring an exciting weekend of entertainment for adults and kids for a true Italian experience September 17th-19th at Navy Pier. Italy's 'La Dolce Vita' is about celebrating the world's most beloved foods and cooking, gorgeous fashion, cutting-edge product design and hand-crafted masterpieces, all of which and more can be enjoyed right here in Chicago. During the Expo, fashionistas can view runway shows and a fashion competition where eight of Chicago's emerging designers show off their current collections and compete for the title of "Italian Expo Fashion Icon"!

- [Alternatives Shoes](#) announces its' Grand Opening at 108 N. State St. Chicago [Block 37 Building]. Come shop the new Fall/Winter collection!

- Just in time for fall- Handbag Trunk Show at [Krista K Boutique](#) 3458 N. Southport. Over 100 bags in store plus a drawing for

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The Chicago Fire are participating in a series of community events across the Chicagoland area this week. Throughout the year, the Fire participate in hundreds of community events to work with youth, charities and other organizations to promote the game of soccer by advocating wellness, healthy lifestyle choices, physical activities and education.

This week's events feature Chicago Fire mascot Sparky at the VIVA! Chicago Latin Music Festival on Friday, Sept. 17, and on Saturday, Sept. 18 along with a Chicago Fire player to be determined. Over the weekend, Fire mascot Sparky will be at the Scout Fest, at the Italian Expo at Navy Pier, and at the World Sports Festival on Saturday, Sept. 18. Fire mascot will join the parade during Fiestas Patrias Aurora on Sunday, Sept. 19.

Schedule of Community Events VIVA! Chicago Latin Music Festival

Who: Chicago Fire mascot Sparky

When: Friday, Sept. 17, TBD

Where: Millennium Park - 55 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

What: Join the Chicago Fire at the VIVA! Chicago Latin Music Festival this Friday, Sept. 17. The event will showcase local, national and international talent in the various Latin music genres that include salsa, reggaeton, mariachi, norteña, Spanish pop and more. For more info, visit here .

Scout Fest

Who: Chicago Fire mascot Sparky

When: Saturday, Sept. 18, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Where: Northerly Island - 1300 S. Lynn White Drive, Chicago, IL 60605

What: Join the Chicago Fire mascot Sparky for the Scout Fest on Saturday, Sept. 18. The program will include a midway of Scouting activities and Scout friendly vendors as well as an urban adventure hike, a spectacular stage show in the Charter One Pavilion featuring hit artist Smash Mouth, and fireworks over Lake Michigan.

Italian Expo

Who: Chicago Fire player TBD; Fire mascot Sparky

When: Saturday, Sept. 18, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (Player) & noon - 2:00 PM (Sparky)

Where: Navy Pier, Festival Hall A - 600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

What: Join the Chicago Fire and enjoy a weekend of fun for the whole family at ITALIAN EXPO on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Navy Pier. Sample delicious food and wine, participate in cooking competitions, see fashion shows, luxury cars on display, and shop for Italian gifts, while your kids play in the interactive sports area! Kids 12 and under are FREE. Visit here for more information.

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of Canaletto's finest paintings of Venice with 34 by his most important contemporaries, including Gaspar Vanvitelli, Luca Carlevarijs, Michele Marieschi, Bernardo Bellotto, and Francesco Guardi, in **Venice: Canaletto and His Rivals**, on view from February 20 through May 30, 2011, in the East Building. These dazzling cityscapes represent the best view painters of Venice—each responding to the city in his own way, and each competing in a market driven largely by the British Grand Tour, at its height during the 18th century.

DECEMBER 2010

December 25, 2010 - BUON NATALE! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

NOVEMBER 2010

November 21, 2010 - STATEN ISLAND - The book, "The Italians of Staten Island," by Patricia Salmon. Curator of history at the Staten Island Museum, will be presented at the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. Salmon will provide an in-depth look at Staten Island's largest ethnic group. She will talk about notorious Staten Island Italians and will explore the lifestyle, culture, religion and recreational activities relative to the Italian population of Staten Island. the event starts at 1:00 pm.



November 12-13, 2010 - FT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA - 4th Annual CSNA Convention at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort This year's honorees are: Nino Vaccarella, legendary driver of Ferrari and winner of the Targa Florio; Francesco Cafiso, young Sicilian talent in the international jazz world; Gaspare Borsellino, multi-awarded journalist; Romina Arena, famous sicilian-american singer, and Gianfranco Pirrone, Sicilian American architect and academic.

November 9-20, 2010 | LOS ANGELES - CINEMA ITALIAN STYLE 2010 at the Egyptian and Aero Theatres. Cinema Italian Style is the annual celebration of Italian cinema, once again is packed with exciting U.S. premieres. The series opens at the Egyptian Theatre with Italy's official Oscar submission for



Best Foreign-Language film, Paolo Virzi's uplifting drama THE FIRST BEAUTIFUL THING. Following at

October 11, 2010 - WASHINGTON D.C Columbus

Celebration at the National Columbus Memorial and Fountain at Union Station at 10:45 am. [Click here for program of events.](#)

October 1, 2010 | PORTSMOUTH, VA - The world premiere of the movie "*Atlantis Down*", directed and produced by Max Bartoli.

SEPTEMBER 2010

September 29, 2010 | MITCHELLVILLE, MD - Annual Villa Rosa Italian Festival from noon to 6:00 pm. For further information contact Darlene Di Battista at ddbatt@yahoo.com.

September 23, 2010 | LOS ANGELES - LA Opera presents *Il Postino* - Based on the popular 1994 Italian film, *Il Postino* by Daniel Catán stars Plácido Domingo as the poet Pablo Neruda for this exciting world premiere. In a tiny Italian fishing village, a shy young postman (Charles Castronovo) finds the inspiration to live out his dreams during his daily deliveries to his only customer, a famous poet. Also starring Amanda Squitieri, Cristina Gallardo-Domás and Nancy Fabiola-Herrera. Grant Gershon conducts.

September 25, 2010 | MYRTLE BEACH, SC - 7th Annual Irish Italian International Festival



September 19, 2010–January 9, 2011 | WASHINGTON D.C.

Exhibition: *Arcimboldo, 1526–1593: Nature and Fantasy* at the National Gallery of Art Sixteen examples of the fantastic composite heads painted by Giuseppe Arcimboldo will be featured in this exhibition, their first appearance in the United States.

Bizarre yet scientifically accurate, the unusual heads are composed of plants, animals, and objects. Additional works, including drawings by Leonardo da Vinci and Albrecht Dürer, small bronzes, illustrated books and manuscripts, and ceramics, will provide a context for Arcimboldo's inventions, revealing his debt to established traditions of physiognomic and nature studies.

September 19, 2010 | CHICAGO - Maestro Riccardo Muti, the new Music Director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, will open the symphony's 2010-11 season with a free concert in the magical atmosphere of Millennium Park

September 17-19, 2010 | CHICAGO - The Italian American Chamber of Commerce- Midwest (IACC) is presenting a three day long festival in Chicago dedicated to Italian culture in its multifaceted forms. Attendees will enjoy watching a variety of competitions; there will be a fashion contest among emerging designers; a cooking contest involving Chicago's 16 best chefs; and an art competition and accompanying art exhibit displaying works by artists from Chicago Arts District. More than 100 participating businesses will introduce authentic Italian artisanal products to the Chicago public. A preview of Italian Expo is available through "showPODs" of Chicago Arts District during the month of September.



September 16-26, 2010 - NEW YORK CITY - FEAST OF SAN GENNARO The 83rd Annual Feast of San Gennaro in honor of the Patron Saint of Naples. Sponsored by Figli di San Gennaro. The feast is located along Mulberry and Mott Streets, between Canal and Houston Streets.

September 11-December 18, 2010 | SANTA MONICA - The [Santa Monica Museum of Art](#) presents *Combustione: Alberto Burri and America*, a tightly focused exhibition featuring 40 major works from 1945 to the late 1980s, paying particular attention to both his reception and his production in the United States. Alberto Burri (1915-1995) was a seminal artistic figure of the 20th Century, an inspiration to many artists and artistic movements from Pop Art to Arte Povera, both in Italy and the United States.

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July 1-4, 2010 The Taste of Lombard Lombard, Illinois

Over 20 food vendors, arts and crafts, live entertainment, carnival. Fireworks with music on radio simulcast.

July 1-4, 2010 Naperville Ribfest Naperville, Illinois

Ribfest recruits 16 of the country's best rib vendors to cook in a nationally recognized BBQ contest. Major music acts as well as community talent. Fundraiser to fight child abuse and domestic violence.

JULY 4, 2010 - There are so many events on this day that they are too numerous to list. Virtually every community in the U.S. has a 4th of July celebration.

July 4-8, 2010 Dietary Managers Association's 50th Annual Meeting & Expo Chicago, Illinois

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July 8-10, 2010 Taste of Park Ridge Park Ridge, Illinois

25 local restaurants vendors. Free entertainment daily. Free Family Fun Zone with Free activities for kids and families. Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

July 10, 2010 AleFest Chicago, Illinois

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July 11, 2010 Annual World's Largest Catsup Bottle Summerfest Collinsville, Illinois

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Naperville, Illinois

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September 17-18, 2010 4th Annual Fall Festival

Lewistown, Illinois

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August 10-12, 2008 11th Annual MFHA Summit

Chicago, Illinois

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August 23, 2008 Marengo vs. Harvard Sweet Corn Throwdown

Harvard & Marengo, Illinois

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September 10-13, 2008 Morton Pumpkin Festival

Morton, Illinois

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