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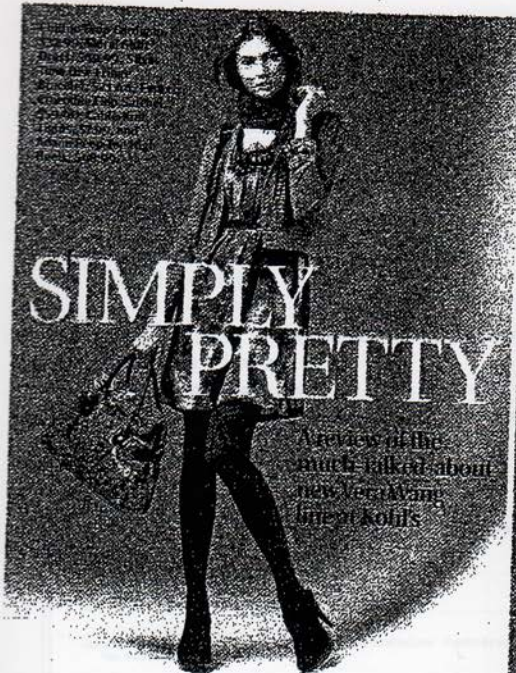
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Stop by for a chat with the effortlessly handsome "America's Next Top Model" Judge Nigel Barker at noon today at Macy's, 111 N. State. The photographer will be signing copies of his new book, *Beauty Equation: Revealing a Better and More Beautiful You*.



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A review of the much-talked-about new Vera Wang line at Kohl's



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LOCAL LOOKS



Julius LaCour Jr.'s line at the Italian Expo featured a jacket with real alligator heads, which he imported from a taxidermist in Miami. COURTESY MARCIZO VASSALLO

Breaking the rules

At last weekend's Italian Expo Fashion Competition at Navy Pier, up-and-coming Chicago designer Julius LaCour Jr. turned lots of heads, including two actual alligator heads used as lapels on a leather jacket in his bold, New Orleans-inspired collection, which won the contest. For his clothing company, Matteo De LaCour, the 24-year-old Humboldt Park resident draws a lot of influence from his native New Orleans, as well as all things taboo. The designer is out to break rules in fashion, bringing skirts to men and a sexiness to baggy clothes for women.

"What I get my inspiration from is things people don't usually see in subcultures all throughout the world," says LaCour, a 2008 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Art Chicago. "What people think is taboo, I try to bring it into the spotlight." As the winner of the Italian Expo's Fashion Icon award, LaCour scored a trip to visit one of Italy's top fashion schools, the Polimoda International Institute of Fashion Design & Marketing in Florence. "I have never traveled out of the country, so going to Italy is quite huge. I want to go to places that tourists don't really go. I grab inspiration from these places rather than commercialized places."



WHERE TO BUY: Samples from his fall collection may be bought at [www.matteodelacour.com](http://www.matteodelacour.com), though he will custom-design anything if you don't see your size. LEFT: Denim Skirt with Bow Sides, \$115, and New Orleans T-shirt, \$10. RIGHT: Jacket with Gold Chain Detail for men, \$505.

We saw the new Simply Vera fall collection, designed by Vera Wang for Kohl's, on "Oprah" last week. And we've seen the endless rotation of TV ads touting the line. Now it's time to find out if the clothing is worth our time and money. Here's a quick review.

**The facts:** The clothing line includes dresses, blouses, cardigans, jackets, skirts, black pants and denim, and the entire collection is 80 percent to 40 percent off at Kohl's locations and [Kohls.com](http://Kohls.com), with prices starting at \$29.99 (for solid tees), going up to \$69.99 (for jackets). Pieces are meant to be mixed and matched, and Wang also added jewelry, handbags and shoes (also on sale) to complement the look. Clothing sizes range from petite sizes to 16 (note: Sizes run a little large).

**The style:** This line can pretty much be summed up with one word: embellishments. Walking through the Simply Vera area at Kohl's, you won't swing your handbag without bumping into a dress with

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rhinestones and tulle, or a cardigan with ribbons and satin bows. The line almost resembles clothing you'd wear to a holiday party in December, but some of the rich colors — plums, blues and reds — help make the line appropriate for the entire fall season. Sophisticated and dressy but still fun and flirty, all of these looks would work well for both office and cocktail parties.

**The hits:** The dresses, which are polyester but look almost like silk, will get you the most for your money (they're each \$49.99, on sale from \$78), and the gorgeous floral patterns will have you looking like a walking canvas. Also, the jackets, perfect for layering over a dress, are stunning, and the silver bauble jewelry (from \$12.00 to \$22.25) is sophisticated and beautiful. All of these styles look much more expensive

than their prices would suggest.

**The misses:** The long-sleeve T-shirt is a popular theme in the collection, and some of the floral designs, as well as the clingy rayon material, make them look a bit matronly. Also — and this is a bummer — many of the cardigans have a shapeless baby-doll style and will look flattering only on the thin and smaller-chested.

**Appropriate for what age?** When high-end designers are asked to create affordable collections for department stores, the lines often end up geared toward teens and young women (such as the Jean Paul Gaultier and Zac Posen lines for Target). But Simply Vera is sophisticated, and I think women of just about any age could pull it off.

**Worth the buck?** Other than the rayon T-shirts, definitely. The quality isn't near what you'd find at a high-end boutique (polyester is used instead of silk), but it looks like it will hold well for a couple of seasons. Plus, the large discount certainly helped.

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### Quinn honored at Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Midwest gala

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Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn was honored Saturday at the Italian-American Chamber of Commerce Midwest Anniversary dinner gala. [Read about it here.](#)

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## Quinn is honored by Italian Chamber — all part of Chicago's melting pot

Posted by Shia K. at 9/24/2010 5:54 AM CDT

The Italian American Chamber of Commerce-Midwest honored Gov. Pat Quinn a few days ago. That he is Irish wasn't a problem, apparently.



Gov. Pat Quinn

"He's got an Italian spirit," a friend tells me.

The party honoring Mr. Quinn was held during the three-day Italian Expo 2010 at Navy Pier.

It's all part of Chicago's quirky melting pot.

Later today, Chicago's Greek community will come out to rub Constantine Maroulis — the former "American Idol" contestant with the national touring company performing "Rock of Ages." 'Tl through Oct. 3.

Mr. Maroulis, who is of Greek descent, is a hot commodity for in town.

On Saturday, Chicago's Nigerian community will gather to celebrate the country's 50th year of independence from the United Kingdom.

The event has been organized in part by J.P. Morgan Chase manager Olutoyin Williams, who has written a book on her own history called "I am a Nigerian. Not a Terrorist."

Saturday's party starts at 5 p.m at Lake View High School, 40 Ave. The dress code, of course, is evening wear or traditional Ni

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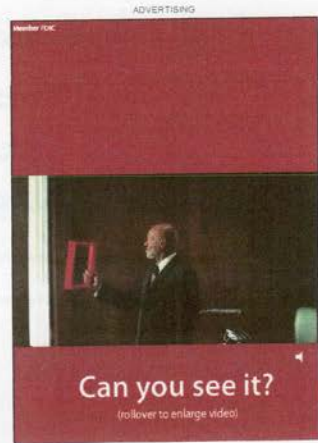
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Chef Laurent Gras, formerly of L2O, and Grant Achatz, right, of Alinea flank Jean-Luc Naret of Michelin at Wednesday's release party of the Michelin Guide Chicago L2O and Alinea received the coveted three-star rating

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This past weekend, [Nary Pier](#) hosted [Italian Expo](#) (September 17-19), and the event celebrated the food, culture, fashion, people and above all, the passion of Italy. I attended a special cocktail hour and dinner honoring Italy's northwestern region of [Lombardy](#) (Lombardy), the 4th largest region in Italy, which accounts for approximately 16% of the Italian population with 9.8 million residents.

With a capital like Milan, how could you not be a hub of culture, fashion and bustling economy? But Lombardy is also home to the beautiful natural landscapes like the famous "Italian Lakes," which include celebrity favorites Lake Como and Lake Maggiore at the foot of the Alps. Like the images that come to mind when one thinks of Italy, Lombardy offers it all to tourists - nature, metropolitan culture, fashion and most importantly, Italian food and wine.

One of Lombardy's most important economic pillars is the Agro-Food System, which contributes to Lombardy's status as the region with the highest rate of productivity. They're known for cheeses like Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano, charcuterie plates filled with light Bresaola della Valtellina, Pancetta and Zampone and a large variety of wines from the mountainous area of Valtellina, Oltrepo Pavese which is the area of Lombardy's most extensive wine production, and the sacred, historical hill of San Colombano to name a few. We were lucky to enjoy a selection of Lombardy products straight from the source, but I must admit that the highlight of the evening was the "swag bag" - I was handed a bottle of Franciacorta Ricci Cabasastro Brut (a dry, white, sparkling wine) and discovered a flavorful, not too sweet but still indulgent, sparkling wine. A notch in my ongoing hunt for the best in effervescent cocktails.

Just one flip through these photos will have you blocking out travel dates and perusing for tickets to Lombardy. Until then, pick up local products at [Fox & Otis's Trattoria](#), [Island](#) and [Agnolo Caporali's Fresh Markets](#).

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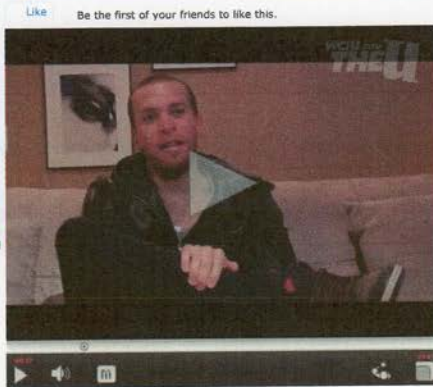






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# Italian American Chamber of Commerce Midwest

## IACC celebrates 'La Dolce Vita' at annual Gala and Italian Expo 2010

By Maurine J. Kelly

The Italian American Chamber of Commerce-Midwest (IACC) presented its coveted awards to local politicians and business leaders on Saturday, Sept. 18, honoring their work and community achievements during its 103rd Anniversary Gala & Awards Dinner. And cohosting at the Blacktie event at downtown Chicago's Palmer House Hilton Hotel was returning 50-foot-wide replica of Rome's Trevi Fountain, made cinematically famous in Italian director Federico Fellini's iconic 1960 film, "La Dolce Vita."

Among the evening's top honorees: "Excellence in Government Award" winner Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn and Chief Operating Officer Anne R. Promagglione (the first female president in the company's history); the "look home the Business Excellence Award." Congratulations the IACC on the Gala she said: "It's big, it's beautiful, it's classy. But that's no surprise—it's Italian."

Francesco Bertoni, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Brescia (Italy), was honored with the "International Trade Award" for bringing hundreds of companies from the Italian region of Lombardy to the United States to do business and opening a branch office of the Milan Chamber of Commerce in Chicago last year. Jenner & Block LLP Partner Joseph G. Bisceglia received the IACC's "Charismatic Award" for his charitable work with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, involvement in his law firm's pro bono program, and his humanitarian work as president of the Illinois State Bar Association.

"The true Italian-American story is not that of 'The Sopranos,' 'Jersey Shore,' or even the 'Real Housewives of New Jersey,'" Bisceglia said. "It's people of events like these—all of you responsible for continuing the real Italian-American story: honesty, hard work, family, and compassion for those less fortunate."

Terminata Local 731 President Terrence J. Honecki received the "Labor Leader Excellence Award" for his vast contributions to the labor movement as well as to autism research. CIS 2 Chicago Rep. Peter Vince Gerardo served as the Gala's master of ceremonies.

For the past century, the IACC has recognized the accomplishments of influential business leaders and government officials from the Midwest and Italy of this elegant affair. The Gala & Awards Dinner marks an important event for the state, as Italy is Illinois' ninth most important trading partner.

Additionally, this year's event featured a Silent Auction benefiting the IACC Annual Scholarship Foundation and a runway fashion show featuring A&G A.B., a Chicago-based designer whose "La Dolce Vita" collection was exclusively designed for the Gala. The Trevi Fountain replica served as a glamorous backdrop to A&G A.B.'s designs, inspired by the Italian lifestyle and femininity captured in Fellini's film.

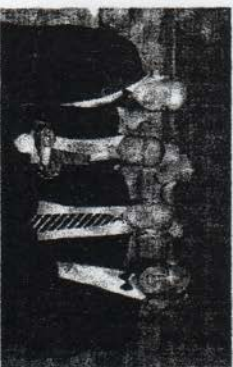
During that same weekend, many of the business professionals and VIP guests of the IACC Gala also attended Italian Expo 2010 at Navy Pier. There—as well as Chicagoans and visitors to the Windy City—were able to tour Italy and experience La Dolce Vita, or "the sweet life" in Italian, without picking up their passports or heading to O'Hare Airport; those strolling through Festival Hall A sampled vibrant Italian and Italian-American cultures through three competitions: a culinary arts cook-off featuring more than a dozen of Chicago's top Italian chefs, an art competition with various local artists, and a fashion competition between emerging local designers.



Antonio Romanello and Anne Promagglione



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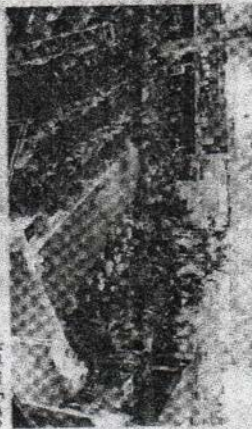
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The Italian Expo has attracted thousands of visitors to this authentic showcase of Italian culture and style for the past four years. More than 100 companies and vendors from Italy and the United States introduced, displayed and sold their products at the Expo, featuring the best of Italian and Italian-inspired cuisine, wine, fashion and jewelry, tourism, art and entertainment.

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### APPOINTMENTS

**Arin N. Reeves**, JD, PhD was appointed president of Nextions. • **Dorothy Oliver Pirovano** was elected to the Americas Region Board of Directors of the Worldcom Public Relations Group. • **Kathleen L. Rhine** has been named senior vice president, Patient Centered Care, for Resurrection Health Care. **Arlene Arellano-Brown** has been named vice president, compliance, for Resurrection Health Care. • **Jill Allread** is the new president of Public Communications Inc. **Ruth Mugalian** was appointed to executive vice president of Public Communications Inc. • **Tina Johns** was elected to the Board of Directors for the Legal Marketing Association's Midwest Chapter. **Terry Herman** was appointed to the EXPERIENCE | PREMCHIT Advisory Board. • **Maxine Winer** was appointed to general manager of Fleishman-Hillard's Chicago office. • Local designer **Claire Williams** became Chicago chapter president of the American Institute of Graphic Artists. • **Leah Eisenstein** was promoted to senior account director at XA, while **Kim Crompton** was promoted to account director.

### AWARDS

**Jillian V. Haynes** was awarded the 2010 HSBC CEO Award for Excellence and Leadership. • Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation Executive Director **Rachel Durchslag** was honored for her contributions to the feminist community by the Chicago Chapter of the National Organization for Women at the Women Who Dared event. • **Carol Tuttle's** business Dressing Your Truth was named one of the top mom-owned businesses in America for 2010 by StartUpNation.

### ET CETERA

ComEd President and COO **Anne Pramaggiore** was honored at the Italian-American Chamber of Commerce's 103rd anniversary gala and awards dinner. • The Women's Business Development Center, the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council, PepsiCo and Crain's Chicago Business jointly hosted a wine and cheese networking reception to introduce the subject of "Green Procurement Strategies" to women and minority owned businesses. **Carol Dougal**, co-president of WBDC, and **Sheila Hill**, president of CMSDC, conducted the welcoming ceremony. Panelists at the event included **Carol Moseley Braun**, founder and president of Good Food Organics, **Marilyn Jones**, founder of Consolidated Printing Company and **Kathleen Seus**, director of Green Purchasing Delta Institute. • The Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Women, Wealth & Wisdom event was held on Thursday, August 5 at the Lake Shore Campus of Loyola University. The event discussed topics like the importance of women taking a proactive approach with their finances, the importance of charity, best business and work/life practices and how women can take their personal well-being to the next level while pursuing their dream careers. Nationally recognized speaker and NBC-5 health contributor **Sandra Goldberg, PhD** spoke at the event. ■

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**THE EVENTS:** Life was sweet at the Italian American Chamber of Commerce Midwest's 103rd Gala & Awards Dinner. Held at the Palmer House Hilton on September 18, the evening coincided with Italian Expo 2010, a three-day event celebrating Italian fashion, culture and cuisine at Navy Pier.

**THE PLAYERS:** Gala honorees Gov. Pat Quinn and ComEd president and COO Anne R. Pramaggiore mingled with Italian and Midwest business and government leaders next to a 50-foot working replica of Rome's Trevi Fountain at the black-tie affair. —*Katie Schroeder*



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Sarah Malwe and Mark Elizabeth DeFuria

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 PALMER HOUSE  
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Gov. Pat Quinn and Joseph Scopelliti



Alessandro and Robert Allegretti

**MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTER GALA**  
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Allen M. Turner and Dr. Warrick L. Clarke



Donna LaPietra, Averil Laviton and Nena Ivon

**GOODMAN THEATRE'S SEASON OPENING BENEFIT CELEBRATING A "DECADE ON DEARBORN"**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2010  
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 111 S. MICHIGAN AVE.

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Neal Zucker, Linda Johnson Rice, Desiree Rogers and Marko Iglonda