# = DOINAGazine boiMAG.com

MALENESSS.ORG

# BELMONT-SHEFFIELD BAUDSIC STANDAL FESTIVAL

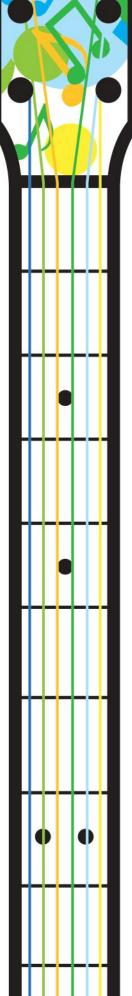
# FRIDAY • SATURDAY • SUNDAY

5PM-10PM FRI • 11AM-10PM SAT & SUN on sheffield from belmont to roscoe

## NON-STOP MUSIC ON TWO STAGES LOCAL FOOD · ARTS & CRAFTS







(nütrl.)<mark>» *Main Stage*</mark>

ROD TUFFCURLS AND THE BENCH PRESS SIXTEEN CANDLES MIKE & JOE DANCING QUEEN: AN ABBA SALUTE FLETCHER ROCKWELL 'STACHE IPOP SUPER CREEPS: MUSIC OF DAVID BOWIE REARVIEW: PEARL JAM TRIBUTE HURRICANE GUMBO

> FOUR STAR BRASS BAND School of Rock

#### **BELMONT STAGE**

ROSIE & THE RIVETS • NELSON STREET REVIVAL DJ GREG HAUS • DJ TZME • FULL VOLUME BAND BAND CALDERISI • THE STRANGERS • SAM FAZIO 4 MUSIC Amanda Coppotelli • Raviv – Electric Cellos 3 Martini Jeannie • Fiddle Rock BEAR & Jake Acoustic



#### MILWAUKEE

AMERICAN FAMILY Presented by:

#### DEF LEPPARD w/ Tesia

JUNE 19 - 21 HOZIER w/ Gigi Perez w/ JAMES TAYLOR w/ Jason Mraz AND Tiny Habits

THE KILLERS MEGAN THEE STALLION

Gary Clark Jr. • Whiskey Myers • Lindsey Stirling • Billy Currington • The Head And The Heart Japanese Breakfast • Jack's Mannequin • The Isley Brothers • ARTEMAS • Rick Springfield Dispatch • Muscadine Bloodline • Natasha Bedingfield • George Thorogood & The Destroyers Matt Maltese • The Aliman Betts Band • Fabolous

Aly & AJ • Austin Snell • Ben Rector • Betty Who • Bone Thugs-N-Harmony • Eric Bellinger • Eric Benét Foghat • Ginuwine • Good Neighbours • Grand Funk Railroad • Hiss Golden Messenger • Jann dior John Butler , Joy Oladokun , The Record Company , Yoke Lore

Adam Jensen • Arts Fishing Club • Augustana • Ava Maybee • Bombargo • Cooper Ramsey • Eggy Illiterate Light • Jack Wharff & The Tobacco Flatts • Jason Scott & The High Heat • Kashus Culpepper • Luke Borchelt Mike Jones • Odie Leigh • Paul Young • Shaylen • Snow Wife • The Army, The Navy • Wang Chung • Zinadelphia

**JUNE 26 - 28** 

w/ Cold War Kids

# LAINEY WILSON

W/ Lukas Nelson AND Shane Smith & the Saints

Riley Green • The Avett Brothers • Young The Giant • The Fray • BossMan Dlow • CAKE • OFFSET BILLY CORGAN and the Machines of God • DEVO • Gavin Adcock • Motion City Soundtrack • Nessa Barrett Mayday Parade • The Maine • Jo Dee Messina • Phil Vassar • The Psychedelic Furs

Allison Russell • Dumpstaphunk • Grupo Mania • Here Come The Mummies • Julien Baker & TORRES Lecade • Molly Tuttle • Plain White T's • The Cat Empire • The English Beat The Chameleons • The Summer Set • YTB Fatt

1900Rugrat • Adam Warner • Amble • Bandits on the Run • Cassandra Lewis • Chaparelle • Chuckyy • Dogpark Freddy Jones Band • HAFFWAY • Lille Venn • Nicotine Dolls • Preston Cooper • Richie Allen Showoff • Skrilla • Smallpools • Spyro Gyra • The Producers • Willy Porter

#### BENSON BOONE w/ Bishop Briggs AND

The Aces

# **JULY 3 - 5**



w/ Flo Milli

w/ Spiritbox AND We Came As Romans

BABYMETAL • Chicago • Porter Robinson • Loud Luxury • Ayra Starr • Dirty Heads Nate Smith • Social Distortion • Tee Grizzley • Lovejoy • Alex Warren • Richard Marx • The Warning MJ Lenderman • Max McNown • Fountains of Wayne • Sebastian Bach Bully • Everclear • Frost Children • GASHI • hey, nothing • IDKHOW • Jinjer • Josh Ross • Nettspend Real Boston Richey • Rome • Snow Tha Product • Tripping Daisy • TWINSICK • Vixen • Zach Seabaugh Aidan Canfield • Archers • Bloodywood • Darren Kiely • Friko • Gary Lewis & The Playboys • Lauren Watkins • Little Texas Phantom Planet • Phoneboy • Rivals • ROCKETT MAFIA ft. RIKKI ROCKETT • Saxsquatch • The lke Reilly Assassination • Timmy Skelly

# boiMAGazine

# DANCE VENUES VANISHING RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES!

# Replaced by Screen-time!

SCROLLING, SOCIAL MEDIA, GAMING, ETC.



## **HELPING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR**

Help Keep Chicago Movin' & Groovin' FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

CENTER.ORG

Join boiMAGazine in helping to raise the needed funds **PLEASE DONATE TODAY!** 

# @ ChicagoArtsCenter.org

# =boiMAGazine

3024 N. Ashland #7063 Chicago, IL 60657 **773.975.0264** 

Editorial: boieditorial@aol.com Advertising: boiads@aol.com

#### EDITORIAL

Publisher: BOI Magazine, Inc. Editor: Nate Daniels Feature Editor: Mike at Night Graphic Design: Titanium Graphics Layout Specialist: Jerry Ellison Multi-Media: Media Services Management Al Staff Assistant: boiBOT

#### COVER

Graphic Design: Titanium Graphics Issue Theme: Malenesss

#### EDITORIAL, ARTICLES & COLUMNISTS

Feature Articles: Nate Daniels - Nate@boiMAG.com Exclusive Interviews: Mike at Night - Mike@boiMAG.com Concert Reviews: Jorge Suarez - InConcert@boiMAG.com Health & Wellness: Charla Waxman - Charla@boiMAG.com Community Support: Mike at Night - Mike@boiMAG.com Uncensored: Rachael Cain - Uncensored@boiMAG.com Travel Pride Journey: Joey Amato - Travel@boiMAG.com Ask Char: Charla Waxman - AskChar@boiMAG.com Tech Trends: Jack Santos - Jack@boiMAG.com

TO ADVERTISE Call: 773.975.0264 or email: boiAds@aol.com

National Media Rep: Rivendell Media 908.232.2021 www.RivendellMedia.com

#### DISTRIBUTION

Chicago & Suburbs: DSE (Delivery Service Enterprises) World Wide Distribution: Heyzine Media Network

VIEW boiMAGazine ONLINE at www.boiMAG.com

# DID YOUR INSURANCE DENY YOU ACCESS TO OBESITY MEDICATION AND CARE?

# Dr.MO's 20-n-8™ WeightLoss

# Semaglutide \$120 Tirzepatide \$180

+ co-pays

whether your insurance will cover GLP-1 meds or not!

# Lose 20 lbs in 8 Weeks!

with interventions including: Behavioral Health Screening Registered Dietician Meal Planning Cardiometabolic Testing Weekly Nutritional Injections



More info, insurance eligibility, & registration at

www.GetFitGLP1.com



WELLNESS HOME ON HALSTED CENTER FOR OBESITY & CARDIOMETABOLIC HEALTH WWW.WELLNESSHOME.ORG

3416 S Halsted, Chicago, IL 60608 773 - 823 - 9434



3916 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60613 773 - 360 - 7852

# **GOODE PLUMBING**

Providing the best plumbing services at affordable rates for both residential and commercial customers in Chicago, IL and the surrounding areas

24/7 Emergency Services
Over 200 Years of Combined Experience
We Offer the Best Warranty in the Industry
100% Sataisfaction Guarantee
Fully Licensed and Insured
We are Open on Weekends

Call for a quote today! **773-453-6020** 



# MALENESSS

A BOLD NEW MOVEMENT FOR HEALTH EQUITY An Interview with Dr. Maurice "Mo" Brownlee, CEO of Wellness Homes of Chicago, Founder of Malenesss

By Perez Pratt, Director of Communications, Wellness Homes of Chicago

With Dr. Maurice "Mo" Brownlee

**Q: Perez Pratt**: Tell us a bit about yourself and what you've been up to lately.

A: Dr. Mo Brownlee: I'm the CEO of Wellness Homes of Chicago and Wellness Home Behavioral Health. Lately, I've been working to create innovative, nontraditional spaces that keep people engaged in their healthcare journey. We're building programs that address the health disparities we're currently seeing, and experiencing, especially as we move into a time where certain populations are increasingly under attack.

Our mission is to make sure that people who have already been marginalized don't drop out of care due to stigma, access issues, or lack of support. The goal is to unite people from all walks of life to ensure that no one is left behind when it comes to healthcare.

**Q:** I've heard of Malenesss. Can you tell us more about it? A: Absolutely. Malenesss is a vision I've had for the past three years. It was born out of the need to provide comprehensive education and support to people from protected classes, specifically those who need healthcare services beyond just HIV care.

While HIV and AIDS remain important parts of the conversation, we're also addressing broader health issues known in the healthcare industry as Determinants of Health. Malenesss is about creating a space for education, resources, and collaboration, where like-minded individuals can come together to foster long-term wellness and sustainability.

When you say "a group of people," can you clarify which population you're referring to?

A: Of course. I'm specifically referring to Black gay, bisexual, and transgender men. This population continues to experience some of the most significant health disparities in the country, and they're the primary focus of the Malenesss movement.

**Q:** Was this initiative inspired by the current political climate, or has this need always existed?

A: That's a great question. No, this wasn't sparked by the current administration. The need has always existed. However, since the Trump administration, we've seen increased attacks on this community, and things have escalated more quickly than I anticipated.

Originally, we planned to launch Malenesss in the fall of 2025, possible spring of 2026. But with the recent shift in our geopolitical climate, I felt compelled to fast-track the launch and bring this initiative to life sooner.

So how do you plan to implement the Malenesss movement?



A: There will be multiple phases. First, we're building coalitions because we know this work can't be done alone. Malenesss is more than a program, it's a movement.

A key part of the initiative is the Malenesss Health and Wellness Summit. This summit will bring together key individuals for dialogue, education, and the exchange of resources. We're also planning to develop research-based solutions and post-summit initiatives, like resource centers and mobile outreach programs.

Our goal is to bring the summit to underserved states across the U.S. areas where HIV and AIDS rates have increased. Ultimately, we're thinking globally as well, especially with the recent cuts to HIV funding in African nations. The Malenesss movement is designed to respond not only locally but internationally.

**Q:** Are you working with any other organizations to make this happen?

Dr. Mo Brownlee: Yes! Malenesss is part of the nonprofit arm of Wellness Homes of Chicago, which itself is part of Bal Perazim Wellness. Malenesss falls under what we call our Community Impact Initiative.

Perez Pratt: Can you give us a quick overview of what Wellness Homes of Chicago does?

A: Sure. We provide primary care and behavioral health services, focusing on marginalized communities, including the LGBTQIA+ population. We pride ourselves on creating a homelike environment and operate with flexible, nontraditional hours.

Some people who need us work 9-to-5 jobs, so we offer services on evenings and weekends. Some of our locations open as early as 7 a.m. or as late as 6 or 7 p.m., including Saturdays and Sundays.

**Q:** What specific services do you provide at Wellness Homes of Chicago?

A: We offer a wide range of services: IV therapy (including nutritional and medical IVs, as well as treatment for chronic conditions like Crohn's disease and migraines)

- Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)
- Ketamine therapy
- Behavioral health services
- On-demand STD testing and treatment
- HIV and hepatitis C care
- TMen's & women's health services, and LGBTQ+ care
- TWeight loss and cardiometabolic care

Cardiometabolic health is particularly important in the communities we serve. For more information, visit our website at www.wellnesshome.org.

**Q:** Back to Malenesss, what can we expect from the upcoming summit?

A: The event will take place in two phases. The pre-event, on June 21st, will be a dialogue session focused on the current geopolitical climate, allowing stakeholders and collaborators to connect. It will also feature a live Q&A session. The location is still being finalized and will be announced on our website.

The actual summit will be held on June 22nd. It will feature powerful keynote speakers, panel discussions, and interactive sessions. We'll have over three restaurants catering for the event and an open bar, but the priority is education and connection. The opening ceremony is going to be exciting, and we encourage everyone to stay updated through our website and social media.

Thank you so much for your time, Dr. Brownlee!

Website: <u>www.malenesss.org</u> Instagram: <u>https://www.instagram.com/male\_nesss</u>

Dine In, Cary Out + Margarita's To-Go

MEXICO

. JARDIN RESTAURANT 3335 N Clark St.

Chicago

773-528-6775

ElJardinChicago.com **F** grubHub

VIVÀ

# **KETAMINE PROGRAM**<sub>For</sub> Depression & Chronic Pain

Destigmatizing Ketamine for legitimate use! Ketamine as a therapy has been stigmatized in the medical community because of their potential for abuse. The Lime Infusion Lounge and Wellness Homes of Chicago recognizes that this stigma associated with the use of Ketamine for legitimate reasons is no different from the stigma and bias that have plagued people living with HIV, AIDS, and obesity.

Турез об Ketamine administered in the Lime Infusion Lounge

# Intravenous

Racemic Ketamine

# Nasal

Nasal Ketamine Spray, Esketamine (Spravato)



# Call to schedule a consultation today

\_IME

O Lime Infusion Lounge- North O Lime Infusion Lounge-South

# WWW.LIMEINFUSIONS.COM Consult Today! 773.296.2400

# SELF TRANSFORMATION HEALTH & WELLNESS

# **ROLES WE PLAY**



by: Dr. Charla Waxman BS, MBA, EdD Director of Business Development at Lake Behavioral Hospital

"Roles are a good thing that gives us structure and purpose. But when we really begin believing in the roles we play we become more and more willing to sacrifice ourselves and others to them" - Mack Pau

Life, all of it, is just a series of roles we act out, some we choose, some choose us, and some are chosen for us. Some roles are healthy and others, well, not so much.

Roles seem to work best and be best for us when we can move fluidly through them relying on them to serve us when we need them. Roles that harm, seem to occur when they become more rigid and are more than a role, they become our sole identity. When any role is our full identity we are probably missing out on life opportunities to grow and learn; to change and become.

Making a role your identity is like living in a sleeping bag. It's comfortable and warm and safe. Not too much beyond who you are in that sleeping bag will ever be expected to change. You just can't do much more than be in it. No one can possibly see or sense any inadequacies about you. You are molded perfectly into both a space and a behavior that reduces, mistakes or risks. Catalog your current roles. Don't be surprised if these number 20 or more. Look for roles that are not fluid, and fully identify you with little room for movement. If the roles you play do not seem healthy for you, and you are feeling stressed and anxious, then maybe it's time to get a second opinion.



Take the time to examine whether your roles leave any room for growth. If you feel stuck in a role, examine its value, reshape it, and find the real you. Perhaps someone close to you that you feel comfortable talking to, or from a professional, that's non-judgmental to help sort thing out.

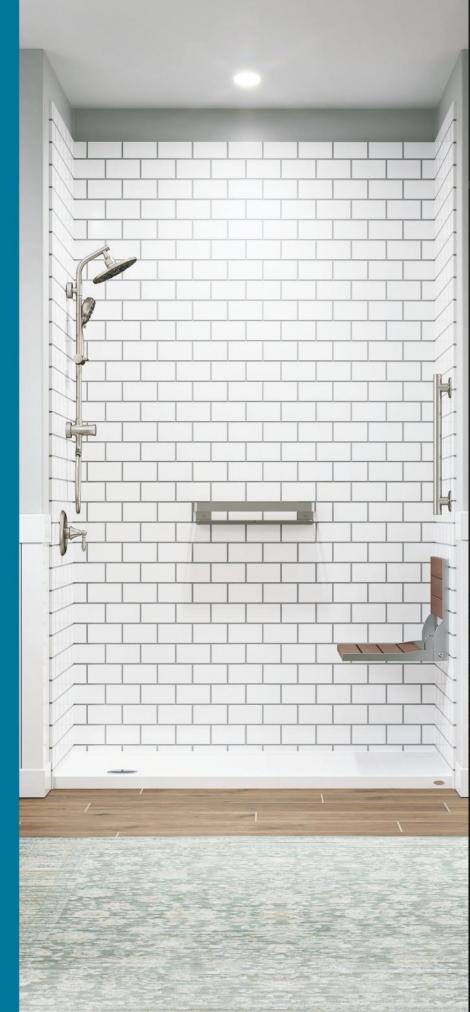
The team at Lake Behavioral Hospital can help you find a level of care that will move you toward improved health. Call 855-990-1900, or walk-in for a free, confidential assessment 24/7/365.



# Safety. Style. Stress-Free Installation.

CALL NOW 844.557.2296

SPECIAL OFFER Waiving All Installation Costs!



Add'l terms apply. Offer subject to change and vary by dealer. Expires 3/30/25.

# MALENESSS Health & Wellness Summit for Black Gay, Bi & Trans Men SUMMIT 2025



**JOE'S BAR** 940 WEED ST. **CHICAGO, IL. 60642** 



DR. DAVID MALEBRANCHE **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** Senior Director, Global **HIV Medical Affairs Gilead Sciences** 



DR. ANU HAZRA

Associate Professor of **Medicine & Infectious** Disease Specialist, Howard Brown Health Center



DR. JOHN **SCHNEIDER** 

Professor of Medicine and Epidemiologist & Infectious Disease Specialist, University of **Chicago Medicine** 



DR. ZYRA GORDON-SMITH

**Medical Director & HIV/AIDS Medical Care** Specialist, Howard Brown **Health Center** 



DR. PAULA BARNES, MD

**Obesity Medicine Internist** in Westmont



DR. MAYA GREEN

Founder and Chief Health & Equity Officer at ONYX Medical Wellness



**DR. MAURICE** BROWNLEE

President and CEO at Wellness Homes of Chicago



DR. KAHAN SABLO

Vice President of DEI. **Adler University** 

SOUTH SIDE

₩Hopemark



DR. CHAD ZAWITZ

**Clinical Coordinator of HIV/AIDS Care and** Internal Medicine & Infectious Disease Specialist



viventhealth - TPAN





ORGANIZERS













ViiV

# LAS MANANITAS MEXICAN FOOD • HALSTED ST • CHICAGO

Tuesday-Sunday Noon-10pm (Open Monday May 5th at 4pm)



# Welcoming and Friendly Staff Full Bar with the Best Lime & Fresh Fruit Margaritas Authentic Superb Regional Mexican Cuisine Cinco de Mayo: Live Music by Marimba Xelaju

Serving the Community WITH PRIDE Since 1983

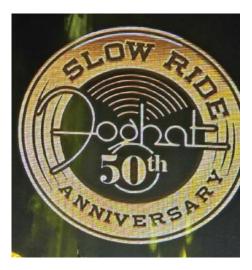
3523 N. HALSTED ST., CHICAGO, IL 60657 (773) 528-2109

# In CONCERT

#### Jorge Suarezz

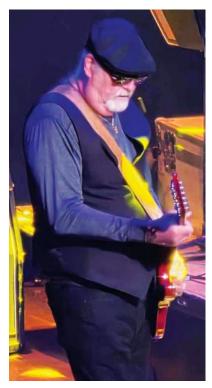
Recently, Foghat and Pat Travers, came to deliver their live stage show to their mid-western fans, self included. The 2025 Foghat lineup includes founding member Roger Earl on drums, long-time member Bryan Bassett (formerly of Molly Hatchet and Wild Cherry) on lead and slide guitar, Rodney O'Quinn (Pat Travers Band) on bass and vocals, and newest member Scott Holt (Buddy Guy) on lead vocals and guitar.

In 1971, Savoy Brown members left the group to form Foghat. These members included Dave Peverett (lead vocals/ rhythm guitar), Tony Stevens (bassis/ backing vocals), and drummer Roger Earl. Also added, was lead guitarist Rod Price. To make a very long story short, between 1971 and 1993, the band went in and out of members as you could possibly not imagine.



In 1993, the original 1975 line-up reunited to release an LP. In 1999, the guitarist left the band and was replaced by Bryan Bassett (Molly Hatchett). Original member Dave Peverett passed in 2000 and was replaced by Humble Pie's Charlie Huhn. This band has seen much membershifting. Scott Holt joined the group in 2022 when Charlie Huhn retired. Scott was guitarist for Buddy Guy.

All in all, it was a great time. I got a Pat Travers education and rocked to one of my high school faves, Foghat! Please check our FB group Out "n" About for additional coverage on these, and many other popular bands! Releases: In 1972, the London based group moved to the US and scored a contract with Bearsville Records. Their debut self-titled LP released in 1972, produced by Dave Edmunds.



Amongst other hits, "I Just Wanna Make Love To you" was the hit. In 1973, a second self-titled LP was released, and though I wasn't onboard with the group at this time, "Ride, Ride, Ride" was another of their hits from this LP.

It wouldn't be until 1975 when "Fool For The City" LP was released and put this group on top of the charts. I was a freshman in high school when "Slow Ride" and "Fool For The City" were all over the airwaves.



In 1976, the Night Shift LP was released. Guess who produced this LP? Dan Hartman.

Dan Hartman began his music career in the disco genre with the classic "Relight My Fire/Instant Replay". I believe at some point in an interview, Dan Hartman shares his regrets for being associated with disco. The Night Shift LP included the hit "Drivin' Wheel". Stone Blue was their 7th LP release in 1978 which included "Sweet Home Chicago", and "Stone Blue". In 1979, the Boogie Motel album was released. I noticed they upped their game on this LP with a boogie/rock sound. "Somebody's Been Sleepin' In My Bed", "Paradise Alley", and "Boogie Motel" were my faves. Nine additional albums were released with the newest in 2023.



https://foghat.com/



#### WEDS MAY 21 9PM BEST OF CHICAGO WELCOME PARTY HOSTED BY MCL2025 J-HUMMINGBIRD

THURS MAY 22 9PM

BEAR CORRUPTION WITH RICK KELSON & CADAN CASH MIDNIGHT PIZZA PANIC

FRI MAY 23 9PM RAY DALTON'S FOREPLAY PARTY WITH MATT COVEN & JOEY ST PATRICK

SAT MAY 24 IMSL SOCIAL 7-10PM HOSTED BY JUDY TALLWING MCCARTHY IMSL1987, GODDESS INDIGO, IMSL2024, SPANKCAKE IMSL BOOTBLACK 2024

**SUBMIT 10PM** TO YOUR DARKEST DESIRES LUKE MORRISON & MATT COVEN LIVE SHOW AT MIDNIGHT

SUN MAY25 SUPER RIPE PARTY 9PM DIM LIGHTS, DEEP BEATS, GUEST DANCERS

MON MAY 26 MEMORIAL DAY BEER BUST \$2 DRAUGHTS & SODAS

ALL DAY COOKOUT 3-6PM SURVIVOR PARTY 9PM GET IT UP WITH ROB MONTANA & JOEY ST PATRICK

OPEN LATE TIL 4 AM / SAT TIL 5AM NO COVER / NO DRESS CODE



6412 NORTH CLARK **\*** CHICAGO TOUCHECHICAGO.COM FOR COMPLETE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

# SOMETHING NEW IS COMPANY OF A C



Stitch









# **Be the first to know!** Scan the QR code to sign up for our VIP emails

# Stop By & Enter to Win a \$500 Shopping Spree!

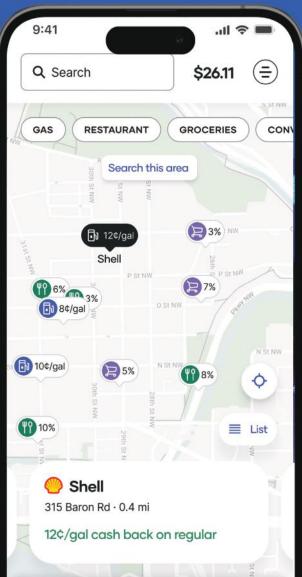


6410 N. CLARK ST. CHICAGO, IL | 773.508.0900 WWW.LEATHER64TEN.COM | @ © @ @/LEATHER64TEN



# Get an extra **25¢/gal** cash back

The free Upside app earns you real cash back with your current credit or debit card.





Get the app and use code **print73**.





SK CHA



The views and/or advice expressed here are my personal opinions, based on my life experience, and don't necessarily reflect the opinions of any other individual or organization. Have a question? eMail me at AskChar@boiMAG.com

Dear Char,

"How do I negotiate a raise for myself? I'm afraid of asking and coming across as arrogant."

# Dear Worth More in Wadsworth,

Let's start by saying that money is a motivator and it is perfectly ok to ask for a raise. There are, however, some do's and don'ts in asking the money question.

Don'ts are a good place to start. Don't mention that "it's time for a raise" because you completed a major task.



You were assigned that work and doing it for more money should have been negotiated long before you finished it. Don't think you have leverage because you know someone else's salary. Don't hold your company and boss hostage by saying you have another offer on the table. This is rude and risky and shows a high level of disloyalty. On the positive side of things, know that your fear and anxiety is only a challenge for you. Most supervisors inherently and instinctually prepared for a "money talk" with their employees.

To ask the question, you are right. Don't appear aggressive or full of yourself. Have ready a discussion about any extra-mile performance related activities you have completed, that have changed or enhanced the company in some way.

Be ready with a dollar amount that's high enough to negotiate down from, if you think that possibility might occur.

Know the market, make a verbal note of your knowledge of the salary market for your position.

State your case and amount requested and provide a length of time to check back in for a decision.

Remember that "No" is always a possible answer and be prepared with a response. Will you be quitting, setting a new date for review or goals for capturing that raise? Your choice, but plan ahead.

If you do get a raise, get the dates for when it will appear on your check. Thank your boss verbally and in writing with the amount given. Now work hard to prove your worth and get you ready for your next "money request" meeting.

Good luck!



# **REIKI COUPLES SESSION**

### RELAX

Healing Energy

REJUVENATE



BOOK "YOUR" TIME TOGETHER AT: Lakeview Healing Oasis .com REBOOT

Welcome To all

## REVITALIZE

Mention boiMAGazine to receive 10% OFF on your first session!

# COMMENTARY UNCENSORED



by: Screamin' Rachael Recording Artist, Entrepreneur, Publisher, Music Mogul, House Music Icon, sometimes Controversial, with a dash of Opinionism for good measure. The opinions offered in this column are "uncensored" and are intended for "open dialog" and "entertainment purposes" only. Use of this column not intended to replace or be a substitute for any professional, financial, legal, advice or any other professional service. The opinions or views expressed in this column are those of the columnist, and not necessarily those of anyone else.

Did the cold weather and dreary days bring you down? Are you thinking about your beach body, or wishing you had one? It's a great time to prepare yourself for the energy of summer! Don't put off the health benefits that you truly deserve! It's amazing what you can accomplish, and even one small improvement can make a world of difference.

# Spring is a time for new beginnings, gardens come into full bloom, and as the temperature rises, generally so do our spirits. This is the time of year to assess your health, both physically and your mental well being.

I don't want you to think that I'm recommending our sponsors because they pay me to, or that I receive these services free of charge. Let me make myself perfectly clear, that is not the case. Maybe you had a tough year or maybe even a number of tough times. I know that I did! I like to read boiMAGazine cover to cover. and I have met some of the best healthcare providers, right on these pages. One of the greatest things about these people is that they are judgement free. Sometimes medical people or those who provide special services, try to tell you what you need. lve experienced some of the most compassionate people right here, and also learned about new services which have been very helpful.

Those of you who read my column "UNCENSORED" get a window into my life, and learn about some of the highest highs, along with the lowest lows that I live with. We all have problems, but we can make a change. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" is a common saying that originated from a Chinese proverb. This saying teaches that even the longest and most difficult ventures have a starting point; something which begins with one first step. This year I cant say that I am unshakeable, but I can say that I feel like I have a new set of armor, built on more self love, and confidence. There's a spring in my step that only renewed health can bring.

Have you been thinking about weight loss? Well whether you have a hundred or more pounds to loose, or just that last stubborn 20 pounds that you gave up on years ago, go to see Doctor Mo at the "Wellness Home". Sure you've heard everybody's doing it, but NOBODY is doing this kind of treatment with the care and quality that you get from Doctor Mo. On top of that your insurance can probably even cover this cost for you.

From the moment that I walked in the door It was really like finding new encouraging friends. OK, so you might say, what does she know? She's not fat, but really that last 20 or so pounds seemed to weigh me down like an anchor. And now I'm almost halfway to a goal weight that I haven't seen myself at for years in a matter of weeks!

Those of you with lots to loose, might want to know that Dr. Mo lost over 100 pounds himself and he teaches you about how to do it. It's not just quick fix shots, because there are tests for everything from your hormones to strength. You even meet with a dietitian who takes the time to help you tailor a special diet. I have had lots of great doctors work with me, but I have never learned as much about myself as I have at Wellness Home..

#### >>> MORE Uncensored >>>

boiMAG.com 21

# UNCENSORED

Do you know that Ketamine is now found to be one of the best ways to help severe cases of depression and chronic pain? Well many people are afraid to even talk about depression, but that is something I suffer from. When I am open enough to speak about it, I find it's common in lots of the people around me.

You might think oh GOD Special K! That's nothing but an illegal substance, because of some of it's former illicit use, but trust me, under a doctors care this is a treatment that can change your life! Go to www.limeinfusions.com to schedule a consultation. After all, what have you got to loose? Only your troubles, real or imaginary can seem less dire.



Since I'm writing about things that can make you feel better, it's been proven that Music literally changes the brain. Neurological researchers have found that listening to music triggers the release of several neurochemicals that play a role in brain function and mental health: So think about it this way, what if purchasing music could aid a great cause, and have a positive inspirational change on your brain? House Music Is Rising Again, and It's giving back to Chicago at Social Works! All proceeds will go to benefit Chance The Rappers 501C3 "Social Works".



To quote the organization, "we've always believed that art and community are inseparable, that creative expression can be a tool for empowerment, education, and real change. That's why we're honored to be the nonprofit beneficiary of Rising Again, a new vinyl release by the legendary Chicago house music label TRAX Records, launching globally on April 25, 2025.

With 500 limited edition vinyls, featuring Legends & next-gen artists, and 100% of proceeds benefit SocialWorks, this isn't just a record album. It's a celebration of 40 years of house music history, and a declaration that the spirit of giving, creating, and rising together is alive and well.

Executive produced by Pi Rho and powered by the DJs4good movement, merges vintage craft with next-gen innovation, literally blending sounds made by analogue synthesizers and Al-generated brainwaves. That same spirit of blending old and new is what we strive for at SocialWorks, honoring our community's history while helping our youth build the future. www.socialworkschi.org/ news/trax-records







# JUNE 22 • SATURDAY JOJO SIWA • NATASHA BEDINGFIELD SAPPHIRA CRISTAL • KALEENA ZANDERS

# JOHN DUFF • ALEX LO • CIRCUITMOM SIXTEEN CANDLES • TOO MUCH MOLLY BAND • ULTRABEAT

THE DIVAS • ETHAN COLE • BEV RAGE & THE DRINKS • DOGGPOUND MISS TOTO b2b MARY K • SERVIN' FYSH DANCE CO. • BOYJ SAINT • RYAN WILLING • CHICAGO GAY MEN'S CHORUS

# JUNE 23 · SUNDAY

# BOB THE DRAG QUEEN • AMBER RILEY EMPRESS OF • MAX RAE • ALEX LAHEY • AYA ITO

DANCING QUEEN: AN ABBA SALUTE • AVI SIC • NANOOS AZN INVZN: CHESS KNIGHT, CZ BOOGIE, SUPES BASE SASHA LOVE • VIRAGO • DJ CASH ERA • PLATINUM CARRINGTON RHEA THE SECOND • COBRA B • BUSSY/KWEEN POWER TRIP VJ BRYAN • FIREBRAND • LAURA B • DJ X-TASY/ BREBERRIES • B.BLYSS! • SANDRA SUAVE • DJ FEEN PROUD PET PARADE • MISS FOOZIE • CHICAGO SPIRIT BRIGADE

> \$15 SUGGESTED DONATION HALSTED & ADDISON PRIDEFESTCHICAGO.COM

Peachs

FF



NORTHAL STED

# Wellness Center VIDA SCHEDULE

## MONDAY

AY

ZUMBA	······	9AM-10AM
ZUMBA		5PM-6PM
SALSA		6PM-7PM

## TUESDAY

SR. GOLDEN MOVES 9AM-10AM

WEIGHT TRAINING 5PM-6PM

## WEDNESDAY

WEIGHT ..... 9AM-10AM TRAINING QI GONG ...... 5PM-6PM

XCO LATIN DANCE 6PM-7PM

## FRIDAY

ZUMBA	 9AM-10AM
WEIGHT AEROBICS	 5PM-6PM
SALSA	6PM-7PM

## THURSDAY

SR. GOLDE MOVES	9AM-10AM
YOGA	6PM-7PM
HIIT	7PM-8PM

## SATURDAY

ZUMBA	9AM-10AM
LINE DANCING	10AM-11AM

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

\$5 PER CLASS \$20 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE FREE THE MONTH OF MAY

**CONTACT US!** 

PHONE: 773-277-2291 ADDRESS: 3501 W. 26TH ST OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JAN 1ST AND 20TH



# AN INTERVIEW PRELUDE

by Mike at Night

As **boiMAGazine** celebrates its 25th anniversary and evolves into a more established presence, we take a moment to acknowledge the steadfast individuals who have provided the enduring support that benefits our entire community.

You may know **Eric Kugelman**, or at least be familiar with his custom leather shop, **64Ten** (a.k.a **Leather64TEN**), nestled in **Rogers Park** just south of the iconic leather bar **Touché**. However, beyond his retail establishment, Eric, alongside his partner and dedicated staff, has been a significant pillar of support for the community for many years. As a central figure to those around him, his dedication extended to his involvement with Team Chicago, a key organization that successfully brought the Gay Games to our city.

Eric also served as President of **MAFIA**, one of Chicago's oldest leather organizations, elevating its international profile during his tenure as President of the board, along with his involvement and activities with **Church Unity Chicago.** 

Concurrently, over the decades, Eric has had the unique privilege of fitting countless individuals with their first harnesses and leather pieces. He has witnessed first hand the joy this experience brings, not only to them but also to himself and the many who have worked at 64Ten throughout its history.

Having had the pleasure of knowing Eric over the years through my work at boiMAGazine, where he has been a loyal advertiser and supporter for as long as I can recall, I'm certain that I've only scratched the surface of his extensive community involvement. With this issue coinciding with the International Mr. Leather celebration, bringing many to Chicago over the Memorial Day weekend, it felt appropriate to share this preliminary glimpse into the significant behind-the-scenes physical and financial support that Eric (and other back supporters) has consistently dedicated to our community.

While I recognize that many other deserving pioneers and contributors have paved the way, the choice to focus on Eric for this prelude was somewhat arbitrarily made, he was an accessible individual who happened to be in the right place at the right time.

Reflecting on the countless individuals who have been expertly fitted at his 64Ten shop, Eric recently shared, "It's a special magic moment, a unique service we offer that sets us apart in this business."

In the upcoming in-depth interview, I plan to delve into topics such as "the Leather Masters" and the excursions to Fort Lauderdale. I am curious to learn if these private gatherings still occur or have evolved into other behindthe-scenes activities. As the saying goes, inquiring minds wants to know!

Considering the sheer number of contestants they have sponsored over the years, likely thousands of men, women, and non-binary individuals now embraced by the leather community, for both local and international competitions, that alone would make a compelling story. Not to mention the scores of newbie employees who found their first job there, or the thousands of educational classes offered over the years, reflecting a deep pride in positively impacting people's lives.





Across the nation, there's a noticeable decline in both participation in dance and overall physical activity levels, especially among youth and adolescents.

This increased screen-time trend is linked to factors like, less time spent in organized physical activity, and a shift towards sedentary lifestyles.

#### Declining Physical Activity Levels:

#### Lack of Access to Facilities and Programs:

Limited access to safe and affordable physical activity programs, including dance classes, can hinder participation.

#### **Social and Cultural Factors:**

Social norms and cultural values may influence physical activity choices and participation levels.

#### **Socioeconomic Factors:**

Lower socioeconomic status can be associated with lower levels of physical activity due to factors like limited access to resources and time constraints.

### Addressing the Decline:

# Promote Physical Activity at All Ages:

Encouraging physical activity at all ages, including incorporating dance into educational curricula, is crucial.

#### Increase Access to Programs:

Providing affordable and accessible physical activity programs including dance classes, to all communities is essential.

#### Promote Dance as a Valuable Activity:

Highlighting the physical, mental, and social benefits of dance can help increase participation.

#### Address Socioeconomic Disparities:

Addressing socioeconomic disparities in access to resources and opportunities for physical activity is crucial to ensure equitable participation.

#### Incorporate Dance into School Curricula:

Integrating dance into school curricula can help promote physical activity and foster a love for movement among young people.

#### **Age-Specific Decline:**

Participation in various activities like running, dancing, and team sports declines as people age, with further substantial declines occurring at age 75 and older. Reduced physical activity levels are linked to an increased risk of developing various health problems, including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and obesity.

#### Decline in Dance Participation:

Dance as a Form of Physical Activity: Dance is a viable and engaging form of physical activity that offers numerous health benefits.

# Potential Reasons for Decline:

While not explicitly stated in the search results, factors contributing to the decline in dance participation likely include:

#### Changes in School Programs:

Some schools have reduced or eliminated dance programs, limiting opportunities for students to engage in dance as a form of physical activity.

#### **Time Constraints:**

Busy schedules and a focus on other extracurricular activities may reduce time for dance classes or activities.

#### **Associated Costs:**

Access to dance studios and instructors may be limited due to cost barriers.

#### **Perception of Dance:**

Some individuals may not perceive dance as a serious form of physical activity, leading to a reluctance to participate.

# Factors Contributing to the Decline:

#### Sedentary Lifestyles:

Increased reliance on technology and screen time have contributed to a shift towards sedentary lifestyles,



#### Chicago Arts Center's

mission is to unite individuals through the transformative joy of movement, that benefits the mind, body and soul, for us, for Gen-Alpha, and generations to follow. Together, we can keep Chicago Movin' and Grovin' FOR THE HEALTH OF IT! ...

Officially incorporated early this year, The ChicagoArtsCenter.org, a non-profit organization, and are on the fasttrack, preparing for the grand-launch of the new, **"Chicago's Got Move's,"** dance fitness program during Market Day's 2025! The organization's urgency, and the necessity for the program, stem from the alarming increase in inactivity, linked to chronic and excessive screen time, resulting in various physical, mental, and social disorders. This trend was already on the rise before the pandemic, but the global crisis significantly increased device usage, making it a standard part of everyday life, sparking a shift of lifestyle change.

#### The "Chicago's Got Moves" is a dance fitness program,

specifically designed to counteract the negative consequences of compulsive screen time associated with technology, and inactive entertainment devices, such as computers, smartphones, iPads, gaming systems, HD-TVs, including home theaters.

# Please consider donating to this worthy cause. We

have donation "tickets" of different amounts available here that go direct to the organization, and you can use the ticket for FREE entrance to any WORKrelated event, or you can donate by going to: www. ChicagoArtsCenter.org.

#### For special events, go to :

www.LickIt.Fun or ChicagoArtsCenter.org







## FEATURING DALLAS CHOICE

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: MIKE MACHARELLO REMIXED BY: JOE SMOOTHE

# AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT



## **INTIMATE TECHNOLOGY** Could a Robot Be Your Next Romantic Partner?

Explore a provocative future where love intertwines with technology. Delve into the world of sexbots and Conscious Relationship Design, challenging the very essence of human connection.

Robert had designed his living room with great care, but it was now filled with a deafening silence that stretched far beyond the empty spaces of his home. His partner, whom he had shared countless memories of love, laughter, and companionship, had passed away suddenly, leaving him to grapple with the pain of loss. Forty years of being together had come to an abrupt end, and the solitude that once provided a respite now brought profound loneliness.

Despite his yearning for connection, the idea of stepping back into the dating world seemed like an alien concept to Rob, who had been devoted to his partner for decades. However, he couldn't shake the feeling of wanting a presence, a semblance of the partnership that had been the undercurrent of his life.

One day, Robert stumbled upon a solution that seemed like something out of a futuristic novel: a company that specialized in creating sex robots with the capability to 3D clone a deceased loved one. This technological marvel offered him an unconventional yet comforting possibility: to have a part of his beloved partner back, not just in memory, but in a form he could see, talk to, and touch.



At first, the idea was strange and even unsettling to Robert, but as he contemplated it further, the possibility of having his partner back in some form brought him a sense of peace and comfort. He decided to investigate further and learn more about this option.

It's important to note that while Robert is a fictional character, studies have shown that some people in their later years are interested in using humanoid sex robots to fill the emotional and physical void left by the passing of their loved ones.

Picture a not too distant future where your romantic companion could be more circuit than sentiment, an entity driven by Al (artificial intelligence,) rather than human emotion. This scenario, which once belonged firmly in the realm of science fiction, is inching closer to reality with the development of humanoid sex robots, a.k.a "SexBots."

These sophisticated combinations of AI and robotics, crafted for physical and emotional companionship, are sparking conversations and challenging traditional notions of human feelings, relationships and intimacy.

However, the world of sexbots is not as clear cut as it might initially seem. Their presence in the market is currently limited, with only a few models available, each carrying a hefty price tag.

Continued >>



This emerging technology, while intriguing, is not yet a mainstream phenomenon. The current models, though advanced compared to earlier iterations, still fall short of fully replicating the nuanced dynamics of human partnership.

How might these AI entities reshape our concepts of love, intimacy, and partnership? The introduction of sexbots brings with it a host of psychological, societal, and ethical questions. The impact on human-to-human relationships, the implications for self-perception and identity, and the broader societal reactions are complex and multifaceted. The ethical landscape surrounding sexbots is just as intricate, involving debates over consent, objectification, and the anthropomorphization of AI. The legal and moral framework for these robots is still in its infancy.

Can true intimacy and affection arise from interactions with programmed entities? How do sexbots fit into our evolving understanding of relationships, and what role might they play in consciously reimagining partnership and connection? The evolving narrative of intimacy and companionship with sexbots is not just about technological advancement, it's about human evolution, emotion, relationship, connection, and ethics in a world that is advancing apace.

Sexbots, in essence, are robotic entities designed with a primary focus on human companionship and sexual interaction. They blend the advancements of AI and robotics to mimic human-like attributes, both physically and, to some extent, emotionally. These entities represent a remarkable intersection of technology and human desire, serving as a canvas upon which we can project our most intimate needs and fantasies and explore them in a private physical space with an "embodied" machine. As Kate Devlin, author of Turned On: Science, Sex and Robots, and recognized expert in the field, said as early as 2017, sex robots are "about forming intimate relationships with machines and with artificial intelligence."

Long before they became a subject of scientific endeavor, sexbots captured our collective imagination in the realms of literature and film. In Philip K. Dick's 1968 Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? and its cinematic adaptation "Blade Runner" (1982) and "Blade Runner 2049" (2017), we glimpsed a future where artificial beings, akin to sexbots, could form complex relationships with humans. Similarly, the 1973 film, and later HBO series (2016) "Westworld" took this concept further, depicting a sophisticated world where humanoid robots, some designed for intimate experiences, challenge our notions of consciousness and morality.

The exploration of artificial intimacy was further nuanced in the film "Ex Machina" (2014), where an AI named Ava demonstrates consciousness and manipulates human emotions, blurring the lines between programmed behavior and genuine feeling. This theme is also present in "A.I. Artificial Intelligence" (2001), where a childlike android, David, is programmed to love and seeks to become human to regain his mother's affection, highlighting the complexities and ethical dilemmas of creating machines capable of mimicking human emotions.

These fictional depictions helped pique and shape the public's conceptualization of humanoid robots capable of emotion and sexual interaction. As technology evolved, these once fantastical ideas began to find footing in reality. Early versions of sexbots, while primitive compared to their fictional counterparts, marked the beginning of a significant technological pursuit. They were basic in function, offering limited interaction and lacking the depth and fluidity that define human relationships.

The evolution of sex robots can be traced back to their origins in the world of sex dolls (which evidence suggests dates back to the 16th century). These dolls, initially created for purely physical purposes, served as the foundation for the development of today's more sophisticated sexbots. The transition from static sex dolls to interactive sex robots involved incorporating advanced robotics and Al into the basic form of these dolls. This transformation was driven by the desire to enhance the user experience, making these entities not just physically realistic but also capable of interaction and responsiveness.

# United in Pride Chicago Pride 2024 CHICAGO'S 53rd ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

# **STEP OFF**

11am | Broadway at Sheridan

# PARADE ROUTE

11am from Broadway and Sheridan proceeding south on Broadway; then south on Halsted; then east on Belmont; then south on Broadway; then east on Diversey to Cannon Drive

# INFORMATION

PrideChicago.org Check website for updates info@PrideChicago.org



# Limited-Time Offer 12 WORLD-CLASS WINES PLUS BONUS BOTTLES & GLASSES ONLY \$7999

# SAVE <sup>\$</sup>160



## Pour The Perfect Sip Every Time

Our experts handpicked this highly acclaimed collection to pair perfectly with your favorite meals. Uncork **12 bottles with bonus gifts for just \$79.99** (plus \$19.99 shipping and tax on your first case – free shipping on all future cases) as your introduction to the Omaha Steaks Wine Club – saving you \$160.

Then, look forward to 12 new selections every three months and enjoy a \$25 Omaha Steaks E-Reward Card with each future club case. You'll also save 10% on every 12+ bottle purchase and get free shipping every time you order. There's no commitment to continue and every bottle comes with our **100% guarantee.** 





95-Pt California Cabernet Shroud Mountain 2022 (x2)

92-Pt Aussie Favorite The Black Stump 2022 (x2)

90-Pt Spanish Gran Selección Ermita de San Lorenzo 2018 (x2)

**94-Pt Italian Primitivo** Pillastro Primitivo 2022 (x1)

Argentine Star's Red Blend HJ Fabre Assemblage 2023 (x1)

Gold-Medal Rhône Blockbuster Benedictus de Vatican 2023 (x1)

Our #1 Portuguese Red Aluado 2023 (x1)

Gold-Medal Bordeaux Château Les Aubitriés 2022 (x1)

98-Pt Super Tuscan Saracosa Governo 2023 (x1)

# Order now at GetOSWine.com/Sipl43 or call 1.877.375.2819 and mention code AGJF002



Offer available to first-time members only and limited to one case per household. Wines and offer may vary by state. 100% money back guarantee applies to each wine. Offer subject to availability and club enrollment. All orders fulfilled by licensed retailers/wineries and applicable taxes are paid. You must be at least 21 years old to order. Offer valid in U.S. only (excluding AR, DE, MS, RI, UT). See online for full details on state-specific shipping, delivery and other charges. Omaha Steaks Wine is operated independently from Omaha Steaks, LLC. Full terms and conditions online. Void where prohibited by law.