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Lauder. He’s one of the most sought after men in New York City and widows and divorcees are eager to catch his eye. Several Chicago barracudas are getting on jet planes right now!

Talking about available billionaires, our Neil Bluhm was hailed for donating $25 million to Northwestern Univ. where he received his law degree. Head of JMB Realty Corp., and several casinos, he’s divorced and one of our most eligible males.

That was singing sensation Nai Mason seen at the recent Service Club of Chicago holiday luncheon and bazaar at the University Club, but she didn’t have to sing for her supper.

John Cuneo has remarried. Divorced from Herta, John added “Mary” to his Christmas card and a photo of their new Friesian stallion, Hedzer, a magnificent beast. Cuneo owns a fabulous collection of white tigers, elephants and other circus animals.

Guardian Angels founder Curtis Sliwa, who claims his income has fallen drastically, has been on trial in Manhattan Family Court for failure to pay child support to ex-wife Mary for son Anthony, 9. He now lives with Queens Borough President-elect Melinda Katz and their two sons, 2 and 5. He’s a radio personality in New York besides his crime-fighting hobby. There is a Chicago group of the Guardian Angels Sliwa founded in 1970s as civilian watchdogs who patrol subways and streets and protect the innocent. Sliwa’s talk show is a popular one in the Big Apple and he says he makes just $120,000 a year.

Singer/composer Michael Feinstein, who is selling his palatial New York mansion, will build an American Jazz Museum in Indiana, he told Cindy Adams, and he’ll live in Indiana with his soon to be wife Terrence Flannery.

Heartbreaking is the tragic death of newsworthy William Knight, 49, killed when he stopped to help a motorist whose car had skidded off the road. They were both hit fatally by three ing storms. Roadside assistance can be a death sentence for well meaning bystanders. Do no harm to yourself, must be a rule of the road.

Best self promoter of 2013 must be talented Miley Cyrus whose wiggles and wiles put her on everyone’s front page. She made it to Barbara Walters’ 10 most fascinating people of the year, and she even got her picture taken with our Jerry Berliant. This New Year’s eve she’s ringing in 2014 in Times Square so you’ll see her on TV. The “Wrecking Ball” video of her riding the Times Square Waterford crystal ball in nothing but boots reveals how hungry for attention she is. What’s next? A space walk nude?

Michael Jordan does everything in a big way so it is no surprise that he and wife Yvette Prieto are expecting twin daughters. Michael and ex-wife Juanita have three grown children. His mansion didn’t sell but there’s always next year and it isn’t like he’s desperate for the money.

Whatever happened to free speech and I will fight to the death for your right to disagree with me? We find TV reality show “Duck Dynasty” a boring, egg-laying turn-off, but we think star Phil Robertson has the Sheryl Sandberg with 53%.

Public sentiment, while considering ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich a stupid, overly eager narcissist and guilty of corruption charges that sent him to jail, thinks that the 14-year sentence was too harsh. Many are hoping that the recent U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals will see a reduction in his sentence. Insiders say chances are slim but you can never tell what the future holds. Stranger verdicts have been made. Meanwhile his family holds out hope. Rod’s mop of hair is now snow white as judges ponder, “at what point does run of the mill political horse-trading veer into corruption?” (Photo by Linda Maitlow/Pix Int)

Michelle Obama gave our Jeffery Leving, fathers’ rights lawyer, the White House recipe for Spiced Honey Cake from chef Bill Yosses when Leving attended
Local pols invite area businesses to learn more about new Concealed Carry Law before taking up arms

In order to help resolve local business owners’ concerns about the new concealed carry legislation, state Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, [12th], state Rep. Ann Williams, [11th], and Senate President John Cullerton, will host a discussion on the state’s new Concealed Carry laws with area business owners on Monday, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the community room of the 19th District Police Station, 850 W. Addison.

It is likely that many small business owners will now be buying and keeping small weapons in their places of business now that it is legal to do so.

State lawmakers were forced to add the law after the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Dec. of 2012 struck down the state's long-standing concealed carry ban.

The Illinois statute lays out nearly two dozen places where guns are prohibited, including schools, public parks, government offices and hospitals. It includes censuses that might seem confusing and contradictory to novice gun carriers who now what to protect their property and livelihoods with a gun.

“Many businesses owners have questions about what they need to know before people are legally allowed to carry concealed weapons in public starting on January 1,” Rep. Feigenholtz said. “The goal of this discussion is to ensure that our business community knows how to exercise their rights and keep their customers safe.”

Citizens who wish to carry are required to take the 16-hour basic training course noted in the Illinois statute. But it is inevitable that inadvertent violations will occur, so it is important that permit holders familiarize themselves with the new laws.

For more information, call 773-296-4141.

MLK tribute concert focuses on famous ‘Mountain Top’ speech

The Chicago Sinfonietta, led by Mei-Ann Chen, continues its 2013-2014 season with its Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The 2014 tribute concert celebrates King’s life, legacy and vision through a program that includes: a multimedia premiere, symphonic masterworks and gospel music.

The tribute is presented in two performances only, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at Wentz Concert Hall of North Central College in Naperville, 171 E. Chicago Ave., and at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Orchestra Hall of Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.

The evening opens with Chen conducting the overture from “La Forza del Destino,” an Italian opera by Giuseppe Verdi.

The Sinfonietta concludes its annual MLK tribute with the sounds of gospel and spiritual music, joined by guest singers from the Apostolic Church of God Sanctuary Choir.

Single tickets are $42-$54 for the concert at Wentz Concert Hall and $15-$54 for the concert at Symphony Center, with $10 pricing available for students at both locations. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Sinfonietta at 312-236-3681 ext. 2.

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the Chanukah reception there. Jeffery said it was delicious.

SPICED HONEY CAKE
3 CUPS ALL PURPOSE FLOUR
1/2 TSP SALT
1 TSP CINNAMON AND
1 TSP BAKING SODA
2 CUPS HONEY
2 EGGS
1/2 CUPS ORANGE JUICE
1/2 CUP RAISINS

PREHEAT OVEN TO 325. IN LARGE BOWL SIFT FLOUR, ADD SALT, CINNAMON, BAKING SODA AND SET ASIDE.

In another bowl, mix honey, eggs, orange juice. Add to dry ingredients, and mix and add raisins. Grease two 9" by 5" loaf pans and fill with batter equally. Bake one hour and 15 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Enjoy.

OUR RECENT ITEM ABOUT MAXWELL LAWSON, Marine son of Gary Lawson, failed to mention he is one of triplets. Kirby is at Butler U., and Louis is at Peyton College Prep and Gary is one proud papa. He has another son, J.J., who is 13.

INTERESTING PHOTOGRAPHS taken by talented Steve Somen, engineer at the prestigious 161 E. Chicago building, are to be savored in the Chicago Ave. entrance of Neiman Marcus for the next few weeks. You can also see his work at www.stevesomen.com.

“There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.” -- Nelson Mandela

HAVE A SAFE, SANE, SUPER NEW YEAR’S EVE AND 2014, IT IS LATER THAN WE KNOW.

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