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Photographer **Andy Barnes** had no trouble finding inspiration when he shot the new Ikram boutique for Radar Shops “Haute on Huron.” “From the quality of the merchandise to the space itself, the whole experience is wrapped up nicely in a beautifully designed package,” says Barnes. “Ikram herself was very helpful and somewhat particular about the way she wanted the store photographed, which I have a lot of respect for.” When not shooting, Barnes resides in Ukrainian Village with his girlfriend Kim Knight, a producer and artist agent.



Photographing a pre-party for an underground soirée is always a good time, but for photographer **Neil Burger**, who shot this month’s Radar Now “Voyeur,” the real treat was getting to watch the Chicago Cabaret perform *Undateable Me* in a fabulous Lincoln Park home. With beautiful weather and a crowd of extroverts, capturing the energy and vibe of the party “couldn’t have been easier,” says Burger. Burger currently resides in Logan Square with his wife and their trusted goldfish: Inky, Blinky and Pinky.



When **Colleen Durkin** shot Francine Turk for this month’s Radar Art “White Hot,” she was expecting another typical day of work as a photographer. However, the two hit it off immediately and quickly became friends. “I’m going back to the studio to do some more fun solo shots of her... I loved shooting Francine,” says Durkin. When she’s not busy working, Durkin can be found in her home neighborhood of Ukrainian Village.

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Writer **Jessica Girdwain** profiled artist extraordinaire Francine Turk in Radar Art “White Hot,” and after their conversation, was left in awe: “I didn’t know anyone could tackle so much at once—and they’re all major projects. But Francine handles it with such grace and *joie de vivre*, it’d put anyone to shame.” Girdwain, who lives in Lakeview with a beagle and boyfriend she adores, also contributes to *Martha Stewart Living*, *Redbook*, *Women’s Health* and *Self*.



This month our dining critic **Michael Nagrant** checks out the reimagined NoMI Kitchen at the Park Hyatt. “Though NoMI has been reimagined as a more casual spot, there’s really nothing casual about Chef Ryan LaRoche’s impeccable technique and inventive food,” says Nagrant. “With more accessible menu prices, you can afford to pop in a few more times a month and, for the uni avocado toast alone, or Meg Galus’s desserts, you’ll definitely want to.”



It’s not everyday you get to interview a comedy legend, and for contributor **Jessica Radloff**, Bob Newhart did not disappoint. “This was actually the second time I had met Mr. Newhart,” she explains. “I was at an Emmy event last year to honor his 50 years in showbiz, and he could not have been more gracious or appreciative of his success.” From his hilarious friendship with Don Rickles to his love of the hapless Cubs, “Mr. Newhart was non-stop comedy. The way he tells a story is like none other.”
