

## What's happening in...



Blackbird

Montrose; 773-728-1512;  
[www.angelfoodltd.com](http://www.angelfoodltd.com))

Sleek, clean lines and minimalist decor greet customers at super-trendy **Blackbird** restaurant, where the service is top-notch and the food inspired. The main menu is rooted in both French and American classics and every item from the foie gras to the lamb chop and shank cassoulet is sure to win over even the most discriminating culinarian. The desserts are unique; favorites

include Mini Cocoa Pâte à Choux with bananas, toasted marshmallow, ice cream and chocolate milk, or the Milk Chocolate Semifreddo with sweet waffles, hazelnut butter and bacon. (Blackbird; 619 W. Randolph; 312-715-0708; [www.blackbirdrestaurant.com](http://www.blackbirdrestaurant.com))

The servants' sleeping quarters of the historic Biggs Mansion have been converted into a cozy bakery where white linens and fresh flowers adorn nearly a dozen tables. At **Alberts Cafe & Patisserie**, customers can enjoy breakfast all day as well as daily specials from the lunch and dinner menu that include omelets and quiches, hearty soups, and healthy salads. The flaky croissants, pecan tarts, mini eclairs and mousse cakes are some of the local favorites. (Alberts Cafe & Patisserie; 52 W. Elm St; 312-751-0666)

If you're feeling homesick for Grandma's house, stop into **Margie's Candies**, an old-fashioned ice cream parlor and candy shop decorated with faded photos and framed needlepoint. Homemade ice cream is heaped into bowls and cones. Creations include the Eiffel Tower with four scoops, Margies Melody, combining ice cream and marshmallow, and the World's Largest Sundae, boasting a half gallon of ice cream. As an added bonus, bring in your report card with an "A" on it and you'll get a free cone. (Margie's Candies; 1960 N. Western Ave; 773-384-1035)

A collection of Easy-Bake Ovens, bright colors, festive custom-made cakes and displays of goodies evoke childhood memories in the **Angel Food Bakery**. Their tastefully elegant cakes come in flavors like cappuccino with mocha-buttermilk frosting and are made in a variety of whimsical shapes. Pick up some s'mores, which are toasted to order, or try The Barcelona, a Spanish-style hot chocolate with homemade whipped cream. (Angel Food Bakery; 1636 W.



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