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[*Voyeur*]

Thursday, 6:43PM

30 Rocks!

BBJ Table Fashions celebrated its 30th anniversary with a fête at the Chicago History Museum, where guests viewed the latest party table trends and sampled treats from industry vets. BBJ co-owner Bill Pry even sang his signature rendition of Frank Sinatra's "Chicago." *—Amanda Wilson*



[*Something New*]

Stand and Deliver

After 13 successful years running their bakery biz **Cakegirls**, not to mention four *Food Network Challenge* victories and a four-season stint on WEtv's *Amazing Wedding Cakes*, Chicago sisters Brenda and Mary Maher have expanded their sweet reach with a line of baking and entertaining goods. We're loving this yellow treats stand (also available in pink, blue and gray) and their custom baking tools, including cake spatulas with patterned handles and measuring spoons inspired by vintage silverware. "We hope that our site will become a one-stop-shop for couples that love to entertain," says Mary. thecakegirls.com *—Carly Gillum*

ON DISPLAY
Cakegirls' yellow reversible treats stand (\$16) has the option of a chevron print or solid.



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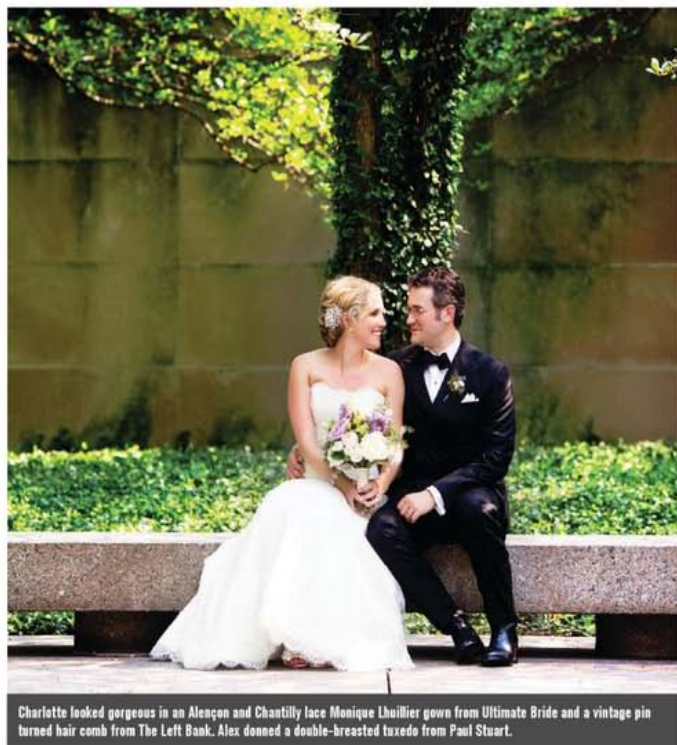
The bride's bouquet by Hello Darling featured four kinds of roses mixed with fresh lavender sprigs and eucalyptus.



The cocktail lounge at Room 1520



Charlotte's mother-in-law gifted her this vintage handbag—her "something old."



Charlotte looked gorgeous in an Alençon and Chantilly lace Monique Lhuillier gown from Ultimate Bride and a vintage pin turned hair comb from The Left Bank. Alex donned a double-breasted tuxedo from Paul Stuart.

CHARLOTTE WALKER &
ALEX LANGERMAN

June 30, 2012
Room 1520 and Aérée Loft
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THE COUPLE After a blind date at Mod Pizza in Bucktown, love bloomed for Charlotte and Alex over a mutual adoration of travel, good food and wine, live music, and time spent outdoors.

THE DETAILS SQN Events honored the couple's request for a "Southern charm-meets-city-chic" wedding. Boutique Bites circulated *beaucoup* bite-sized items, like lobster tacos, for the 160 guests.

THE PARTY Ensemble band The Party Faithful played the couple's first song, "Everlasting Light" by The Black Keys. Later, Alex's brother "Chicago Dan" took an amazing turn on the harmonica. —EH



The almond butter dessert by Cake: Sweet Food Chicago



Silver mercury glass pillar candles and Hello Darling arrangements topped the tables for dinner in Aérée Loft.