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Les voyages sont l'occasion de contextualiser les langues et de s'éprouver face à l'autre. Les échanges apportent ce plus qui permet de vivre une véritable expérience culturelle. L'accueil apparaît ici tout aussi important que le voyage en lui-même.

Les articles journalistiques présentés dans ce journal sont le reflet de l'expérience culturelle de l'immersion des élèves dans des familles américaines et à la High-school de Evanston (Chicago). Souhaitons que cet échange leur ouvre de nouveaux horizons.

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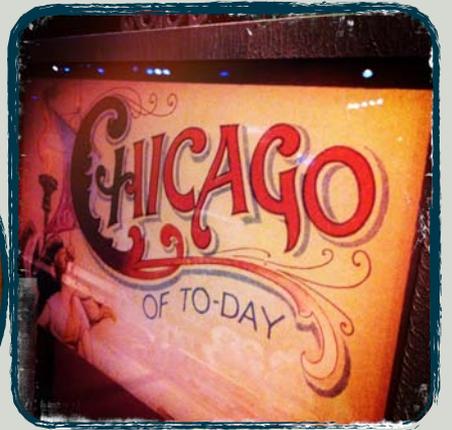
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A group of French students in Evanston and Chicago tells us about their experience

EVANSTON
TOWNSHIP HIGH
SCHOOL.



SECURITY AT ETHS

In Evanston Township High school, there are a lot of rules to ensure the security of people. This security is made by different security guards from a private company paid by the high school. They also have the role of our French educational assistants. The rules are very strict, for example, nobody can stay out of the classrooms during the class. There are cameras to check. To show the importance of the security in this school, we interviewed a security guard. He said that security was one of the main objectives of his work, but he had to have good relationships with people to limit problems. The origin of the implementation of this private company is the presence of gangs in Evanston. We actually heard about the death of one of the children in the school just before we arrived. The main qualities a security guard must have are to be honest, to develop a relation of mutual respect with students, innovation, and professionalism. The security staff patrols in all the campus all day long and a part of the night. They have one car and 50 guards in the school. We can say that the work of the security staff can be very large, they have to make the circulation of the people in the school safe, they have to do the circulation in the street. They have their own phone line (847-214-4445). For emergency cases, there are four color codes : green, white, yellow and red. For each color, people have to do something different to ensure their own security. The red code is

very very rare and used only for very special situations. To conclude, we can say that the security is ensure by many security guards at ETHS. They also have to make good relationships with people in the school to limit the problems. They have a lot of equipments, like a car or a phone line. Their role is very large because they can make the work of educational assistants and of the police in the street. But the atmosphere in the school is pretty good because the guards are really kind and do their safety work with a big smile !

Elie and Martin



THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART IN CHICAGO

We will present you a great museum situated at 220 East, Chicago and called the MCA. It was found in 1967 and used for temporaries exhibitions of modern art. It became more important in 1996 and that is why it hosts now some permanents exhibitions. We will tell you about the three exhibitions we saw and appreciated a lot.

First of all, a part of the museum was devoted to Martin Creed, a British artist born in 1968. He is an artist questioning himself about art and what it is to be an artist, for instance he said: "I don't know what art is." One of his works of art is a tower made of cardboard and another one a tower made of LEGO. Our guide asked us about the towers: "Was it art or not?", "What is it supposed to represent?", "Is Martin Creed an artist?". At the end he told us that he didn't have much information about the meaning of Martin's art and that he thought it was "just a big joke!".

The second part of the museum we saw was intended for Erwan and Ronan Bouroullec and their exhibition Bivouac.

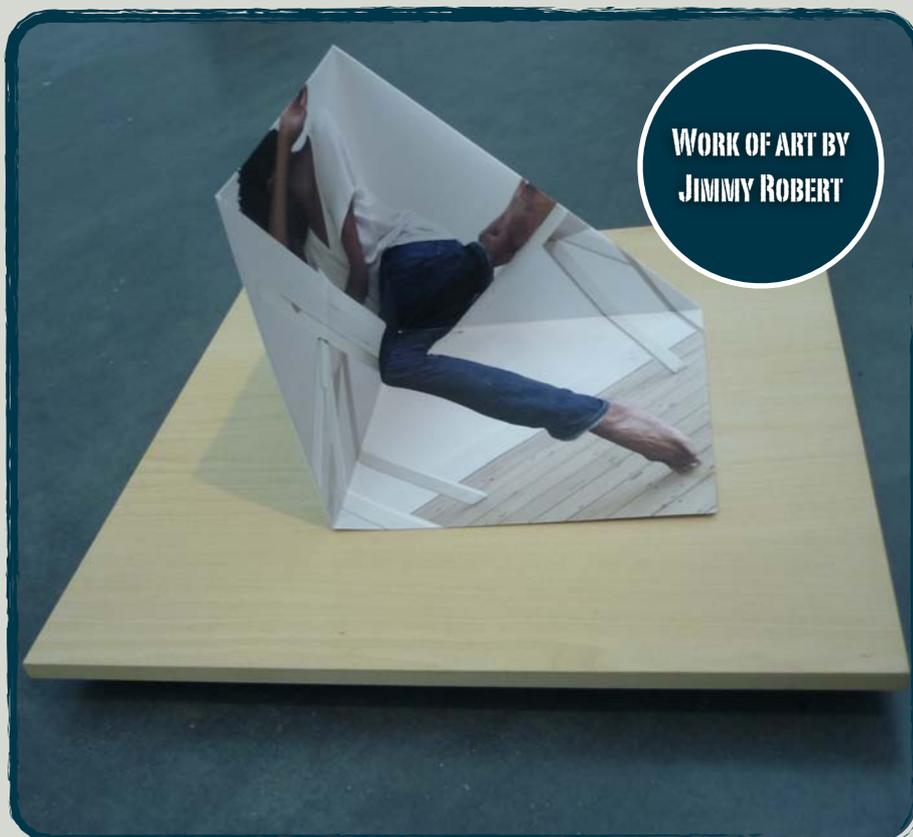
These two brothers are French designers; they have been working together since 1999, just a few years after the end of their art studies and diplomas. Their goal is to transform daily objects into art objects (chairs, sofas, vases, carpet...). The interesting side of their work is that it becomes useful and you can even buy their work of art but it is still very expensive.

The last part of the museum we visited was dedicated to Jimmy Robert. This Guadeloupian artist didn't tell a lot about his work to the museum. He is obsessed with paper. In fact, the majority of his work is on paper but it could even be a sculpture made with paper. Sometimes, he uses photography and turns them into paper sculptures. He works on the body, being a man or a woman and tries to express the human feelings with paper and also his body.

Our visit was very interesting. We really liked the different exhibitions. It was a pleasant museum, full of surprises! We also appreciated the way the guide talked and interacted with us. It was a good thing to think about art and the artists. If you go to Chicago, you must go to the MCA !

Camille and Lise

EXHIBITIONS





HALLOWEEN: GLOOMY TRADITION OR AWESOME PARTY?

Halloween is a celebration that takes place every year on October 31st. It is a very famous tradition in the United States but also in Canada, Australia, Ireland and Great Britain. Unlike the French, Americans don't have the same enthusiasm to celebrate Halloween. Indeed, in the United States, all generations—children as well as adults—participate in this celebration. Contrary to the United States, in France, Halloween is mostly a festival for children, and people don't attach importance to decorating their houses, creating their costumes, or watching horror movies on this night. Furthermore, an American mother told us that Halloween is "a crazy tradition in America".

For a successful Halloween, you must decorate your house, your trees or your gardens. Firstly, the pumpkin is the traditional symbol of this celebration. So, don't lack of imagination when carving your pumpkin! Secondly, you can add skeletons, spiders and spider webs, ghosts, zombies, skulls, and grave stones with the quote "RIP", which stands for "Rest In Peace", to your house.

Then, you must have the ideal costume, but not necessarily a scary costume like a witch, a ghost, a zombie or a vampire. Indeed, you also have the choice between a princess, a clown, spider-man, batman, a cheerleader, a nurse, a cowboy or Snow White... "I love Halloween. I think it is really fun to be someone else just for a day" says Erin Rosenfeld, an American student of ETHS. We find that costumes can be really beautiful and unique when people make them. But recently, people have gotten lazy and buy them at Halloween stores instead. For instance, you can find the "Spirit of Halloween" in Evanston, a big and famous store where there are different costumes just for Halloween. Accessories are as important as costumes: so don't

forget them. Sometimes, Americans are so crazy because of Halloween that they dress up their dogs in orange and black costumes.

Now, you have decorated your house and you have created or bought your costume, so you can go "TRICK OR TREATING". You have to knock on doors and ask for candies, saying this traditional sentence—"trick or treat". In fact, the tradition is that if you don't give candies or other treats to children, they will play a trick on you. Everybody participates on Halloween and host children say "Happy Halloween", giving and eating candies.

If you want to be afraid, you must go to a haunted house like the "Scream Scene" in Evanston. You go through a house with several rooms and you discover scary creatures like zombies, clowns, people with frightening costumes. You can also see dead dogs, spiders, decapitated heads hanging from the ceiling, a scene of a burial, the imitation of a slaughterhouse, a crying baby... Then, you can also hear very strange noises like the sound of a chainsaw or people yelling. And sometimes, people pursue you and try to touch you to scare you. At the end of the visit, there is a man with his chainsaw who pursues you outside the haunted house. You can be sure that you will scream (or laugh) if you go to a haunted house.

As a conclusion, Halloween is interesting because it brings the whole community together. Everyone—children and adults—has a good time meeting new people, dressing up and eating candies.

Will Halloween be scary or funny for you?

Amélie and Blanche



CAFETERIAS AT ETHS



COMPARISON BETWEEN AMERICAN CAFETERIAS AND FRENCH CAFETERIAS

In America and more precisely in Evanston High School, all students must go to their cafeteria when it is their time to eat. There are three periods to eat : the fourth, the fifth and the sixth period. American students eat everyday at the same period. They mustn't go out of school. It is already a difference with the French students because in France students can eat outside the school, they are not allowed to eat in what they call the cafeteria.

In Evanston Township High School, there are four cafeterias. Students go to the cafeteria which corresponds to their grade. The Boltwood Cafeteria is for Freshmen (grade 9), it's the first grade at the high school while the Michael Cafeteria is for Sophomores, the second grade at the high school (grade 10). The Beardsley Cafeteria includes two grades : Junior and Senior, they are the last two grades of the high school (grade 11 and 12). The last one, The Bacon Cafeteria is for people in troubles.

Moreover, in America, there are a lot of cafeterias and students don't go inside like they want because there are some rules. The students in their first year of high school have their cafeteria. For example, inside tables are organized in lines. The students in their last year of high school also have their cafeteria. No one can go to another cafeteria if they don't have the required age. Students in their last year of high school are called " the seniors ". In their cafeteria, we noticed that tables are not organized like in the other cafeterias of the school, here, tables are in circle.

Furthermore, in America, almost all students in the high school bring

their sandwiches to eat at lunchtime whereas in France students eat with the cafeteria's food of the school. The sandwiches of the American students are composed of chips, a drink like cola, orange juice or apple juice, bread with chicken and mayonnaise. However, in France all people eat more than the Americans because at lunchtime we eat an entree, a main dish and a dessert. In each American cafeteria, there are private companies which sell some food for students in their cafeteria but it's not the same private company in each cafeteria. They sell for example : chips, pizzas , sandwiches , chicken, mozzarella Sticks (it's bread sticks with cheese inside), salads, drinks, candies... But there is a minority of American students who eat food of private companies. The food sold in the cafeteria is not too expensive. Students have to go at the checkout where they pay with the money on their ID cards.

However, the breakfast is served every morning at the Beardsley Cafeteria for all grades.

To finish, we saw in all the cafeterias of the school that there were a lot of persons who had the responsibility of the security. They control the card of students to enter in their cafeteria and at the middle of the hours to eat, one of them speaks in a microphone and students must listen to what he says. It is a big difference with the French cafeteria because there are no people who speak to all the students like that..

To conclude, American students bring their own sandwiches or they can buy food at the cafeteria while in France they are not allowed to eat in the cafeteria with their own food. French students eat cafeteria's food and there is only one cafeteria for all the students. But in America most of the students eat their sandwiches.

Camille and Maxime

E-TOWN CAFE BREAKFAST DAILY OFFERINGS				
E Town Classics	Fresh From The Oven	From The Kettle	Fresh Express	On The Side
Egg Muffin Sandwich Choice of Cheese or Jennie-O® Canadian Bacon or Sausage	Great American® Bagel w/ assortment of Philadelphia® Cream Cheese Otis Spunkmeyer's Three Berry Bar or Trail Mix Bar Assorted Whole Grain Muffins Mini Cinnamon roll	Hot Oatmeal Cinnamon, Apple, Plain, or Brown Sugar	Yogurt Parfait w/ Grapes, Strawberries or Peaches Yogurt Cup w/ Plus Raisins Hardboiled Egg General Mills® or Kellogg's® Cereal w/ Milk Smuckers® PB&J Whole Grain Unbreakable	Simplet® Hashbrown Assortment of Fresh Fruit Assortment of 100% Fresh Fruit Juice and Slush Drinks Fresh Local Milk Skim, Chocolate, or Plain and 1% Fat
SPECIALTY OF THE DAY				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Burrito Chorizo con Papas w/ tortillas	General Mills® Blueberry or Plain Pancakes	Scrambled Eggs, Jennie-O® Sausage Links and Toast	French Toast Sticks	Aunt Jemima Waffles®
ALL COMBO BREAKFAST MEALS - \$2.00				

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

As the presidential election draw near, this Tuesday 6th, it's interesting to wonder what young people think. That's why we have made some interviews of teenagers of different origins and sex who study in ETHS to know what they think about that. We asked two questions to let them express their opinion: Which candidate running for president would you vote for and why? Imagine you're running for president what would be the strong points of your campaign for the country ?

ISABEL, 15

I would vote for Obama because he wants to give gay people marriage rights and women healthcare rights.

If I ran for president I would make the military smaller, therefore making peace with other countries. I would use the money to help pay our debt and give it to states to use



MICHELLE, 15

If I went to the polls my ballot would be for Obama because he wants to help normal people like us equally and not give the rich more benefits, but treat us equally unlike Romney who has always been rich and wouldn't know how most people in America are.

If I was president I would give the people equal rights and give the poor people more parts in the communities, so they have fair treatment and get proper care for their needs.

PATRICK, 16

I would vote for Obama because he is telling the truth while Romney is always changing his mind.

My campaign would focus on economy, I would try everybody to be able to find a job and I would wish the end of the economic crisis.

After the interviews we can say that all the people we interrogated were for Obama mainly thanks to his ideas about the gay rights, above all about the same-sex marriage, his military plan which targets the end of the military operations and the Obamacare. Moreover, they would vote for Obama because they think that Romney's mind is changing and not opened enough. Indeed they think he is too conservative and not in keeping with the young people and the middle class. Even if we don't want to generalize, we can guess that the most important part of young people is in favor of Obama. In fact there is a club for students upholding Obama in their high school. However we have to note that we are in Chicago, Obama's native state. That's why the big majority of the students are for him.

Chloe and Laura



THE AMERICAN WAY OF ... EATING

You thought that just because you ate at Mc Donald's, you were a real American ? Well, you were wrong. You are nothing compared to them! Besides, for them Mc Donald's is only a bad representation of the American gastronomy through the world.

There is a HUGE difference between American food and ours, in food itself but also in the way to feed. When most French people have dinner in the evening, with all the family sat at the table around a well prepared dish, each member of the American family prefers to eat when he wants with what is the fastest to prepare in the kitchen or with fast food. Family dishes being way rarer than in our country.

Another big difference between American Way of Feeding and the French one is the size of the portions. Everything is bigger in America ! Burgers in fast-foods, pop-Corn at the cinema, drinks at the restaurant,... Moreover, the Americans not only eat during meals but also just when they are hungry. During our stay, we went several times to eat a burger at 4 p.m.

And let's talk about fast food... this way to feed is very popular in the USA and it could be an explanation to the fact that they eat so

much : as you know, fast food is a bad way to feed because after a meal you think that you're not hungry anymore but one or two hours later, you are hungry again ! So, they eat more.

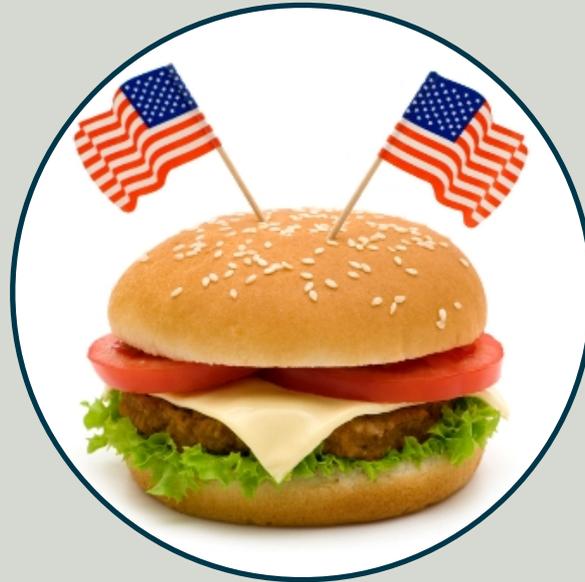
Like we said, fast food is very a popular way to feed in the USA. We can see that because they have way more choice than us. In Mac

Donald's for instance, approximately 6 to 8 burgers in France + 1 or 2 new burgers from time to time, against 15 to 20 burgers in the USA with many different Menus. And at Mc Donald's or other fast foods such as Five Guys, the burgers are bigger than in France. It is crazy to see that they can still be hungry after such portions of food !

But to compensate, American students practice a lot of sport. Indeed almost all the groups of the American correspondents are practicing a sport like Volleyball, American Football, Swimming or Soccer. So, do they deserve this stereotype of fat people? Not sure...

In conclusion the French and American ways of feeding are quite different. Now the question is : Which one is better ? Well, it's up to you to find out !

Camille and Vito



THE HARD ROCK HOTEL OF CHICAGO

The Carbide & Carbon building was built in 1929 by the architects Daniel and Hubert Burnham. The building isn't built like the typical Art Deco Chicago skyscrapers, but it has a unique array of colors covering its façade, composed of a polished black granite base and a tower covered in deep green terra cotta. Moreover, it stands on Michigan Avenue.

The building has 40 floors and is more than 500 feet (153 meters) high. Its design is known to look like a bottle of champagne with the green terra cotta exterior corresponding to the green glass bottle and the golden tower alluding to the shiny foil top.

At the beginning, there were only offices in the tower but now the Carbide & Carbon building is

the home of the Chicago hard Rock Hotel. In May 1996, the building was named a Chicago landmark, and in 2004, it became the Hard Rock Hotel after some restorations.

The hotel meets some famous names of Rock'N'Roll stars such as Jimi Hendrix, BB King, AC/DC, Prince, Madonna, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan...

Each floor is dedicated to one rock star with a large picture and the costume of him, and there are dedicated instruments on the walls.

Chicago is the place of some Rock stars and bands like the Smashing Pumpkins, Styx, Fall out Boys, Plain White Tee's Survivor, Kise Against, Chicago Transit Authority and the singer Eddie Vedder from Pearl Jam who's from Evanston.

Antoine and Lucas



SIX FLAGS GREAT AMERICA

Six Flags' park of Chicago is situated in Gurnee. It is called "Six Flags Great America". This park belongs to a theme park chain which headquarters are located in "Great Meadow" in Texas. The company (Six Flags) manages 23 parks including 20 under its own name. This name comes from the first park "Six Flags Over Texas", created in 1961, as a tribute to the six flags that were hoisted over Texas. i.e. Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, The Confederate States of the United States and The United States of America.



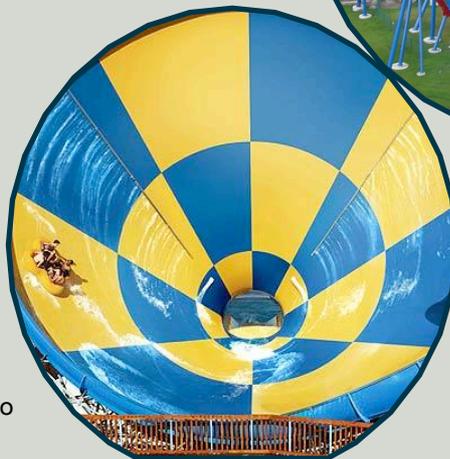
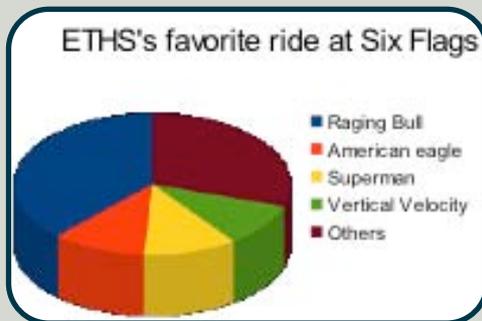
"Great America" opened in 1976 (its construction began in 1974) under the name of "Marriott's Great America" and was bought in 1984 in order to become the 7th park of the Six Flags' Chain.

Great America is divided in 10 thematic areas. Some of them are dedicated to:

- The kids
- Thrill rides
- Old America
- Spain
- Batman and Superman
- An aquatic park



We made a poll in ETHS in order to know which ride is Americans' favourite ride.



So in first position we have the Raging Bull, the second one is the American Eagle and the third one is Superman Ultimate flight. And we chose to describe one of the oldest roller coaster of the park: the American Eagle.



Name	American Eagle
Area	County Fair (Old America)
Date of introduction	1981
Elevation	127ft (39m)
Length	4650ft (1417m) per track
Top speed	66miles/h (106km/h)
Ride duration	3min30s
Capacity	60 riders (30 per track)



Alexandre and Léo

AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

We'll speak about American's patriotism for the simple reason that it's something more important in USA than in France.

Indeed, at school, before the first class, we can hear a voice who say :

- " The pledge of allegiance of United-States is an expression of loyalty to the federal flag and the republic of the USA " .

That means that they have to respect and love their country. Moreover, they wear tee-shirt, pull over with the colour of their highschool named " Evanston " .

People are fond of America, they don't hide this love. For example,they put the American's flag on the door of their own houses, we can also see the flag in streets.

Sometimes they show to everyone for who they'll vote for with a placard in their garden. We find this patriotism in families. As

a matter of fact, Justin and me were in two different families and both of us can say that our family tried to show us many things as possible because they love all of these things in America.

They really want to make you enjoy of this country named " America ", her food, her people, her story... and we can say that it's hard to resist to fall in love ! So as a conclusion, whether in school or outdoor, people enjoy America and they want you to discovery everything because they are proud of their country !

Fabien and Justin



JAZZ MUSIC

At the beginning of the 20th century jazz music appeared, a type of music mixing West African folk music developed in America and European classic music. It first came from the South of the USA, more particularly New Orleans, Louisiana, then spread in Northern cities such as Saint Louis, New-York and Chicago.

Jazz music gathered American people from all origins while the country was going through a phase of racism, with the Ku Klux Klan extending all over the USA. Through jazz music, the musicians and singers could express their emotions, life experiences, tell anecdotes about their history... Jazz was and is still nowadays a way to send a message and to express ourselves.

At first, New Orleans used to be the cradle of jazz music. Louis Armstrong was one of the pioneer and leading figure of this type of music. Indeed, he developed the ideas of Improvisations, in which the musicians played more solos, which then became the norm for jazz.

Then the closure of Storyville, the red light district of New Orleans, where all kind of bars, clubs and brothels used to be, and the wave of migration from the South to the North placed Chicago as one of the main center of jazz music.

In the period of Prohibition in the 20's, great gangsters as Al Capone not only played a role in the alcohol business but also protected the music. In the speakeasies, the musicians could have more freedom in their improvisation. (The most important about the speakeasy is that white people could listen to black people's music and this way all Americans could live together. Jazz music in Chicago used to play a role during the Prohibition while linked to the gangs (the musicians were often members of gangs such as the famous Capones lead by Al Capone) and being the main music played in the speakeasies.

Leila and Sabrina



Playlist 🎵

Lupe Fiasco – The show goes on

2 Chainz – No lie

Chief Keef – Everyday

Chiddy Band – Mind your manners

Playlist 🎵

Louis Amstrong – What a wonderful world

Sarah Vaughan – Lullaby of Birdland

Going to Chicago Blues

Andy Kirk & his twelve clouds of joy – Little Joe from Chicago

Lou Rawls – Lady love

