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Streeterville Social; Bourbon on Division

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Streeterville Social (455 N. Park Dr.; <https://www.loewshotels.com/chicago-downtown/streeterville-social>), as its name indicates, is in a tony area (being in the Loews Chicago Hotel)—and the rooftop lounge exhibits a fun vibe, stunning views and delicious bites.

Open on the third floor of the hotel until Sept. 30, the spot is 9,000 square feet, making it one of the largest rooftop lounges in the city. In ad-



Tomato, watermelon and feta salad at Streeterville Social.

Photo by Andrew Davis

dition, there is a variety of seats, from typical outdoor chairs under umbrellas to romp-worthy couches—making for a combination of open and intimate spaces.

As for the food, it was uniformly delightful. The tomato-watermelon salad was suitably refreshing and the walleye fish tacos were meaty, with a tangy kick. The avocado toast (with miso mayo,

bonito flakes, togarashi and herb salad) was almost too pretty to eat—but tasted even better than it looked. Regarding dessert, the chocolate bonet (with chocolate custard, honey cake and pickled plums) was a complex but rewarding dish.

Streeterville Social is a must-visit—for several reasons. Be sure to stop by before the end of this month.

Bourbon on Division

Another place that (kind of) lets you know where it is—as well as what it sells—is the Southern-themed **Bourbon on Division** (2050 W. Division St.; <http://BourbonOnDivision.com>).

And as befits a place that specializes in bourbon, the venue has a warm, woody look and feel that comes across as homey. (It has the details, too—down to the water bottle that's actually a bourbon vessel.)

Going there recently for brunch with a friend, we found a place that was criminally empty. Hopefully, after word gets out about the food there, that will change.

There was a nice array of sweet and savory dishes, including the pecan-crust fried chicken that came on the tastiest, crispiest cornmeal waffles one could imagine. However, the very filling

sausage and gravy wasn't far behind in appeal—and nor was the stuffed French toast. (Hopefully, the website will have the brunch menu up soon.)

Oh, and there's a pretty unique dessert to try: a deconstructed carrot cake that, for my dining companion and me, managed to taste healthful and decadent at the same time.

Note: Restaurant profiles/events are based on invitations arranged from restaurants and/or firms.



Grilled shrimp and white cheddar grits at Bourbon on Division.

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Get 'Out'!

Thrills and chills at Out In the Park at Six Flags, Saturday, September 9. This annual private night at the park to celebrate diversity was held to benefit Howard Brown Health.

Photos by Jerry Nunn



Touche's sixth annual Club Rush Party

Touche, 6412 N. Clark St., proudly announces the sixth annual Leather Club Rush Party, 10 pm, Friday, September 15. Besides being home to the Leather Archives & Museum and International Mr. Leather, Chicago boasts over 15 local leather/fetish clubs, some for play and others strictly social. This Club Rush Party allows those interested in the club scene to meet members of these clubs and talk about their groups' activities and membership.

Anyone 21 or older that may be interested in checking out Chicago's leather and fetish club scene is welcome to attend and find out more about each club.

For more information, contact David Boyer at 773-465-7400 or ToucheChicago@gmail.com.



Hey, just because summer's over, that doesn't mean the slushies have to end. Stop into Sidetrack and knock back a few cold ones with these hot ones! Photos by Jed Dulanias



BILLY Masters

"And now we go back to Chris Cuomo. He's on the docks and looks like it's taking quite a pounding!"—Anderson Cooper tossing it back to Cuomo during CNN's Hurricane Irma coverage—each in tight, wet shirts. Alas, no pounding was shown.

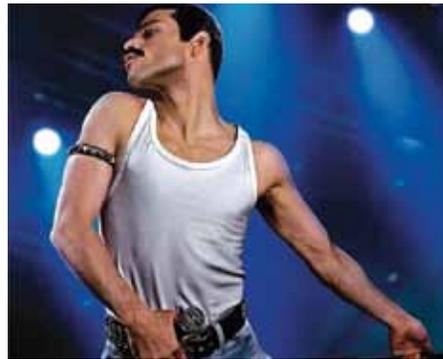
I am a terrible name-dropper. Last week, I posted about spending a lovely day in Venice with old friends Michael and Shakira, and completely forgot to mention any last names. So the inevitable guessing game began, and everyone was trying to figure out who this Michael was with Shakira from The Voice. Sigh—there are other Shakiras. The one I was with is Mrs. **Michael Caine** and, to the best of my knowledge, the former Miss Guyana never sang "Hips Don't Lie"! They were at the Venice Film Festival for the premiere of Michael's documentary, "My Generation," which I absolutely LOVED! It was everything a good documentary should be—entertaining, touching, and you learned something you didn't know before it began. Michael was proud as punch that the capacity crowd gave him a huge standing ovation. If it plays near you, definitely check it out.

Rami Malek, from Mr. Robot, just began playing **Freddie Mercury** in the long-delayed biopic about the band Queen. Actually, director Bryan Singer has eschewed the term "biopic," saying that it's a celebration of the band's music. The film is expected to solely chronicle the time Queen was active—from its inception in 1970 to their performance at Live Aid in 1985, six years before Mercury's death. A photo of Malek as Mercury during the iconic concert has been leaked and, while he looks better than anticipated, I can't help but feel the previously attached **Sacha Baron Cohen** would have been a more effortless fit. Decide for yourself on BillyMasters.com.

As expected, the much-lauded UK production of **Angels in America** will be coming to Broadway. The mammoth two-part epic will continue to be led by **Andrew Garfield** and **Nathan Lane**. In fact, most of the cast from London will make the leap across the pond, with the sole exception being Russell Tovey, who has a scheduling conflict. The Broadway run will take place at the Neil Simon Theatre, with previews beginning on Feb. 23, 2018. It is only scheduled for a limited 18-week run. If you can't make it, worry not—you can watch the entire epic from the comfort of your own home on BillyMasters.com.

Everyone had been speculating what would happen once **Bette Midler** left Broadway's Hello, Dolly. After Carol Channing departed, the original production lasted for six years led by such luminaries as Phyllis Diller, Betty Grable, Ethel Merman, Martha Raye, Ginger Rogers and even Pearl Bailey. Alas, we live in different times, and there aren't quite as many Dollys out there with the necessary name recognition and box-office clout.

I hardly expect **Scott Rudin** to put millions of dollars behind the serviceable talents of such regional Dollys as Vicki Lewis or Sally Struthers. So, the casting of **Bernadette Peters** as Bette's



Mr. Robot's Rami Malek morphs into Freddie Mercury.

Photo from Malek's Instagram page

replacement is not only inevitable but expected. Midler leaves on Jan. 14. The show will shut down for a week. Then Peters begins previews on Jan. 20 and officially opens Feb. 22. And she won't be alone. When Bette leaves, she takes **David Hyde Pierce** with her. So, the new Horace Vandergelder will be the dashing **Victor Garber**. If anyone is keeping track, this production touts two queer icons playing Dolly and two gay men playing Horace. That's gotta count for something.

A curious casting change has taken place at the American Repertory Theater in Cambridge. I've previously told you that the play **WARHOL-CAPOTE** (about Andy Warhol and Truman Capote) would be led by **Stephen Spinella** (the original Prior Walter in "Angels") as Warhol and **Leslie Jordan** in the role he was born to play, Truman Capote. Suddenly, a week before opening, it was announced that **Dan Butler** would be joining the cast ... as Capote! Officially, Jordan has left the production due to "unforeseen personal circumstances." Although I have a call out to the diminutive diva, I don't know anything more ... yet.

I was watching the latest season of Hulu's **Difficult People** and saw someone who looked awfully familiar in episode seven. He may have been bundled up in layers of clothes as Julie's dog walker, but I knew I'd seen him before. Sure enough, the actor named **Dan Puck** played a male stripper on Debra Messing's ill-fated **Mysteries of Laura**. While he may be married in real life, his body of work is required viewing on BillyMasters.com.

Speaking of hot guys, Charlie from Dallas sent in the following "Ask Billy" question: "Remember that hot NYC cop who was gonna pose for Playgirl? I heard there are some nude photos of him. Could you track them down?"

I suspect the guy you are talking about is **Miguel Pimentel**, who garnered quite a bit of interest with some mega-hot photos on social media in 2015. At the time, Daniel Nardicio from Playgirl approached him. "He's expressed interest in meeting and talking about it. It would have to be full frontal." Pimentel felt he would have to take a leave of absence from the force, so Nardicio offered him \$45K—the equivalent of a year's

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salary. Alas, Miguel turned him down and we never got to see the goods—until now. Allegedly, he was taking a selfie at home and "accidentally" posted two nude photos of himself—complete with an erection! He promptly deleted the pics, but not before our spies grabbed them. And, of course, you can see 'em on BillyMasters.com.

When cops are sticking 'em up, it's definitely time to end yet another column. Although I'm still overseas, my thoughts are with everyone living through all this crazy weather. If you're looking for any port in the storm, check out BillyMasters.com, the site that's known its share of seamen! If you have a question, send it along to me at BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before someone casts Pimentel on the new *Will & Grace* as a stripper! Until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.

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