

# Kentwood Players Stage 'View from the Bridge'

The real genius of acting is the ability to make the viewer forget he is watching actors—and by that standard, the current production of "A View from the Bridge" by the Kentwood Players of Westchester is outstanding.

Arthur Miller's story of unspoken love and hate, set in an Italian-American neighborhood on the Brooklyn waterfront, is not created on stage as most plays—it is lived.

Much of the credit for this unusual and absorbing theater experience belongs to Dave Mirzahi, whose portrayal of Eddie Carbone is easily the highlight of this production.

CARBONE HAS agreed to aid his wife's two cousins, who have entered the country illegally to work. But when Carbone's niece and cousin Rodolpho announce plans to get married, Carbone, driven by his own inadmissible love for his niece, tries to end the romance.

Mirzahi, who may be familiar to Torrance theatergoers for his work with Footlight Theater ("See How They Run" and "The Male Animal"), gives such a compelling performance that the viewer feels as if he is really peeking through a keyhole.

The driving portrayal is sustained throughout the play with little visible effort.

The difficult role of the niece is equally well played by Judith Burdette, who handles her lines and her movements with complete ease. Dassa Kalmanson plays the role of Beatrice, Carbone's loyal—but realistic—wife. She is especially effective in the closing scenes.

PHIL HARRIS, cast as cousin Rodolpho, gives a good account of himself in the role which is central to the entire drama.

As the lawyer who narrates the story, Irv Rosen is perfect. He is the character who ties together the powerful message on law and justice which playwright Miller conveys in "A View from the Bridge."

Careful, deliberate, and succinct direction can be attributed to Monty Ash, who also designed the set.

THE SUPPORTING players sustain the quality of the drama with their own careful portrayals. Included in the cast are Dick Bega, Ralph McGraw, Jerry Krane, Robert Thorpe, Larry Michels, Loni Michels, Gene Warech, and Paul Northcott.

The Kentwood Players also have made effective use of a gimmick to set the mood for the Miller play. A 15-minute prologue (Sights and Sounds of New York) is brilliantly staged by Ash. Taking part in the walk-on, walk-off synopsis are Debbie Allison, Nancy Brown, Jackie Kotsos, Eleanor Reynolds, Michelle Richards, Barbara Stern, and Jeannette Wex.

Performances will continue on Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 18. Curtain is 8:15 p.m. The Westchester Playhouse is at 8301 Hindry Ave., Westchester. —J.R.

## Community Choir Sets New Season

Residents of the El Camino College District who are interested in choral music are invited to enroll in music 55, College Community Choir, by Crist Mikkelsen, director.

The class will meet every Tuesday night at 8 in the music building choral room.

Registration for part-time students began yesterday and runs through Friday.

First meeting of the class will be Feb. 7. Further information concerning registration may be obtained in the admissions office at the college.

Mikkelsen will direct the choir and Loretta Nicassio will accompany the class on the piano.

The College Community Choir, or Oratorio Choir, will perform choral masterpieces from such works as "Creation" by Haydn, "Mount of Olives" by Beethoven, and "Requiem" by Mozart during the coming semester, Mikkelsen said.

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Then for a quick change of pace, take a flyer at Louis and Rose Song's attractive Tea House on Crenshaw near the Rolling Hills Shopping Center.

You may enjoy any one of a number of exciting Cantonese dishes at The Tea House and family style dinners start at \$1.85.

Once again, if you're just in the mood for a cocktail, Ronnie, the genial bar man and manager of the intimate little cocktail lounge in the rear, can manufacture some of the most way-out exotic Polynesian drinks in the area.

For entertainment you've got Gaie Stoddard at the pianobar every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nites from nine 'til one-thirty.

There's ample parking at the Tea House, either in front or around at the rear.

For still another pace-changer, those Early Thunderbird dinners at Smith Brothers Indian Village Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance are really something. (Ha-a, Virginia Haack, you thought we didn't make it down there, huh?)

But Miss Haack, manager of the Indian Village does truly present some goodies. For instance, those Thunderbirds go from 4 'til 6:30 every day and from 11:30 'til 4 p.m. on Sundays.

And get the prices... Squaws and Chiefs pay 2.95 wampum and it's 1.60 wampum for the papooses. Cocktails are available here, too, so come early and have a relaxing evening in an atmosphere of early American. (Indian, that is!)

Now mayhap you're simply in the mood for a few beers and a dance or two! Okay.

try the Plush Bunny at 610 Pacific Coast Highway in Wilmington.

It's go-go dancing every nite featuring name bands and the cutest bunch of little Bunnymaids to serve you. The prices at the Plush Bunny are always of the popular variety and there's champagne for the ladies.

Incidentally, in case you're a little timid... this is NOT one of the topless spots that dot our countryside. The "bunnies" are covered and they put out excellent service.

On the other hand, and while you're in the same general area, there's a real goer down there at 6th and Gaffey called The Iron Lantern, owned and operated by Paul Stockwell and Ray Smith and they've got stuff



that'll put you away. Let's look for a second at the menu. lunches run from \$1.25 to \$1.75 with sandwiches stuck in between starting at six bits. You can also get a salad here called the Gothic Sandwich for 95c.

Then to move on into dinner time—they start at \$1.65 and would you believe there's nothing here for \$3.95 for the complete bit? Plus there's a daily special on both the luncheon trick as well as the dinner. Such prices!

You combine such culinary talent with musical talent like Jake Porter's cornet, whom you've known, surely, for so these many years as well as a guy with the unlikely name of Dodge Bottom on the piano, plus lots of drums etc, etc, etc, and whereas... then you know you've got yourself a full evening of good fun and food.

And on Sundays it's like "jam day" man, so move on in with your horn and jam out a bit! This all happens at The Iron Lantern in San Pedro.

Or maybe you'd just like to take in a movie for a change... or between jumps... so why not take in the current show at The Roadium Drive-In Theatre.

They've got a special deal going for you over there for this new show—"What Did You Do In The War, Daddy"—that includes the "Mighty Mites" in a special in Person appearance on the stage of The Roadium at 8:15 for the run of the pic.

The "Mighty Mites," as you must know, are no new-comers to this area. Frankie and Nicky Vincent, long time residents of the South Bay Area.

You'll see these cats in action not only on the stage of The Roadium for those four nites but keep your eye peeled for them in the "What Did You Do In The War, Daddy" pic on the screen. That's today, Wednesday thru Saturday, remember!

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