

(http://www.utsandiego.com)

- NEWS
- BUSINESS
- VIDEO
- MILITARY
- DEALS & OFFERS
- REAL ESTATE
- SPORTS
- ENTERTAINMENT
- MARKETCONNECT
- OPINION
- CLASSIFIEDS
- CARS



NEWS (/NEWS/)

(/)

Charming 'Bus Stop' a sweet reminiscence of bygone era

By: PAM KRAGEN - Staff Writer MIDNIGHT FEB. 4, 2004

PRINT

(HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/NEWS/2004/FEB/04/CHARMING-BUS-STOP-A-SWEET-REMINISCENCE-OF-BYGONE/ALL/?PRINT)

COMMENTS 0

TRENDING

- Bill Maher calls SDSU student 'little sh*t' fo...
- WIKILEAKS: NSA EAVESDROPPED ON ...
- NBC to Donald Trump: You're fired! (http://...
- California drought brings tough toilet rules ...
- Hank Bauer out as Chargers broadcaster (...)

Recommended by

CONNECT WITH THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE



(http://www.facebook.com/sharer.php?u=http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2004/feb/04/charming-bus-stop-a-sweet-reminiscence-of-bygone-era)



(https://twitter.com/share?url=http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2004/feb/04/charming-bus-stop-a-sweet-reminiscence-of-bygone-era)

(http://www.reddit.com/submit?url=http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2004/feb/04/charming-bus-stop-a-sweet-reminiscence-of-bygone-era)



0 COMMENTS

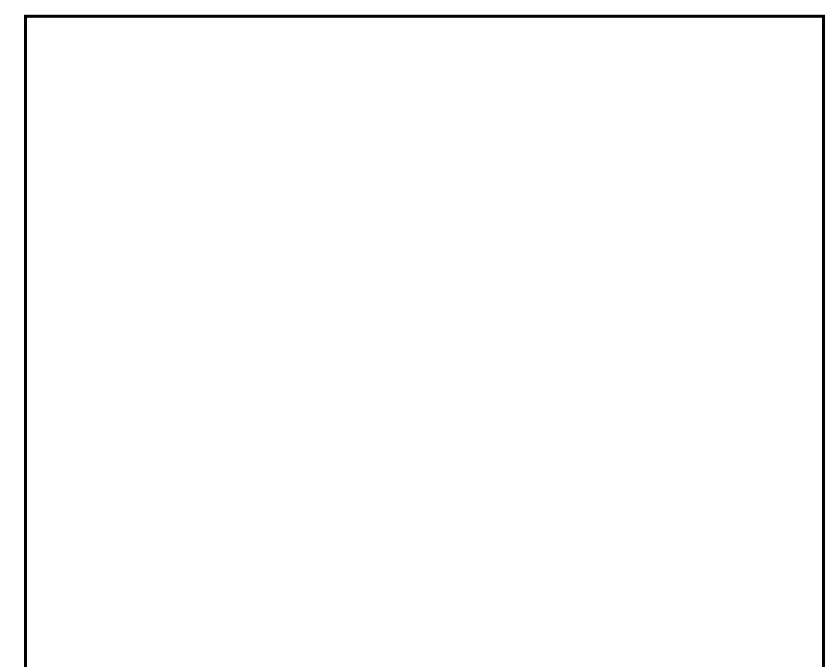
Some works of theater, like most of William Shakespeare's plays, are timeless. Others, like Jonathan Larson's 1996 musical "Rent," seem already dated. Then there are plays like William Inge's 1955 comedy "Bus Stop," which is still relevant in our ever-evolving world.

The gentle innocence of "Bus Stop" is warmly rendered in a new production directed by Joseph Hardy at the Old Globe. With its unhurried pacing and exceptional cast, "Bus Stop" unwinds like a colorful piece of cellophane-wrapped candy, with each character slowly exposing his or her crinkles, with sweetness hidden away at the very center.

Set in western Kansas in the mid-1950s, "Bus Stop" is the story of a group of bus passengers stranded together overnight by a blizzard in a rural roadside diner. Among the passengers are the perpetually drunk Dr. Gerald Lyman, a lecherous, thrice-married college professor with an eye for teenage girls; two Montana cowboys -- the guitar-strumming, soft-spoken, older Virgil, and the hotheaded 21-year-old bronco buster, Bo; and Cherie, a third-rate Kansas City lounge singer whom Bo has lassoed as his unwilling future wife after a single night of passion.

Sharing the evening with them are Grace, the sassy middle-aged diner proprietor; Carl, the no-nonsense bus driver who's secretly courting Grace; Elma, the naive high school-age waitress whose love of literature puts her under Dr. Lyman's spell; and Will Masters, the town's level-headed sheriff.

During the course of the show (which is broken into three short acts with two, 12-minute intermissions), we get to know the diner's inhabitants as they share personal stories, put on a variety show to



alleviate their boredom, and look on as the bullheaded Bo ever so

slowly convinces Cherie that they're made for each other. There are no big plot twists or surprises; instead, the story unfolds as a pleasantly funny and touching series of conversations and encounters that end happily with just a touch of bittersweetness.

Director Hardy doesn't try to modernize the story or squeeze its slightly dated dialogue structure with overlapping text. Instead, he embraces the play as a treasured time capsule of Americana, back in the days when love at first sight was conceivable and conversations with strangers were an everyday occurrence.

Fresh-faced Globe newcomers Kate Steele and Ben Fox star in the play as Cherie and Bo. Steele has the same strikingly dewy beauty of Marilyn Monroe (who memorably played Cherie in the 1956 film version of "Bus Stop"), and her dreadful countertop version of "That Old Black Magic" is the hilarious climax of the play. And Fox's energy, body language and youthful enthusiasm makes his character's fresh-off-the-farm simplicity believable.

Stephen Payne's hollow-cheeked look and resonant bass voice are a perfect fit for the fatherly character of Virgil, who has tenderly raised Bo to manhood and, in the end, is left literally out in the cold. And Globe veteran Jonathan McMurtry brings a haunted, slightly creepy quality to Dr. Lyman.

DeAnna Driscoll and Kevin Mahoney are natural actors who are well-matched as diner owner Grace and bus driver Carl. Karen Zippler brings a childlike quality to the waitress, Elma. And Christian Kauffman is the play's moral center as the town constable, Will Masters.

The production features a diner set design by Robin Sanford Roberts, costumes by Robert Morgan, lighting by Aaron Copp and sound by Paul Peterson.

The production runs two hours, 15 minutes, with intermissions.

"Bus Stop"

When: 7 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays; 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; through Feb. 29

Where: Old Globe Theatre, Old Globe complex, Balboa Park, San Diego

Tickets: \$19-\$52

Info: (619) 239-2255



San Diego U-T DEALS View All

MISSION BAY SPORTCENTER



Enjoy \$100 at Mission Bay Sportcenter



You Might Also Like



(<http://paid.zemanta.com/sr/?>)

Young Millionaires Flock to Wealthfront

turl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wealthfront.com%2F%2F%26type%3Dzemanta%26_z1_adgid%3D307%26_z1
up-450%2Fto%2Ftechcrunch%2F2014%2F01%2F13%2Fautomated-investment-services-company-
wealthfront-now-manages-over-538m-in-assets-up-450-percent-over-past-



year%2F&v=1296&_z1_adgid=307&_z1_msid=outbrain.com)
(http://thescene.com/watch/weather/discovery-made-of-missing-
aircraft-hangar-of-sunken-wwii-era-japanese-submarine?)

Discovery Made of Missing Aircraft Hangar of Sunken WWII...

The Weather Channel on The Scene

mbid=marketing_paid_tp_cne_oo_outbrain_scene_weather&utm_source=outbrain&utm_medium=paid&utm

(http://www.beenverified.com/?



Here's Why You Should Stop 'Googling' Names

BeenVerified.com

utm_source=outbrain&utm_medium=content&utm_campaign=Outbrain_BV_PRNA_001&utm_term=TITANO
{{origsrcid}}) (http://www.hcplive.com/medical-news/Charcot-Foot-Diabetes-at-Risk?
sao=31&utm_source=outBrain&utm_medium=HCPLive&utm_campaign=Pain%20Management)
(http://www.aarp.org/health/healthy-living/info-12-2012/top-superfoods-photos.html?cmp=BAC-OUTBRAIN-
HEALTH-DSO_37772755_Top-15-Superfoods-for-People-Over-50_{{origsrcid}}) (http://tcgtrkr.com/?
a=163&oc=1&c=246&article=public-records)



Charcot Foot: Diabetes at Risk

HCPLive



15 Superfoods for People Over 50—Eat These Now

AARP



Ever Googled yourself? A popular website reveals more than...

Instant Checkmate

From Around the Web

▪ **Ever Googled Yourself? A Popular Website Reveals More Than Major Search Engines, Simply Enter Your Name And State. What Will You Discover? (Http://Tcgtrkr.com/?A=163&Oc=1&C=246&Article=Public-Records)** Instant Checkmate

▪ **Athlete Divorces That Broke The Bank (Http://Www.thepostgame.com/Blog/List/201201/Why-Athletes-Divorce-Is-So-Expensive-Athlete-Divorces?)**

Utm_source=Outbrain&Utm_medium=CPC&Utm_term=Sports%20slideshows&Utm_campaign=Sportsslideshows) ThePostGame

▪ **Charcot Foot: Diabetes At Risk (Http://Www.hcplive.com/Medical-News/Charcot-Foot-Diabetes-At-Risk?)**

Sao=31&Utm_source=OutBrain&Utm_medium=HCPLive&Utm_campaign=Pain%20Management) HCPLive

▪ **You Won't Believe Why Bill Maher's Show Was Canceled Or What He Said After 9/11... (Http://Www.cbsnews.com/Pictures/Biggest-Tv-Show-Scandals/?Ftag=ACQb72972c&Vndid={{Origsrcid}})**

CBS News

▪ **Discovery Made Of Missing Aircraft Hangar Of Sunken WWII Era Japanese Submarine (Http://Thescene.com/Watch/Weather/Discovery-**

We Recommend

▪ **Why Bill Walton Has Seen Grateful Dead 850+ Times, And Counting Page 2 Of 5 (Http://Www.utsandiego.com/News/2015/Jun/27/Bill-Walton-Chats-About-Life-And-The-Grateful-Dead/2/)**

▪ **California Drought Brings Tough Toilet Rules (Http://Www.utsandiego.com/News/2015/Jun/26/California-Drought-New-Toilet-Rules/)**

Utm_source=Sportsslideshows&Utm_campaign=Sportsslideshows) ▪ **Two Killed in Head-On Collision (Http://Www.utsandiego.com/News/2015/Jun/20/Fatal-Crash-Escondido-Gopher-Canyon/)**

▪ **Woman Dies After Jump From Freeway (Http://Www.utsandiego.com/News/2015/Jun/16/Suicide-Freeway-Jump-Spring-Valley-Quarry-Road/)**

▪ **Couple Spotted Having Sex In Stolen Car Arrested (Http://Www.utsandiego.com/News/2015/Jun/22/Couple-Arrested-Sex-Stolen-Car/)**

▪ **Pit Bull Dies In Hot Car; Owner Arrested (Http://Www.utsandiego.com/News/2015/Jun/22/Pit-Bull-Dies-Hot-Car-El-Cajon/)**

[Made-Of-Missing-Aircraft-Hangar-Of-Sunken-](#)

[Wwii-Era-Japanese-Submarine?](#)

[Mbid=Marketing_paid_tp_cne_oo_outbrain_scene_weather&Utm_source=Outbrain&Utm_medium=Paid&Utm_content=Scene&Utm_campaign=Weather\)](#)

 The Weather Channel on The Scene

▪ [Don't Buy Any Of These 15 Cars](#)

([http://Www3.Forbes.com/Business/15-New-](http://Www3.Forbes.com/Business/15-New-Cars-To-Avoid/?Utm_campaign=Cars-To-Avoid&Utm_source=Outbrain&Utm_medium=Referral&Utm_content=39856498&Utm_term={{Origsrcid}})

[Cars-To-Avoid/?Utm_campaign=Cars-To-](#)

[Avoid&Utm_source=Outbrain&Utm_medium=Referral&Utm_content=39856498&Utm_term=](#)

[{{Origsrcid}}">{{Origsrcid}}](#)) Forbes

Recommended by

SPONSORED FROM AROUND THE WEB

[outUs.aspx?utm_medium=modal&utm_source=widget_11529\)](#)



4 Stages to a Heart Attack - Find Out if You Are at Risk (<http://livecellresearch.com/cmd.php?ad=732621&http://livecellresearch.com/cmd.php?ad=732621>)



1 Fruit That "Destroys" Diabetes (<http://nicetomeetyoutoo.com/click.php?c=310&key=30wk40hne5ftr9cntm93id4s&c1=7480&c2=1253362&c3=kk0>)



10 Stars from Commercials - Who Are They Really? (<http://www.answers.com/browse/click.php?source=cad¶m3=www.answers.com/article/1264372/10-stars-from-commercials-who-are-they-really¶m4=cad-us-de-entertainment¶m57480¶m6=1303335>)



Divorced for Being "Too Old!" See Her Revenge Makeover (http://modbm.volumtrk.com/4eb128b9-dc3d-4bf6-a7cd-806b330ef889?utm_source=7480&utm_campaign=13125&utm_adid=1308029)



4 Digestive Destroyers to Avoid [Watch] (<http://probioticamerica.com/cmd.php?ad=738599>)

SPONSORED FROM AROUND THE WEB

[outUs.aspx?utm_medium=modal&utm_source=widget_11529\)](#)



4 Stages to a Heart Attack - Find Out if You Are at Risk (<http://livecellresearch.com/cmd.php?ad=732621&http://livecellresearch.com/cmd.php?ad=732621>)



1 Fruit That "Destroys" Diabetes (<http://nicetomeetyoutoo.com/click.php?c=310&key=30wk40hne5ftr9cntm93id4s&c1=7480&c2=1253362&c3=kk0>)



10 Stars from Commercials - Who Are They Really? (<http://www.answers.com/browse/click.php?source=cad¶m3=www.answers.com/article/1264372/10-stars-from-commercials-who-are-they-really¶m4=cad-us-de-entertainment¶m57480¶m6=1303335>)

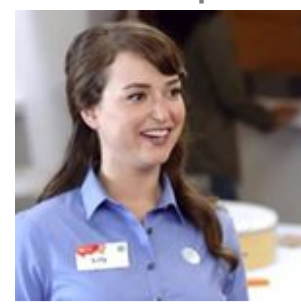


Divorced for Being "Too Old!" See Her Revenge Makeover (http://modbm.volumtrk.com/4eb128b9-dc3d-4bf6-a7cd-806b330ef889?utm_source=7480&utm_campaign=13125&utm_adid=1308029)



4 Digestive Destroyers to Avoid [Watch] (<http://probioticamerica.com/cmd.php?ad=738599>)

SPONSORED FROM AROUND THE WEB



4 Stages to a Heart Attack - Find Out if You Are at Risk (http://livecellresearch.com/cmd.php?ad=732621&http://livecellresearch.com/cmd.php?ad=732621)

1 Fruit That "Destroys" Diabetes (http://nicetomeetyoutoo.com/click.php?c=310&key=30wk40hne5ftr9cntm93id4s&c1=7480&c2=1253362&c3=kk0)

10 Stars from Commercials - Who Are They Really? (http://www.answers.com/browse/click.php?source=cad¶m3=www.answers.com/article/1264372/10-stars-from-commercials-who-are-they-really¶m4=cad-us-entertainment¶m57480¶m6=1303335)

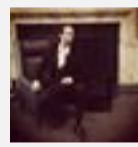
Divorced for Being "Too Old!" See Her Revenge Makeover (http://modbm.volumtrk.com/4eb128b9-dc3d-4bf6-a7cd-806b330ef889?utm_source=7480&utm_campaign=13125&utm_adid=1308029)

4 Digestive Destroyers to Avoid [Watch] (http://probioticamerica.com/cmd.php?ad=738599)

0

COMMENTS

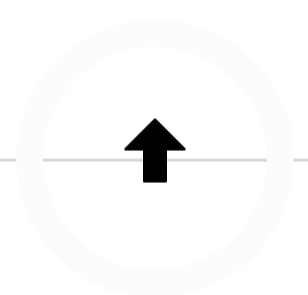
BE RELEVANT, RESPECTFUL, HONEST, DISCREET AND RESPONSIBLE. [COMMENTING RULES \(HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/COMMENTING-RULES/\)](http://www.utsandiego.com/commenting-rules/)

 Add a comment...

Also post on Facebook

Posting as **Joseph Bromfield** ▾ [Comment](#)

Facebook social plugin



NEWS (HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/NEWS/) SPORTS (HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/NEWS/SPORTS)
 BUSINESS (HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/NEWS/BUSINESS/) ENTERTAINMENT (HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/NEWS/ENTERTAINMENT/)
 VIDEO (HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/TV/) MILITARY (HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/NEWS/MILITARY/)
 OPINION (HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/NEWS/OPINION/) U-T OFFERS (HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/OFFERS/)
 CLASSIFIEDS (HTTP://LOCAL.UTSANDIEGO.COM/SECTIONS/CLASSIFIEDS/) REAL ESTATE (HTTP://LOCAL.UTSANDIEGO.COM/SECTIONS/REAL-ESTATE/)
 CARS (HTTP://WWW.UTSANDIEGO.COM/NEWS/CARS/)

THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

- [About Us](http://www.utsandiego.com/about-us/)
- [Contact Us](http://www.utsandiego.com/contact-us/)
- [Store](http://store.utsandiego.com/)
- [Advertise with Us](http://www.utads.com/)
- [Job Opportunities](http://www.utsandiego.com/news/jobs/ut-)

HELP

- [Customer Service](http://www.utsandiego.com/customer-service/)
- [Manage Subscription](https://iservice.uniontrib.com/cgi-bin/cmo_cmo.sh/custservice/web/login.html)
- [Vacation Stop](https://iservice.uniontrib.com/cgi-bin/cmo_cmo.sh/custservice/web/login.html)

QUICK LINKS

- [Apps](http://apps.utsandiego.com/)
- [Mobile](http://m.utsandiego.com/)
- [E-edition](http://www.utsandiego.com/todays-paper/)
- [Guides](http://www.utsandiego.com/news/entertainment/lifestyle/guides/)
- [Archives](http://www.newslibrary.com/sites/sdub/)
- [Buy Photos](#)

Upgrade your browsing experience with a paid subscription to The San Diego Union-Tribune.

jobs/)

[Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.utsandiego.com/faq/)
(http://www.utsandiego.com/faq/)

[Privacy Policy](http://www.utsandiego.com/privacy/)
(http://www.utsandiego.com/privacy/)

[Terms Of Use](http://www.utsandiego.com/termsfuse/)
(http://www.utsandiego.com/termsfuse/)

[Subscription Information & Policies](http://www.utsandiego.com/subscription-information-and-policies/)
(http://www.utsandiego.com/subscription-information-and-policies/)

[Newspaper in Education](http://nie.uniontribune.com)
(http://nie.uniontribune.com)

**CONNECT WITH THE SAN DIEGO UNION-
TRIBUNE**

 <http://www.utsandiego.com/utsandiego> [Sign up for our newsletter](#) [Sign up for our RSS feed](#) [Sign up for our SMS](#) [Sign up for our most recent](#)

(http://signonimages.mycapture.com/mycapture/index.asp)

[Business Listings](http://www.utsandiego.com/places/)
(http://www.utsandiego.com/places/)

[Special Ad Sections](http://sandiegouniontribune.ca.newsmemory.com/ee/sandiegouniontribune/specials_pages.php/)
(http://sandiegouniontribune.ca.newsmemory.com/ee/sandiegouniontribune/specials_pages.php/)

[Forums](http://jyllion.com)
(http://forums.utsandiego.com/) [Search Jyllion for products](http://jyllion.com)

[Crossword](http://crossword.uniontrib.com/news/features/crossword/index.html)
(http://crossword.uniontrib.com/news/features/crossword/index.html) **QUICK JYLLION SEARCHES:**

[Sudoku](http://www.utsandiego.com/sudoku/)
(http://www.utsandiego.com/sudoku/)

[Horoscope](http://www.utsandiego.com/horoscope/)
(http://www.utsandiego.com/horoscope/)

[Gas Prices](http://www.utsandiego.com/gas-prices/)
(http://www.utsandiego.com/gas-prices/)

[Lottery](http://www.utsandiego.com/lottery/)
(http://www.utsandiego.com/lottery/)

[WSRadio](http://www.wsradio.com/utsandiego)
(http://www.wsradio.com/utsandiego)