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Lawry's The Prime Rib

BY ANDREW DAVIS

I just left the set of *Mad Men*.

OK: Obviously I wasn't there, mostly because the show ended a couple years ago. However, **Lawry's The Prime Rib** (100 E. Ontario St.; LawrysOnline.com) is straight out of that era, putting it in an exclusive group of Chicago restaurants that are considered classics and that have re-



Lawry's mash and corn.
PR photo

mained largely unchanged over decades.

Located just off The Magnificent Mile, Lawry's has been open in Chicago since 1974 (based on the Beverly Hills restaurant that launched in 1938). The very attentive servers (who are almost always women) wear spiffy brown uniforms and are called Mrs. So-and-So. Most of the extremely friendly staff has been there for decades (again, distinguishing it from the newer spots), save for

a few, such as new Executive Chef Steve Goellner.

There's even a plaque stating the restaurant's code of ethics that's on the left upon entering the establishment.

I mentioned all of these frozen-in-time elements to emphasize what the people at Lawry's already know: Being "old-fashioned" can be a wonderful thing.

As for the cuisine, it will also take you back—again, in a very fulfilling way. The calamari (with chipotle aioli and arrabiata sauce) is very tasty, and the spinning-bowl salad (prepared tableside) is a must.

However, as the restaurant's name indicates, it specializes in the steak cut known as prime rib—and it does it remarkably well (perfectly served by the master carver who has—you guessed it—been there practically from the beginning). Selections include the Diamond Jim Brady cut (an extra-thick portion that includes the rib bone) and the traditional Lawry cut, which I had. Of course, it was cooked perfectly. By the way, did I mention that each prime-rib dinner comes with

the salad, mashed potatoes, Yorkshire pudding (for sopping up gravy from the potatoes) and even whipped-cream horseradish? And when was the last time you had creamed corn? (I wasn't sure what to think of it, but it was absolutely divine—I kid you not.)

And if you somehow have room after all that, I heartily recommend Lawry's desserts, which include sticky toffee pudding, cheesecake, hot-fudge sundae and other items.

As for drinks, there's a tantalizing selection of wines and champagne, including the veritable Dom Perignon. However, feel free to also have a cocktail, including the refreshing Chicago Sunset, which comes with a miniature Chicago flag on a toothpick.

You may have walked by Lawry's a thousand times (as I had), but check it out: It will not only pleasantly surprise you, but that older relative will probably love it as well.

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



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Taking in a hot show.
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Saturday sexiness.
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"It's about damn time somebody did. I'm like, 'Shit or get off the pot!'"—**Kelly Clarkson's** response after she helped facilitate a gay proposal at one of her concerts, and one of the guys said they've been dating for four years.

Is there anything lovelier than Provincetown on the Fourth of July? Amidst the hustle and bustle of the usual tourists come the hordes of whores—young gay men (young = 20s and 30s) with single-digit body fat. Lovely to look at, to be sure, but they do have a way of killing one's appetite ... to say nothing of one's will to live! Regardless, a good time was had by all. As they say, it only takes one person. In this particular case, it took three foreign lads without their papers and my threatening to call INS. But, a happy ending's a happy ending!

Amidst the surf, sun and sex, I was surprised to get a call from the divine **Sheryl Lee Ralph**. It wasn't her call that surprised me, but the fact that it came when I knew she should be onstage in Broadway's *Wicked*. She had a few moments to kill before her next entrance as Madame Morrible and wanted to let me know about a concert she's doing in NYC to benefit her Diva Foundation. "Sheryl Lee Ralph: A Diva Simply Singing!" will take place Sunday, July 30, at the Metropolitan Room. I would expect some great songs, dishy anecdotes and a whole lotta glamour! I might even fly in for this. Get your tickets at MetropolitanRoom.com.

You all know ESPN: The Magazine, right? Well, you probably don't, but you probably heard of their "Body Issue"—the one with all the nude athletes. There was lots of chatter about the sizzling hot pics of Patriots wide receiver **Julian Edelman**. But our own **Gus Kenworthy** is also in the mag. He took a series of nudes over the course of six hours on a ski slope. One might expect major shrinkage, but that's not the case—as you'll see on BillyMasters.com.

I know people look at us gay men and think, "Gosh, they have it all. If only I were gay!" As we know, it takes more than just wistful thinking. It takes hard work—sucking, fucking, learning Barbra Streisand lyrics; it never ends. And yet, some people think they can take the express route. **Andrew Garfield** is currently in the London National Theatre production of *Angels in America*. In a post-performance talkback, Garfield said, "As far as I know, I am not a gay man. Maybe I'll have an awakening later in my life, which I'm sure will be wonderful and I'll get to explore that part of the garden, but right now I'm secluded to my area, which is wonderful as well. I adore it, but a big concern was what right do I have to play this wonderful gay role? It was about doing honor, doing justice and knowing my herstory." OK, somewhat awkward, but I get it. He added, "My only time off during rehearsals—every Sunday I would have eight friends over and we would just watch 'Ru' [RuPaul's Drag Race]. This is my life outside of this play. I am a gay man right now, just without the physical act—that's all."



Andrew Garfield (here in *The Amazing Spider-Man*) is in hot water because of a gay-related comment he made.

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It sounds like he's saying that because he watches RuPaul, he's a gay man—well, a gay man not having sex with other men. While I'm sure he didn't mean to stereotype, not all gay men are watching RuPaul. And watching Ru doesn't make you gay. But sex with other men—you know, that's a big thing. Well, in my case it's a very big thing. The point is, Andrew, you are not a gay man ... you're just playing one on stage. And that really should be enough. If you'd like to see a gay man in *Angels in America*, you might check out Garfield's co-stars—**Russell Tovey** and **Nathan Lane**. Now THOSE are gay men!

You know summer is here when we hear about another Vatican sex scandal. Last year, cardinals and priests were holding wet underwear contests in baptismal fonts. This year, they're at it again. The Vatican police got a call about an out-of-control party going on in the apartment of the secretary to Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio—who just happens to be an aide to the Pope. But it wasn't just a party. Reports say that the police broke up what is being called an "orgy" filled with men engaged in sexual activity and doing illegal drugs! Sure sounds like an orgy to me.

And yet, it's not this week's only orgy. You may have heard about an orgy held in the locker room of the **Brazilian soccer team**. It all happened in Passo Fundo, Brazil, after a match played by the Sport Clube Gaucho. Apparently one player was on his knees servicing two other players while another guy was filming them. Call me old-fashioned, but I wouldn't call that an orgy. It just sounds like a typical weekend. Anyhoo, once the video went public, the team's president dismissed all four players. Why? Because the tryst happened on club property. While an edited version of the

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video is making the rounds, the original footage can be found on BillyMasters.com.

Could it be that a star of stage and screen (well, small screen) has also been filmed in a compromising position? These things happen when you and your boyfriend pick up random guys online for a three-way. In the clip, our newsworthy lad is purportedly filling one side of the hook-up while his boyfriend is filling the other—without ever letting the cell phone fall from his hands. Now, THAT'S multitasking! I should add, it sure looks like the star's beau in the middle. But it really is hard to tell. But there is a brief glimpse of the star's face, and there's no mistaking that hair, that hard body or that johnson!

When we're finding videos of lost boys, it's time to end yet another column. For more dish, follow the yellow brick road to www.BillyMasters.com—the site that never met an orgy it didn't like! As usual, you can send your questions to Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before Andrew Garfield watches *Good Times* and decides he's Black! Until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.

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