



Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman



The Sprig, the Sprig, The Beautiful Sprig

The trees, the flowers and everything,
I'd gladly sing with you
Such faster than by lyric flows,
I'd gladly sing with you
But I chaged by underwear to seod.

And that should take care of the poet's corner for this spring! But it is rather frightening to go to bed on Sunday in the winter time and wake up on Monday . . . and already you discover that spring has sprang!

But we know it's spring when the rodeos start coming to town. (next it'll be circuses). Yes, the Pacific Indoor Rodeo moves into the Long Beach Arena this coming Friday for a three-day stand, closing Sunday, so all you rodeo buffs, get in line for a three-day whing-ding with all the well-knowns of the bronc business. Busters like Harley May, Shawn Davis, etc., so let's make a week-end out of it!

There'll be five performances with one Friday night at 8, then a matinee on Saturday at 2:00, followed by another at 8 in the evening and winding up the show with a 2 p.m. performance and a 6 o'clock show on Sunday.

They're world champion cowboys on all-star broncs and bulls in America's roughest sport. Come one! Come all.

So just as we told you last week . . . that there'd be an entertainment change at The Red Onion in Peninsula Center.

Vicente, who's been doing the solo bit for some time now has finally come up with a new partner and from here on in it'll be the Tepeyac Duo entertaining Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in the authentic Cantina Room of the Red Onion.

The new guitarist's name is Antonio . . . a real-l-y good man on the "box" so get in on the enjoyment this week-end and catch this new boy. Now with St. Patrick's Day out of the way you'll not run the risk of meeting up with "Leprechaun Lon" at The Onion as we did last week . . . replete with green beard, mustache, hair . . . and EGGS!

Had a highly enjoyable repeat one night last week down at Maddalona's Restaurant in Hollywood Riviera and just report here that both the price and the quality (not to mention the quantity) were of the type that pleases this tired old appetite as well as the tired old retreat we laughingly refer to as our billfold.

Now "Frantic Freddy" carries his ad as "Italian Restaurant" but if this isn't something else again! What else would Maddalona be other than Italian . . . Irish maybe?

Anyway, you combine a mixologist like Frank, a chef like Rocky, and a host like Fred, and you've got a hard parlay to beat.

It's a "dine in or take out" at Maddalona's from 5 in the afternoon six days a week. They're closed on Mondays, so like, let's make it!

Kind of got to wondering what the answer was down at Filippone's besides the good food and warm, friendly atmosphere and think we've hit it. People always like to see "the boss" around, y'know and Sam and Karen (this lovely wife) have just that formula. They come out and mingle with the patrons at the bar at every opportunity, ready for serious conversation or just plain kidding, what ever the mood might be at the time and regardless of their own personal problems. This's a good way to go when you're running a business and this couple has it.

Incidentally, that was a swingin' bash they held down there last Sunday evening. It was a birthday party in honor of Pete Lococo and wife, Annie. (No—believe was only HIS birthday but Annie was in attendance. Pete wouldn't have it any other way.)

Anyway, all the employees of the Cockatoo were on hand to wish Pete a hearty bar-bar. Now any time you

get a bunch of waitresses, old noon luncheon time and bartenders, etc., at a party in one swell foop you know it'll be a swinger. Why even Pete's cousin, Jimmy Bruno played mixmaster for the group. Benny, Sam Filippone's capable chef, prepared a wonderful mess of hors d'ouevres as a preamble to the gracious dinner spread served late. The soiree went on 'til midnight. Too bad you missed it.

There's a moving little trio down ther at the Galley West these nites by the name of Joe Bonac Trio and they'll be there all week. Consists of an accordion, a bass and a mess of drums, so when you next make the scene at the Galley West for some sumptuous food you'll be in for some delightful "music to dine by" . . . then next week it'll be Charlie Amato back to the "tip of the Peninsula" by popular demand.

Y'know with all this political action going around these days, this might be the answer for you'll get in your two cents worth, and old disc jockey Larry Eleven'll be just the guy that can handle it.

But if you're not a politico, don't let that stop you from stopping down to the Barbary Coast Inn at the Mariner Hotel any day from noon 'til 2 peevem and indulge in a delightful luncheon for you and yours.

Larry's holding interviews these daily, Monday through Friday and should you be a business executive, a publicity chairman for some group, or groups, president of an association or be heading up some service club or charitable society, here's your opportunity to air your views. Just swing on by there any



IN-DOORZIE . . . And THIS is the "IN-doorzie" type. She's the pert and pulchritudinous (Wh-a-a-a-a!) Laura Mancuso, the featured vocalist in the Trophy Lounge of the International Hotel, along with the Mariano Moreno Trio. From here . . .

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OUT-DOORZIE . . . And this IS the "out-doorzie" type guy. He's Harley May of Okdale, Calif. One of the rough wranglers appearing at the Long Beach Arena for the week-end at the Pacific Indoor Rodeo, along with guys like Dean Oliver and Shawn Davis.

tion from "someone" last week wanting to know "What is a Flamenco dinner?" Well now there's a question for you. What IS a Flamenco dinner? Actually there's no such thing as this Flamenco is a type of entertainment, both musically as well as in the dance department but y'see, we take a certain amount of license with wordology in this department every once in a while but since somebody's reading us so closely, we'll be careful in the future.

The spot of which we were speaking at the time was

Students Stage One-Act Play at Luncheon Event

"The Job," a one-act play by Janet Lindbergh, student at Torrance High School, highlighted a presentation on "Drama in the High School" at the March luncheon of the Educational Council of Torrance.

More than 150 persons attended the event at the Torrance Recreation Center. Preceding the skit, which featured Torrance High School students, Charles Slater, drama teacher, related the background of the school's annual original one-act play festival.

SPONSORSHIP of the student-written plays began 15 years ago, Slater said, when actress Rosemary DeCamp, a Torrance resident, suggested the festival as a means of encouraging students to broaden their understanding of theatrical arts.

Upon Miss DeCamp's suggestion, a panel of college drama professors were invited to critique the plays to help the writers improve their skills. For the past 15 years, Slater explained, the discipline drama classes have been in-



LUNCH BRUNCH . . . Enjoying a leisurely luncheon recently at the Barbary Coast Inn of the Mariner Hotel in Lomita are, left to right, J. Walker Owens, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; James Becker, president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance, and Larry Eleven of radio station KFLM-FM.

The Matador Restaurant on mysteries of the inner sanctum. Couldn't help noting the difference in some people the other nite down at The Tea House. There was one couple that showed a true appreciation for the talents of "Benny" and his uke last Friday nite and they turned out to be Curt and Jill Elwing, props of the Swedish Corner restaurant in the Rolling Hills Plaza shopping center. They gave their undivided attention to this talented entertainer who truly works hard to please a hard-to-please public.

Incidentally, this couple is terribly anxious to get their 2 1/2 year old Boxer dog back. He's been missing since Feb. 3 from their Torrance home and would take him back on a "no-questions-asked" basis if only the culprits would return same. How about it?? They're nice people and he's a nice dog. Devotion both ways!

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