

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Wayward Lewards Return to S.F.

That's the San Franciscan Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge in Torrance—not the town up North!

The popularity of this exciting group has demanded their return to Sam Failla's friendly club on Sepulveda at Crenshaw, following an absence of some months.

The Lewards will re-open at the San Franciscan on Tuesday, August the twelfth for an extended stay. They're a zany bunch but wonderful entertainers with a keen sense of humor and timing. Like, they've got a real "cool" man!

Meanwhile, the current attraction will close out their gig tomorrow nite, Thursday. They're the ever popular Luna Brothers, featuring that finest of fine tenor saxists, Harriet Blackburn, who truly blows a mean horn. How do you like that! Sex on a sax!

By the way, as "Connie" so very subtly informed us last week... that prime rib deal at the San Franciscan is a Monday thru Friday thing at a buck ninety-five. (Happy now, Connie?)

works from just about any table in the room.

It's Frank Gusto at the piano-bar down there nite. Monday thru Saturday with his entertaining "two-way" songs.

And here's another spot with a swingin' cocktail hour, from four 'til 6 when your regular drinks run you a half dollar. But don't knock that "well" product! It's excellent! But watch that waitress in the cocktail lounge... "Lea"! She'll give you a hard time any second. (Not really! She's a most delightful person and an efficient waitress.)

If you think that prime rib of beef, au jus at \$3.95 is something at The House of Prime, wait'll you get hold of the \$4.95 job! It's the Cutlerman's Cut! Y'see, the former is a standard, 12 oz. cut and the latter is a thicker, thicker, cut.

Add to this, the gourmet prime rib and petite lobster at \$4.95, plus the broiled

Now you may be wondering what that one-by-one ad is, elsewhere on this page that reads "SYRAM" . . . ANYone can spell Mary's but it takes real genius to louse it up the way this department does.

Howsomever, the food at Mary's Pizza is anything but lousy. The pizzas are great as are those wild sandwiches, such as the Submarine at 40c or 75c, depending on which size you order. Or that meatball or sausage deal for a half a buck. We-e-e-e!

Then Joe features (Joe is Mary's, by the way . . .) a very special pizza offering with the works on it at \$2.25 for the 13 inch medium job or the 16 inch large one for three bucks.

There's parking in the rear here and are open daily, Tuesday through Sunday from noon on. Closed on Monday.



FAVORITE . . . One of the old stand-bys in the Bay Area is Charlie Amato and his Trio. He's currently regaling the Valley's favorite pixie . . . Dick Whittinghill at the spot by the same name.

Y'wanna really live it up a little? Then take a quick turn down to the tip of the Palos Verdes Peninsula and visit the Galley West Restaurant.

How's this grab you for a cocktail "hour" . . . eleven in the evening 'til one in the aye! Yeah, that's "Toofur Time" when you may partake of your favorite "giant malt" and get two for the price of one! And, friend, that's CALL too! Although, the "well" stuff isn't bad, either! It's strictly a Monday through Friday deal, though so don't go stomping in there on the week-end demanding your "toofur" 'cause it won't wash!

Stopped by the Plush Horse Restaurant in Redondo Beach one day the early part of the week and talked with Harry Tracton.

They've got themselves a brand new manager down there these days by the name of Bob Babbs who is no 'charlie-come-lately' to the food and drink dodge.

Bob started in this game in L.A. at the original Brown Derby on Wilshire Blvd. and stayed there for seven full years. Next came another 9 year gig at the Balboa Bay Club, as well as an additional 5 years at the famous Honolulu Gourmet Restaurant in the Islands.

The Plush Horse's new general manager also spent an enjoyable 6 years at the "Home of the Eisenhowers" . . . the El Dorado Country Club in Palm Springs as food and beverage director.

REVIEW

'How to Succeed...' Rated Real Success

By JERRY REYNOLDS
Press-Herald Staff Writer

Melodyland's current offering, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," is an ideal choice for Rick Nelson to make his debut on the legitimate stage.

Nelson, who shares top billing with veteran Rudy Vallee, comes up with a convincing — and convincing—performance as the window washer who, with the aid of a small book, manages to become chairman of the board of the World Wide Wicket Co.

At 26, Rick is a veteran of some 18 years in the television and recording fields, best known for his work in the Nelson family show, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet." As Finch in "How to Succeed . . ." he proves he has the talent for yet another branch of show business.

VALLEE, repeating his role in "How to Succeed . . ." from its Broadway run, gives a lusty performance as tycoon J. B. Biggley, the president of WWW who nearly unemploys himself with his passion for blondes — or rather, one blonde.

Other bright spots in the



production are the performances of Bill Mullikin as Bud Frump, nephew of Vallee whose favorite cry is "Mother," and Stephanie Hill, the girl who chases Nelson while Nelson chases his career.

Mullikin is an out-and-out scene stealer as the mailroom clerk out to get the rapidly rising Finch.

MISS HILL, in addition to considerable talent as a actress, also provides some of the musical highspots with her renditions of such songs as "Happy to Keep His Dinner Warm" and "I Believe in You."

Another fine performance is that of Casey Townsend as Miss LaRue, the particular blonde who is the object of Vallee's passions.

All in all, "How to Succeed . . ." is a delight to see. Its only weak spot is an occasional bit of trouble with the Melodyland sound system.

Director David Tihmar has done an excellent job in staging the play in the round.

"How to Succeed . . ." will conclude its two-week run with a matinee and evening performance Sunday.

Good seats are still available.

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