

# Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman

## A Jose Is a Jose Is a Jo-Jo

With all due apologies to Gertrude Stein, 'cause it has nothing to do whatsoever with horticulture . . . or even poetry.

However, harkening to a current radio commercial about 'poetry in movement' well now we've got something else again!

When need be, either of those startwarts we lovingly refer to as bartenders at The Red Onion's Cantina Room on Silver Spur Road can truly MOVE!

The action became quite hectic and between the two of them—Jose and Jose—last night recently you've got to believe, there was good work there and nobody got thirsty. Now in order to dig all this action, you've got to sit in this authentically delightful spot for many hours. Aw come on, Glenn . . . it was sort of 'off duty' anyway! (He's the boss!)

But whether you spend many hours or just a few minutes in the Red Onion up there on Peninsula Center, you've not only had fun . . . you've also had a fantastic feast of Sonora style Mexican cookery that can't be beat! Then you tie this in with the wonderful service you get plus entertainment by that great Tepeyac Duo, Vicente (like the Blvd.) and Antonio, and you've had a well-rounded evening at ridiculously reasonable prices at Bart Earle's Red Onion.

And speaking of the Red Onion brings to mind, naturally, Mexico and got to wondering what Mike Jackson meant by 'a first class ticket to Guadalajara for \$14.93 that included an air-conditioned roommate.' (Just read the word 'roomette' wrong!) Sorry about that, Mike!

While making a routine 'turn' around Fisherman's Wharf the other nite stopped by the Fisherman's Haven for some small talk with owner-operator Tom Washburn (thought you only burned your wash while you were ironing it! ! ! ) and his able mix-o-matics, Ralph and Ray, carrying on in their own inimitable manner 'on the plank' And don't think for one moment that's an easy gig! One of the roughest!

Then to put out the brand of chow the Fisherman's Haven presents from the front of the store to the back is no mean accomplishment, either, including the poor long-suffering waitress-type gals there.

But when you produce the kind of food that Tom

Washburn offers, it probably all comes under the head of 'it's worth it'.

Got lost back there some place but what we had in mind was the two guys we met while visiting with Tom. These two cats are destined to make quite a mark in this tired old world! They're Mike Tonnemacher and Ken Propicio . . . a couple of cats who are visiting with Mike's parents in Rolling Hills during their summer vacation from college back east. (Mike and Ken's vacation . . . not Lon and Len's vacation!)

Mike'll probably become one of the best restaurateurs this town has ever had (parents being restaurateurs, too) and Ken'll probably become one of the finest pharmacists . . . (his folks being pharmacists) . . . Now it's understandable what Mike was doing there . . . but what's with Ken?? Oh sure! In the event we get prohibition back in this country, it might be a good thing to know! How to mix a drink! Crazy, man!

Hey now, that's going to be a thing tomorrow nite down at Smith Brothers Indian Village. It's Pepe Lopez Night, y'know and you're supposed to come in costume. South of the Border Fedoras (that's Sombreros, to you!), Panchos, everything and anything — and swing on down for an evening of fun, music and complimentary Hors D'oeuvres.

Should be a swingin' Fiesta, South of the Border style and be sure to wear some kind of costume and get in on the prizes for the zaniest and the prettiest. Just throw a little old sarape over your shoulders and come as you are.

If you want more info on this whing-ding, why not give



LEG ART? . . . Yes, you bet! They're two of the lovelies that serve nately in the Lounge of Tractor's Plush Horse in Redondo Beach. Wooooooh! They wouldn't even have to be efficient with all that pulchritude, but they are. Tall ones, too, are Fran Pepe and Evelyn Dillard. And hey, they've got pretty faces, TOO!

Senor Pepe? a call at 378-9363. The "do" is to start about seven in the evening and continue 'til you get tired, s'pose. Make this scene for some good fun.

Joe Shieh and M.C. Fong have something waiting for you at their A.B.C. Chop Suey spot in Carson Place this month.

They held their grand opening last nite, Tuesday where they're offering excellent Chinese food, either to take out or sit down for dinner and the prices start at one buck.

Then the goodie is a 10% off on everything deal good until August 31. Now how's that grab you!

There's free parking at 1542 W. Carson St. in Torrance. Or if you wish to put your order in ahead of time, try 328-8622 so why not go ahead on down and load up!

And the Fabulous Leewards held their slam-bang opening last nite at Sam Faglia's San Franciscan as only this zany trio can open, following too long an absence from this popular Torrance day-and-nitery.

Known in other circles as The Waialae Brothers, they present Hawaiian music, special ballads and their own special brand of comedy. Joe plays bass, Jerry's on guitar and Roger's on drums, all three



GLEFSOME THREESOME . . . Latitude 20 owners-operators, Hap and Minnie Louis, split a Kuna Grog from the skull cup which Dick Lee, capable bartender has just whipped up. It's a true tropical paradise at this spacious bar with it's tropical plants, waterfalls, sea shells, and "rocks of rocks" in the background.



THREE MEN ON A HORSE . . . And able men they are, too, reading from left to right at the Plush Horse Restaurant, night manager Joe Bracchitta, owner-host Harry Tractor and general manager Bob Babbs. Must have been a fantastic evening, judging by the smiles.



OP ART? . . . No. They're the current music-makers at Latitude 20 in Torrance. The Waikikians did they make beautiful music together.

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