

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman



The Most Exciting Girl

Irrespective of who they choose, it'd be worth the price of admission just to stand by and watch as Elke Sommer makes the presentation of a trophy to the winner of the "Miss Film World International" contest.

The new International beauty pageant has been announced by Film World Productions, Allied Artists Studios, which will produce the pageant and search for the most exciting girl with star quality to receive the title of Miss Film World.

The search will kick off with preliminary competitions in thousands of motion picture theatres throughout the world participating in this annual event in an international search for the most beautiful and exciting girl in the world for motion pictures. Each foreign country taking part in this search, and each state within the United States, will conduct its own finals.

The winning candidates will be brought to Hollywood, all expenses paid, for film tests and to compete in the International Finals and Pageant for the selection of Miss Film World International.

Many international screen directors, producers, and casting directors from major studios throughout the world will be invited as guest stars and as judges. These International Finals will be broadcast as a two-hour television special.

"Miss Film World International" will tour the world visiting famous International Film Festivals and will also receive a contract in a full-length film to be shown internationally by the participating motion picture theatres.

So get signed up, gals and prove to yourself and the world that "you're the most exciting girl in the world with star quality."

And speaking of beautiful girls, that Doria Valera, one of the nations leading Flamenco dancers has just been added to the floor show at the Matador Restaurant in West L.A.

She was formerly a pupil of the late famed Flamenco dancer Carmen Amaya and is one of the leading exponents of the spectacular Spanish dances. She'll be teamed with Rafael Ruiz, guitarists Dave London and Maria Del Rey, plus Manuel Matos on piano.

Had an occasion one day last week (Saturday afternoon to be exact) to call Cal Chum at his Pacific Lounge spot and was treated to a rare concert.

Seems some of the guys dropped by during the afternoon and you know how it is when a couple of musicians get together. They've just got to play so an impromptu Jazz session was under way. Good, too! Guitars, drums and of course that way-out piano that Cal tinkles and you've got the makings of something pretty special. (But hey, watch it Cal... that's a toll call from Santa Monica.)

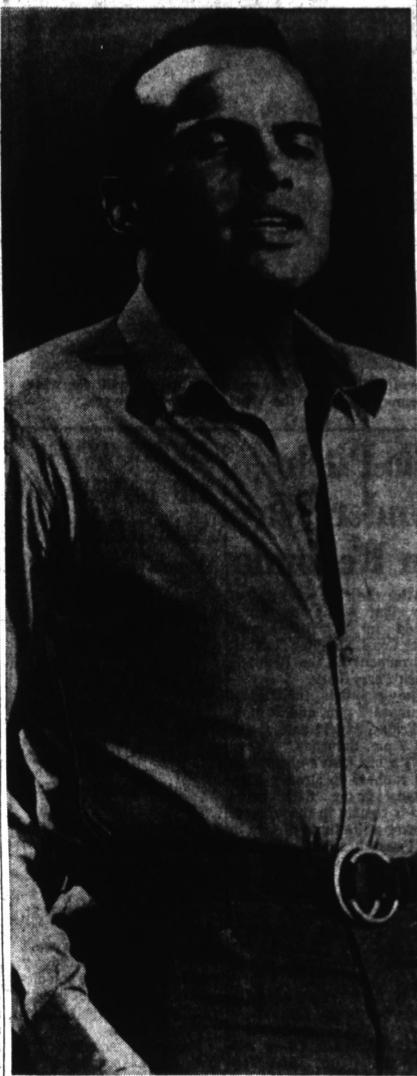
One of the guys that came in was the former partner of the current attraction at the Pacific Lounge, "Kimo," and the "sit-in" was a guy by the name of "Mason."

Mason and Kimo were teamed for a number of years, both here in the United States as well as the Islands, under the name of "Kimo and Kaimo." So now what's going to happen? Well the only thing that possibly could happen... Kaimo's been signed on to work Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nites along with Kimo. This makes for a fine group, each complementing the other on guitar and with Cal noodling the keys. Make it by the Pacific Lounge one nite soon and dig.

Normally it's a Sunday afternoon gig that goes over there so try it one of those days, as well. Why not make it one nite soon in the early evening, too, and enjoy one of Cal's delicious dinners and then hang around for the evening festivities. Truly, the dinners at the Pacific Lounge are most wonderful. Try it yourself!

Here now, is just a reminder for your Jet Room Lounge action. Remember, it's the Golf Tournament this weekend coming up. That'll be Sunday with an early teeing off time.

Don't let that hold you up from wailing away Saturday



AT THE GREEK... Harry Belafonte, who did the first one-man show at the Greek Theatre way back in '56, opened last night for a three-week run. His unique voice, styling and personality have made him one of the most popular perennial favorites at the great outdoor theatre for the past 10 seasons.

nite, tho! Y'know, Nick's got Why not give the International lots of action going on overal Hotel a whirl! In the Penthouse Lounge, there for you all the time. Entertainment, good fun, fine high in the sky it's the Charlie Amato Trio for your dancing and listening pleasure while in the sophisticated sandwiches.

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And if you're planning some sort of banquet like a wedding reception or some other type of social affair, why not give Weaver Swanson a call and let him handle the whole thing for you. He's the new catering director for the International Hotel and can be reached at 670-9000. He can handle all the way from 10 to 2,000 people at one time while standing on his head, although it's highly doubtful you'll ever find him in so undignified a position! The cost, too, will amaze you!

Last nite marked the first nite of a three week stand for Harry Belafonte at the Greek Theatre in Griffith Park, where he presented the first one man show of his career in 1956.

The Theatre was dotted last nite with many luminaries of the entertainment world including James Garner, Juliet Prowse, Dinah Shore, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, Rowan and Martin, Inger Stevens, Gary Crosby, just to name-drop a few in attendance.

For his eighth engagement at this famed outdoor theatre, Belafonte will also have on the bill, Miriam Makeba, the African songstress of Xosa "click" song fame and the Belafonte Singers, featuring one of Belafonte's discoveries, Esther Marrow.

This exciting new show will be presented nitely except Sundays through Sept. 2 and the Greek Theatre Association urges you to get your tickets as early as possible so as not to have the same disappointments that arose in Belafonte's 1965 appearance. Performances begin at 8:30 p.m.

When you say the name out loud you think it's a girl's band but when you stop, look and listen, you find out it's a guy's group!

This is the Joon Choy Trio, currently playing at Sam Falla's San Franciscan Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge in Torrance.

This outfit consists of drums, guitar, and Cordovox and you haven't heard anything like this group for some time. Not only does Joon Choy play a hellava mess of drums but in addition he vocalizes in NINE different languages! —Come on in and catch this "different" group some nite soon for something just a little bit different. (They said, reduntently!!!)

In fact, you might try the San Franciscan for a bite to eat early in the evening something like that charbroiled top sirloin or the choice prime rib for a paltry buck ninety-five! And cocktails 'til h-l won't have it!



KINGS AND QUEENS... Barman Wayne Davis tends to the needs of Jean Davis and "Hap" Hartford in the King's Room at the Queen's Kitchen.



GANG'S ALL HERE... Just what the occasion was can't be determined, but the gang certainly was all here at the San Franciscan from the Automobile Club of Southern California. Gathered around the tables are (from left) Elaine Hughes, Noreen Hughes, Andrew Glaze, Ken Crawford, Louise Dendeffere, Loretta Gatto, Carol Cooper, Linda Funkhouser, John Kendall, and Deedee Henderson.

You go ahead and combine all the goodies like the above at the San Franciscan and you know you've got yourself an evening to remember. And you've got to listen to that Cordovox box thing in order to fully appreciate it. Zounds, what sounds!

Just who Ron Iwamoto's beautician is we can't even guess but next time you swing by The Tea House, dig that tricky hair-do Ron's sporting these days! Like, WOW! Really quite fetching, though However, not quite sure what it'll fetch!

But while in the Tea House and in the Tea House mood, drop by one Monday nite soon and listen in on Liz and Mickey who are booked in from 9 'til 1:30 in the ayem for your listening pleasure when you're in the mood for Hawaiian melodies.

It may all come as a com-that she's already lost some plete shock to you-all but 20 pounds! Well don't look genial and congenial Rose THIS way! Just ask our Song is now back on her "diet source! Ron Alvag put us on kick" and it's been brought to it! And between he and to this department's attention "Michiko" what better source

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can you expect!!!! (By the way, Chiko, we've lost the glasses already!)

Saw a new sign up on Sepulveda the other day and recognized an old friend, we thought! Dropped into Augle's and lo and behold, it was an old friend. Put on two pounds just standing there in the kitchen munching on some of Augle's pizza and picking up on what's happening.

Augle Cicciariello bought out the old Vito's spot and is now featuring some wild Italian food so swing in one day soon for lunch or dinner. Or for take-out dining. It's good!

It's that Randy Larkin guy again and he's still doing business for the Zebra Room over there on Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance.

Randy and his Russian Teardrop guitar, you'll remember, returned to town some weeks ago and wowed 'em at the Zebra Room so it's been decided to just hang on to him.

It's the lead guitar and vocals for Randy while Lou holds down the bass guitar, and the rhythm section is taken care of ably by Barry and his drums.

So it's a good take-in these nites, Tuesday thru Saturday at the Zebra Room.

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