

# Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman

## It's the Name of the Game

And in this particular case "the name of the game" is, give 'em the quality, the service, and the decor and the price!

Although Don Rogers and Tom Burger opened the doors of their spanking new Rogers Restaurant at 27372 Silver Spur Road some three months ago, next Tuesday will be the official Grand Opening of this exquisite Peninsula Center dinner house.

Formerly known as the Tack Room, this newest of Rolling Hills spots features the arched, bright leather booths and deep red carpeting. It only goes to show what a little imagination (and a few dollars) can do to change the flavor of a place!

Illuminated by soft amber hanging lamps, the brilliant red tablecloths stand out in sharp relief against the dark Mediterranean background, thereby further enhancing your thoroughly enjoyable evening of superb dining.

Don and Tom feature a house specialty at four and a quarter that consists of Eastern Choice Top Sirloin of Beef and Australian Lobster Tail on the combination plate, prepared, cooked and presented by that master chef Al Mendoza, that is nothing short of sensational. But by

no means must you pass up the clam chowder offered at Rogers Restaurant! Here, too, you'll find a delicacy that will long be remembered.

Another feature at Rogers is the "practical" wine dispenser, which is a novelty in the area. It's built right into the decor of the room and is backed up with a regulation wine vat in the rear, unseen by the patrons, from which the comely little waitresses may draw your favorite juice of the grape without traveling back to the bar. (In California, it's permissible for ladies to pour wine or beer, even though their names may not be on the license! It says here!)

And here, too, is another feature of Rogers Restaurant... the service! There's no hemming and hawing, tapping of feet or drumming of fingers, waiting for service. They're there almost as soon as you are. Yet, there's also no "pushing" for your order. You simply take your time. An excellent spot to bring the entire family.

The cocktail bar is situated in the rear and in another separate room with its own private entrance so as not to embarrass diners in the main

dining room. But by the same token, should you be in the mood for a small libation, affable bartenders Doug and John are ever-on-hand to tend to your every whim, cocktail-wise.

Yes, you'll truly enjoy yourself, no matter what your bent, when you visit Rogers Restaurant any day from 11 in the ayem 'til closing. Sundays it's from four in the afternoon. But by all means, let's make this Tuesday nite opening! Corsages for the ladies that nite, you know!

Here we go, now for the rodeo buffs! It's to be the Pacific Indoor Rodeo at the Long Beach Arena for three whole days beginning this coming Friday, the seventh, and playing thru Sunday.

With \$30,000 prize money on the line, this event promises to be the richest rodeo purse in Southern California since the National Finals was held in L.A. in 1964.

You'll witness some of the best in the business these next few days; people like Gene McLaughlin and of course America's number one cowboy, Lary Mahan who was high money man in '66 and



YOUR PLEASURE? ... That's the question always asked by genial mixomatic, "Big Doug" at the brand new Rogers Restaurant on Silver Spur Road in Peninsula Center. Left to right it's co-owners Tom Burger and Don Rogers.



DRAW ONE! ... Co-owners of the Rogers Restaurant in Peninsula Center Don Rogers and Tom Burger draw a container of "the juice of the grape" from their "hidden" dispenser in the dining room of their charming new Rolling Hills dinner house.

jumped ahead again last week at the Fort Worth rodeo. You should enjoy his income! He's already picked up eight grand here it is, still in it's infancy!

So keep in mind, it's the Pacific Indoor Rodeo at the Long Beach Arena Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 6 p.m. Oh, the kiddies can get in on half-price tickets for both matinee performances. That is, if they're under 12 and are with parents.

In addition to some pretty far-out entertainment by The Guzza Brothers, Longinotti's colorful San Francisco Restaurant in Santa Monica presents a brand new menu featuring a wide variety of steaks and an equally wide selection of seafood specialties, plus the San Francisco's famed Prime Rib of Beef, that goes off at four ninety-five!

There're some other entrees, of course that start at three and a half, including soup or salad, baked potato and a vegetable. And for that special something, there's the Caesars', an excellent Fresh Spinach Salad and Hearts of Palm.

Then if you want to go truly exotic, there's Escargots, Oyster Rockefeller, Steamed Clams (delicious), Oysters on the Half Shell AND Caviar. Now doesn't all this grab you pretty solidly? Try it!

Those two entertainers, Freddy and Jenno Guzza, opened in the Palace Lounge of this elegant Santa Monica restaurant last week and are scheduled to appear nightly for a four-week stand. Surely Southlanders know this fine duo, having played an extensive engagement at the Bel-Air Hotel.

The Guzza Brothers present a most unusual show, all by themselves, doing numbers from both current and past hit shows with the Contin-

tal flair. And their mastery of the foreign language bit will put you away! They compound this with some very special material of their own plus some fine novelty numbers and they can keep you entertained for an entire evening. At least that's what happened the nite we visited Tony Longinotti's San Francisco.

Tony and Jeanette, (Tony's the son of the late famed interior decorator Anthony Longinotti, Sr.) present owners of the S.F. (and from here it looks like there might be a Tony III, any day now!) feature a luncheon deal that starts at one eighty-five in the Palace Lounge which is reserved "For Gentlemen Only" (so show a little class!) until 3 p.m.

Oops! Don't forget that Earlybird Dinner that Paul

and Ray are featuring down there at their Iron Lantern Restaurant at 6th and Gaffey!

It features the Top Sirloin U.S. Choice Prime Rib of Beef and goes off at \$2.25 per each. This, of course, is in addition to all the other goodies they've got to offer, including that wild cat with the cornet, Jake Porter, who holds fast these Sundays with his jam sessions.

Down the street a ways there's Sam Failla's San Franciscan, y'know and just in passing, leave us remind you that this Thursday is "Sam Baby's" anniversary of his birthday! He says it's the thirty-ninth... but would you believe FORTY?! And there's to be a swingin' Birthday Party there that nite so let's all make it! Should be a kick!

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