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Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Marquis of Sunset Strip

But you didn't know there was any such title whether here in Southern California or anywhere else — but there is. It's The Marquis Restaurant at 8240 Sunset Strip and a delightful spot at which to dine.

Don't take our word for it! Just ask a few of the fine folk who regularly patronize The Marquis. Like for example Hoagy Carmichael or Mary Meade French, both regulars here. But if you shouldn't be on close speaking terms with these people, you might try Jack and Bea Stone of Torrance who were entertaining the Jim Tocksteins of Stockton recently. The latter two were on their way to Honolulu so better you wait 'til they return.

A couple of other regulars at The Marquis who were spotted recently were George Memic and Joe Smith of Warners Records, the same evening with Mary Meade French.

Incidentally, Gene Norman is on the Sunset scene again. You go-outers no doubt remember Gene from his days (and nights) at the Crescendo and the Interlude spots just down the street from The Marquis. For 15 years, Gene was also a radio disc jockey as well as having made numerous appearances on TV in our area. Gene has recently joined the staff to become an active principal at The Marquis Restaurant.

Well now, with summer just around the corner and with the arrival of the warm weather, it's no wonder that owner-host Bill Fremont has noticed an up-surge in the consumption of the delicious cold Spanish soup at his Matador Restaurant on West Pico. That cold soup, incidentally, is known as "gazpacho" and delicious it is.



LINDA COLLINS
Torrance Ramada Inn

According to Bill, there are many recipes for this delicacy and the one used at this West Los Angeles dine-outery comes from Cataluna of the Northern Province of Spain.

It consists of freshly ground ripe tomatoes, cucumbers, green pepper, shallots and celery and is served at all dinners if so desired at no additional cost.

To go still farther with the plaudits of the cuisine at The Matador, the delicious foods of Spain aren't the only thing they offer here.

For example, the special Matador steak, American style, is served on the complete dinner for \$2.95 for eight ounces of eastern prime sirloin. And this may come as a shock to you, but the price is the same as when Bill Fremont opened the Matador Restaurant several years ago.

By way of pointing out to you the kind of service offered at Bill's exciting dinner house, one of the happy warriors that juggles the trays here recently received an award for outstanding service to the dining-out public.

Capus Julius Hope was a proud man indeed when he showed us the plaque he received from the Carte Blanc people. And anyone whose ever been attended by Hope will back up the selection.

This has got to be a party to end all parties! The reason for the "has got to be" is because this is being written Monday afternoon and the party is tonight at the Torrance Ramada Inn.

Y'see, owner-host Peter Shner of the Torrance Inn is hosting the genial owner-host of his fabulous neighbor Hop Louie of Latitude 20. Now how's that grab you! Must be a first in Torrance . . . but when you boil it all down . . .



PRINCESS RAMONA
Shipwreck Joey's

It's not such a bad idea at that! "There's room for all of us," is the saying.

So as you can plainly see, it would be impossible to tell you the whole shot right now at 3 in the afternoon when the "happening" takes place at 7:30 tonight but we'll try to leave space right here for an "add to" for this column. Otherwise, it'll go next week.

Why even Hop Louie's current entertainment — Arthur Lyman — will be on hand in the early part of the evening furnishing the music at the Torrance Ramada Inn, followed later in the evening by the new (to Ramada Inn) attraction — The Pat Brady Group plus The Headliners.

And the vocalist with the Pat Brady outfit is really something; She's Linda Collins, a gal with many, many credits behind her and certainly many, many more in front of her!

And there's another one coming your way down at Shipwreck Joey's in Wilmington and she's an attraction that his little league baseball

If you've never heard of team is off to a flying start by now. (Was supposed to mention this last week, actually, but just getting off the hook!)

Anyhoo, his Mets ("his" being coach Wayne Bastos) got the season off the ground last weekend with a game against the Twins which they promptly lost 7 to 2. But have no fear, it was just the opening game and they'll pull it out! This is the Lomita Little League so keep your eye on them.

Not only is The Tea House high on them, backing them up with donations for trophies, etc., but the Alport Nursery as well as the Rolling Hills Nursery are both sponsors of The Mets. Watch 'em! Coach Wayne'll shape them up!

This one's got credits, too. Radio, all the major clubs in Los Angeles as well as San Diego, plus The Mint and The Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. Then in between trips she's found time to sandwich in some time at the Cow Palace in "Frisco."

"The Cherokee Princess" is probably best known for such numbers as "The Biggest Door" and "The Girl from Out of Your Past."

Catch this one next Sunday, by all means 'cause she's taking off soon for parts unknown, such as Nashville, and then for an overseas tour. You'll like her!

Caught the action at The Tea House lately? It's Harry Baty and his Polynesians every Tuesday through Saturday down there on Crenshaw in Torrance.

Harry's not new to The Tea House, exactly, but as a group, he's new and that "ain't all!" He's good!!!

And of course, as you know, Monday is always Hawaiian Nite at The Tea House.

Had a talk with one of the customers down there one nite last week while visiting owner-hosts Rose and Louis Song and he wants it known that his little league baseball



HERB EBERLE
San Franciscan

When you stop to think of a group that has played at one club for FIFTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, you

have got to know they've got talent and that's exactly what happened to Herb Eberle. Y'see, Herb not only plays piano but he also swings pretty good on the accordion (natural follow) and the vibes. But when he hits instruments like the trombone,

trumpet, and celeste, then you've got something!

He's no "Charlie-come-lately" to the musical world, having spent some time at DeArner's Indian Wells Hotel in Palm Springs, plus working with Jeffrey Recording Artists for a disc here and there.

Herb is one of the top men in his line and you're sure to enjoy him when you visit the San Franciscan Restaurant on Sepulveda Boulevard at Crenshaw in Torrance.

Here's a short run-down for you on "the happenings" at The Riviera Hotel up Vegas way.

In the Versailles Room it's Mitzie Gaynor who opened there day before yesterday (Tuesday the 14) and she'll remain 'til June 10. The uninhibited Phyllis Diller will follow her June 11 with Vincent & Patrice.

Then over in the Starlite Theatre it's Shecky Green once again. He opened there last nite and'll be on hand through June 11 with Mafalda & Lou who provide some of the prettiest sounds on the late beat. It's a return engagement for them, too.

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