



VIVACIOUS VIVIAN . . . It'll require just one look at Vivian Grant here to know she's vivacious and one evening at the San Franciscan Restaurant in Torrance to know she's also talented.

# Spoo Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic

By Bill Whisman



## Now It's Pop's Turn . . .

But it somehow doesn't seem to get off the ground the way Mom's Day always has, but we can keep hoping, can't we? Cause next Sunday will be Father's Day again and will afford you the opportunity of jeting Dad know how much you think of him. Take a Father to dinner!

Now then, if he happens to be a barbecue buff, you couldn't think of much better BBQ'd stuff than that you get at BBQ Pete's Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge.

Pete and Anne Petroff run some of their ads that read, "Mother Can't Cook?" but what need is there of that anyway, when you have such excellent cuisine and service right at your finger tips.

Just a couple of features over there at 1109 Hawthorne Blvd. in Inglewood are ribs, chicken, of course, short ribs, steak, fish, yes and even spaghetti and Mexican food so you can see you have got a well-rounded menu offered at BBQ Pete.

Another zingy line that Anne and Pete run in their ads is "Beat Your Wife . . . to Pete's and eat world's best BBQ in the beautiful Pete's Lounge." Now just whether or not Anne had in mind "beautiful Pete" or "beautiful lounge" is open for discussion. But one thing is certain and that is when you dine on Pete's culinary goodies, you, too, will think of him as beautiful.

For twenty years and more now, the Petroffs have been putting out this quality food for which they're so well known so you can see, a great deal of know-how must have rubbed off in that length of time, and it's rubbed off well. Swing by soon and enjoy an evening with Pete and Anne.

Mayhap Pop is a lover of true Spanish cuisine, on the other hand and should this be the case, why not think in terms of The Matador Restaurant on West Pico.

This is Spanish food (not Mexican, y'understand! Don't misconstrue that to be a knock at Mexican food, now. Just a line to let you know,

if you didn't already, that there's very much a difference in the cuisine of the two countries. Bill Fremont's is authentic Spanish.

The entertainment here, too, is authentic Flamenco style, currently featuring Pedro Tizado with his toe-tapping rhythms, beautiful dancer, Yetta Zeff, singer-guitarist Maria Del Rey, guitarist Juan Perin and officiating at the piano it's Professor George Matos.

Another big feature at The Matador is the service. This department wasn't the only one to notice the kind of quality service presented here, either.

Capus Julius Hope, who has been a member of The Matador staff since Bill Fremont opened his popular dinery 10 years ago, was recently honored by Carte Blanche when he received its Distinguished Service Award.

So whip on over there to The Matador and bring Pop along with you!

Hey now, hold up a second! We haven't gone the Chinese route yet have we on this Father's Day bit? And it's not "too far" to go to King Far Low where you have both Cantonese and American cuisine.

And at King Far Low's, you sure can't beat the prices! All most reasonable. Now this may be a new spot to you and yours but if you use your thinkers at 21ittle you'll realize it's right in the next block from The Matador on West Pico - here the food side of the restaurant vies with the cocktail lounge for excellence in both quality and quantity.

Co-owner-host Jimmy Tom (y'see he's got three other partners, one of whom is the chef de cuisine so you know if one of the owners is doing the cooking, he's going to put out his best!) is ever-on-hand to greet and seat you when you enter the King Far Low Restaurant and he'll go all out to see to it that you're one of his happy and satisfied customers.

So while we're on the subject of good musical groups, you should know about the Vivian Grant Duo which opened last nite (Tuesday) at Sam Falla's San Franciscan.

This vivacious and versatile little lass has many credits to her name and talents from TV, radio, and nite club, having played for such names as Anita O'Day, Rose Murphy, and Big Mama Thornton, to mention a few. They've dubbed her many things over the years of her musical career. Titles such as comedian of the Keyboard, Pixie of the Piano and with added adjectives such as unpredictable and Miss Personality of the 88 Keys.

This one's sure to be a crowd pleaser at the San Franciscan so take advantage.

Jack Rogers has got a new swingin' group over at his Jump 'n Jack Restaurant in the name of The Marti Barris Combo. They opened Monday this week and so far it looks like it'll be a most satisfactory engagement, for both the Combo as well as the Jump 'n Jack. Featured with the new group on drums is Jimmy Grey and Billy Reyner.

If you'll recall back a short time you'll remember Harry Barris. Well this striking young lady is none other than Harry's daughter. They're ready, willing and highly capable of furnishing music for your dancing and listening pleasure Monday thru Saturday.



MASTER HYPNOTIST . . . And one of the top masters of them all is Gene Dennison, shown above, who appears nitey at the Torrance Ramada Inn. Just be careful he doesn't get you under his spell. He's good!

While visiting with Jack the golfers and duffers are most other day noticed that the welcome to join in on the 8th Annual Jump 'n Jack Golf Tournament is upon us and will get under way on Jack a call and register. The June 20 at which time all number is DA 6-0880.

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