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Education is for kids; young kids, middle aged kids, and old kids. Someone once said, "You never outgrow your need for education," or was it milk? It must have been education because everywhere I go people are talking about some kind of a class. UCLA has over 17 adult school locations throughout the Los Angeles County area, many accessible on RTD buses. If you are going to school, or will be starting in March, I would suggest you send for a system map. It could help a bunch.

A fellow was telling me the other day that in New York City, a person could ride anywhere in the city for 15c. He went on to say their service was more frequent than RTD's, and he ended up by asking me why the difference in the two systems. The difference is in the fact that New York subsidizes their transit system to the tune of 172 million dollars a year; thereby guaranteeing the 15c fare. Add to this a traffic problem that makes ours look like every day was Sunday, and you begin to see the difference.

The flood of mail reaching my desk regarding rapid transit suggests to me you are interested. Space does not permit me to elaborate on the subject, except to tell you I am for it. The RTD has prepared an informative folder, free for the asking, that I will send upon request.

Should any of you belong to a service club, church group, or organization, you can secure a film presentation on rapid transit for one of your meetings. Simply contact Mr. Reed Christensen, 749-6977, ext. 293, and arrange for this timely program.

Q. Do the RTD lines in Torrance go to downtown Los Angeles? May I have a timetable of those lines? I want to ride to the Civic Center area. Mrs. M.M.J.

A. The bus lines in Torrance are municipal, and are not operated by RTD. If you will call 328-7402, I am sure they will give you the information you want.

Q. Some friends of ours moved to Pasadena near Hudson and California. We would like to visit them by bus from Wilmington. What bus or buses do we take? Mr. R.L.A.

A. The RTD 37 line will take you to the new terminal in Los Angeles. Walk two blocks west to Spring and catch the 70 line to Lake and California in Pasadena. From that stop, walk one block west and you have arrived.

Q. I am a student at Compton College and I was recently refused a Student Privilege Card because I am 23 years old. Why won't they sell me one? I am a student. T.C.

A. Besides wrinkles, arthritis, and false teeth, that's one of the penalties of growing old. The cut off age is 21; sorry about that.

Q. Can you tell me where I can purchase a monthly pass in the Inglewood area? It is not always possible to come to Los Angeles to get one. Mrs. L.L.M.

A. Try the Kissam Camera Shop at 136 North Market. They will be happy to serve you. In addition, I can highly recommend their cameras and related equipment.

Send your questions to Transportation Editor, Artie Dee, care of this newspaper. All questions will be answered in this column or by mail. A system map will be sent free to each person writing in. No stamps or stamped envelopes are necessary. (Pd. Adv.)

Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Regal Martini Still King

So if you're a "mart man" you may rest assured you're in the best of company because according to a recent survey by the California Bartenders Guild, the Martini is "top man on the totem pole" when it comes to cocktail preference.

And now this might surprise you. Know what comes in second? The Gimlet, that's what came in second and here we've been going around under the misguided apprehension that number one in California was the very popular Margarita. The just goes to show you what WE know! Anyway, number three on the hit-parade is the Bloody Mary, number four is Margarita, with the Daiquiri falling into number five position, number six is the Old Fashioned followed in the number seven slot by the Sours. Number eight is Manhattan, number nine is the Screwdriver and then bringing up the rear it's the Liqueurs, which is also quite an upset, according to Phil Cormier, Guild president.

As Mr. Cormier puts it, "We knew liqueurs were coming up fast but we were surprised that they would rank in the Top 10 so soon."

So all this brings you up to date for the "booze-nooze."

And now from the ridiculous to the sublime, or vice-versa, it might be will to point out here that the first of March marks the beginning of a ten-day engagement for the American Ballet Theatre in the Pavilion of the Music Center.

It's to open with "Swan Lake" (complete in four acts) promptly at 8:30 with evening and matinee performances running through March 9.

Then at 8:30 March 5, 6 and 10 it'll be "Les Sylphides," "Les Noces," and "Etudes." It all winds up at 2:30 March 10 with "Concerto" and "Giselle." So there you have your culture for today.

Well are you or aren't you a gourmet type diner? That is the question.

There's a good spot where you can get an answer to this if you don't mind taking a short ride to Palm Springs. At the Palm Springs Biltmore Hotel they have an exclusive gourmet banquet room that'll seat up to 125 people at one time. There's no menu from which to order. You just go along with the rest of the gourmets.

All items served in the room are created especially for the customer and a 24-hour preparation notice is requested. Now they didn't say it right out but from here it would seem that's more of a requirement than merely a request. A lot of work goes into preparing one of these type dinners, so govern yourself accordingly.

While we're on the subject of food—as who isn't—the fare at the Pen and Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach is something these days.

Think for a second about roasted Long Island Duck, Bigarade! Mushrooms, savory wild rice, Mandarin orange sauce, candied sweets, Viking salad and all for only \$4.85. Now how about that for a price!

That Viking salad, incidentally, is mixed greens and smoked salmon with your choice of dressing. All together, pretty mouth-watering, don't you think!

Know what a "Traje De Luz" is? Well we're here to tell you that it's a bull fighter's uniform and if you wish to view the authentic thing,

Bill Fremont has one on display in his Matador Restaurant on West Pico Boulevard. And this one belonged to the late great matador Manolete.

This is quite an interesting display case Bill has there in the main dining room of his rambling Spanish dinner house. In addition to the uniform worn by probably the greatest of all bull fighters in his last appearance in Mexico City in 1946, there is also on display his "Estoque" which is the sword he used for the kill.

Bill Fremont came by these articles when Manolete's last "Apoderado" (manager) presented them to him.

These pieces of authentic memorabilia have proved to be a constant source of interest to guests at The Matador—as is the authentic foods of Spain offered at this popular west-side dinery.

So you see—everything's authentic at Bill Fremont's. Even the bartenders who have spent many a long

grueling hour themselves in the bull ring.

However, there's nothing more authentic or interesting attracting than the fine cuisine offered here, now open seven nights a week. Yes, and to which Bill said, "Ooops, there goes my nite off!"

Well how do you like that! We just finished giving you a rundown on what's happening with the National Shakespeare Company at the Melodyland Theatre, then they send us a revise! So here we go again!

As we reported last week that "Volpone" would be included on the current schedule, now we must tell you that due to the flood of requests for "Romeo and

Juliet," they've decided to drop "Volpone" from the run. Don't ask us about the connection! We're just telling you what they're telling us!

So anyway, now it's the "Romeo" thing Feb. 26 in the evening, the 27 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and again at 11 a.m. Feb. 29.

Then it'll be "Twelfth Night" on the March 2 at 11 in the morning and again at 3 in the afternoon.

So there you have it... "as you like it!" No, no, that's not on the current schedule. Merely a figure of speech!

There's a new group just opened over at Rose and Louis Song's Tea House Restaurant and a more versatile duo'll be hard to find.

The Defuentes Bros feature guitars, piano, drums and millions of vocals by both Reuben and his brother.

These guys'll play just about anything or any type of music—whatever the crowd wants and they do it well.

Well you know they've got to be a talented duo if they played the Tropicana in Las Vegas and they just closed there a couple of weeks back.

Just how long they'll be at The Tea House is hard to say. All we can tell you is that they opened last night in the intimate little cocktail lounge at the rear of this popular Torrance spot.



LEEWARD-WAIIALAE... Just take your choice as to names, but the Leewards are much better known in this area than are The Waiialae Brothers. In any event, the whole bunch of 'em are appearing (again) nightly at Sam Failla's San Franciscan in Torrance.

Say now, just down the street a piece on Sepulveda around the corner from Crenshaw in Torrance, you have about three or four more days to catch the Johnny Powell Goup at Sam Failla's San Franciscan Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge.

Then come next week it'll

be a "brand new group" opening at this spot. The name of the trio? Why they're known as The Waiialae Brothers. Always popular at Never heard of them? Well, The San Franciscan.

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