

# Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman



## Limerick Luncheon or Dinner

There's a fine little restaurant named Millie's Where you never are served willie-nillie. It's the Seafood Grotto And if you're hungry you've got-to Take a trip to Redondo, you silly!

or  
If it's barbecue foods that you crave, Where, in the money department you save, Go to BBQ Pete For the greatest taste treat, On Hawthorne in Inglewood, knave!

Well holy smoke, a guy's got to come up with some kind of a different way to get into this thing so why not the Limerick-gimmerick? And be it Limerick or not, it's the truth about both of these fine dinnerhouses.

At BBQ Pete, for example, you do get some of the greatest barbecue dishes available anywhere around, be it pork, short-ribs, chicken, or ribs. They're done to a golden turn when Pete Petroff goes to work on

spare the horses — he on over to BBQ Pete where you'll thoroughly enjoy some excellent cuisine.

Regarding the first spot we mentioned, enough can never be said about Millie Riera's Seafood Grotto at 1700 Esplanade in Redondo Beach, and is now even more popular with the Lenten season upon us.

And if you're an abalone buff, you know it must be cooked just right or forget it. Well, at Millie's it is cooked just right. As a result of a new recipe introduced by manager Joe Riera, (see? That's the way to go. They keep it all in the family down there) the popularity of their Morro Bay abalone has grown in leaps and bounds.

It comes to your table with salad or clam chowder, or, if you prefer, turtle soup, and you don't have to be a turtle to enjoy that. There's also Sicilian

pizza, garlic bread, relish, and potato, and all goes off at the extremely fair price of \$3.95.

They're open daily for luncheon, dinner, and cocktails and entertainment is furnished Fridays and Saturdays by Ricky Angelos.

Ever tried Langosta Austriana? Well, Bill Fremont serves it nightly at his popular West Los Angeles Matador Restaurant. It consists of lobster tails simmered in a Spanish tomato sauce, mildly spiced with mushrooms and pimientos and will run you just five and a quarter.

Still another delight is his Filete de Ternera Vasca at three ninety-five. This dish is sliced loin of veal saute with Tio Pepe Sherry, olives, green peppers mushrooms, and pimientos.

Of course you get assorted relishes and a choice of soup of salad with both entrees. You also get authentic Spanish entertainment nightly in the cozy little Flamingo Room downstairs.

Like to know what's going on at the Riviera in Vegas these days? Well, in the Versailles Room through March 12 it's Ann-Margaret with the psychedelica bit or her sleek motorcycle. It's a real gas! Then on the 13th, Carol Channing moves in.

And over in the Starlite Theatre through March 11 it's Jackie Kannon, billed as the No. 1 Rat Fink, along with Julius La Rosa. Sheky Greene and Sonny King follow this duo on March 12. So that's the happening at this popular Strip spot in Las Vegas.

There's a new and lively group playing these nites at the International Hotel's Penthouse Lounge. They're billed as The Satin Dolls and more perfectly named they couldn't be.

All dolled up in their dazzling semi-mini gowns, The Satin Dolls put out some of the best all-round music to hit this delightful dance-listen spot in some time. They go from country to western, to rock to jazz, standards, folk, just about anything you want — they can turn it out.

A blonde, a brunette and a

redhead! Such a combo! In fact, such-a-such-a! Liz Calderone handles the drums, Joanne Crandall is at the piano and Janie Davids on guitar. All three fine musicians and good vocalists. Have a beautiful blend of voices and a solid beat, whether you wish to dance or just listen.

At their opening last week, it was interesting to watch the others seated around the bar and at the tables. On their first number the response was quite reserved. Then as the trio continued, after each number the applause picked up momentum until, by the time they had completed their first set, every hand in the room was clapping. Obviously the customers at the Penthouse Lounge liked The Satin Dolls!

And you can't find much more of a blase audience than bartenders, but even mixologists Dick and Victor began picking up their respective ears following the first few numbers.

Yep, a most danceable and listenable trio, these, at the International Hotel. Known Liz for a long time but never had the pleasure of meeting or listening to the other two cuties 'til last week and each girl compliments the other in both looks as well as talent.

Take lunch two or three days a week at a spot over there on Hawthorne Boulevard which is well known as The Red Onion in Torrance and is also well known for its Sonora style Mexican cuisine.

Now usually, especially on Mondays, we get up too late for the traditional breakfast at home so wind up with the "bacon and eggs" bit at The Onion. And y'know what Chef Sylviano Moreno does? Makes it "just like Mom used to make," buttered toast and all, no matter what time!

Don't know if de-lovely "Mary



SATIN DOLL BABIES... The group currently appearing in the Penthouse Lounge of the International Hotel are known as The Satin Dolls and satin they are! Smooth! Shown above, left to right, are Joanne Crandall on piano, Liz Calderone on drums and Janie Davids on guitar for solid jazz, rock, folk, and country-western music.

J" has anything to do with this but bet she's behind it all. But that's the kind of service you get at The Red Onion. And you have entertainment at nite by Arturo Hernandez and his "one man band," so swing on by and enjoy some life.

Now here's the understatement of the year! It's true that the entertainment at Hop Loui's Latitude 20 is great and especially right now with the "Sun Tanned Irishman" currently regaling them at this exciting Torrance supper club.

But when the entertainment is so terrific, one tends to overlook other good things happening at a given spot. In this case it's the excellent Chinese-American food they present there at 3901 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Through the joint efforts of Hop and his wife, Minnie,

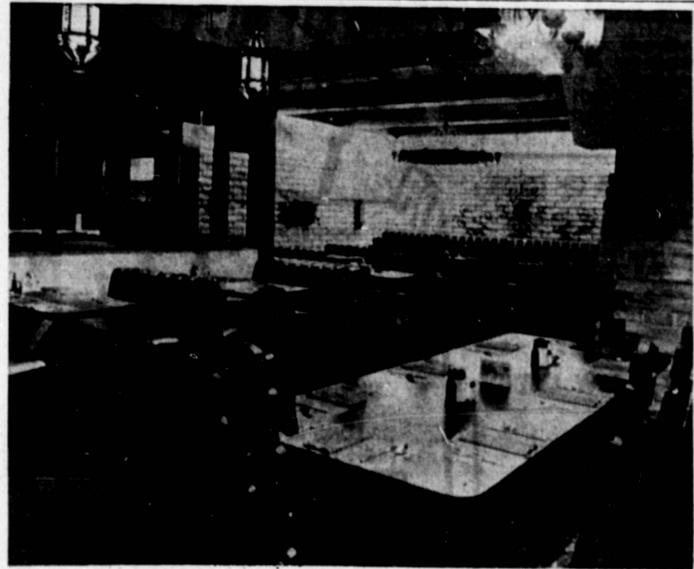
they've operated over the years about 12 successful dinnerhouses which feature both entertainment as well as food, not to mention feature interesting decor to the delight of their many patrons. All this plus, you'll go far to equal the service presented at the Latitude 20.

It's a six-day-a-week operation here, opening for lunch every day but Monday and then on Sundays there's a special family dinner show at 6:30.

And incidentally, many have

inquired as to just how long Ernie Menehune'd be at the Latitude 20 so we'll let you figure it out.

He opened Tuesday the 11th. Then he signed up to open at Harrah's Lake Tahoe May 29 for a three-week stand. He follows this up with an additional three weeks at Harrah's in Reno followed by an eight-week engagement starting July 11 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. So there you have it! You take it from there!



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