

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Every Day Is Mother's Day

But more especially is it Mother's Day on May 8th which is like this upcoming Sunday and there's lots of activity along this line in the South Bay area.

For example, the Plush Horse Restaurant in Hollywood Riviera is going all out with both the brunch bit as well as the very special Mom's Day dinner. Brunch will get under way at 10 in the ayem and run'til 2:30 in the afternoon for \$2.25, with the kiddies' portions going off at \$1.55. Then at 3 in the afternoon Horst Ostercamp presents the special dinner menu from \$3.95. There'll also be children's portions offered on this special menu.

Down the street at the corner of Catalina and Avenue I, Wally Botello is holding still another Mother's Day bit of culinary artistry at his beautiful Velvet Turtle Restaurant.

If Mom's never visited this smart Redondo Beach dinery, she's in for one of the treats of her life. This is always an exciting room to take Mother, ANY DAY! It's dining supreme!

Filippone's Restaurant at 4525 Calle Mayor in Torrance is still another interesting and delightful room in which to dine, and Sam Filippone'll be on hand to serve Mom from 2 p.m. on. It might be wise to call for reservations (and then be sure you're THERE on time for your reservation) at FR 8-2777. Y'know, it's easy to find Filippone's. You simply take Calle Mayor at Pacific Coast Highway and it'll lead you straight to its doors. You can't miss it!

Working your way on up to Crenshaw near Pacific Coast Highway, Louis and Rose are presenting Mother's Day dining, Cantonese style, at their beautiful Tea House, 25318 Crenshaw Blvd.

Prices here will start at \$1.85 with the top price going off at \$3.85 per person. Rose and Louis are owner-host-hostess-operator of this exquisite dinery while Ron

and Ronnie attend to beverage detail in the small and intimate cocktail lounge in the rear.

Moving on down toward Sepulveda we next happen onto Sam Failla's San Franciscan Restaurant at 2520 Sepulveda, just around the corner from Crenshaw (but don't cross that double-double line. Cost you a ticket if you do!). Sam's going all out for Mom's Day, featuring prime rib, roast turkey or baked Virginia Ham at \$2.75 to start.

Here, too, it might be smart to make a reservation so call 325-5231 and very likely the poor man's Art Carney will answer the 'phone and take your reservations. His name's John but he looks and acts like Art. Or as John says it—"Aahh." He's the East Coast kid, y'know!

Now wouldn't say for sure that Joe D'Angelo will have anything special for Mother on Her Day over there at Mary's Pizza but you know Mom—she's always a soft touch for some pizza. Especially the way Joe puts it together. This is strictly a "home made" spot and the wonderful cookery that comes out of Mary's Pizza is pure quality. (No, no, no... Mary isn't Joe's name! How could it be? Just happens that was on the front when Joe bought the spot.

And look, Joe's got to build one of the biggest submarine sandwiches, if not the biggest, in the Torrance area, for six bits. There's everything from soup to nuts in one of these foot-long jobs and delicious.

Mary's Pizza, located at 17314 Crenshaw in Torrance—just across the street from the big McDonald's Drive In, which you can't miss! (Now there's some cheap advertising for the Drive-In, huh?) Give Joe a call and he'll have your pizza ready for you when you arrive. 327-6014 is the phone number.



ARE YOU A TURTLE? That's about what successful restaurateur Wally Botello looks like he was asking in this shot of him at his delightful Redondo Beach dinner house, The Velvet Turtle.

Then by way of a nice change of pace, mayhap Mom would like to "go to Spain" for her day. In this case, what better spot than the Matador Restaurant on West Pico Blvd., where she may enjoy the excitement of Flamenco dancing and the sounds of gypsy guitarists. The regular menu will prevail here with prices starting at \$2.95 per each. You'll never go wrong with "foods-of-Spain."

And let's not leave "the tribes" out of the picture! As Manager Virginia Haack puts it down there at the beautifully appointed Indian Village Restaurant, "Mother's Day and Every Day, dining at Smith Bros. Indian Village is an adventure for the whole tribe," and that's the truth at this big, sprawling Torrance dining house.

Something extra has been added to the general festivities and that's the complimentary fruit punch and appetizers being presented in the

Fountain Room of the Indian Village. That's right there in the lobby as you come in, y'know.

Might be wise here, too, to make reservations, irrespective of the size of the accommodations at 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy. Give 'em a call just to be sure. It's 378-9363.

Would you believe—just about the time we got around to calling Frank Stellino at Stellino's Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway, we realized it was already Monday—and they're not open on Monday.

Be that as it may, however, it'd be our guess that ANY times is always a good plan at Stellino's, the food is that good. Maybe Mama'd like to swing with the Italian style cookery for a change and these boys down there can surely put it out. You might give them a ring, though at FA 5-1083 and find out for sure whether there's anything special for Mom's Day.

Just talked with "Rip" Van Winkle down at the House of Prime and he informs us that it'll be the regular holiday menu, like prime rib, turkey, baked ham or N.Y. steak. Your choice at \$2.75 with soup and salad included, about the only difference is they'll be serving from 12 noon on.

By the way, that's quite a duo they've got down there nites now. It's Tammy and Starr Wilson, identical twins on the organ. Catch 'em soon. And before we forget—that businessmen's luncheon is the hot prime rib daily at a buck ninety-five.

Be sure and make your Mother's Day reservations like TODAY!

"Bring Mother To The Haven!" Say, now, that has a nice sound doesn't it? Well that's what Tom Washburn says of his nautical Fisherman's Haven on Fisherman's Wharf in Redondo Beach.

The regular menu will prevail and the regular warm and friendly atmosphere will prevail so what more could you ask for Mom. "All that, and Haven, too!" (Ouch! Pretty bad Whitman!)

Back up on the hill now for a while to The Hunting Horn in Peninsula Center for some additional Mother's Day fare and it's to be 10 ayem to 2

peyem, with the regular Mom's Day dinner going off at 2:30.

Incidentally, during our talk Monday afternoon with newly appointed manager of the Hunting Horn, Bill McLaughlin, we find they now have a cocktail hour going for us, when for 60c you'll be able to spring for hibbils 'n' cocktails from three 'til seven, Tuesday thru Friday. Then there's something else

going up there in this "rapidly-becoming-a-swinging room" it's dancing niteily from Tuesday nite on through Saturday and the current music-makers is The Mike Melvoim Trio. A real zingy bunch! Catch this action first chance you get

And be sure you catch that Mother's Day action!

Over at the International Hotel by the Airport there's

something else exciting going on in the Hunt Room in the way of Mother's Day activity. Dinner'll be served from 1 in the afternoon 'til 9 in the evening, and the price is right, too. It's from \$3.95 with the kiddies' portions going at a buck less.

Then as an extra little goody! there's to be Special Mother's Day photos, so take advantage of the International Hotel's offers.

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FOR 4 ADD: CHINESE PEA CHOW YUK
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No. 2 Dinner \$2.45 per person

MINIMUM ORDER — 2
EGG FLOWER SOUP
FRIED SHRIMP
BARBECUED SPAREIRBS
CHICKEN MUSHROOM CHOW MEIN
CHINESE PEA CHOW YUK
SWEET AND SOUR PORK WITH PINEAPPLE
BARBECUED PORK FRIED RICE
FOR 3 ADD: CHICKEN EGG ROLL
FOR 4 ADD: BONELESS ALMOND DUCK
TEA — ALMOND COOKIES

No. 3 Dinner \$2.95 per person

MINIMUM ORDER — 2
WON TON SOUP
BACON WRAPPED SHRIMP
BARBECUED SPAREIRBS
BONELESS CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOMS
FRIED SHRIMP WITH SWEET AND SOUR
PINEAPPLE SAUCE
CHICKEN MUSHROOM CHOW MEIN
CHICKEN FRIED RICE
FOR 3 ADD: LOBSTER CANTONESE
FOR 4 ADD: PEPPER STEAK
TEA — ALMOND COOKIES

No. 4 Dinner \$3.85 per person

MINIMUM ORDER — 2
WON TON SOUP
PAPER WRAPPED CHICKEN
FRIED SHRIMP
BARBECUED SPAREIRBS
BONELESS CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOMS
SWEET AND SOUR BONELESS ALMOND DUCK
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