

Thrifty Drug Celebrating With a Sale

Thrifty Drug Stores this week begins celebration of its 37th anniversary with a gigantic chainwide Birthday Sale and an exciting Birthday Contest running from June 1 through June 28.

To commemorate the anniversary, Thrifty is staging the month-long Birthday Sale with hundreds of "specials" featured in every department of every store in the chain.

In addition the giant firm celebrates its 37th Birthday with the gifts going to Thrifty customers in the exciting Contest, which costs nothing to enter. Prizes include a Scout automobile with all-wheel drive, a super-fast ski boat, 45-horsepower outboard motor and boat trailer; 12 scooters, four sewing machines; and 18 FM-AM 9-transistor portable radios.

To enter the 37th Birthday Contest, simply sign your name and address on a cash register receipt, or blank piece of paper, and deposit it in the entry box of your neighborhood Thrifty Drug Store. The names of the prize winners will be selected in a prize drawing conducted July 15th. Winners will be notified by registered mail and their names will be posted in all Thrifty Drug Stores following the prize drawing.



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Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman



To Those of You Who Made It

Who made it over the past hectic week-end that is, what with rushing all over the county and country, driving like ones possessed, there's a whole bunch of good stuff going on around our Southland for dining and entertainment.

Take for example, the fine action down at the Galley West Restaurant at Marineland. It's the Dave Howard Trio who have been booked into this wonderful Peninsula dinner house for an extended engagement. Now just what that's supposed to mean is anyone's guess so can't say exactly how long this group will be there. Better get down and see them soon to be sure.

They'll be playing there nightly except Monday for your dancing and listening enjoyment and they really are a fine outfit.

Then, in addition to the other excellent cuisine offered at Galley West for both luncheon and dinner, they've now included a rare deal for the Sunday brunch bunch. It's called the Captain's Table (with apologies to Bernie Tohl) Buffet Breakfast, served from 9 in the ayem 'til noon every Sunday, Las Vegas style and the whole shot goes off for a mere buck-six-bits. Now is that any way to run a breakfast? You bet it is!

So down at the House Of Prime on S. Western, (just beyond the Food Giant Market as you head for San Pedro). In fact, House Of Prime actually is IN San Pedro and the spot is all that the name implies. That prime rib dinner at \$3.45 is something. Then to follow it up with such goodies as saute shrimp ala scampi, fresh swordfish dinners, both at two and seventy-five, or broiled lobster tail, and lobster or shrimp newberg (these are both \$3.75 and on a complete dinner basis) you've got quite a handy menu on which to work.

House Of Prime's open daily from 10 in the morning 'til 2 the following morning for food, cocktails and entertainment. The dinners

are served from 5:30 in the evening 'til 11 at nite so rush on down and fill up.

Jose Gordo) at the Red Onion was floored one nite recently when the waitress came back from delivering a drink and change to a customer at a table.

She came up to the bar and said, "Jose, the man over at table 13 says thanks but he really doesn't need this extra five bucks you gave him!" So how about that! Y'see, the day of honesty is still with us regardless of the way it may seem at times.

Incidentally, while we're on the subject of the Red Onion, don't know how we managed to skip one other very wonderful gal serving table there when we were giving a run-down on the personnel last week. But this chick, Darling Darlene, is probably one of Bart Earle's staunchest and most loyal employees. Doesn't only do what she's supposed to do but just "that little bit extra." She's a jewel, this Darlene.

Dropped down to the Fisherman's Haven one day last week and the guy sitting next to us was wolfing down a whole mess of fresh oysters on the half shell. Well, they looked and smelled so good, we decided to take a whirl at 'em, too, so ordered a combination of both the oysters AND the clams on the 1/2-shell. Talk about delicious? Hm-m-m-m... inexpensive, too. Try this treat one day soon. You'd be surprised what stuff like this can DO for you!

Boy-o-boy, there're more fine hotels popping up all over town and one of the newest is the Airport-Marina which has just opened its new Fountain Wing and is ready for occupancy featuring some 500 rooms and guest suites.

There's a 24 hour coffee shop operation here as well as 24 hour room service and we cliff-dwellers know how frustrating it is to get the pangs at 3 in the morning, pick up the 'phone for a snack and be told the room service isn't available 'til 6 or so.

There's also free coach service from the airport and huge party and banquet facilities.

The Airport-Marina Hotel is at 8601 Lincoln Blvd. at Manchester Ave. so if you're thinking of pitching a soiree some time in the near future, you might give the fine folks over there a call and nail down some reservations. Just call 670-8111 and let them take it from there.

That was a swinger at the Hotel International week ago Monday nite when all the mixologists in the Los Angeles area competed with each other for laurels in the many art of concoctions. Didn't know the winner, Kurt Behringer over in Westminster but we sure know one of the runnersup and so do you. He was Bob Koen, manager at the beautiful Redondo Beach dinner house, The Velvet Turtle. Bob won third place with — naturally — his Golden Turtle. Now, he really IS a turtle!

And this is probably the first year that Kenny Decker of Millie's Seafood Grotto hasn't at least come in the

money but possibly the activity of being Sergeant at Arms for the Guilds competition, plus councilman for the Guild, occupied more of his time than Kenny realized. However, Ken being the type cat he is, rolled right along with the punch and enjoyed the evening just the same. There'll be more though, Kenny so don't be disheartened. Remember, there were some 75 or 80 mix-masters in that line-up and that's stiff opposition.

Lest you forget — there's a swinging bus trip to Dodger Stadium June the 18th leaving promptly at 6:30 from the Tea House on Crenshaw in Torrance.

Here's the package and a great deal it is. For five and a half bucks, you get your bus ride to the park, beer en route, a good seat to watch the Dodgers smear the Giants, a highball when you return after the game plus corned-beef and turkey sandwiches accompanied by potato salad. Now how's that for a whopping big deal. Ronnie should fill three or four busses at these rates. And you know what else? Betcha he comes out on the deal.

Sure, sure, the "all you can eat" bit's been done for a long time but the way Floyd Freeman does it over there at his Western Buffet on Western Ave. in Torrance—WELL!

It's the chuck wagon buffet dinner for a buck fifty-nine plus tax and when Floyd says "all you can eat," he means exactly that. Beverage and dessert will run you a little extra but don't let a little thing like that hold you back. The foods at the Western Buffet are wonderful and they're open every day at 11 in the morning and handle the luncheon crowd 'til 2 p.m. Then they re-open again at five and serve dinner 'til 9 at nite. On Sundays it's from noon 'til 8 in the evening. Wonder when these people have time for their own personal pursuits! Well, possibly making money is one of the Freeman's hobbies and must say, they know how to go about it!

That "Mayor's Nite" at the L.A. Police Academy tomorrow nite should be a swingin' affair with one of the head gents in the party being Mickey Simpson whom we all know as pretty much the meany in pictures and on TV.

Better be careful, however. This cat's not only an actor of high repute — he's also an ex boxer with such bouts under his belt as Primo Canara, Max Baer, Lou Nova and Buddy Baer. Then as if that wasn't enough, Mickey's also Honorary Sheriff of Reseda and heads up 'the Footprinters, the L.A. chapter of



SWINGERS . . . Left to right it's Mae Koen, Bob, Kenny Decker of Millie's Seafood Grotto, Sammy Mayes, Velvet Turtle and wife Jewel at recent competition for best cocktail concoction.



BOB'S OSCAR . . . The Velvet Turtle's Bob Koen proudly displays his trophy won recently at the Bartender's Guild Competition at Hotel International.

one of the nations most respected law enforcement organizations. Guest of honor will quite naturally be Mayor Sam Yorty but all mayors from all municipalities in the greater L.A. area will also be honored, including, of course, our own Mayor Al Isen of Torrance.

Tickets for this gala whinging go off at five bucks and includes your dinner plus "refreshments," plus entertainment plus lots of fun. Pat Buttram will emcee the affair and you must call Ed Borgelin 255-4872, 662-5502, DU 1-2195 or HO 3-5000. See y'all there about 7 in the evening and dinner at 8.

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