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Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Williams

For Fishermen and Columbus

So what better tie-in could you have than the Fishermen's Fiesta at San Pedro and Columbus Day, the latter being Thursday and the former running all weekend. Columbus was a fisherman, too, we'll make you a small wager!

This year's Fiesta promises to be an ultra gala affair, carrying the International Holidays theme, each boat decorated in multiple colors.

In case you wondered why, regarding this annual Fiesta, it's a salute to the Harbor's \$300,000,000 commercial fishing industry. It's the outgrowth of the traditional "giving of thanks" by fishermen during their slack season between fall and winter fishing. The ancient rites had their beginnings in antiquity and are common in one form or another to all fishermen.

Should be quite a weekend and what better way to spend a few enjoyable hours than by taking note of where your delicious seafood comes from and just how, before it arrives on your table at your favorite dinner house. Of course there's an interim there as it passes through several hands including our chefs de cuisine but the chief thing of what you're concerned is just how it tastes from your plate.

In this regard, let's take a look for a moment at the fare served up at the Hacienda International Hotel in El Segundo. Here you not only partake of some of the finest seafoods available in the Southern California area, but you can swing with steaks and all other kinds of meat.

That dinner buffet prepared especially for the gourmet in your family, or for that matter, any aspiring gourmet, in or outside your family and at a price that'll amaze you.

This special Gourmet Dinner Buffet is on daily Monday thru Saturday from 6 'til 9 in the evening with the cost running \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children's portions. (No, no! Hardly think they'd honor it if you, as an adult, ordered a child's portion, irrespective of how light an ester you are!)

So keep in mind, the Hacienda is located at 525 Sepulveda Blvd. in El Segundo.

And while we're on the food kick, why not also keep in mind the quality cuisine that "Chef Frank" (F.C.C.) puts out for the patrons of Sam Filla's San Francisco Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge at 2520 Sepulveda Blvd.

There's a complete menu here but one of the real hot leaders is that choice Prime Rib, and for a second doorbuster, the Top Sirloin, all nicely charbroiled just to your liking. The Price? One ninety-five! That's the price! (Not for both! Of course not! One or the other!)

And you've got just about thru this coming weekend to catch that fine crowd-pleaser, Nellie Lutchter with her own inimitable style of pianoing and vocalizing. Swing on by there some nite soon. She's on every nite from 9 'til closing. Then the Ray London Trio opens Tuesday for dancing & entertainment nite, Tuesday thru Sunday.

Say, before we leave the International bit, there's still another spot with the international flavor and that's the International Hotel just opposite the entrance of the L.A. Airport. Here, too, is quality food plus quality service and reasonably priced.

Then when you've finished satisfying the longings of the inner man take a swing by the Penthouse Lounge and dance



RUTA, VUTA, ZUTA!... Film star Ruta Lee and her Great Dane "Tiny" have promised to be on hand for judging of Skipperette contest for Fishermen's Fiesta this week-end at San Pedro, Los Angeles Harbor.

As well as be entertained by the Charlie Amato Trio. And to make the evening complete, stop off at the Trophy Lounge for some more dancing and entertainment with the Tommy Carrough Trio. It's sophistication personified when you visit the International Hotel.

Stopped by Bill Fremont's Matador Restaurant one nite last week for a "bit and a bite" and couldn't figure who the new entertainer was, she's a

strolling about the unique West Side Restaurant, playing a guitar and singing to the patrons, yet the voice sounded vaguely familiar.

And why not! It was none other than the same melodic Maria del Rey... but a NEW Maria del Rey! All shaved down to a svel, lovely figure and with a new hair-do, she was hardly recognizable, except when she sang. This has not changed and neither has her magnetic personality, the new entertainer's enter-

tainer as well as a layman's entertainer. People love her. But it's not going to seem the same without Dave Leonard strumming that wonderful guitar music for which he's so well known. Dave told us the other nite that he's sort of "getting out of the business" for a while but just when we're to be deprived of his artistry we're not sure.

Entertainment is not his only bent at The Matador. Bill Fremont is constantly striving to improve an already unimprovable dinner house with exotic foods of Spain.

As for example, Empanada Tucumana, a delicious new appetizer has recently been added to the ample menu.

Originating in Argentina, this newest addition is a tasty crisp meat pastry, seasoned with herbs and spices and sells for a dollar and a quarter.

This'll teach you not to knock this late copy jazz 'cause we talked with Jerry Babich at The Zebra Room Monday nite about 6 o'clock and he wants us to tell you all about the new group he's got coming in his spot next Tuesday.

Now look, just how much can we tell you from here about an outfit by the name of "The Sensational Naturals" featuring Ron, Jesse and Carl! These cats do comedy, music, antics and those solid tones, plus they all do vocals equally well!

Lead-man Ron is the electric piano artist while Jesse holds down the bass with Carl bringing up the rear in the rhythm department on the drums. Jerry also mentioned the fact that they're making arrangements for additional space for seating during this engagement of The Naturals at The Zebra Room.

For minor kicks sometime, swing by The Tea House and order a cocktail before you have one of those exotic Cantonese dinners for which The Tea House is so well-known.

Then watch tall, blonde and lovely "Gwen" when she brings your drink to the table. You'll notice she, very quick, slips that napkin down on your table and just as quickly sets your glass down on top of it. In fact, it's so quick you wonder if she's trying to catch a train.

Not so, however. It's the cartoon on the napkin that bothers this efficient little Tea House Hostess! Take a close look at one sometime! But a few more years in this business and all that'll roll off her like scotch off a duck's down!

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