

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Matador Schmatador

... what's the difference so long as it's authentic Spanish type food, and the best spot in the Los Angeles area to come by this menu featuring foods-of-Spain is Bill Fremont's Matador Restaurant.

Lured by the delicious cuisine and the Flamenco entertainment, many luminaries of the entertainment world have enjoyed the hospitality of this unique Westside dinery.

Not only from the field of entertainment, either, as Los Angeles Police Chief Tom Reddin found his way there one night recently to partake of some of this true-style Spanish food.

Other well known faces and figures to have been drawn to Bill Fremont's spot include Jose Ferrer, Fess Parker (a regular at The Matador along with James Arness), Ben Gazzara, and Rick Jason.

Also a couple of Anns and a Helen—Baxter, Francis and O'Connell — as well as Flamenco dancer Zarco Coreno were also spotted among the well-knowns dining on the authentic Spanish cuisine offered at The Matador on West Pico.

So why not swing on over there one night soon and join them in their choice of good dine-outeries. Like, well, say...

... if it's good enough for them, then it should be etc, etc, etc. Word of caution, however! Remember, they, too, are people, just like you and you! And they're out for a quiet and comfortable evening, "away from the maddening crowd" (and if that sounded like a plug... it was!) so don't bug 'em! Just get your jollies by rudely staring at them! You can be sure they'll appreciate it!!!

Now then, off to Lost Wages with you and one of the leading spots in that desert oasis has got to be The Tropicana Hotel where all manner of food, fun and frolic are at your disposal.

The budget-boost that hotel president J. Keil Houssels Jr. has given to Blue Room entertainment director Maynard Sloate now opens a new yard of top names to appear at this plush Strip spot.

The top-name inauguration gets its kick-off this Friday with the three-week booking of Jane Russell, Connie Haines, and Beryl Davis.



RFD HOT . . . And these two are truly red hot at the Red Onion on Silver Spur Road in Peninsula Center. They're The Tepeyac Duo, complimenting the quality Mexican cuisine presented daily and nightly at Bart Earle's authentic and unique dinner house, with quality Mexican music.

A follow-up of this stellar cast will be such names as Louis Armstrong, Billy Daniels, Guy Lombardo, and Julie London, plus the new 1968 Folies Bergere is scheduled to open in late December with an upped ante. All this should attract even more visitors to the Tropicana, with such a double barreled entertainment blast.

Incidentally, in your plans for a Las Vegas trip you might keep in mind that veteran newsmen-publisher Bill Peirce has been named manager of the Hotel Tropicana's new Beverly Hills reservation office and he knows his business.

Having been associated with the famed resort hotel, for the past eight years, Peirce, in his new position will handle his various responsibilities as national publicity and public relations representative from

example, you've still got about four days to catch "Funny Girl" with Mimi Hines and Phil Ford. Then following the close of this stunner on Sunday they come right back on Tuesday with Patrice Munsel and Jack Bailey and "Hello, Dolly." This one'll stay through Nov. 26.

Next you'll be regaled by Ben Blue, Lili St. Cyr, and Dagmar in "Bravo Burlesque" from Nov. 8 through Dec. 10. All three of these shows will play nightly, except Mondays with special matinees Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m.

By the way, this last presentation is for adults only, so keep it in mind.

Back to Vegas for a minute now and to still another swingin' Strip spot — The Riviera Hotel.

It's a double blast here, with Trini Lopez in the Versailles Room and Vic Damone in the Starlite Theatre. It's the first time around for Lopez at the Riviera while Damone'll be filling his third date for 1967.

A heralded young comedienne was introduced during this current run on the Lopez show. She is Donna Jean Young.

So it's been a long hard road from a ten-buck-a-night singing job at Jack Ruby's club to the Riviera Hotel but Trini Lopez did it by combining talent and determination, plus a little just plain good luck and there's about two weeks left for you to catch both shows at the Riviera.

Ever wonder what all those good folk are doing at the Jet Room Lounge around six o'clock in the evening? Well we checked into it the other night and found out what Nick's up to.

Everyone who's in there for the "changing of the guard" (that's when the nite bartender comes on) receives the libation of which he is sampling at the time for two-bits! How's that grab on!

Leave it to Nick to come up with the gimmicks. And one of the best gimmicks he's ever come up with was when he signed Charlie La Grace and his "side man" into the Jet Room.

Charlie's got quite a knack with people when it comes to those wonderful sing-a-longs for which he's so well known in the Los Angeles area.

Another thing for which Charlie is "knackful" is himself, when he decides to open his own head and burst into song. Got some cute little nifties, too, might add. Ask him sometime to do some of his "special material." It'll put you away.

So sort of keep in mind the Jet Room Lounge on La Cien-

ga near Centinela. If you let yourself go, you'll have fun! Especially for the Halloween bit this Saturday. There'll be balloons, spoons, gobblins, everything. So have fun!

The new group Sam Falla has at his San Francisco Restaurant are swingers! It's the Ray Lowden Trio and that Ray cat does everything but polish up the instruments! Talk about versatility... this one's got it.

He goes with the organ, then to the trumpet, over to the slip horn, jumps onto the vibes, and then just to keep busy he takes over on the drums.

Another well known cat in the area of Los Angeles is the sax and flute man plus vocals, Al Apodaca.

Then sweet, saucy and sexy Jerri Lynn took over down there opening nite to belt a few numbers for the appreciative crowd at the popular Torrance spot. She sings up a beautiful storm but come to think it over... she wouldn't have to sing! Just get up there on the stand and look as if Jerri Lynn can look! Provocative!

Guest vocalist Johnny Natale (that's Christmas, in case you wondered) rendered some catchy notes to the complete delight of the good folks at the San Francisco.

How long Sam's booked this group in we can't say at the moment but he is on down there and enjoy them soon as you can! It's good entertainment.

Know what "Griselda" means? Well over at the Red Balloon Coffee Shop on Hawthorne, she is their own personal "witch" and she'll be on hand to observe All Saints Day.

As is always the case at the Red Balloon, the Halloween bit will be celebrated from Oct. 26 through 31, with all manner of good fun and food. "Griselda" will dispense her free non-alcoholic "witches'



HORN MAN . . . Not only is Ray Lowden a man with a horn, but he's also master of more instruments than a lot of the present day bands feature. He's appearing nightly at the San Francisco Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge on Sepulveda with his Ray Lowden Trio.

brew" to the young and the young at heart.

Again, there'll be free pumpkins for the kiddies... WHO FINISH THEIR DINNERS! So make sure you clean up every scrap on your plates, kids! And let's hope the same thing doesn't happen this year that happened last. Some friendly "fun-loving" spooks up and swiped all the pumpkins that manager Clara Dalke had layed aside for the occasion. Pretty rat-finky, wouldn't you say?

There'll be some of that spicy pumpkin pie awaiting your pleasure and at the very

jazz offered at the tip of the Palos Verdes Peninsula when you visit the Galley West Restaurant these nites.

The Dave Miller Trio plus One are regaling the Galley West patrons every Tuesday thru Sunday in the Lookout Room and when they say "look-out!" they mean "Look Out!" Cause when this group of swingers hit the stand there's all kinds of jazz. They'll give you progressive, if that's your bag or just any type you want. All the way up to just good solid jazz. And danceable, too. Or if you're of "the old school" like for example, Phil Delgado, then you can just sit and listen to the combination of the Dave Miller jazz and your arteries hardening. It's still enjoyable at Galley West.

As a break-down, there's of course Dave on bass, Mel Zellner, one of the true old timers, on drums, and for the Plus One part of the combo it's Frank Rosolino on trombone and valve baritone. This one, too, is well known, to jazz buffs the country over.

And holding up the vocals, and piano end of the group is pretty and talented Suzanne Miller. (and what'll bet, she's Mrs. Dave Miller!?)

So have a ball at the Galley West Restaurant, both food-wise as well as entertainment-wise. See y'll there, y'hear?

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