

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

A New Treat at BBQ Pete's

Well maybe not entirely new to the regulars who inhabit BBQ Pete's over there in Hawthorne as they've been in on the remodeling these past few months but to any of you who haven't visited this fascinating dine-outery, it's brand new.

Pete and Anne Petroff have been operating their BBQ Pete's Restaurant in the Inglewood-Hawthorne area for the past 20 years (come July) having first opened on Inglewood Ave. in 1947. They then moved to 11109 Hawthorne Blvd. 14 years ago, and 4 months ago decided to do a complete remodeling job, which they've done to a fair-ye-well.

The "new look" now affords Pete and Anne a capacity of double what it was formerly, with the bar back down on the main floor as before. If you'll recall, during the re-modeling the bar was upstairs which is now the banquet room.

Now though the face is changed... the food hasn't changed one little bit. You're still able to get all those wonderful specials like the BBQ Spare ribs (that's pork) at \$2.25 on the complete dinner—half a Spring Chicken, Ham or Beef or Short Ribs—all at \$1.85 each. Then of course all those delightful "side orders" are yours for the asking (and paying, too, of course) along with the Salads, Spaghetti, Ravioli and such like, not to mention the superb Mexican Cuisine!

Another thing that hasn't changed at BBQ Pete's are the drinks, as served by mixologists—supreme Tom and Roger, with Morly coming in for the relief trick.

Makes it by this friendly BBQ Pete's one luncheon or dinner time soon and have yourself a ball (as well as a meat ball). And for the "under 21 guests" they've got a fantastic cocktail called the

Mar "Teen" Ee for two bits. Not b-a-d, kids!

One might think that "HTSIBWRT" was an offshoot of that barbershop quartet group that tours the country but it's not! What it really stands for is "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" and that's a neat trick in this fast-moving day and age. This uproarious Frank Loesser musical comedy is currently playing at the Long Beach Civic Light Opera, which opened for a limited run May 4 at the L.B. Municipal Auditorium.

Ron de Salvo stars in this Pulitzer Prize winner as J. Pierpont Finch and does a memorable job in the vocal department with "I Believe in You" and "Brotherhood of Man."

To follow along with this light-hearted spoof are personalities such as Heather Hayes, (Rosemary) Karen Bertagna, (Hedy) Bill Beadle plays the scheming Bud Frump, and company prexy J. B. Biggley is ably portrayed by Wallace Arntzen.

You've still got the rest of this week to catch this "HTSIBWRT" production for either matinee or evening shows on the week-end so just call HE 2-7928 and nail down a reservation. They close after this Sunday so hurry-hur-r-y, hur-r-r-y!!!

Don't know about "youse" but from here, we'd sure like to be making the scene at the Hotel Tropicana in Las Vegas about now 'cause there's an old favorite appearing there

now in the Blue Room! She's Helen O'Connell... remember this fine performer? Well she's back and along with her (also as a repeat) is comic John Byner as well as the brilliant drumming artistry of Louis Bellson. He's new at the "Trop," by the way, but not new to these ears. FINE!

You've only got about a week or so to catch this Blue Room presentation, by the way on a hold-over basis, of The Joe Loco show so like MOVE!

Meanwhile, the Follies Bergere Centennial continues in the Theater Restaurant. (And if you haven't caught THIS one... you're out in left field waiting for a pop-fly without a glove!)

To further whet your jaded appetites, remember that Ma-falda and Lou are still holding down the fort in La Fontaine Lounge, while Julian Foorman continues "fiddling" in the Gourmet Room. (Oh boy! He'll hate us for that! It's a Stradivarius that he plays!)

Ran into a couple of real swingin' cats one day last week by the names of Cox and Crockett (both Bobs) while enjoying luncheon over at Sam's Cafe on Sepulveda in Torrance, and they put us onto Steve's Drive-In Liqueur-ette that opens this coming Friday. They tell us this newest drive-in spot'll carry lots of the goodies you're looking for in the way of Scotchs, Bourbons, Vodkas, etc.

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Between "slurps" of Wally Botello's Gazapacho a la Seville, "Bobs" name-dropped such things as Dr. Pepper and Diet Pepsi, six for 49 cents in both departments

... plus EGGS... Wha-a-a... 35 cents a dozen?!?!?!? well... that's what the man said!

Never have figured out what "Big K" means...

Just got a call from Al Newman at the Cove Bowl down in Wilmington and he's got a thing to offer you.

From 9 in the p.m. 'til 2 in the a.m., it's to be the George Verdugo All Stars Friday and Saturday evenings.

You'll remember the Cove Bowl, 'tis sure so let's make that scene one week-end soon. It's at 311 W. Pacific Coast Highway in Wilmington.

Arts Festival Features Play

"See How They Run," a play by Philip King, will highlight the annual Fine Arts Festival at Harbor College May 18 through 26. Performances are scheduled at 8:30 p.m. each day.

Tickets are priced at \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents with a student card. Performances will be presented in the Little Theater at Harbor College.



LOYAL FANS... Comedian Danny Thomas and a secret admirer greet Ron de Salvo, star of the Long Beach Civic Light Opera production "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." The production will play weekends through May 21 at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium.

Free Bus Service Planned

Torrance residents who want to view the eighth annual Armed Forces Day Parade Saturday without worrying about parking the family car can ride the bus. Free!

Two buses will be operated by the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines Saturday to bring spectators to the parade and eliminate parking problems.

One bus will pick up residents at Riviera Playground, El Retiro Park, and the Seaside Playground. The second bus will make stops at El Nido, Entradero, McMaster, and Guenser parks. Both buses will stop in the vicinity of the city hall.

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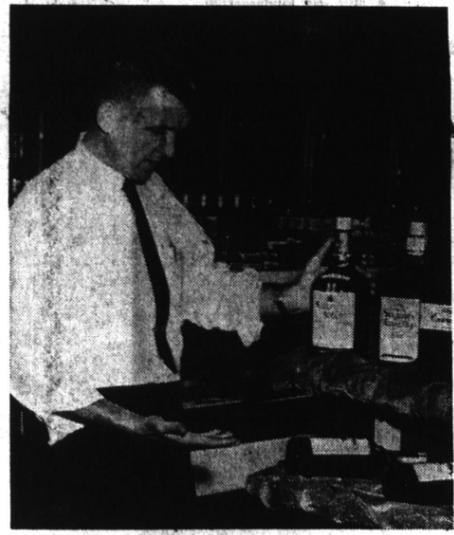
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