

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

It's Fun to Dine Out

Saw that sign on the side of a big van one day not long ago but why hold it to just "dining out"? It's fun to just GO out now and then and of course include dining along with the adventure. Let's take for example this week. It was opening nite at The Forum in Inglewood Tuesday of the greatest show on earth—Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus—and by this time it must be rolling along in fine shape, bringing you all the frills, spills, and thrills that only a circus can bring.

This is the 98th edition of this "r-r-really big show" and will be with us through Aug. 5. It'll then move to Anaheim Convention Center for a couple weeks and thence to Long Beach Arena for a four-day stand. There's two shows a day with three on Saturdays.

This year's show brings you four brand-new spectacles headlined by the super-spectacle "The Inauguration Ball" which features the entire cast from the actors on down to the last animal (or vice versa!) in ballroom elegance plus an array of living statues which has been a famous Ringling feature for years.

Then the adroit aerial achievement, "Winter Wonderland," which is an entirely new concept of aerial ballet featuring the internationally acclaimed Hildalys.

And for the biggest and wildest happening in the world there's a mad mod version of "Carnaby Street" featuring the psychedelic pachyderms combined with much pulchritude for your further enjoyment.

Then for the grand finale among the circus highlights, what better name than "Grand Finale." And what better subject matter in an election year than the hullabaloo and fanfare that always comes up when a bunch of gentlemen are shooting for the high offices of state and country!

Rounding out, in part, this year's production of "The Greatest Show on Earth" are The Fly Gaonae of Mexico displaying their trapeze artistry; Charly Baumann and his Bengal tigers; Stephenson and his talented canines; the Siberian tiger riding on the back of his mortal enemy, the horse, under the able direction of Evy Alhoff—and a whole bunch of new routines by Lou Jacobs and his famous Ringling Clowns.

All this is just a small part of what awaits you at The Forum and the big Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus so get your plans and tickets nailed down.



WHAT HO BUD FO . . . Capitol Records' newest recording star, Buddy Fo and his Hawaiian show are appearing nightly (except Monday) at Hop Louie's Latitude 20 in Torrance.



JOON IN JULY . . . But at the Tea House Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge it's solid entertainment all year 'round when you listen to the Joon Choi Trio nightly for the widest variety of music with just the right heat. Above it's Joon in front on the drums with Chet Glenn on the swingin' squeeze box and solo-vox. Come hear 'em!

It should allow you plenty of time to include your dine-out event on the same nite you take in the circus and one of the better known spots in the L.A. area might be The Matador Restaurant on W. Pico, not too far a shot from The Forum.

There's a new room there which owner-host Bill Fremont has dubbed Del Prado Room where many Southlanders have been holding their private parties since its opening a couple months back.

This might be an idea. Put together a party and reserve this beautiful and authentic room for your Circus Nite and make a real whing-ding out of it. Del Prado Room is capable of accommodating groups of 10 to 60 persons from Sunday through Thursday.

Then if you happen to be a wine buff, Bill Fremont has just received a shipment of 350 cases of a rare Spanish wine called Frederica Paternina Banda Azul (Rioja) 1961, a "good year" so we're told.

According to Mr. Fremont, this is the finest wine The Matador has imported from Spain in the past 10 years and it's going fast so hurry, hurry!!!

In case you are one of the few in Southern California who have not as yet visited The Matador Restaurant, it's located at 10948 W. Pico Blvd., just a couple blocks east of the San Diego Freeway. Easy to reach from anywhere in the city.

Although Maynard Sloate has been entertainment director at the Hotel Tropicana's Blue Room for the past three years, he's now been named entertainment director and co-producer

with Michael Gyarmathy, Paris, of the Folies Bergere which will premiere an all-new 1969 edition in the hotel's huge theater-restaurant in December.

Maynard is well known in and around Hollywood, having for several years been a personal manager in addition to operating several nite spots such as the Crescendo and the Avant Garde. He's also a musician in his own right. Played drums, he did, with many top bands.

So with his kind of background, it's small wonder that Hotel Tropicana's president, J. Kell Houssels Jr., is pretty high on Maynard Sloate.

And what a nice vacation! He's off on a 'round-the-world talent quest for the new Folies Begere edition. M-m-m, wonder if perhaps Maynard doesn't need someone to smash his baggage!

True, all this may be a little off the beaten track for the circus action, but just thought we'd throw it in anyway.

But here's another spot that might tickle your fancy. It's Cyrano at 8711 Sunset Blvd. in West Hollywood, a regular mecca for those who appreciate the finest in gourmet dining.

They feature Specialties-of-the-Day at Cyrano—chicken on Sunday, roast leg of lamb on Monday, chicken Cannelloni on Tuesday, squab chicken on Wednesday, duckling on Thursday, filet of sole for Friday, and on Saturday it's Cyrano's famous beef Stroganoff—and serving begins at 6 in the evening.

A luncheon menu is offered Monday through Friday from 11:30 'til 3 p.m.

Make a reservation by calling OL 5-9836.

Bastille Days rang a bell for Jerrie Edwards at the Red Balloon Restaurant on Hawthorne Boulevard during the celebration there from July 10 through July 14.

She held a drawing and Miss Edwards romped in to pick up the chips (which should mean something or other, 'cause the prize for the lucky winner was a two-nite-three-day fling at the Fabulous Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, according to Manager Clara Dalhke).

And only proper, too, that Jerrie Edwards should pick up the winning ticket since she's a Torrance gal!

If you like piano, bass and guitar, all played in beautiful harmony and solid rhythm then the spot to visit these nites is Sam Failla's San Franciscan on Sepulveda at Crenshaw in Torrance.

They're The Playmates who've played around the Southland for quite some time and always in the better spots. This fine trio plays the kind of music you and you like to hear, be it rock, rhythm in blues, schmalz, jazz, or swing. You name it and The Playmates'll produce it. Not only listenable, but danceable, too.

Music isn't the only thing offered at The San Franciscan, though. Like food, for example! Prime rib, sirloin or New York steaks, all nicely charbroiled by that past master, Chef Frank, and at only one ninety-five. They're specials every day and the soups at Sam Failla's place will put you away, especially the clam chowder on Fridays. That's New England-style, y'know!

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