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ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING GUIDE

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UNIQUE GIFT . . . For the only time since the Swap Meets started at the Roadium Theatre, a special Gold Permanent Pass was presented to one of the regular patrons, Tom Jones (center) by (left) Conrad Montoya and Ted Hohman, manager of the regular swap meets. See details in story below.



INDIAN GIVERS . . . Appetizers for the Pocahontas Cart are readied for service at the Smith Bros. Indian Village Restaurant in Torrance by "Indian maidens" (l. to r.) Martha Wooten, Tina Barnes and Chris Brady.



EFFERVESCENT ENTERTAINER . . . Juliet Prowse returned to Melodyland Theatre last night in "Irma La Douce." Also starred is Ron Hussman with Robert Ellenstein featured.

Swap Meet Gold Pass Unique Gift to Tom Jones' Birthday

The man who has everything, Tom Jones of Waleria, created a real problem for his friends when they decided to give him a present for his birthday. What do you give a man who has one of the largest collections in the

world of cuff links — \$2,000 worth, according to a rough estimate? Conrad Montoya and Alice Mimura, long time friends and employes of Tom Jones, came up with a truly unique idea. Jones is a steady patron of the Swap Meets held at the Roadium Theatre on Redondo Beach Boulevard, mainly to acquire more unusual cuff links for his famous collection, but also to talk to friends and enjoy a saunter in the open air.

In discussing with Ted Hohman, manager of the theatre's Swap Meet what to give their friend as a gift, Conrad Montoya came up with the idea of a permanent pass to the Roadium's Swap Meets—a Gold Pass, perhaps. This was an idea that had never been considered by Mr. Hohman but the more he and Jones' friends thought about it the better it seemed. Finally, after discussing it with Dale Gasteiger, manager of the Roadium Theatre, Ted Hohman told Montoya they would be happy to provide such a Gold Pass for Tom Jones.

Now Tom Jones treasures his Gold Pass to the Roadium Swap Meets on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, as he does his fabulous cuff links.

WEEK'S ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

- Ambassador's Coconut Grove—Pearl Bailey.
- Chapel Theatre (4164 Pacific Coast Hwy.)—"Volpone" (Stage)
- Harbor Drive-In—"Spencer's Mountain" & "He Rides Tall"
- Huntington Hartford—"Never Too Late" (Stage)
- Haines Hall, UCLA—"Ladies of Manover Tower" (Stage)
- Long Beach Community Players, 5021 E. Anaheim—"Bus Stop" (Stage)
- Long Beach (Magnolia Theatre)—"3 Penny Opera" (Musical)
- Melodyland—"Irma La Douce" (Musical)
- Pavillion (Music Center)—"Dedication Week"
- ROADIUM THEATRE—"Night of Iguana"
- Santa Monica Civic—Jean Boaz (Fri.-Sat.)
- UNITED ARTISTS (Torrance) "Pajama Party"
- UCLA Playhouse—"Tartuffe" (Opens Friday)

Over the TABLE TOPS

Over the table tops . . . Most of us who visit Las Vegas expect to pay out \$20 or \$30 a day for a roof over our heads, but if you're among readers of Over the Table Tops you're getting a real break at the PARKCHESTER MOTOR HOTEL (located right next door to the Fremont Hotel) in Las Vegas! As you can see from the ad on this page, if you take the ad along when you make your reservations at the Parkchester, you get so many "bonuses" that you'll end up on the "receiving" rather than the "paying" end! What a deal!

SUCCESS. The recently introduced "Family dinners" at the PEN & QUILL RESTAURANT in Manhattan Beach have been so successful that Lenny Reuben, vice president and manager, has added four more entrees to the list of complete dinners. The new specialties are sirloin of beef coq rouge, grilled pork chops, epicurean boned breast of chicken and roast turkey. This brings to nine the number of family dinner entrees now available at the Pen & Quill at a modest cost, the others being broiled tenderloin of beef, roast Long Island duckling, poached fillet of halibut, deep fried shrimp and broiled ham steak Hawaiian.

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Next week Sol Hurok is presenting the great Russian pianist Emil Gilels, in recital in the Music Center, Dec. 14. His program will include Schubert's Sonata in A Minor, Op. 143, and Six Moments Musicaux (opus 94) as well as Liszt's Sonata in B Minor.

LEADING ROLES for the Long Beach Civic Light Opera production of "Gypsy"

will be filled by Bell Ellig as Rose; Herbie will be Jack Ritschel, Barbara Weber will portray Louise and Papsie Georgian will be June. Baby June will be portrayed by Donna Steele; Baby Louise, Kim Weber; Mr. Kringelein, Tom Golden; Uncle Jocko, Bill Beadie; Cigar, Ma. Weiss; Mr. Goldstone, Charles Raitch; Pasty, Eddie Martinez and the three show-girls will be Barbara Datch, Barbara Baker and Barbara Kennedy. The entire production, which opens Feb. 4 in the Concert Hall of the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, will be directed and choreographed by Bill Roberts, with musical direction by Jack Kroesen.

REVIEW

Chapel Play 'Volpone' Hit

If you enjoy fast moving, clever dialogue be sure to catch the Chapel Theatre's presentation of Ben Jonson's famous play "Volpone."

Director Lou Bruhnke has done a masterful job of the Stefan Zweig adaptation of the 16th century playwright's work, a hilarious farce telling of the machinations of "Volpone" or The Fox when he pretends to be at death's door in order to watch the plotting of his "friends" to spend the legacy he has promised each of them.

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