

# Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman

# DINING and ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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## ...and Ho, Ho, Ho to You, Too!

Yes, it's that time of year, again and here it is Wednesday the twenty-tooth and still no Christmas shopping done. But then, it's not Christmas eve yet. No sense in hurrying things!

However, there are some special Christmas dinners being ginned at 2 p.m. Christmas parties with special children's and one of them is the reservations bit at one of our fine South Bay area spots for both Christmas and New Year's Eve. Check this action out but by all means, make reservations like now!

There's all manner of parties going on in all manner of places right within our jurisdiction, too. For example, as a starter, Tracton's Plush other do at Filippone's on Horse Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway is featuring the New Year's Eve bit which will include prime rib, steaks, lobster (your choice) and all goes for \$6.50 per each with dancing, hats, favors, etc. thrown in. Should be quite a party and Big Sam will be on hand to see that everything goes off according to that guy Hoyle.



Up on the hill in Peninsula Center, Ted Strangman urges you to get busy with your New Year's Eve reservations for his soiree at The Hunting Horn on Silver Spur where Hawthorne meets. As Ted puts it, "Why fly to New York... take a cab to the Hunting Horn. For reservations here it's 377-3430."

Moving on down Silver Spur to 27672 we find ourselves at Spear's Tack Room where once again this year Pat and Mark are featuring the Courtesy Transportation bit which went over so successfully last year. It's the SAFE way to make it. And we sincerely hope you had your reservations in here in time to get in on the babysitter offer the Speers came up with. (that's a preposition!) There'll be dancing to the Don Holmes Trio at the Tack Room so get in on the fun.

Now then, Bart Earles informs you all that his Red Onion will be closed on Christmas Day but New Year's Eve will be a swinger with no change in prices while those highly talented Hernandez Brothers make with the music and entertainment. There will be hats and noise-makers and all that stuff here, too. Bart'll be open at 4 on New Year's Day.

But say now, in observance of their first full year in operation at Louie's Garden, Louie is offering a 10 per cent discount on all foods, either eaten in or taken out beginning like today, Wednesday, and carrying through to Thursday and Friday. Then in addition, each party will receive a package of Imported Chinese Tea plus chopsticks, gratis. Remember, though, this offer ends Friday, the 24th. That's Christmas Eve, y'know.

Incidentally, they've got some real specials down there in Lomita. As for example, for one or more persons you get soup, fried shrimp, fried rice, barbecued spareribs, chicken chow mein, sweet and sour pork, plus tea and

cookies and it all goes off at \$2 per person. And if there should be four persons in your party, there's tomatoes beef added to the already sumptuous menu. Why not make up a nice family party for one of these three days and take advantage of Louie and his offer.

Talked with Ronnie, nite barman at The Tea House on Crenshaw near Pacific Coast Highway and he informs us he's tossing a New Year's Eve bash, too. It'll be regular prices and no reservations are necessary. Guess that means first come, first served so it might behoove you to get there early to assure yourself of a seat — and a place to put it on as well. That'll be back in the intimate cocktail lounge of the Tea House. Just talked with Rose and Louis few minutes ago and they want it to be known they'll be open both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

### ROADIUM DRIVE IN

Dec. 22-23-24-25  
"The Train"  
—Plus—  
"Sergeant Deadhead"  
Dec. 26-27-28  
"Once a Thief"  
—Plus—  
"The Battle of the Villa Fiorita"  
SWAP MEET  
Wed., Thur., Sat., Sun.  
8:00 A.M.—3:15 P.M.  
SWAP MEET SPECIAL  
SANTA ARRIVES BY HELICOPTER  
11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23 with Gifts for the Kiddies  
ONE DAY ONLY  
COME EARLY!  
DA 4-2664  
DRIVE-IN THEATRE  
Redondo Bch. B.  
Between Crenshaw & Arlington

## CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Special Menu From 2 p.m.  
Also Children's Portions

## GALA FESTIVITIES NEW YEAR'S EVE

In the Banbury Room

**\$12.50** per person  
Includes Festive Dinner plus a Bottle of Champagne per Couple

ENTERTAINMENT DANCING!  
IRVIN JOHNSON QUARTET Limited Reservations

Serving From the Regular Menu in the PLUSH HORSE Diningroom on Dec. 31st.

IN THE LOUNGE NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCING!  
STAN KAYAVA TRIO (No Cover or Minimum in The Lounge)

## Plush Horse

1700 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY  
Phone 378-8211 REDONDO BEACH

## 1st ANNIVERSARY SPECIALS!

### 10% Discount on All Foods

plus Imported Chinese Tea and Chop Sticks for Each Party

### HOUSE SPECIALTY

For one or More Persons

Soup  
Fried Shrimp - Fried Rice - Barbecued Spare Ribs  
Chicken Chow Mein - Sweet & Sour Pork  
Tea & Cookies  
Regular Price \$2.00  
for This Event \$1.80

These Offers Good  
Dec. 22, 23 & 24 Only

### Louie's Garden

1841 W. Pac. Coast Hwy.  
Lomita  
DA 6-5640

## Presenting Nitey NELSON & PALMER

### New Year's Eve Celebration DINING & DANCING

Complete Dinner Served With Split of Champagne

**\$12.50 per Person**  
Favors • Noise Makers • Hats  
Entertainment  
GIL & NIKKI  
MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW

### BARBARY COAST

2450 Pac. Cot. Hwy., Lomita 325-2360

## NEW YEARS EVE

Reservations featuring  
Courtesy Transportation  
PICK-UP and DELIVERY

NEW YEARS EVE  
Complete STEAK DINNER  
Served with Champagne  
\$12.50 per couple  
DANCING TO DON HOLMES TRIO  
BABY SITTERS AVAILABLE IF RESERVATIONS IN BY DEC. 22

## SPEER'S TACK ROOM

27672 Silver Spur Road — Peninsula Center  
377-8821

## Margaritas

"Since 1946"  
Phone 371-5255  
5111 TORRANCE BLVD.

WELCOME WAGON... Sunday dining is particularly festive during the holidays at the Indian Village in Torrance. Serving appetizers from the Pocahontas Cart, a popular treat enjoyed by every member of every family, is maiden Pat Carter. High chairs for papooses help them to join their hungry tribes at the Indian Village.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR PARTY

### New Year's Eve

NEW YORK STEAK or LOBSTER Served With Champagne  
New Year's Day Breakfast from 9 a.m. Watch Parade & Multiple T.V.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW

Golden hull  
555 Fisherman's Wharf Redondo Beach  
376-8885

## SMITH POUSS INDIAN VILLAGE RESTAURANT

PLANNING A POW-WOW?  
Daily: 4 'til 6:30 1.50  
Sunday: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1.50  
Children 1.00

LUNCHEON - DINNER - POW WOW ROOMS - FIREWATER  
Open Daily from 11:30 A.M. Telephone: 378-9288  
4020 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY • TORRANCE

## Make Reservations NOW for NEW YEAR'S EVE

"Why fly to New York... take a cab to"

The hunting horn  
Hawthorne at Silverspur Peninsula Center  
377-3430

## KYOTO SUKIYAKI

15122 So. Western Ave. Gardena  
1-864 and 377-2831

## TORRANCE UNITED ARTISTS THEATRE

Air Conditioned  
Free Parking  
Pac. Cot. Hwy. at Crenshaw  
325-4232

Open Daily 6:45 p.m.  
Sat. - Sun. 12:45 p.m.

Starts Wednesday  
"Boeing, Boeing"  
JERRY LEWIS  
— and —  
"Agent 8½"

## MAN! IT'S GONNA BE A SWINGER!

## DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

Make Your New Year's Reservations NOW!

DINNER AT REGULAR MENU PRICES SERVED UNTIL 11 P.M.

Continuous Dancing & Entertainment in the Lookout Lounge and the Dining Salon

Starring  
**MIKE CLIFFORD**  
Sensational New, Young Singer

THE KORENS  
EUROPEAN NOVELTY ACT  
BEN DI TOSTI TRIO  
MIKE LANG TRIO

\$5.00 COVER PER PERSON AFTER 6 P.M., INCLUDES CHAMPAGNE AT MIDNIGHT, NOISE MAKERS, BALLOONS, HATS, ETC.

## GALLEY WEST

AT MARINELAND  
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 377-7877  
INTERSTATE WEST OPERATION

## You Are Invited! NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

HATS • HORNS • FAVORS • NOISE MAKERS  
DANCING

Prime Rib Lobster  
New York Steak  
Cherry Jubilee

**\$6.50** Per Person

## FILIPPONE'S

FR 8-2777 • 4525 CALLE MAYOR, TORRANCE

## The Tea House

Superb Cantonese Cuisine

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Regular Prices • No Reservations  
HATS • NOISE MAKERS • FAVORS  
Entertainment 8:30 'til 2

OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

— No Change in Prices —

- Family style dinners from \$1.85
- EXOTIC POLYNESIAN COCKTAILS
- Entertainment Thur. Fri. & Sat. Nights in the cocktail lounge
- Acres of free parking in front & rear

PHONE 326-5420 FOOD TO GO  
25318 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance (1 blk. of Pacific Coast Hwy. 101)

## GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Hats • Favors • Noise Makers  
ENTERTAINMENT by HERNANDEZ BROS.  
NO PRICE CHANGE  
Open 4 P.M. New Year's Day

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

27736 Silver Spur Rd.  
Rolling Hills Estates — 377-5660

## STEAK KNIFE RESTAURANT

- FIRESIDE SALAD BAR
- AGED EASTERN BEEF
- LOBSTER TAILS
- SAN FRANCISCO SOURDOUGH BREAD

HAWTHORNE & ARTESIA BLVDs.  
(So. Bay Shopping Center)  
REDONDO BEACH FR 6-4577

## SWEDISH CORNER

### SWEDISH SMORGASBORD

LUNCH \$1.14 — DINNERS \$1.84  
6 HOT DISHES, 16 SALADS & DESSERTS

Eat as much as you like

2801 PAC. COAST HWY., TORRANCE 325-2948  
OPEN 7 DAYS 11:30 A.M. TO 9 P.M. • CATERING • BANQUETS

## DANCING-ENTERTAINMENT

M. C.'s CHATROOM  
Corner E. 223rd & Avalon Torrance  
830-9281

## Frankie St. Clair

ENTERTAINING NOW  
SOUTHWEST BOWL  
11623 SO. WESTERN AT IMPERIAL LA. PL 7-2211  
DINING AND DANCING

## PIZZA PALACE

FUN ★ FUN ★ FUN  
TORRANCE GARDENA  
1841 SEPULVEDA BLVD 1403 CRENSHAW BLVD