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# Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman

## A Diller a Dollar for 10 O'Clock Scholars

... or nine o'clock, or eight, or seven, or just about any time you want to drop by Mr. C's Dollar Diner at Avalon and East 233rd St., that's the kind of treatment you'll get.

It's a clean, wholesome atmosphere at the Dollar Diner with clean, wholesome food on your plates and served by clean, wholesome waitresses. And it's not restricted to adults only. Bring the kiddies and fill 'em up! You can't go wrong for a buck!

You'll find fast, efficient service at this spot so all ye who've only got just so much time for the eating department may get in and get out fast. (But remember, it's not the food that creates indigestion — it's the rapid-fire dining!)

That's quite a swingin' bunch of cats Sam Failla has over at his attractive San Franciscan Restaurant on Sepulveda at Crenshaw these nites.

They're The Leewards and with Roger on the drums, Jerry on the guitar and Joe on Bass, they can and do put out some pretty wild and rare sounds.

This group goes in for not only music that is gentle to the ear but come out with some pretty far-out comedy as well, most of it coming off the top of their collective heads. Whatever comes into their minds to do . . . they just go ahead and do it! And the devil take the hindmost. And all three handles vocals as well as their instruments.

A fine spot to dine or dance, too, is the San Franciscan so drop by one day or nite soon and get in on the fun and good food.

Feel like going to the movies one of these nites soon after you've partaken of a full dinner at one of the fine dinner houses in the South Bay? Well, The Radium Drive-in's got some pretty good fare for you this week.

Like for example, from tonight on through Saturday, it's "Pinochio in Outer Space" with Arnold Stang, and the companion feature is "Village of the Giants." Both of these are in color.

Then for the Sunday Monday and Tuesday hit it's "The Hallelujah Trail" with Burt Lancaster along with Dale Robertson in "Coast of Skeletons" featuring Richard Todd. Then a week from tonite, "King Rat" moves in for the rest of the week and Guy Madison in "Gunmen of the Rio Grande."

So let's go to the movies.

True, true, true, when you think of names like Stellino you automatically think in terms of Italian food, in the true sense of the word. But Stellino's Restaurant down there on Pacific Coast Highway near Crenshaw they've got some sea food that'll put you away. Like for example, their broiled Lobster . . . or better still, Lobster Fro Diavolo. Then there's the Scamp!

la Forno or the Mountain Trout Saute. And the beautiful part of it is, nothing will run you over \$2.65 per each.

Here you'll dine in gracious splendor and when you pay a visit to Stellino's be sure and ask Frank for a bottle of the special Stellino wine. It's the one that's not too sweet and yet not too dry. Seems to suit just that happy medium for which you've been searching. We thoroughly enjoyed it one nite last week, along with our Veal Scaloppini Saute Marsala. Both the entire and the wine hit the spot.

And the spot for all this, as we mentioned before, is Stellino's.

Barbara and Arnie over at the Pancho Villa Inn on Calle Mayor in Torrance have a good deal going for you . . . All you've got to do is bring in the ad on this page and it'll get you 15 cents off on a pitcher of beer. So how's that grab you?

And oh yeah . . . the Pancho Villa is now open Mondays, too, and they've got a swingin' special for that day only. It's a two for one offer . . . two dinners for \$2.50. So slip on down there and enjoy a Monday Mexican special this week (all right then . . . NEXT week!)

In case you've been wondering about the "Hacienda Drop" . . . it's that small building just outside Filippone's Restaurant on Calle Mayor in Torrance.

It all ties in with the latest

project of the Kiwanis in Torrance. It's for you and yours to "drop" what you will into for the Ensenada Orphanage children. Clothing, tools, all kinds of materials, just anything you feel could be of use toward making this little orphanage a better place in which to live for these kiddies. And the "drop" has been arranged so that in the event you come around some time when Filippone's might be closed (like too late at nite or too early in the a.m.) you merely have to slip your donation into the "drop." Indeed, a worthy cause.

By the way, Sam's going to have an addition to his already ample menu on the steaks, prime rib, and all stuff like that there, and by this time next week he'll probably have his new menus ready to include some of that fine old "Eye-talian" food you like so well. Just wait!

Maybe you think Bart Earle's excellent Mexican food at his Red Onion doesn't get some mileage every now and then. Well here's one for you! Rolling Hills' Lon Meincke had a hurry-up call from his son, Mike at College in Mansfield, Ohio, for some Sonora style Mexican food to warm the cockles of his heart back there in that cold weather. So Lon bought beans, meat and chili, and six tortillas at the Red Onion mailed them to Mike around noon and he had them for lunch the next day. Now that's getting coverage, wouldn't you say?

The new attraction that opened this week at The Galley West down there at Marineland at the tip of the Peninsula is no newcomer to that end of the area. He's Big "Tiny" Little and he, along with the Wild Ones will knock you out with their very special style of entertainment nite all the way through April the three. Every nite, that is, except Mondays. Well even Big Tiny's got to have SOME time off. Y'gotta catch this bunch to really appreciate them.

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