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ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING GUIDE

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Front Row, Center

This Friday night the Chapel Theatre brings Tennessee Williams' famous "The Night of the Iguana" to its theatre at 4164 Pacific Coast in Torrance. My hat is off to this group for their courage in presenting so well known and subtle a play as "Night of the Iguana." This is the story in which Richard Burton starred in films and it tells of man's eternal struggle with his baser nature as brought out in the Mexican jungle on one side and the sea on the other. Duke Massey of North Hollywood, returns to Chapel theatre after a long absence, to portray the Reverend T. Lawrence Shannon struggling between Good, represented by Hannah Jelks, and the Debaucher, personified by Maxine Faulk. Massey appeared previously at Chapel in "Petrified Forest," "Dark of the Moon," "The Bad Seed" and "The Rose Tattoo."

ENTHRALLING is just another description of "Hughie," the Eugene O'Neill play now at the Huntington Hartford theatre. The action takes place in the lobby of a seedy West side hotel in Broadway's theatrical district with Jason Robards portraying Eric Smith, a small time gambler. "Hughie" will be at the Hollywood theatre for the next two weeks... look forward to an unusual event on March 8 at the PLUSH HORSE in Hollywood Riviera when R. G. Davis and his San Francisco Mime Troup make their second appearance in the Los Angeles area. They will perform Richard Sassoon's adaptation of Moliere's classic "Tartuffe" adding to Moliere's pithy dialogue the zany singing, dancing and miming that have brought them such acclaim. Commedia dell'arte is a form which demands comic imagination and verbal and physical agility from its actors... Jose Greco's electrifying new all-Gypsy-Flamenco program opens March 9 for five nights at the Wilshire Ebell theatre followed by a matinee at Pasadena Civic Auditorium on March 14.

Portraying Hannah Jelks is Rosemary Buell of Palos Verdes Estates; Pat Rogart of Gardena plays Maxine Faulk. Pat won the best dramatic actress award last season for her appearance at Chapel in "Shanghai Gesture." Others in the cast are Anne Graybill of Palos Verdes Estates; Don Barber of Palos Verdes Peninsula; Denton Wable of Redondo Beach; Connie Prudence of Hermosa Beach; Bill Ennis of Hawthorne and David Burkett of Torrance. Don Gish, a founder of Chapel theatre, directs "Night of the Iguana." Admission is to accompany for poultry or adults only Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through March 27.



BALLET ROMANTIQUE... Superb classical Igor Youskevitch partners with daughter Maria Youskevitch in pas de deux from "Raymonda" ballet at Wilshire Ebell Theatre Friday and Saturday nights.



CANTON A LA ROLLING HILLS... ushering in a new Cantonese restaurant, The Tea House in Rolling Hills Plaza, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony were (l to r) Louis Song, Chef Jo Wu, co-owners; Councilman J. A. Beasley; Dolores Iwamoto; Chief of Police Walter Koenig; Stanley J. Reuchmeyer, city attorney; and Director of the Chamber of Commerce, James Becker.



TRIBAL TASTE TEMPTERS... Appetizers and relishes from the Pocahontas Cart keep patrons happy at Smith Bros. Indian Village Restaurant in Torrance. Inga Blom (seated) is served by Edith Veen as prelude to excellent meal.



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WEEK'S ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR
Ambassador's Caravan of Shows—Barbara McNare, 8 Martin Luther King Pl. (L.A.)—Stu McGee & His Boys (Dancing—Weekends)
Cantor's (Torrance)—Paul New & His Crew (Dancing—Show)
Huntington Hartford—"Hughie"
International Hotel's Trophy Room—Frank Beasley (Dancing)
Lung Beach Community, 5021 E. Anheuser—"An Wilderness" (Stage)
Madison—"Harvey" (Stage)
Music Center—L.A. Philharmonic (Thurs., Fri. matinee)
Plush Horse—The Shipmates (Dancing)
ROADSHOW THEATRE—"Paloma Party" plus "The Caddy"
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Over the TABLE TOPS
Ever so often I make a real "find" in the dining out field and this week is one of those times. Probably some of you have already discovered the delightful, informal Italian restaurant VITO'S Spaghetti House on Sepulveda Blvd. about a quarter of a mile west of Crenshaw. Vito's has been at this location for some time but since most of us "fly" by on Sepulveda I want to make you STOP and dine in true family Napolitano style. Vito and his wife Mary turn out truly delicious Italian food and the prices are certainly right! Even the hand-made — by Mary — ravioli dinners cost just \$2 and that includes a yummy Italian or American style salad, garlic bread and coffee. They have a good selection of beers and wines and you can even arrange to take home some of their goodies! Being very smart as well as nice people, Vito and Mary have special sandwiches for those hurry up snacks. Incidentally, their sauces are delicious!
EUREKA!... Yes, finally, I have found a place where you can order a shrimp cocktail—one that is really HUGE and good—so that your appetite is satisfied and you know you haven't used up too many calories, so you can thaw 'em all away on one great big dessert! In the Pony Room of the Century Blvd. HOT 'N' TOT Restaurant they serve a superb shrimp cocktail and their desserts are always outstanding. Of course, at all three HOT 'N' TOT'S you can have breakfast, lunch, or dinner right around the clock—they're all open 24 hours every day!
THEY TEL ME... A truly economical package for visitors to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway includes everything but the ribbons! The only requisite is that you go on the Tramway after 5 p.m. The plan includes parking, tramfare, and a complete dinner with a choice of baron of beef, young fried chicken or chopped sirloin as entree. The entire cost is just \$5 for adults and \$2.75 for children... there are twenty-four a la carte specialties with prices from \$2.95 and nine complete dinners from \$2.75 featured at the PEN & QUILL hotel-restaurant in Manhattan Beach, one of the area's fine dining spots... A most delicious Cantonese meal is ready for you to take home, after a telephone call to the HING HING on Torrance Boulevard at Crenshaw, right across from Lucky Stives. A dinner for four at just \$1.95 per person includes Chicken Mushroom-Chop Suey, Egg Roll, Fried Shrimp, Almond Chicken, Sweet-Sour Pork, Fried Rice and, of course, Fortune Cookies!

DAFFY IDEA... Chef Tony (Millie's brother, of course) that terrific seafood specialty chef at Millie Riera's SEAFOOD GROTTTO on the Esplanade at Redondo Beach. Tony has started the Chowder & Cioppino Food Society with headquarters at Millie's and the idea certainly seems to have caught on. People have been calling me from Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, Redondo, Torrance, and even Long Beach about how they can join the group. Folks, just step right up and call Tony or Millie at the Grotto, 375-1483!

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