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Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

It's Lent - - - It's Temporary

But the seafood available at Millie's Seafood Grotto in Redondo Beach is anything but temporary. Millie offers dozens of entrees in the seafood department and many are taking advantage of her ample menu during the lenten season.

Let's take a look at lunch-eon, for example. There's that Catalina swordfish lightly broiled with oil, wine and lemon sauce and at only \$1.65. Included in this entree is soup or salad, potatoes, garlic bread and coffee. How's that for quality and quantity!

Or for the dinner time of-fering there's cloppino, abalone steak and salmon lead-ing the list. Plus of course there's Millie's "Fish of the Month" lobster tail amandine.

Millie's new, newly de-corated dinner house is open seven days a week and is located at 1700 Esplanade at Avenue I. Right there on the corner where you have a wide view of the Pacific while lunching, dining or en-joying some of "Major" or "Sam's" beautiful concoctions whipped up at the friendly little cocktail bar. And if it'll make you feel a bit more se-cure, why not phone for res-ervations by dialing 375-1488.

While you're down in that neck of the woods and are thinking ahead to Easter, you might keep in mind the Pen and Quill Restaurant in Man-hattan Beach.

In fact, you might even want to drop by and get acquainted with general man-ager, Pat O'Daly while enjoy-ing a late, late snack or a cocktail.

Pat, incidentally, recom-mends you make your res-ervations now for the Easter bit if you intend dining out that day. For that call 772-2257.

Now then, traveling in the other direction but still along the beach beat, you might think in terms of the A.A. Princess Louise at Berth 230 on Terminal Island.

The Roundmen opened aboard the Princess this Mon-day, April 1, and that was no April Fool gag. They surely had a "grand opening" and played in the lounge from 9 o'clock on for the apprecia-tive patrons aboard the plush ship dinner house.

They've got a feature down there you shouldn't miss. It's Chef Paul Louis Peron's Roast



CANAPER . . . and shrimp are two of the entrees which recently won a certificate from the Chefs de Cuisine Association of Southern California for Lino Bernheimer, executive chef at the International Hotel.

Rack of Spring Lamb which is served with bouquetiere of vegetables, appetizer, soup or salad, a nice loaf of fresh bread, dessert and beverage and all goes off at \$5.75 com-plete.

This exciting floating res-taurant opens daily for lunch-eon, dinner, cocktails and banquets, the latter for up to 400 persons in the Captain's Ballroom.

If you're planning a "do" anytime in the near future you might give 'em a call at 831-2351 and nail down some reservations.

By way of doing a bit more traveling, there's a spot up the coast a ways called Santa Barbara Inn in the town of Santa Barbara where they

present excellent food fare and entertainment.

Just recently David Bern-heimer was appointed gen-eral manager of the Inn and he's no new-comer to the food busi-ness, according to president Alex Shustine.

For all you who are ac-quainted in Santa Barbara, you must know the Mephisto Restaurant where Bernheimer was owner-host for some time. They also have a place in Pasadena.

In addition, Mr. Bernheimer was general manager of the Wonder Palms in Palm Springs and more recently maitre'd of the Corsican Re-s-taurant in Hollywood. So you can see, this gent must know his business when it comes to operating a good restaurant.

And since we're doing the full loop and we just men-tioned Palm Springs, let's not lose track of still another in-teresting spot and that's the Hillmore Hotel in Palm Springs.

They're enjoying one of their most spectacular sea-sons yet down there. To men-tion a few who have availed themselves of this delightful desert spot, Michael Landon, Eddy Sehall, the Jim Backus, Sheldon Leonard, Emogene Cocco and husband King Don-ovan along with Hal March were among some of the celebrities enjoying golf and tennis, not to mention the ex-citing menus in the exquisite Garden Room recently.

And now making our way back to town we come to the Marquis Restaurant on the Sunset Strip where Claude Kennedy (seems that name's been in print somewhere some time lately) appears every Sunday nite at the piano bar for your entertain-ment. Claude was recently signed into this colorful Sun-set Strip dining.

He's well known in and around Los Angeles having appeared at such spots as The Cove, the Tail o' the Cock and the Persian Room of the Be-very Hills Hotel.

As you must know, The

Marquis is known for the excellent Continental cuisine and fine steaks and they serve dinner 'til one in the a.m. Aldo Lavagnine and Pasquale Lombardo serve nite-ly as maitre'ds.

Planning something in the way of a dinner meeting, a banquet or just a small din-ner party? Make a phone call to 656-1313 and get yourself a reservation.

Ever hear of Cordorito Asado, Casa Botin? Well it's individual broiled rack of young spring lamb that owner-host Bill Fremont will serve Sunday, April 14th, at his Matador Restaurant. This de-licious dish is served with a sauce originated at the Casa Botin, a restaurant founded in Madrid in the 18th century. This is to be a special Easter dinner for \$4.75. Oh of course, the regular menu will prevail as well.

Stopped in at a favorite spot in Leimert Park one afternoon last week and talked with some of the good folk there (Raffles) when sud-denly a young lady pointed her finger in our direction and said, "Hey, I know who you are!" You write all that stuff about restaurants.

Well, having been "un-cov-ered" we had to cop out to it and then she went on to say that she had read something about the "fabulous" sand-wiches that Mike whips up at Nick Cicciorelli's Jet Room Lounge on La Cienega at Cen-tinela.

So, according to this lady, she and some friends had themselves on down to the Jet Room and demanded one of Mike's "gobbler sand-wiches" which is nothing more than a turkey san. How-ever, when this guy puts one of those together, he doesn't spare the horses—you'll ex-cuse the usage of words there! For a half a buck, you can't beat it!

Tell you something else you can't beat at the Jet Room and that's that entertainment Nick's featuring every Thurs-day, Friday and Saturday nite.

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She's Ruthie Thomas those three nites at the piano-bar and "the thing." Now the thing means that sort of "side-man" type of arrangement Nick had installed in there and this little lady knows how to make it talk.

But actually, Ruthie Thomas doesn't need a side-man, per se to put her stuff across. She's that loaded with talent and personality. We must say this, however, in all fairness! There is one fault we find with Miss Thomas . . . ! She's at the Jet Room only three nites a week instead of seven! And waddell you bet, she could load the spot for seven as she does with the three! Not only does she load the joint but she keeps the peo-ple there, too! Now there aren't many entertainers around about which you can say that.

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Why not plan on making an evening of it by taking dinner at the San Francisco—one of those great specials "Frank" puts out there. A prime rib, top sirloin or a New York and all delightfully charbroiled at a mere buck ninety-five.

The Loewards are still hold-ing forth at the San Francis-can nites so you can be sure of being highly entertained upon your return from the game. Let's go!

There's a new luncheon and dinner menu available for you in the neighborhood in case you didn't know. Len Pucci has finally got his Wall Street West Restaurant open up there at the head of the occa-sional in the Union Bank Build-ing of Del Amo Center on Hawthorne Blvd.

Luncheon starts at 11 a.m. and runs 'til two-thirty with a fine assortment of luncheon goodies with which to tickle your palate. Complete lunch-things or just sandwiches, which ever you desire and priced right. Then the dinner starts at about five and prices range from \$3.25 to \$5.50. Plus, the cocktails are ample and tasty in an atmosphere that leaves nothing to be de-sired. You've got phones at the booths, too, so you can keep in touch with the office.



HELP . . . Well now, if this is the kind of life guard offered at the swimming pool of the In-ternational Hotel, there's going to be a mad dash for drowning! She's Anne Travers who does much for TV, motion pictures and the stage—as anyone can plainly see! . . . SEE?

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