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Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman

**Heart and Flowers Time**

Well what's "heart and flowers" mean to you? It should mean Valentine's Day for all lovers, young and old alike, so don't forget to bring those flowers home next Wednesday for your ever-lovin' so she'll look nice and feel even nicer when you take her out to dine that nite.

One of the many charming spots in the Southland is The Matador Restaurant on West Pico for instance. You don't necessarily have to dine on hearts of lettuce or beef heart or anything like that in order to make it a gala evening for her to remember.

Then following your dinner in a leisurely style upstairs in the main dining room, you might do as many of The Matador patrons do; retire to the cozy little Flamenco Room downstairs for some authentic Spanish entertainment.

So popular has the Flamenco entertainment become at this exciting West Side spot that owner-host Bill Fremont has now increased the Spanish floor show to six performers.

Heading the cast is the spectacular dancer Pedro Tirado, assisted by the lovely dancers Maruja and Carlotta. Also included in the gay

Spanish revue are singer-guitarist Maria Del Rey, without whose talent no show would be complete at The Matador, guitarist Juan Perrin, while Professor George Matos holds forth at the piano.

So now, there's a good start for a romantic setting on Valentine's Day! You might also bear in mind that the new Del Prado Room has been scheduled for just the nite previous—Tuesday, February 13.

As you probably know, the new room has been designed to accommodate not only private parties of from 15 to 50 persons but will also be used for extra seating on busy nites. In addition, the Del Prado Room will be used for exhibitions of etchings and paintings of some of Spain's finest artists. So now you can feel free to invite your friends up "to see your etch-

new and special offering for you at the Pen and Quill. It's the prime rib sandwich cut from the same choice ribs at three ninety-five!

Swingin' back over into the La Tijera-La Cienega-Centimela area, there's a couple more swingin' spots that should make for some fine entertainment for your Valentine. Plus good eating.

Like the King's X Restaurant for instance. You could take in the luncheon bit for a starter and then in the event you're off for the afternoon, hang around 'til dinner time and partake once again from the dinner menu.

So if you've already spent the day so far with Tom and Lois Whalley you might just as well hang tough for the superb entertainment offered nite for your enjoyment. They're Sue Stevens and the Hi-Hats to regale you.

Then by way of stealing from Mr. Whittinghill, "around the corner and up your street" you'll find the Jet Room Lounge where there's still another piece of entertainment supreme. She's Ruthie Thomas and she gives that piano-bar a beautiful work-out every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nite. True, true, true, that won't help you much for your Valentine's Day event, that falling as it does on Wednesday but you might keep it in mind for any one of these upcoming weekends.

Also, here at the Jet Room Lounge, Nick doesn't serve a big regular luncheon and dinner menu but his "right hand" Mike builds one of the most fantastic sandwiches, cold style, you'll taste in a long trip. Truly, a meal in itself and always with all those little side goodies. Mike doesn't consider himself a chef but says he won't take a back seat to anyone when it comes to whipping up a cold bite on a moments notice.

Try to make this scene one nite soon and catch this fabulous Ruthie Thomas and her following. You'll be happy you did.

Back now to the land-lubbers for a minute and a visit at the Pen and Quill Restaurant on Sepulveda Blvd. in Manhattan Beach where that Eastern choice prime rib of beef is one of the specialties of the house.

There's 14 ounces of the finest beef with each serving and at a very special price of five dollars, thirty-five cents. However, should you not be in the mood for so large a meal, they've got still another

Nick also has another thing going for you at his Jet Room. It's Surprise Hour nite at six o'clock during the changing of the guard (that's when the nite man takes over). Just watch what happens to what every you happen to be quaffing at that time. That's why it's Surprise Hour.

Just talked with dayman "Larry" at Rose and Louis Song's Tea House just to inquire "what's going on?" but Larry allowed as how that at the moment there was nothing special on the board but that doesn't mean a thing when you think about the Tea House. Y'see, there's ALWAYS something going on down there on Crenshaw with this happy-time group!

Larry did remind us, however, about the upcoming Anniversary Party that is due soon so you might keep your eye peeled for that event.

Meanwhile, remember, it's always Hawaiian Nite at the Tea House on Monday nite when just everyone gets into the act. Yes, even Ronnie—who is always in the act any way!

And opening this Friday nite it's that provocative piano gal comic "Pisha."

So always bear in mind, there's lots of action at the Tea House, whether it be that fine Cantonese cuisine, the

exotic Polynesian cocktails or just the regular run-of-the-mill conversation in the intimate little cocktail lounge in the rear of the Tea House.

Up the street a piece at Sam Failla's San Franciscan on Sepulveda Boulevard in Torrance, there's a brand new outfit bowing in on Tuesday, the 13th... that's next Tuesday, you realize.

But we've got the cart before the horse here. In the first place you might like to know that you have the rest of this week to catch the Al Apodaca Trio who have done a most commendable job at the San Franciscan over the past couple of weeks.

Then it's "The Johnny Powell Group" and featuring that wonderful and pretty singer of songs, Janie Saylor.

Johnny swings with the piano and accordion while his partners handles the electric bass as well as guitar. Janie does the cocktail drums bit. Meanwhile, they all take vocals.

Just how long the Johnny Powell group is due to remain with Mr. Failla we can't tell you but when you hear them, you're sure to want to go back for seconds. Now this is pretty much heresy as we haven't heard them yet but from reports, they're a fine group so get your space nailed down. At least for the opener next Tuesday.

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