

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman



New Deal for Restaurants

With "30" having been written to the Sunday Press-Herald this week, the restaurant page has been caught up in the whirlpool and comes out smelling... like a rose!

'Cause now, in place of running on Wednesday as in the past, we'll be running in the Wednesday edition of the Press-Journal and the Friday edition of the Press-Herald, thereby giving the restaurateurs a wider scope of exposure in the South Bay Area.

For some time, now, many restaurant owners have wondered and asked about the possibilities of running the restaurant news on Friday but until now it has been

mechanically impossible from a business standpoint, but now through the efforts of many a good head all these problems have been cleared up, and w-e-e-e, away we go for weekend business!

Before we forget, for all you mariachis type buffs, you might like to know that the Red Onion on Hawthorne Boulevard in Torrance has a swingin' feature every Thursday nite, and swingin' it is!

It's a Thursday nite only thing over there and features the Los Gallos Mariachis all evening from eight o'clock 'til eleven. So make

a date. Or at least try to make one!

You might, as a suggestion, drop in early for a leisurely snack of some of Bart Earle's delicious and mild Sonora style cookery from South of the Border and then hang around for the entertainment bit.

Many of the old Red Onion patrons from The Hill (Palos Verdes) will no doubt remember when the Hernandez Brothers played up there. Well along about any week now, Arturo will be a feature at the Torrance spot while Vicente will carry on at the Silver Spur store. Both are fine artists. Just who Arturo will have with him hasn't as yet been de-

ecided but the way old Art plays that box is entertainment enough!

Have you dropped by The Roadium Drive-In Theatre lately? You know currently it's "The Thomas Crown Affair" that's playing, starring Steve McQueen and Faye Dunaway.

The companion pic stars Bill Holden, Cliff Robertson and Vince (Harry Chest) Edwards in "The Devil's Brigade" which should be interesting with a group like that in the starring spots. So, like get on with it and make the scene, huh? You'll be glad you did and it's a cinch that Bud and Mary Peterson (or is it 'sen?') will be glad.

There's a new group playing these nites down at Rose and Louis Song's Tea House Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge. Well, at least part of the group is new and that's "Teharu" appearing nite, Monday through Saturday with The Young Polynesians. Fine group!

And for the Monday nite fare Ronnie Iwamoto, the genial manager of the intimate little lounge at the rear of The Tea House, is presenting an all-Polynesian Show featuring a very gifted gal by the name of "Teina" for your entertainment.

Yep, that's the way the little cookie crumbles! Jack Rogers' gone and flipped again! He's giving away some more food at his Jump'n Jack and if you don't believe it, take a short stroll down there one of these Sundays and dig into that family style country dinner at \$1.95.

It includes soup or salad, Southern fried chicken, homemade corn fritters with maple syrup, hot biscuits with money, hash-brown or smashed spuds, country gravy, a beverage and dessert and all for that nicker under a two spot. Now how's that grab you for a buy? At that kind of a price, you can't afford NOT to go to the Jump'n Jack Restaurant.

And, by the way, didja know that the Wilder Brothers (and company) are returning to the Jump'n Jack along about the 14th of this month by such popular demand that Jack couldn't resist booking them right back in. They'll hang tough

through Nov. 2.

Meanwhile, there's a great trio down there these nites — The Hayden Causy group featuring "Josephine." Now any of you who've heard and seen Big Tiny Little for any time will remember this talented little miss.

The group consists of guitar, piano and the stand-up drums wielded by the same Josephine along with her tremendous vocaling. Terribly, terribly great!!

Well now, now much can you say about a guy 'til you have actually seen and heard him!?

From all reports, Bill Fulkerson's quite a guy at the keyboard, especially for you sing-a-long buffs. According to Nick Ciccirelli, owner-host of the Jet Room Lounge on La Cienega at Centinela, this guy's got it.

Guess Nick should know, though! Bill worked for Nick at the Club Capri in Santa Monica for a long time and now here he is, back in association with the same routines.

Will be able to give you a more comprehensive picture of Mr. Fulkerson next week. Y'see, this "stouff" has to be in the paper early in the week and opening nite will be (or "was" which is the case) Tuesday nite... and by this time we've all heard him so what's with all this diatribe! Let you know what we think next time around.

Incidentally, Nick's ice show bus bit went over big and now he's going to continue along these lines and has a bus going with the L.A. Rams' games. Come to think of it, is this guy in the restaurant-nite club business or has he got a corner on the bus market in Los Angeles!

So if you're a Rams fan get in touch with Nick-o and buy a good seat and bus ride for five and a half!

Say now, in our travels through the intricacies of Cantonese cookery, and also while we were in the neighborhood, one very delightful spot slipped our typewriter and that's the King Far Low.

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