

Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

It Couldn't Be Done?

Just goes to show you shouldn't believe everything you hear when somebody says "It can't be done!" 'cause they've proven that it CAN be done over at Friar Tuck's Restaurant.

Just pick up on this kind of fare for two dollars and ninety-five cents! Prime Rib of Beef, Fried Chicken, Brochette of Beef, Fried Shrimp, New York Steak or Swordfish Steak. That's right, any one of those entrees will run you only \$2.95 per copy at Friar Tuck's in Manhattan Beach.

Then on the first listed, the second and the fourth, there plates for the kiddies at one seventy-five. Not too B.A.D. an offering for such a price, would you think?

But that's not all. Also available at Friar Tuck's is the delicious Steak and Lobster combination which includes soup of the day or tossed green salad, choice of French fries or stuffed baked potatoes, vegetables, hot breads and whipped butter. And you know what a feast like that runs you at Friar Tuck's? Just \$3.95, that's how much.

or better still, how little! Incidentally, according to Johnny Angelino, there can be no substitutes on those \$2.95 entrees, but with an array like that... who needs substitutes? And it's not just a certain day menu. These entrees are served nightly down there at 838 No. Sepulveda Blvd.

There's also cocktails and dancing for your enjoyment nightly with the Don Morris Trio every night but Sunday. There's no cover, admission or minimum here, either so hie ye on down there any nite soon and take advantage of some wonderful food, fun and frolic at Friar Tuck's.

Hey now, remember (or, do you?) we mentioned Augie last week as having the newest Italian restaurant in the neighborhood there on Sepulveda a couple blocks from the Press-Herald? Well if you haven't given Augie's a try yet you're missing some rare good Italian food, for either dining in or to take out.

Augie used to be in business with Paul at the Villa Napoli up on the hill in Peninsula Center and any of you who've sampled the flavor this "fancy Eretalian boy" puts into his dishes you're sure to beat a path to his new spot. Formerly it was Vito's.

One of the par-excellence dishes offered at one seventy-five is that Roast Beef Plate. It comes with Ravioli, soup or salad, bread, butter and coffee.

Then on other complete dinners which include salad with a choice of dressing, naturally, bread, coffee, tea, soda pop or milk, there's the Lasagna with meat sauce at two and a quarter. Ravioli with meat sauce or balls at an even two bucks, and for the half 'n' half it's Spaghetti and Ravioli with meat sauce for a dime less. The old favorite and standby of Spaghetti and meat balls or meat sauce is one-eighty. Augie also makes the greatest mushroom sauce you ever tasted.

There are a la carte orders, side orders, sandwiches and a whole great big slew of pizza orders with any or all manner of ingredients and ranging in price from 95c all the way up to the deluxe job which is Augie's special at three and a half. And there's always a Special of the Day at Augie's.

And like the man says, "what is dinner without a good wine." This, too, is available, furnished thru the Christian Brothers. There's a wide va-

riety of "the grape" from which to choose. Augie's is open 11:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 11:30 'til 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sunday's is the short day — four 'til nine. They close on Mondays.

So let's get the Augie's habit. Drop in and meet some fine people and enjoy some good eating soon, for either luncheon or dinner. You'll be glad you did!

Talked with Jerry Babich at his Zebra Room last Friday afternoon and he wanted to know that once again, Jimmy Sanchez has returned to the Zebra Room with his Trio who call themselves "The Fanatics" and featuring the "personality kid" Mickey.

Just why they call themselves The Fanatics no one can

quite figure out but it could very possibly be due to the fact that this group is fanatic when it comes to music and entertainment.

And you talk about mixed up stuff... they've got it. They appeal to just about any type groups and any age groups.

Take Jimmy himself on drums and vocals, Dick Leach on guitar and Res Brucker on bass and when they know how to put their stuff together you've got yourself quite an outfit.

This is a swingin' room, anyway, y'know. There's usually something going all the time over there. If they don't manufacture it themselves they call on the TV action which always gets strong response. Like for instance that Thursday nite light crowd is really something!



APPOINTED... Weaver Swanson, (seated) was recently appointed as Food and Beverage Manager of International Hotel by General Manager William Ash. Appointed Banquet Manager at the same time was Frank Lavasa (standing). Both having been associated with the International since its opening in 1964.

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FILM WORLD TROPHY... No, no, Elke Sommer isn't the trophy... she's to make the presentation to the winner of the upcoming Miss Film World International Beauty Pageant and outlines her understanding of the contest to John C. Harris, producer.

Then they swing with the baseball bit, the golf, the Saturday afternoon races and now with the football season just around the corner, it's baseball action in that department as well.

One slide-rule by which you can measure the popularity of a spot is the help. Like day barman Roger Jacobson, for example. He's been with the Zebra Room now for 6 years and nite man, Frank Pedro's been there for his past two and a half. Relief man Otis Dunmeyer's another longtimer with the Zebra Room. Ann Helen "Fastest in the West" Moses has been serving this popular Torrance spot for the past year and a half.

"Finest crew in the South Bay Area," says Jerry. So if you haven't already, take in the Zebra Room first chance you get and have some fun. The Fanatics are in every Tuesday through Saturday so come early and stay late.

This is kind of seafood type weather so when you're in the area of Smith Bros. Indian Village Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance, this is a great stop for this type fare.

Stopped in one nite recently and scanned the menu for something along this line and ran into some excellent suggestions.

Like for instance, that Alaska King Crab Legs. Delicious!

Or the Lake Superior Whitefish. Settled, however for the Plankton Salmon on the menu and must report the superiority of this dish, both for quality of cuisine as well as service. The price was within range, too, so keep it in mind next time you're in the mood for seafood.

Still another enjoyable spot for this same kind of cuisine is a bit out of the neighborhood but that's all to the good. Referring, of course, to the Fisherman's Haven down there on the pier at Redondo Beach.

You'll travel far and wide to beat these fresh oysters and fresh clams on the half shell that Tom Washburn features there at his bar. That's not meant to knock the rest of the menu now, but it's a wonderful lead-in to an equally wonderful full dinner at Fisherman's Haven. Truly, a fisherman's haven, too! Fisherman or landlubber, it matters not so long as you are partaking of some of the culinary arts presented down there on the Wharf. Cool down there, too!

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And it's still dance time and show time at the Galley West with the Zep Meizner Trio carrying on there and featuring "Valeta" for your dancing and listening enjoyment.

What time did the balloon go up? And it's not the Red Balloon at 17544 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance. Even the prices go up there and the food is out of this world. When you pick up on an "all you can eat" offer of Southern Fried Chicken for a dollar nine with all the trimmings, you're picking up pretty good. (That's not on the take-out deal, however.)

Also, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nites it's still another "all you can eat" thing and this one is in the spaghetti department. This one, too,

is with the necessary fixings. If you feel like a Porterhouse Steak, this is available for the fancy price of a dollar ninety-nine. A meal you can make it by the Red Balloon soon. Always cool here.

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