



**BIG NOISE . . .** But not from Winetka. The big noise comes from Sam Failla's San Franciscan in Torrance and put out by the Herb Eberle Duo nightly. Herb is shown above with the various instruments he's mastered. Jim Williamson's on drums. Good group!

# Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman



## One Score and Four . . .

Oh sure, it doesn't seem that long ago that the allied armies invaded Northern France but just check your history and you'll find that this week is the anniversary of D-Day at Omaha Beach. (As if you didn't know, with the papers full of it as having happened twenty-four years ago tomorrow!)

And who would have thought way back then that twenty-four years later we'd be sitting on another beachhead and extolling the virtues and beauty of such a spot as the Santa Barbara Inn through the picture window on the second floor of this mecca by the sea, with nothing but peace and quiet on all sides! (With the exception, of course, of a few vacation-minded kiddies' shouts now and then.)

But speaking of that here is a spot that truly caters to the youngones, obviously. In our beautifully appointed, luxurious suite overlooking the calm, sailboat-dotted Pacific, there was an menu set up especially for the small fry. As a matter of fact, it's called The Small Fry Express so that would indicate to the most far-out thinker that they not only welcome the kiddies here, but urge you to bring 'em along. Even got a small wading pool adjacent to the main pool.

So if you're thinking of wending your way north a short ways and want to feel free and comfortable about bringing the brood along . . . don't hold the horses. They love 'em here!

Now then, to go further on this—in the event you don't happen to have some kids—and are perhaps a bit prone to sometimes resent a little noise, the way in which these suites are situated and with the construction of this ultra-modern holstery, they are most unobtrusive to your tranquility. That's the way you'll find it at the Santa Barbara Inn.

Y'see, owner-prexy Alex Shustin and manager Herb Roach are constantly alert to the comfort and desires of the guests at the Santa Barbara Inn so naturally take into consideration the placement of their guests upon receiving reservations. They do their utmost to make the traveler happy and comfortable, not to mention welcome! Why just a few minutes ago one of the polite and efficient bell boys arrived with a welcome gift from Mr. Shustin. It's small things like this that make people feel welcome to any spot at which they may stop for either a night or a full week-end . . . and many times makes them return for their complete vacation. So you might say it's sort of a "thoughty hotel" at the Santa Barbara Inn. But still with just enough frills to attract the discriminating traveler, vacationer or just plain diner.

Then at nite at The Inn, enjoying dinner (by what must be a master chef) in the enchanting sea-view Skyroom Restaurant just that fine

ishing touch to your thoroughly delightful day and evening at the Santa Barbara Inn.

Dave Bernheimer, one of the most gracious maitre'd's we've met in some time greets you at the door as you leave the elevator on the top floor and turns you over to equally efficient and gracious Captain Amir Agloo. (Now there's some concern about the spelling of Amir's last name but don't worry about it! He's still a wonderful guy and most effective dining room captain.)

Still another charming greater is the former Joanne Shuskin, lovely daughter of Alex and Gloria, and more currently Amir's wife. And when you add pretty, mini-skirted Donna, our personality-kid waitress, you've got an all-in-all round trip for good food and fun.

And when it comes to "dancing in the sky" in The Skyroom, you can't do it better than with the Glenn Henry Quartet featuring the blonde and talented Cherie Lynn. This group has a big way-out sound, sort of like Glenn Millerish, if you get what we mean!

Top this whole evening off with a peaceful slumber in a BIIG comfortable bed, to the tune of a gentle surf, then awaking to the same surf only perhaps pounding a bit more, plus hot coffee in your room, and you better believe you've had a delightful couple days in Santa Barbara . . . and at The Santa Barbara Inn. If y'ain't tried it . . . don't knock it 'cause it's a wonderful adventure! Ah yes, Master Hosts, indeed!

With the 20th annual Cocktail Competition now a matter of history and with the crowning of the new champ the august members of the California Bartenders' Guild can once again settle down to some concentrated hard work and not have to worry about it again 'til the International Competition gets under way next year in Italy.

This year's winner was Nicholas Kotosonas of the Sheraton Wilshire Motor Inn with his Satin Glow mix-up. Consisting of 1 1/4 oz. of gin, 1/4 oz. of Creme de Banana, 1 oz. orange juice and 1/2 oz. pineapple juice, Nick had to nose out three other finalists for the coveted award.

Coming in second with his Moonglow was John Chop of Dales Secret Harbor. Third place was taken by Bob Koen of Sam's Cafe No. 1 with his, of all things, Sam's No. 1, naturally. And the fourth slot was filled by Dick Pozo of the Blarney Castle with Pink Galeant.

It was a lively nite last Monday, May 27, when some

1,000 guests gathered in the Beverly Hilton Hotel to watch the shakeoffs which began at 3:30 in the afternoon when more than 100 Guild bartenders participated in the competition.

The entire event was topped off with a gala dinner-dance in the evening prior to which the finalists competed against one another. Following the dinner, the announcement was made as to the winner, and Nick took home an award nearly as big as he himself.

The California Bartenders' Guild has, indeed, done much to improve the image of the craft both here and abroad, acting as good will ambassadors wherever they went over the past 19 years. Phil Cormier, president of The Guild may certainly and justifiably be proud of this organization. A truly regal and distinguished group of dedicated "soldiers of the plank."

You may find some slight changes in the prices at Rose and Louis Song's Tea House Restaurant but you'll certainly find no change in the quality of this excellent Cantonese cuisine.

Dinners here will run you from two bucks for one, up to four and a quarter and with such goodies you wouldn't believe. All the favorites of Cantonese cookery but with the flair that only Uncle Joe can give to a sumptuous repast.

Of course there're American specialties as well so don't feel that you must have Chinese food when you visit The Tea House although one can't understand why anyone would want to pass up this kind of offering with the quality and quantity presented at this popular Torrance dinery.

You also have some of the most exotic of tropical drinks available anywhere around for our money. Such things as the Pink Rose, the Tea House Cooler, the Tea House Bowl, Kula Cooler and of course, the always popular and ever delicious Mai Tai and Fog Cutter, and nothing running above a buck six-bits, and all prepared by that master of the bar, Ronnie who plays nite at the Tea House.

By the way, got a nice letter from one of the Tea House's former and very popular entertainers in the mail Monday—Gale Stoddard and you'll all be pleased (those who are regulars at the Tea House) to know that little Gale is now one of the highest paid piano-bar entertainers in Orange County and she's a most happy gal. And for all who'd like to reacquaint yourselves with Miss Stoddard, drop by the Tea House next Monday nite and welcome her in. She'll stop by for a few minutes that evening. (she said!)



**"TO YOURS AND TO MINE" . . .** It's a sort of a stand-off as head bartender Carroll Heiserman toasts coffee with Gordon Dilworth who is going with the Martini. It's a switch!

Well now, this has got to be the living end for "special added attractions!" It seems that Dick Zwart holds Saturdays and Sundays open over at his Poor Richard's Family Restaurant on Overhill and Slauson especially for kiddies birthday parties and last Saturday was a red letter day for one and all.

Along about half-way through the noon hour the door off the parking lot opened and a charming lady entered the restaurant, walked down the hall, past the bar, around the cash counter, into the main dining room and took a booth to await service.

But alas, no one went near her! Quite a befuddled crew it was! Even Dick Zwart stared, unbelieving, and here is a guy with a ready answer to any problem.

You see, the "lady" in question forgot her shoes! In fact she forgot her hat, dress, slip, and all! She'd apparently heard it was a birthday party so she came appropriately "garbed!" When the police were called.

Leading the group in their initial appearance on the mainland of the States is Don himself on the vibes, plus putting together all of the fine musical arrangements featured by the group. Also included is John Lonzaga, Wilmar Kihoi and Leslie Boynton.

Don Leong opened here last week with his Hawaiian Revue and brought along two charming songstresses to further enhance the enjoyment of your evening at this exciting Polynesian supper club. They are Pat Awana and Liz Damon.

It's a new recording sextet appearing these nites at Hop Louie's Latitude 20 on Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance.

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