

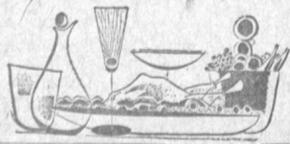
GUIDE to FOOD and FUN

In the Torrance and South Bay Area



after five

with
allen king



Question for the week is—who provides the best entertainment in Torrance-South Bay "Wine and Dine" spots, the hired entertainers or the customers? Considering some of the top talent appearing in local nighteries, that's saying much for the customers, but just listen to the story one doctor was telling another over lunch at the Plush Horse last week.

"The patient was just regaining consciousness after serious surgery. The building across the street from the patient's window was on fire and I had the nurse pull the blinds to shut out the reflection of the flames. Finding the room still dark when he opened his eyes, the patient asked: 'Why are the blinds drawn?' To which the nurse replied: 'The building across the street is on fire and the doctor didn't want you to awaken and see the flames and think you had died!'"

While on the subject of talent, let me pass on this tip. Jazz-singer Joyce Collins, appearing once a week only, on Tuesday nights at the Mariner, should be a must on your entertainment schedule. This gal really belts a song! Don't miss her!

Eddie Delbridge, skating instructor at the Olympic Ice Arena, who can always be relied upon as a source of useless information, passes on this gem: "There is only one bath tub for every twenty people in France."

That's what they mean by French Dry Cleaning, Eddie!

Oliver Berthoud, the new manager of the Polynesian on Pacific Coast Hwy., brought this story back with him from Phoenix.

The city boy, at his grandfather's farm for the first time, was delighted by his first sight of a cow—source of all the bottled milk he saw in city super-markets. When he found a pile of empty milk bottles in some tall grass, he ran to his mother, shouting, "Mother, mother, I found a cow's nest!"

Another newcomer to the Southland entertainment scene is husband and wife act—"The Eddie La Rue Duo." Direct from Hunter's Inn of Santa Maria, and now appearing nightly in the cocktail lounge of the Palos Verdes Bowl on Crenshaw Blvd., this act is famous for its musical virtuosity. Between the two of them, they play piano, banjo, steel guitar, organ, bass fiddle and drums—and that's a lot of ability. To give you some idea of just how good this act really is, Eddie used to be with the Harry James band.

Ian Pinkerton, manager of Olympic Ice Arena, accuses me of spending too much time at the Silver Skates bar, next door. Seems the boo-boo I printed last week has upset the time schedule of many a skating housewife. For the records, girls, the correct date for the start of the new Ladies' Skating Club is February 5th, not February 25th, as stated last week. Time is 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The early buffet dinner, served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Plush Horse, is attracting the family trade, as well as gourmets from all over the Southland. Seen dining there recently were Cesar Romero, Rhonda Fleming and Cara Williams.

Retort of the week—Even the best of chefs may get an order mixed up just once. Caesars, which is becoming famous for its steaks, was the recent scene of this little episode.

The customer ordered his steak well done. Somehow, it didn't get quite close enough to the flame and was served a wee bit on the rare side; to which the customer exclaimed, "I've seen cows hurt worse than this and they got up and walked away!"

A reader who enjoyed last week's closing paragraph on marriage sent in this daffy-definition of his own.

Marriage is like a railroad sign. When you see a pretty girl you stop. Next you look. After you're married you listen, and listen, and listen, and listen . . .

'Til next week, then—see you after five!



EDDIE DELBRIDGE, formerly with Sonja Henie, Holiday on Ice, the Frosty Frolics TV show, and with a background of eight years of teaching others the intricacies of skating on ice, is an instructor at Olympic Ice Arena, W. 238th St. and Western Ave., in Torrance. Arrangements for lessons can be made by calling 325-4474.

SKATING ON THIN ICE

With Kayce Kendrick

"I'm sorry—I don't remember you, but of course I remember your sweater!" She should—she made me rip it out twice and knit it over again. This was Cherie from her own knit shop—Cherie taking lessons from Eddie Delbridge—the first time she's skated since she left Switzerland 17 years ago!

Ester Stowe tackled that three turn, with fiery determination, and cheers, everyone—she mastered it!

Helen Coupland, formerly with the Ice Follies, is back in good form these days, and can be found Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons really cutting up the ice—what a little bomb that gal is!

How many of you knew that Ian Pinkerton, our manager here at Olympic, is a qualified instructor? He has scads of medals hanging on the wall, but I've never seen him skate. Ian, get out of that warm office and show us how it is done!

Several of the gals from Victoria Knolls have joined the new Ladies' Skating Club—what fun that's going to be—it's for beginners, intermediate and advanced skaters! So come on, girls, there's a place for everyone, and what a fun-way to exercise. I even lost that 12 pounds of potato salad I've been carrying around since last summer!

Have you tried one of those cute skating skirts from the Tog Shop? Well do! With a skating skirt on your posture improves at once—and if that's good—your skating is too!

Fancy that Eddie, asking Cherie why his sweater hikes up in the back—me thinks it's the tummy up front, Eddie!

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