



**MOTIVATED MOOD MUSIC**... That's the kind of stuff Paul Valiant pours out of the big piano-bar at Rose and Louis Song's Tea House these nites, much to the delight of the many patrons of this fine Torrance spot. Catch Paul niteily from 9 'til 1:30.

**JAMES DORAIS**

## Some Varied Theories on The Cost of Living Jump

All of a sudden, consumers are becoming alarmed at the fact that food prices are going up. And everyone has a different theory as to why this is happening.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman says housewives are to blame, because they are too lazy to cook from scratch and prefer to buy ready-mix packages and TV dinners.

Housewives tend to blame the grocer; grocers blame the middleman; middlemen blame the farmer. Farmers point out that government-pressured farm labor cost hikes might possibly have something to do with it.

Time Magazine alleged recently that "more than anything else, the food-price spiral is part of a broader inflationary pattern that has been stitched by Government policy."

Probably the most interesting theory is advanced by

Helen Ewing Nelson, Consumer Counsel for the State of California, who recently testified before a Congressional Committee in support of rigid controls on packagers, who in her opinion are the villain of the piece. In the old days a housewife could compare quantity and quality when she scooped cookies out of an open barrel in the grocery store; now that everything is packaged and sanitary, it's hard to make comparisons when one package weighs 3.2 ounces and another 7.75 ounces.

Mrs. Nelson believes that packaging, as practiced today, is inherently deceiving, pointing out that "the majority of families in our country have less than \$500 a month take-home pay."

Come to think of it, the concept of take-home pay is a little deceiving itself, but that of course is another

story. Mrs. Nelson is particularly incensed at the practice of some food manufacturers who conceal price increases by reducing quantities. She cites one package, costing 37c in 1962, which contained 7.2 ounces, actually costing 82c per pound. In 1965 the package cost only 35c, but as it contained only 5 ounces, it actually cost \$1.12 per pound. In both years the package claimed to contain "3 servings."

This nefarious practice isn't confined to the food industry. Women's dresses, for example, cost as much if not more today than they did a few years ago. But there is certainly a lot less material in them.

Certainly, the idea of providing smaller servings for the same amount of money isn't unique. How does Mrs. Nelson think the Post Office operates?

# Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whisman

## Right in the Big Middle...

... In the big middle of National Restaurant Month, that is, according to the National Restaurant Association and this might be an excellent time to sort of break the ice, so to speak, for the

The theme this year, as in the past, is "The Greatest Guy In The World" and who of us doesn't want to have that sort of a tag! The best way to go about getting it is simply to take the gang out to dinner. (pretty sneaky, huh?)

We'll now... where to start! How's about The Wayfarer? That's a pretty good opener. PRETTY good! The dog's tail... it's excellent! Wildest frog legs in town! But you don't have to be in the mood for just frog legs. Anything you'd care to order from the Wayfarer menu you'll find equally tasty... and served in the epitome of taste! This prevails at either luncheon or dinner.

To outline the wonderful culinary delights offered here would take more space than the boss will allow but you can take it from the "roue of the rounders"... dis is de plase!

And while we're on the subject of The Wayfarer, many of you are aware of the fact that the Richmonds are opening still another brand new spot in the South Bay Area (if you can call Huntington Beach "South Bay") (and you can!) to be called Francoise!

This is sure to be one of "the" spots around and will be ready for your patronage and approval in a couple weeks.

It'll seat approximately 150 persons at a time (including the banquet room and boasts one of the most beautiful and functional (if not THE most) kitchens in Los Angeles.

True, you don't eat in the kitchen but it's a pleasure to know that the food you're eating in the dining room is coming from the cleanest of clean kitchens. And take it from here... this is an item!!!

You regulars at The Wayfarer will meet a lot of your old friends at the new Francoise Restaurant on Beach Blvd in Huntington Beach. Guys like our old stand-by mite mixologist Trevor... and probably day man, Bud, in the near future. (Just off the top of our head, y'know) plus a couple or three waiters who've served you so faithfully over the years.

Unlike The Wayfarer, which closes on Tuesdays, Francoise will be closed on Mondays. That gives you an idea of when to visit this newest Orange County spot that'll still maintain the same flavor as you're accustomed to in Lomita. The menu hasn't been changed one iota!

Will keep you posted (as we get it) on the progress of this new enterprise of Jimmy and Frank Richmond.

Now this may not be entirely cricket, according to many authorities, but let's report it

as we see it. And when you plain knocked-out jazz. All this, plus he's seldom stuck when someone comes up with a request from out in left field somewhere. He still can run it off. Don't be a stranger at the Tea House. Never happen!

Which is probably why Tom Washburn's day man, Ray was regaling his family one nite last week with dinner at the Wayfarer, just for a change.

Y'see Tom Washburn's Fisherman's Haven is down there on the pier at Fisherman's Wharf in Redondo and is more or less of a seafood house (although they, too, have succulent steaks and prime rib) but everyone likes to see how the grass is growing in the other fella's yard. Ray's no exception. And with his background, he knows where to find good food. And why not with the kind of fare he receives at Fisherman's Haven.

The mello tones you hear these nites in "The August Moon of The Tea House" (that's not the official name of the new cocktail lounge at the Tea House—just a person-darin food prior to taking off al observation... ) are coming from the talented throat of Paul Valiant who is wowing 'em with his piano-bar entertainment niteily from 9 'til 1:30.

Such a talent you wouldn't believe! This guy can do just about anything you want him to do on that piano... and that covers a multitude of sins. Paul's the kind of entertainer that can go along with the crowd and its mood, be it classics, semi-classics, musi-

cal comedy, risque, or just full tilt at Hollywood Park. It'll be just a short shot for you racing buffs to have a quick bite of exquisite Man-darin food prior to taking off to the Park to lose your money. (Save a little for the return trip in the evening, however, for that superb dinner.

And here's something that'll please everyone. The prices are the same as before only now there'll be large to do on that piano... and portions per person. So how's that grab you!

They've also done things with their lighting. Now in place of the old cool blue lights, they've installed a

warm, pink lighting effect that does great things to this already attractive store. Drop by soon, if only for one of those Sake Martinis (just for Martini sake! Ouch!)

Remember, it's just a couple of blocks off the San Diego Freeway on Manchester to The Peking Restaurant, where you'll find the fastest in-and-out service in town.

Everything truly does come full circle if one waits long enough. Take for instance the current form of entertainment Frank Tempio is presenting at his Hi Paisano Club at 16714 Hawthorne Blvd.

It's Diane Webber and her educated stomach and to see just how educated it is you'll have to visit this exciting Lavndale spot.

Diane is probably one of the foremost exponents of the Belly Dance and can do it a fare-ye-well. Makes the go-go bit look like a waltz.

Featuring with Diane is Guy Chookoorian and his Far Out Middle East ark. Now don't ask what on OUD is but it's one of Guy's far-out instruments.

Adding to the "Harem Scandals of '66" is Judi Johns and her incredible handling of the ballad.

Rounding out the present attraction it's a Town-Aires Friday and Saturday nites for dancing id listening.

Come hungry 'cse you can overcook, undercook or just plain burn it to frazzle when you buy your steak for a buck sixty-five, 'p, you cook it yourself so y've got nobody to blame B' yourself. No beefs to theef at the Paisano Club.

## First Aid Class Set

A Red Cross course in basic first aid will be offered by Torrance Evening High School Monday evening beginning Monday, The 7:10:30 p.m. class will meet in room 103 at Torrance High School.

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