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Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Go West, Young Man

And Howard Johnson took Horace Greeley's advice and did "go West" much to the delight of the many dine-outers in the South Bay Area.

The most recent Howard Johnson dining to open in the area is the brand spanking new spot at 20535 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance.

"And we'd like to make everyone sit up and take notice," says owner-host Ed Peabody.

With the brand of cuisine offered at the big, beautiful new restaurant, this could very easily become a reality, too.

Under the able direction of Manager Al Maitland, the new Howard Johnson offers a business luncheon which starts at 95 cents that won't quit!

But you can start the whole day off right with one of the Johnson Breakfast Specials—two eggs, two griddlecakes and a pot of coffee for 69 cents, and THEN follow it up with one of those businessmen's luncheons.

They're open daily from seven in the a.m. 'til one the following a.m., with a swinging cocktail time stuck in between that they call "The Double Bubble," that runs from four in the afternoon 'til six-thirty in the evening, and all served with TLC (tender, loving care) by ace mixologist "Vincent," presiding at the friendly and intimate little cocktail bar to the left as you enter the main entrance.

There's one thing you should keep in mind when you decide to drop in on that Double Bubble Cocktail Time—feel strong! Cause you've got to have a pretty strong arm to lift those ample portions.

By the way, there's a whole bunch of parking space in the rear of Howard Johnson's.

Well, here we go again! "By popular demand" and will probably inflate Johnny Hoover's hollow chest to the point where he won't be able to button his red vest.

Simply because "a couple of people" asked for him, Sam Grace who used to thump the Failla booked him back into his San Francisco Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge on Sepulveda at Crenshaw in Torrance. (Watch him, Sam! He might want more money!)

Now look, we'd never tell him this to his face, but he's really not a bad entertainer, the combination of the La this Johnny Hoover and his Henchmen. In fact we wouldn't even put it in print like this only for the fact that Johnny can't read. (Oh boy, will this cat give THIS department a hard time next time we drop by The San Francisco! Mayhap we should wait a couple of weeks 'til he cools down? Mayhap?)

But seriously, Johnny is a fine entertainer and extremely popular in this area. Not only in this area, either. They recently finished a stint in Palm Springs and could have gone on for additional bookings but this group likes playing "Sam's Joint" just as much as the patrons like having him there. Sa-a-a-a-y! Wonder if he's going to have that little ole "sex-on-the-sax" gal back with him! Here's one that toots a mean horn!

Meanwhile, kiddies, don't forget that Sam's now open on Sundays as well as nightly during the week.

It's the luncheon and dinner trick, y'know as only "Chef Frank" can produce. Different soup daily and delicious—made from scratch—and if you've never had any Scratch Soup, then you haven't lived!

The top sirloin, charbroiled to your liking or the choice prime rib at one ninety-five is really something. And if you think they're not open Sundays, just take a look at the last ad the San Francisco ran on this page. It said "open Sundays" in two different places!

Now taking you out of the area for a short trip, let's drop by Cal Chun's Pacific Lounge on Rodeo Road at La Cienega. Cal's reverting back to the piano bar type entertainment as of right now and is planning to try for Charlie La Grace who used to thump the keys at the same address when it was known as Ridley's and Cocktail Lounge on Sepulveda at Crenshaw in Torrance. (Watch him, Sam! He might want more money!)

A "sing-a-long" type thing is included in the plans for the new entertainment policy



COLORFUL . . . That's the name of the game when you listen to and watch The Hawaiis every Monday through Saturday night at The Tea House. Shows above it's Harry Baty on bass and Paul Makena on guitar for your listening pleasure.

Beverly Hills (which was her screen debut) in addition to her appearance at Latitude 20.

The selection and crowning of The Queen is to be held at Longshoreman's Hall in Wilmington during the Coronation Ball on Nov. 25th.

From this desk and knowing some of Celeste Brunner's background, it would appear as though she might very well be a winner in this current campaign. Lots of luck, "Kalea!" You're good!

This is becoming a bad habit—goofing, that is, on the way people spell their names, etc., and whereas: Most recent being Helen Rewal and would you believe it came out "Kewal?" Well it did! That's not all. The ad had her appearing nightly at Silen's Restaurant and there just ain't no such spot in Long Beach. That's Silen's Restaurant, so there, too! (All right, Helen, we'll make it up to you!)

Thoroughly enjoyed a two-hour lunch hour last Thursday noon in a new and beau-

shell, surrounded with lettuce and dressing. A most attractive and tasty delicacy. You know, presentation of food is highly important to the successful operation of any restaurant and they've got just that presentation at Bullocks Men's Grill. Oh yes, we had champagne, too! Yep, that's right. You can get wines and beers here. Something new in the way of service to the inner man at a Bullocks store. Drop up there one noon time soon and live a little.

Oh, by the way, girls! You can't get in there unless you've got a "date" or perhaps "an escort" would be a better choice of words.

People in the restaurant business sure move around. Now here another old friend shows up at The Ramada Inn on Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance.

John Gregory and Associates, Management Consultants have been retained by the new Ramada Inn and judging from past performances, John'll do a good job for the Ramada people. He's got a lot of things in the fire already. Such as special banquet menus, businessmen's buffet luncheons, fashion shows. According to Mr. Gregory, "Ramada Inn has the finest cuisine and entertainment in the South Bay area" or if not at present, will soon have.

There are already existing ample banquet facilities to accommodate all the way from two persons up to two hundred at one sitting as well as fully equipped conference and meeting rooms.

They've also gone through a renaming process. For instance, one dining room has been renamed the Champagne Room and still another has been taken on the name of the Del Amo Rooms that sparkle with

crystal and silver. Champagne dinners start at \$2.95 and naturally, include champagne. Well why not!

Francis Carter furnishes nifty music for your dancing and listening pleasure in the intimate lounge of the Ramada Inn. And if you should get "tired" there are about a hundred rooms and apartments available for your convenience and there's also the large, heated pool. The coffee shop of the Ramada Inn which in the past has had rather sporadic hours, will soon be open on a 24-hour a day basis.

True, the Ramada Inn slogan "Luxury For Less" is carried out in this popular Torrance hostelry.

Attending to the advertising and publicity needs of the Ramada Inn is the Elizabeth Stevens Agency of Hermosa Beach.

Just talked with Bob Murray at Wray's Restaurant in Gardena and he was saying that the new gimmick he has going for you on the Sunday morning breakfast is catching on.

With every breakfast they also include, at no extra cost, home made biscuits served with country gravy. Sounds like a good deal from here.

And that Saturday special thing is something! They call it a Steak Festival and includes a T-Bone Steak which is a U.S. government graded piece of meat, served with a choice of chilled green salad or tomato juice, French fried potatoes, or, after five p.m., baked potato, hot roll and butter and all for a dollar sixty-nine. How about that! Should you want Chinese food . . . go to The Tea House!

Nick at The Jet Room Lounge has a new piece of entertainment coming in to his spot there on La Cienega near Centinela. It's Tony and Roxanne Sherwood, direct from Lake Tahoe for a limited engagement. Tony makes with the piano while Roxanne goes with the drums and they both hold up the vocals end of the show at this large piano bar in the area.

If you want to have a real ball some nite soon, take a short swing by The Tea House on Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance and give a sharp listen to the stimulating Hawaiis from Tuesday all the way through Saturday and then on Monday they follow things up with what Rose and Louis Song call "Hawaiian Nite."

This isn't to steal from the rest of the week which is a gas when Paul Makena and Harry Baty cut out with everything from western, to ballad, to rock and then even go into a little "sweet and sour" (had to throw that in for a Chinese restaurant), stuff, but Monday nite is rapidly becoming Celebrity Guest Nite.

It's entertainment nite at The Tea House from 9:30 'til 1:30 so come on in early and stay late. In fact, why not drop in for some good Cantonese food around about dinner time and then stay for the rest of the fun. We always say, if you want Mexican food, go to a Mexican restaurant, if you want Spanish food, go to a Spanish restaurant, if you want Italian food, go to an Italian restaurant . . . and if you want Chinese food . . . go to The Tea House!

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