



**FASHIONS?** ... That's what the man says and they take place every Thursday at the Royal Giraffe in Torrance featuring such lovelies as the above doll (on the left — the other is a "rag") from the Rags and Dolls shop in Pacific Ocean Center. The show runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and from here, looks like it might be worth it.

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RAFFLES, in Old English folklore, was a feared highwayman. In his time the English Inn was a warm haven where the weary traveler could rest by the fireplace, share a bottle wine with friends and, when hungry, dine on such notable English dishes as Jugged Hare, Steak Wellington, Toad in a Hole and the traditional Prime Ribs of Beef.

The Raffles Restaurant is dedicated to warm, friendly service and outstanding cuisine in the comfortable surroundings of a modern day English Inn.

Warren L. Ward  
Owner

## SUNDAY BRUNCH \$2.95

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A Young Rabbit Sautéed in Butter and Bacon. "Jugged" in a Casserole in Port Wine and Simmered very gently in Lemon Juice, Stock and Herbs.  
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Boneless Breast of Chicken Sautéed in Butter with White Wine Sauce, Mushroom Caps and Jumbo Asparagus Spears. Served under glass.  
"TOAD IN A HOLE"  
Our Version of an Old North English Recipe for Beef Steak and Kidney Pie.  
\*Children under 12—\$1.00 less than menu price  
Served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman

## All Birds Are Proud

And probably the proudest bird of all is Dave Talachet with his **Proud Bird Restaurant** "on the runway of the International Airport" so to speak.

At least this is the feeling you get as you dine in the huge dining rooms of this proud dinner house when you watch the big ones come zooming in for their landings.

And the innovation of the "listening in" device is a first in the Los Angeles area — possibly in the entire country — when you may, by merely snapping on the button, listen in as the pilots call to the tower for landing instructions.

Of course, all that's second place stuff. First place must go to the cuisine offered at **The Proud Bird**, not to mention the service.

For example, how long has it been since you've enjoyed steamed live Maine lobster — or broiled same? And it's flown in fresh daily from the cold waters of the rock bound coast of Maine. And you can believe the waters are cold up there! Lived in the area some years!

Well these two delights go off at \$6.95 each. Then the next step down in price for this department would be the cauliflower of steamed clams, also from the same neck of the woods. (They're Little Neck clams, y'see!) This one's priced at \$4.23. And at the same price it's the Scampi Espanol.

Ooops! Missed a fifty-cent shot there in the Alaskan king crab legs "Nome" which runs \$4.75.

This could go on and on outlining the delicious entrees being presented at **The Proud Bird** daily. Like prime rib, rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, all manner of steaks from the charcoal broiler, plus a bunch of delectable desserts from which to choose.

So if you haven't yet visited Dave's pride and joy, by all means, try it one day or evening soon. But bring your compass and a map 'cause the place is loaded with step-ups and step-downs, corridors and little nooks throughout. A most interesting dinner house right there on Aviation Boulevard by the airport.

Warren Ward has some interesting new talent over there in Downey at his **Raffles Restaurant**. She's Ellie Kimball, a well-known entertainer in the

Redondo Beach and International Airport areas.

As **The Raffles** "flyers" state, "she's a swinging" scintillating red head" with exceptional talents at both the piano as well as at vocals.

Ellie's a nifty attraction in the piano bar lounge and just how can you miss a red head like Ellie Kimball! That is, she's there nifty except Monday. Well say now, even a red head has to have an occasional nite off!

So keep in mind, **The Raffles** is located at 7339 E. Florence Ave., in the city of Downey and very easy to reach from our area. Simply grab the Long Beach Freeway and "ride the pink horse" 'til you come to Florence and you're there within 20 to 25 minutes for some wonderful dining and entertainment, not to mention good fellowship. Sure, good girl-ship, too. Everyone's nice in Downey and especially at the **Raffles Restaurant**.

If you've never enjoyed Chef John Bichler's culinary artistry, you haven't lived so go on out and live a little.

That was quite a kick-off they held down there in San Diego last week when they launched a six-month fiesta. They even went in for the breaking of a huge pinata when Hollywood actress Abby Dalton officiated with the stick-wielding.

This is San Diego's "Fiesta 200" and is this country's first little World's Fair with a completely Mexican theme. 'Spose the invitation of the 200 guests in some way tied in with that theme name?

In addition to Miss Dalton, it was a dignitary-dotted affair, with San Diego Mayor Frank Curran heading the list. Also chairman of the county Board of Supervisors, DeGraf Austin was on hand along with Charles Dordell, president of the San Diego 200th Anniversary, Inc., and a whole bunch of other dignitaries from that area, all aiding and abetting Miss Dalton in swinging the big stick for the pinata. Even Consul General of Mexico, Ignacio Pesquiera was present. It was, indeed, a gala event.

This colorful and authentic replica of a Mexican marketplace that makes up for the "Fiesta 200" will be open daily through Nov. 2 and should develop into quite a tourist attraction during the next few months.

Following the pinata breaking there were tours through the marketplace where Mexican artisans were at work making pottery, glass objects, leathercraft, rugs, furniture, ceramics, just about everything, and all laced with champagne and margaritas. On, it was a swinger.

A bit of culture here now, please. There's to be a seven-

performance engagement of the **Royal Ballet** from London at the Shrine Auditorium July 2 through 6 and if you don't hurry you may miss out. They're filling the mail orders rapidly and the first who come will be the first served.

Heading the large contingent of dancers from the **Royal Opera House** will be Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev being brought here by impresario S. Hurok to round out his '92 Gala International Season. All this is, of course, in cooperation with the **Southern California Symphony-Hollywood Bowl Association**.

There'll be about eight ballets in all to be danced during their stay here including such well known ones as "Giselle," "Swan Lake" and "Romeo and Juliet" to mention a few. Prices will range from \$2.50 to \$8.50. Address requests to the Association at Music Center, 135 N. Grand Ave.

Everyone knows Anna Maria Alberghetti and her vast talents so if you want to pick up one this charmer you still have a week or so to catch her bit in the posh **Blue Room** of the **Hotel Tropicana** in Las Vegas.

Anna-Maria made her debut last Friday along with a little girl who is certainly no stranger to Torrance audiences — Bach Yen, the doll-like Vietnamese import tabbed as "92 pounds of Saigon charm." And that she is. Little Bach Yen, you'll remember made quite a hit at **Hop Louie's Latitude 20 Supper Club** here a year or so back and she is a cutie! Got a big time style, too, she has!

And in the **Versailles Room** of the **Riviera Hotel** in the same town it's Connie Francis



**RUFFLES AT RAFFLES** ... There's always ruffles to be found at Warren Ward's **Raffles Restaurant** in Downey when his executive chef John Bichler takes over. He and owner-host Ward are shown above, obviously enjoying the entrees offered on their attractive menu.

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Dine Out Tonight



**MUSICAL TALENT** ... That's what you hear when you listen to the Bosa-rock Swingers, entertaining niftily in the Sky Lounge of the Santa Barbara Inn up there in Santa Barbara. It's Ricky Diaz, center, and his talented group.

and the Everly Brothers now through May 28, which should be a swinging event.

Then over in the **Starlite Theatre** of the **Riviera** you'll find Jack Carter along with Fran Jeffries entertaining niftily through May 27 and here, too, you'll pass some highly enjoyable hours.

Following this current booking here, Shecky Greene returns to his "home away from home" May 28. Also on the same bill will be Sylvia Syms who "needs no introduction."

The follow-up in the **Versailles Room** May 29 will be Roger Miller and The Blossoms.

And in the middle of June—who comes in, finally? Wow! At long last it's Dean Martin whom everybody's been waiting for in this exciting room. Remember, old "guess ah'll go to-da caoch, now" used to be up the Strip a ways!

As evidence that they're expecting a record turn-out for this attraction, they've already knocked down the walls of the **Versailles Room** in order to add 300 more seats. That's what they're expecting here and waddy a bet — they'll fill 'em.

Remember the Los Galleros Mariachi Band that used to be a nifty feature at the **Red Onion Restaurant** on Hawthorne Boulevard in Torrance? Well, it was quite a nite last Thursday when they returned for a one-nite stand. Many of their old friends and followers came out for the event.

Owner-host Bart Earle is nobody's fool. This was a special request type thing and he was smart enough to send out special notices to let the Mariachi fans know "the happening" at **The Red Onion**.

The musicale went on from 7 in the evening 'til midnite and at the end, the fans didn't want them to leave.

Was quite an evening with patrons making it by there early to partake of some of the **Red Onion's** fine Sonora style Mexican food and then stay on for the superb entertainment offered that nite. But then, it's always a fun nite at any of the

**Red Onions**. There's four of 'em, you know.

On, come on, now — don't be chicken! Gather up the whole clan and hie ye on down to the **Royal Giraffe** at 4111 Pacific Coast Hwy. for some of that special family chicken dinner type cuisine.

The tab will run you just \$3.50 — and that's for TWO! Then if you're fortunate enough to have some kiddies under 12, they'll get the treatment for one buck each.

Now there are different times for this special. For instance, on Sundays it's from 4 in the afternoon 'til 9 at nite. Then from Monday through Thursday it all starts at 6 in the evening.

As is usually the case, though, most families get hungry earlier on Sundays for some reason or other and in this case try the Sunday Champagne Brunch at the **Royal Giraffe**. Well, of course, the kids don't get champagne! What's the matter with you! They swing with the milk and this means all the cow juice they can put away at their \$1.50 tab. Oh, for you adults it'll be a buck more.

Service starts with the brunch-bunch at 11 in the ayem and runs on 'til 3.

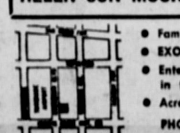
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## Soccer Chosen

South High's Larry LeVesque, gent have been se All-CIF soccer fir

Burks, a junior 157 pounds, was the defensive uni varsity letterman down the right f His ability to ston and support l led the team to accomplishment ponents to an av half goal per scored two pena during the season day Tournament 1-1 tie with Loyol a penalty-kick e game's conclusion

LeVesque, also year letterman a pounds, operated forward position records for most in one season (23 reer goals (27 in Larry also holds records, scoring single game (don sions). Not on scorer, he led th