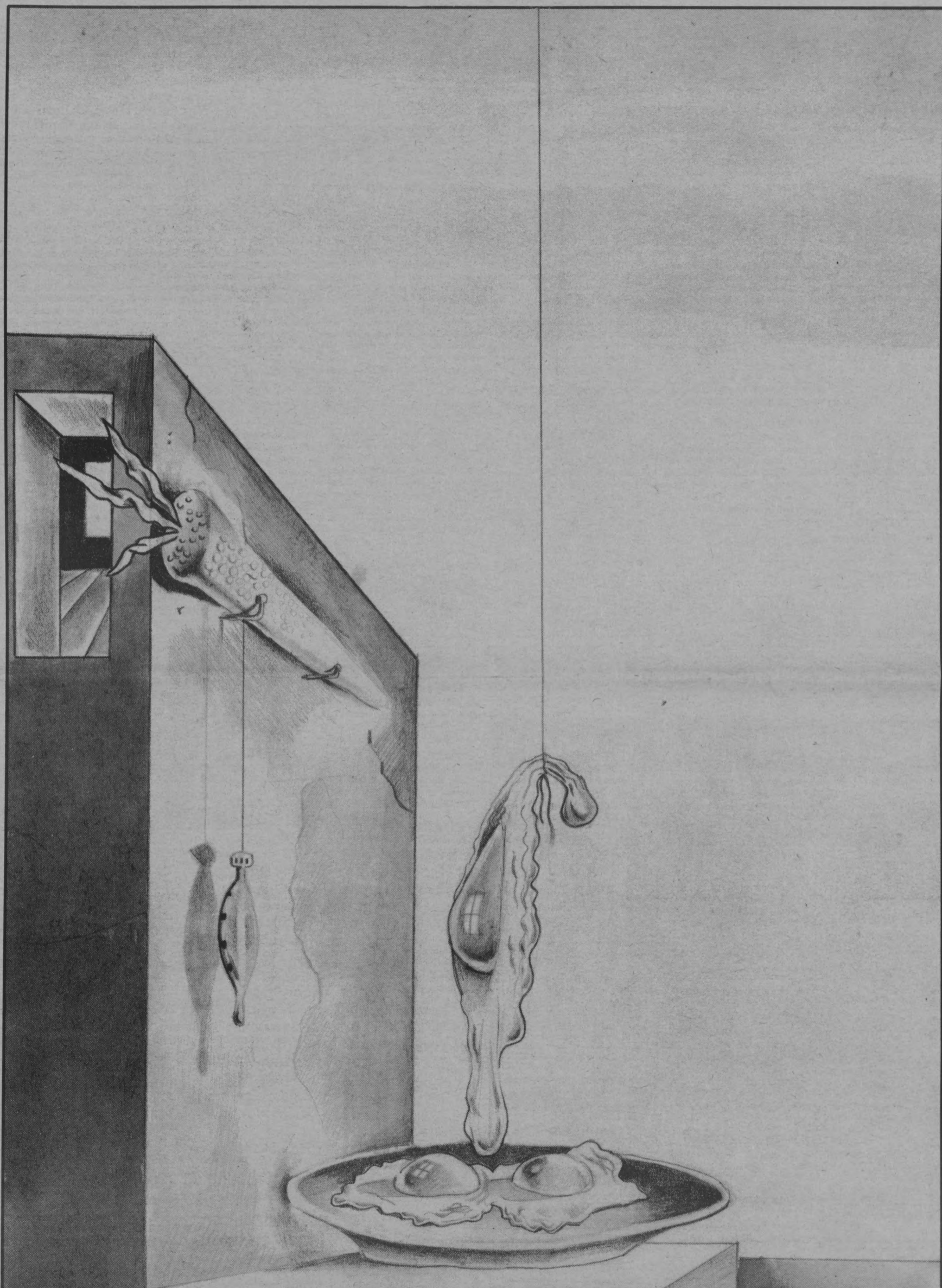


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(even
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Pino's Will Make You Start Saying 'Mama Mia' More

By Mort Miller

I survived the crowded night train to Rome and began my quest to experience life Italian style. I only had a few days left before flying back to the states, though, so I had to squeeze a lot of stuff into a little bit of time. I set a tight itinerary of rail travel and saw some sights. Sure, the Coliseum, the Bridge of Sighs and the "David" were magnificent, but I knew that what I would miss most about old Italy was the incredible cuisine, cuisine steeped in fine tradition. So I was worried. But when I returned to Santa Barbara (this was a couple of months ago), I was surprised to discover a little place right here in town that rivals the garlicky wonders of Italy.

So if you, too, crave some delectable and authentic Italian cuisine, may I recommend Pino's in Goleta. *Mama mia!* *Mia* mama can't even whip up noodles this *buonissimo*, and she comes right out of the old country. It would break her heart if she heard me say it, but there's no comparison.

Pino's has something for everyone. From the generous servings of succulent shrimp and milk-

fed veal, along with every kind of pasta under the sun, Pino's is just about the only place to go for Italian cuisine. The only problem is that their menu is so full of good eats, that you won't know what to order. But you'll have to pick just one, because these dishes are so gosh-darned filling.

The homemade fettucini is always a sure fire bet. You can get a huge mound of the magic pasta if you order their special, *Cioppino*. And I suggest you do — it's unbeatable. The savory fresh fettucini is topped with scampi, mussel, shrimp and scallops, all dripping in a delicate red wine sauce. Sure you could jet off to Venezia or Firenze, but you'd be hard pressed to find anything this good even there.

And you certainly won't find anything remotely close to the kind of pizza you can get at Pino's. My favorite is the Sicilian pizza, with its buttery, extra-thick crust and topped with everything but anchovies. But just like the rest of the menu, the variety of pizzas is endless, so take your pick. They say they've got the best pizza in town, but I'd say it's just about the best in the world.

And it's all yours for the taking, since Pino's is conveniently located on nearby Hollister. Of course as soon as you step inside, you might well think you're in some little piazza cafe. Pino's has brought a little bit of Italia right to Goleta and stops at no lengths when it comes to recreating a true Italian atmosphere: candle light for a touch of *amore*, soccer balls over the full bar in tribute to the national sport, and red, green and white everywhere.

And of course, the vino. Wet your lips with a little of this stuff and the leaning tower of Pisa might start to look a little straighter.

But Pino's has mixed all this ambience with the American standards of service, so you'll get your food fast and with a smile. While chefs slave over steaming stoves in the kitchen to make a meal just the way you like it, piping hot garlic bread and a fresh green garden salad will tide you over until the main course comes. (And unlike the European counterparts, you won't find any 'salad worms' in these lettuce leaves. It's all top-quality stuff.)

So if you want to eat, breathe and feel Italian, and you want to now, Pino's is the only place to



ANDREY KUZUYK/Daily Nexus

VIVA ITALIA: Homemade Italian food is the rule at Pino's, where platefuls of pasta blend with a mellow mileu.

Pino's is located at 5863 Hollister Avenue in Goleta. Open for lunch Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., dinner Sun.-Thurs. 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Phone 967-1933.

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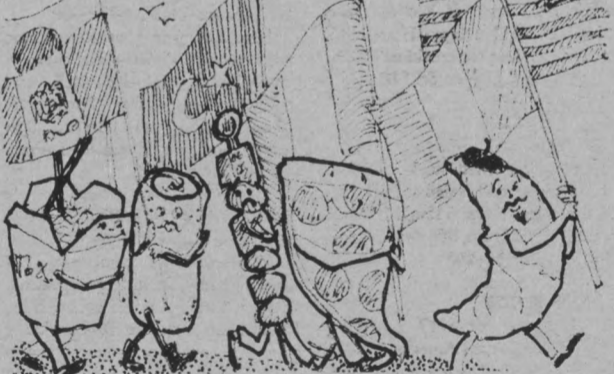
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Chuck's of Hawaii Will Prime Your Ribs With Great Steaks

By Stephen Lynne-Bachelor

Chuck's of Hawaii is a steak place. If it had time to mess around with burritos or quiche, maybe it would serve those things, too, but being a steak place — and being a steak place right — is what Chuck's of Hawaii concentrates on.

In this age of specialization, everybody tries to figure out what they're best at. Some say that this causes people to miss the bigger picture and this leads to a feeling of isolation. That may well be true. But it is undeniable that this controversial specialization makes for great steak.

Chuck's doesn't go for one of those fresh-off-the-range, I've-been-getting-along-little-doggy atmospheres that are sometimes popular with steak eateries. You know what I'm talking about, those steak houses with the big western image. Chuck's doesn't play the theme from *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* while you order. *Doo-wee-oo-wee-oo ... wah wah wah ...* "Yes, I'd like the New York steak, please." You know what I mean? Instead, Chuck's concentrates on a more elegant atmosphere — a quietly lit, dark wood feel that says "quality restaurant" more than it says, "Bud, get up and help pa with the rustlin'." You must know what I mean.

Chuck's is located over in the La Cumbre part of town, which is a nice part of town, I think. When you walk in, you're greeted by a friendly hostess who will seat you and prepare you for real dining. Chuck's fresh, crisp salad bar will get you off to a fine start with a wide range of vegetables and general salad bar items. One of the best aspects of this portion of the meal is Chuck's warm, hearty bread. A thick slab of this stuff topped by a pat of butter is one of those simple, overwhelming food experiences.

Simple and overwhelming is the Chuck's credo, I am likely to say. They don't want to slow dance



TASTE FOR TIKIS: Chuck's of Hawaii, the prime rib specialists, serves American fare just like your dad always tried to make it on the backyard barbeque.

around with a lot of bubbles and glitter. They don't smother their entrees in stinky sauces and try to act like it's some big favor they're doing you. They don't cloud the culinary issue by coming out with mediocre chow and doing the highbrow thing by giving it some fancy name. Did you want the steak? Order "the steak." Did you want steak and prawns? Order "the steak and prawns." Get it? It's like Perot without the billion dollars part.

Although their menu is succinct and to the point (in fact, it's so short it fits on a wine bottle), Chuck's

more than makes up for it with their specials. When the waiter came up to us and gave us the run down on the specials — which concentrate on fresh, local seafood — we were pretty impressed. He must have talked about seven or eight different specials. We wanted to get a couple of them — all of them sounded out of sight.

But you can't be too careful when ordering at Chuck's — that is, unless you don't mind eating too much and going into a coma. The portions are like small planets — and the gravitational pull towards them is awesome.

From my experience, you can eat, eat, eat and still have enough left over for a good couple of lunches. Maybe Chuck's owns stock in a doggie bag company, because I know they go through a whole bunch of them!

If you're looking for the right destination for a quiet date, or would just like to have a relaxing dinner out with your good friend, give Chuck's a try.

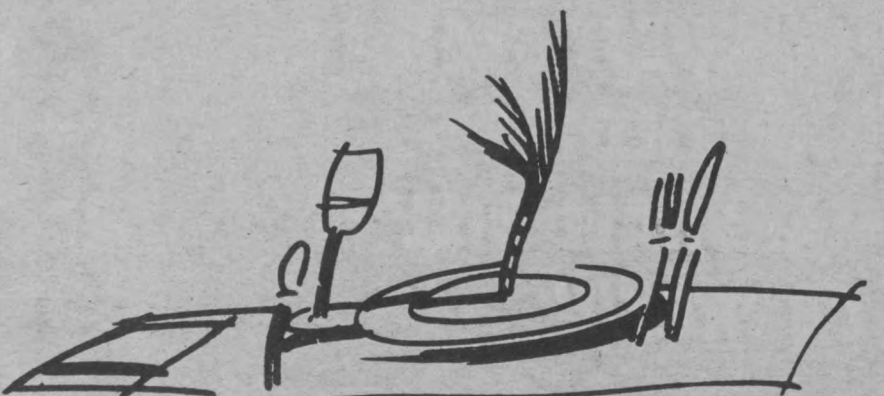
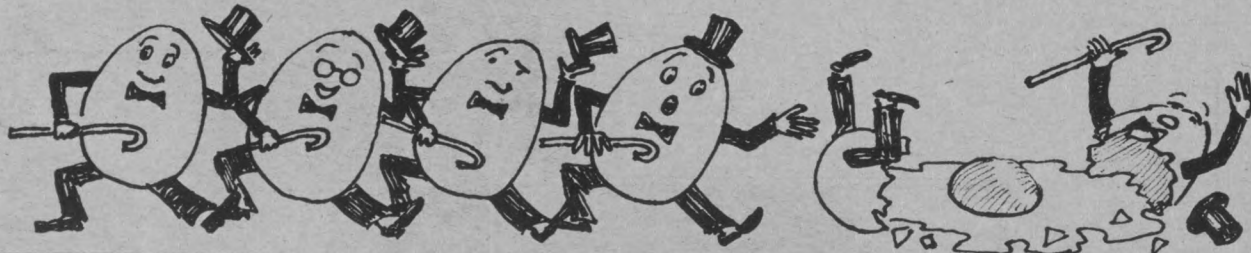
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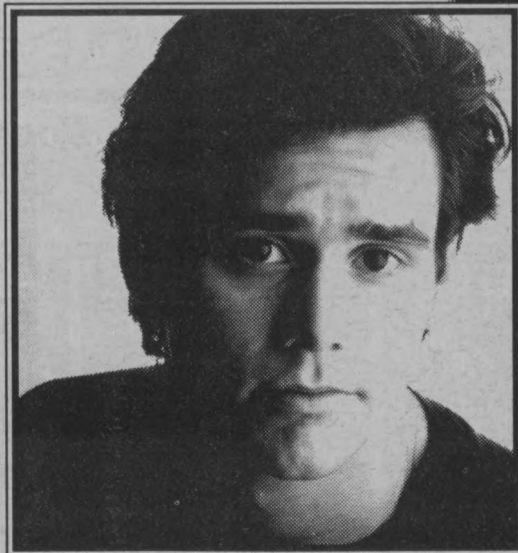
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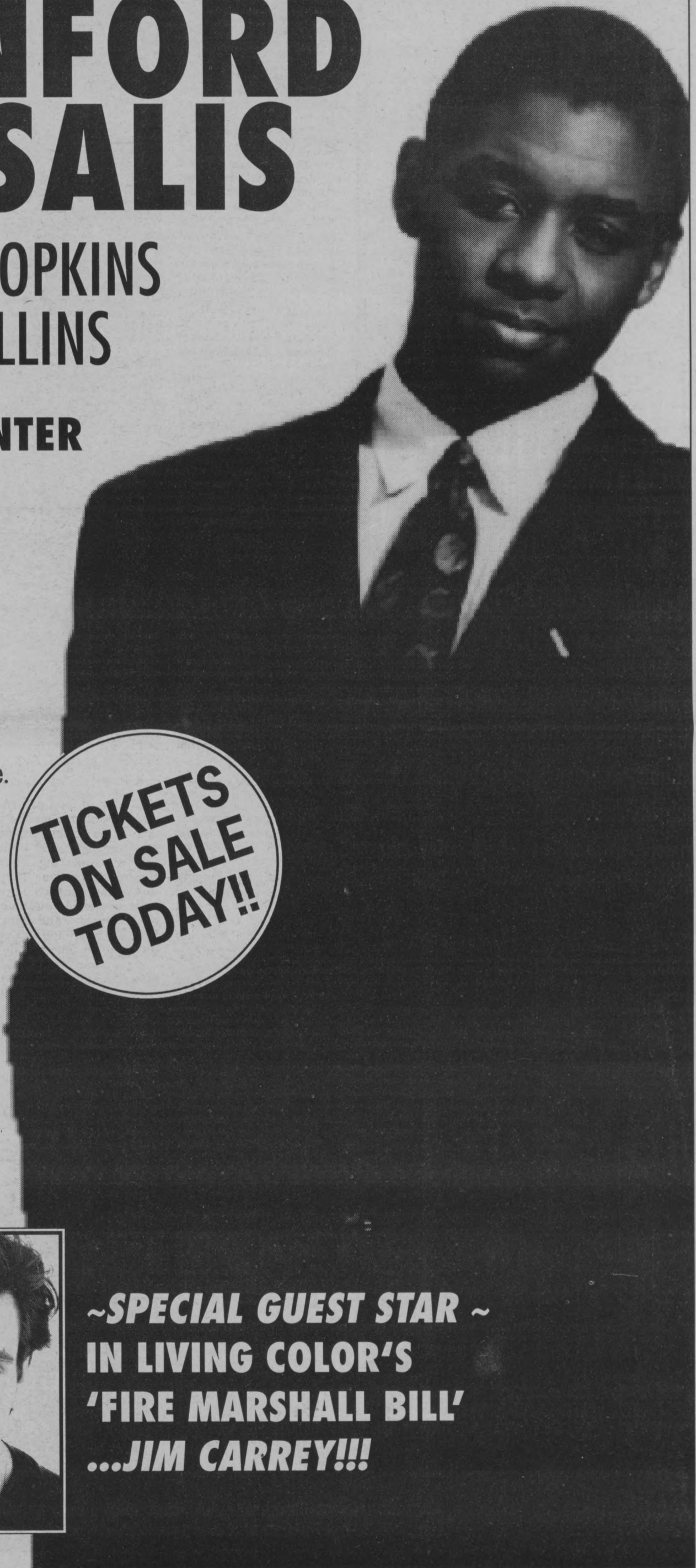
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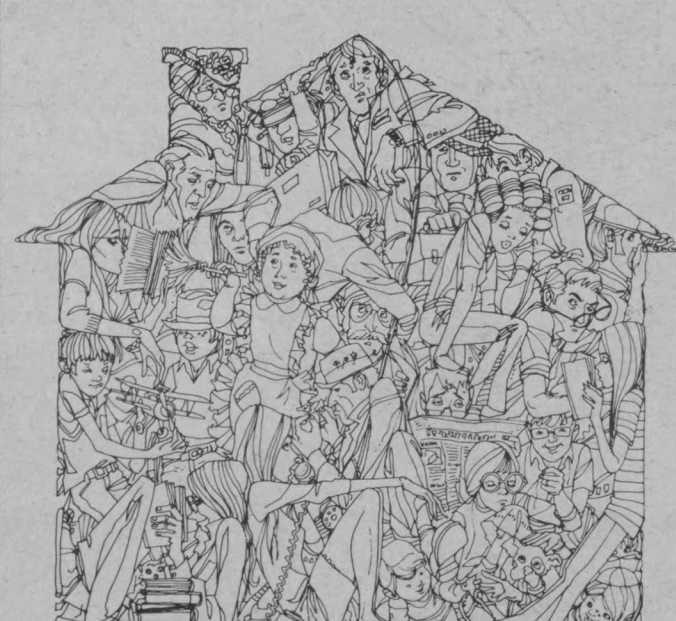
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Mel's Gets Back to What a Bar Is Supposed to Be

By Arnulfo Schmid

Walking into Mel's Cocktails from the pastel sidewalks and faux-Spanish architecture of Paseo Nuevo mall in Santa Barbara, first-time visitors might have a bit of déjà vu.

Mel's looks like a bar. Or at least it looks like a bar used to look, back when people got funny looks if they said *tempura* or *with a shot of almond flavoring, please*. Initiates to Mel's, reaching back through years of neon, plastic and art deco, might well remember these days presumed long since past.

Well, at Mel's they've managed to keep the tradition — a "50-year tradition," their ads say — rolling.

Mel's doesn't try to offer plates of decorated raw fish with its drinks, and it doesn't try to dazzle you with overblown cocktails that look more like they belong in a Las Vegas showroom than a bar.

And that's what Mel's is — a bar. Whether you believe it or not, real bars are a dying breed in this country. (Of course, don't expect to see bumper stickers anytime soon that say "You'll take my bar away from me when you pry it from my cold, dead fingers.") Most have sold their real bar status down the river to cash in on some trendy specials.

Which is what makes

Mel's even better. Mel's is like an oasis of reality in a desert of trendiness, since it's located in an arm of the sprawling Paseo Nuevo World. It has an atmosphere that facilitates sitting with a few friends or a date and having a nice, relaxing drink on a weekday evening. Of course, that's not to say Mel's isn't brimming with people on the weekends — because it is — and that's not to say it's got the inspiration level of, say, Valium — because it doesn't.

That's the trick. Mel's can be pretty much anything you want to make it, and you'll have a pretty good time doing that.

You can just sit back and take in the retro-late '80s wall decor featuring that favorite "James Dean Walking in the Rain and Smoking" poster. There's also a small but fascinating library against one corner that consists of about eight books I'd be willing to bet you haven't read.

For those preferring to have some audio stimulus, Mel's has a CD jukebox that's stocked with some of your favorites (and I know they are because you sing along) from the '60s to the '90s. Plunk down some change and you can drink in the sounds of the Beatles, Lou Reed or Tesla.

And for videophiles, there's a television on either side of the bar where you can catch the Clippers' game, Peter Jennings



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SO THIS IS HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE: Mel's Cocktails in Santa Barbara has remained faithful to the comfortable, friendly past of American watering holes like few other bars these days.

or "your favorite video-hits" on one of those two video channels. It all depends on the time of day and the taste of the crowd. For those preferring a more "traditional" form of entertainment, Mel's has a pool table in an official back room. Like I said, it all depends on your taste.

Speaking of taste, it's a good thing to keep in mind that there isn't a lot to eat at Mel's, except for the chips behind the bar. But, there are lots of other places to eat in a mall. It's a

good place to stop after having a bite to eat, taking in a movie or shopping for some oh-so-revealing lingerie.

But there are more important things to speak of — namely, the bar. It's more than well stocked with just about anything you can name, and a few things you can't. If you can't name it, describe it, and the bartender will make it for you.

On my most recent sojourn to Mel's, my roommate had a Sex on the

Beach, and I noted with glee that he gave out that gasp that always accompanies the first gulp of a really well-made drink. Our other companion decided to run the gamut of the bar, ordering everything from whisky and vodka to a Kamikaze and a shot of Jagermeister. Another good gasp.

I stuck to a simple beer followed by an Irish Whisky and a Baileys on the Rocks. No watered-down fluff here. Just good traditional drinks.

Mel's really doesn't have a specialty, but they will make something for you called a "Black Widow."

"It's got a good couple of hits of Black Sambuca," the bartender told me ominously. If it sounds foreboding, that's because it is — unlike the rest of Mel's, which is downright inviting.

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San Marcos Bowl Has a New, High-Tech Spin on an Old Idea

By Stephen Lynne-Bachelor

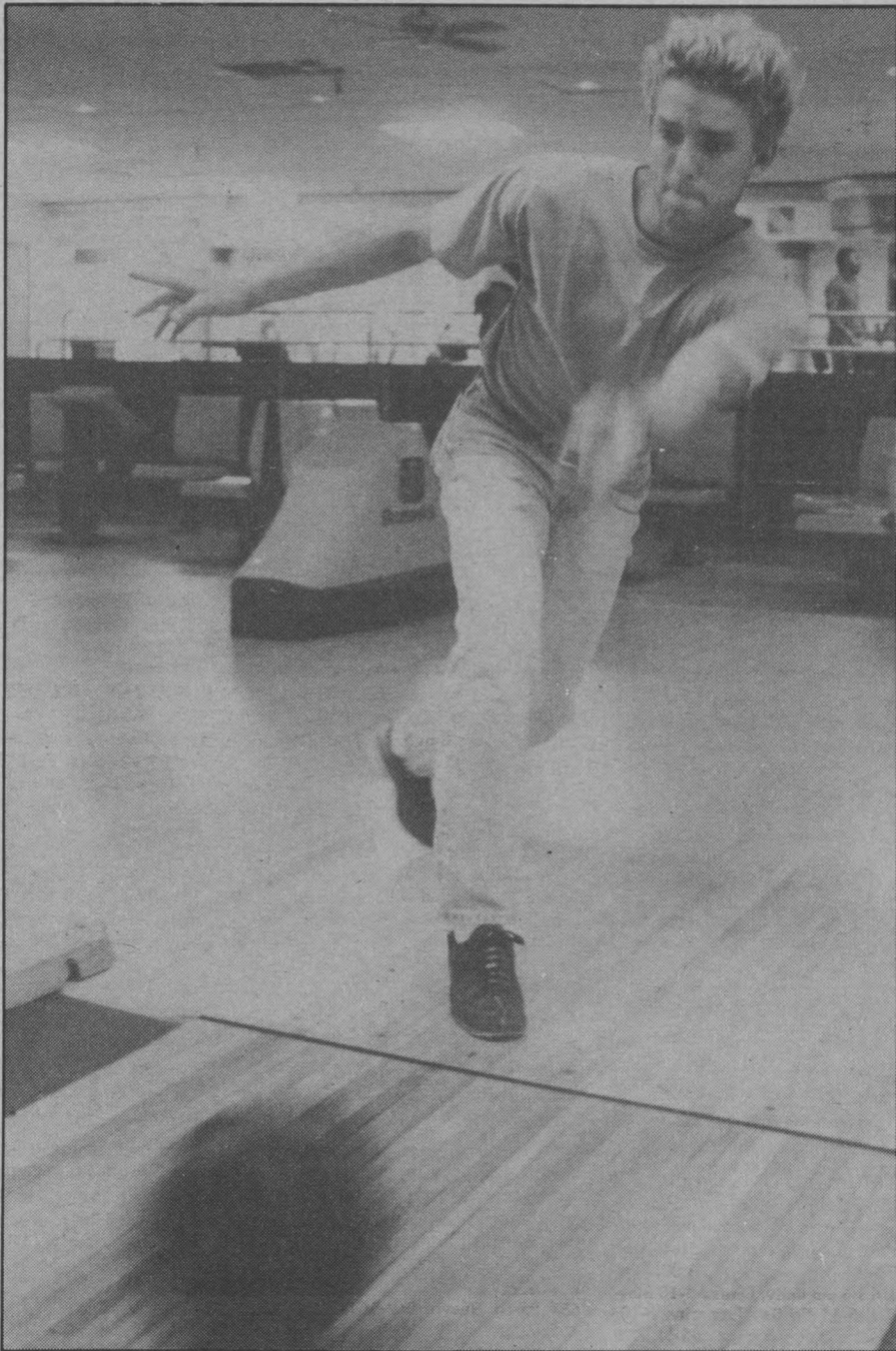
What happens if you think of your hometown bowling alley, friend? That homey, kitschy place with big, colorful balls hanging from the ceiling and weird lamps sure was neat, wasn't it? And yet, you didn't bowl much, did you? Never quite learned how to score the game on that overhead projector deal, huh? And the automatic ball return/pin straightener took a long time, didn't it? And some of those serious men with the one glove and the laughing women who drank the fruity drinks with the umbrellas in them looked at you funny as you bowled gutterball after gutterball or simply slid on your face down the lane with your fingers still stuck in the ball, huh? Ah, youth.

But like a flight over the Rockies, the times, they are a' changing.

Welcome to the high tech world of bowling, '90s style. Welcome to San Marcos Bowl. San Marcos Bowl is located almost exactly halfway between Isla Vista and Santa Barbara, just off the freeway there, and their recent renovations are impressive indeed. First, let's get straight to the bowling.

Automatic scoring has been available for a number of years now, and it seems that most alleys have installed it, which heightens your convenience and comfort while bowling. No longer do you have to rely on "Gene," the weird guy that nobody in your group seems to know (but there he is!), to score your game. Gene says he knows how to do it, but insists on using a little-known yet "highly superior" British scoring method, and there is some controversy when he says that four gutterballs in a row constitutes a "rummage," or an "automatic victory." In this way, we can see that automatic scoring is a boon to the social game and is also a great aid in keeping Gene unharmed physically.

But the state-of-the-art system at San Marcos Bowl is by far the most advanced one I've seen. Sure, it tallies and adds everything up just like Copernicus would, but it



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STEEE-RIKE: At San Marcos Bowl, the basics have been preserved during the alley's makeover, but new gadgetry brings an old pastime up to date.

also does wild stuff, too. For one thing, you can enter your whole name (or some interesting bowling pseudonym or "pin name") into the computer. You don't get just three letters — you get 15 or something. And when you bowl a strike or even a spare, your name will flash on the monitor, which can be pretty funny if you choose your name right. Another neat feature on the San Marcos Bowl automatic scoring system is the helpful hints it gives you in picking up the spare. Difficult split? Just look up at the screen and it will tell you which pin to hit and at what angle. Of course, if you could bowl with that much precision, you would have just bowled a strike in the first place, but it's fun and sometimes

useful.

Another thing that their automatic scoring does is represent the brand new, high tech feel of San Marcos Bowl in general. Everything they have there is new. From the wild, wonderfully strange carpet to the latest in video games and pinball machines, San Marcos Bowl has so much hip stuff, you'd think it was going out of style. And yet, they even have air hockey, which is probably the best coin operated game ever invented.

Their coffee shop is top dog and, need I say, new. Run in between frames and get one of their "Steve's Big, Big, Big, Big, Big Sandwiches" or just a nice cup of coffee. If nice is not your coffee bag — you'd rather have so-

phistication — then they also have espresso and cappuccino. I don't know much about it, but I might hazard to guess that San Marcos Bowl is one of few bowling alleys in which you can say the word "espresso" without fear of swift, meaningful punishment.

Of course, San Marcos Bowl still has the bar and everything else that goes into a classic bowling alley — you shouldn't worry about that. It's the same great ice cream with a neat new scoop. So check it out. It's a pretty cool place.

San Marcos Bowl is located at 4050 Calle Real, between State St. and Highway 154. Open 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m. daily. Phone 967-5631.



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OF COURSE IT'S ORGANIC: At the three farmer's markets held in Goleta and Santa Barbara each week, you can be sure you'll find some of the best produce in town, along with some of the lowest prices.

Farmers' Markets: A Place in the Sun for Local Produce Growers

By Bunyan Valentine

Nestled between two sections of the Calle Real shopping center in Goleta, a loose-knit group of farmers gather underneath the waning October sun every Thursday, where they hawk everything from jalapeños to jacarandas.

The 20 or so vendors, who sell their own fresh produce at prices lower than at most stores, spend the late afternoon under patio umbrellas, relieving day-end grocery shoppers of the tedium of supermarket check-out lines and crowded aisles.

The relaxed atmosphere is a welcome change from ATM machines, fluorescent lighting, cashiers pestering "paper or plastic?" and shopping carts whose wheels catch and skid across dented tile floors.

At a farmers' market, you pay cash, and more often than not, you don't pay very much of it. Most of the time, the change you have in your pocket is enough for whatever you happen to be buying right then.

Even better, you don't have to contend with shelf

stockers plagued by a mysterious urge to spray a fine film of water over any vegetables in sight. You bring your own bag — a nice, sturdy one — to pile up your groceries in.

If you buy a hanging plant or a potted flower, you ask the person who sold it to you how to water it, and how much sunlight it needs; you don't read one of those little plastic stakes that give you both the plant's scientific name and price, but not much more.

The weekday events, especially in Goleta, are a laid-back affair, usually free from the crowding and hubbub that can mark larger weekend farmers' markets. This is a place where you can slow down, forget about deadlines and due dates, shoot the breeze with your favorite vendor about how you should prepare *chilitas* and how to find the most succulent apple.

For the frugal shopper, the markets are an afford-

able find. The produce is a step above what you'll find at Lucky or Albertson's — and certainly better than the slim pickings in Isla Vista — and the prices about four steps below.

During the winter season, squashes, beans and fruit are most available, as well as a good selection of lettuce, cherry tomatoes, green onions and the usual salad fare. A few of the vendors are also carrying persimmons and pomegranates these days — two things you won't come across elsewhere.

At the last market I attended, \$8 was enough to set me up with a one-pound bag of string beans, a couple apples, a bag of peppers, a basket of cherry tomatoes, two zucchini, baby yellow squash, a head of butter lettuce, a bundle of fresh leaf spinach and a few other items.

The Thursday farmers' market is one of three each week; vendors also assemble in this open-air format

on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings in downtown Santa Barbara.

For those weekend days when you manage to roll out of bed in time to get downtown before noon, you really might want to head down to the Saturday market. You know, go buy some fresh eggs, cheese if you can find it, mushrooms, bell peppers, whatever, and go make omelettes for all your roommates. Or make a sandwich and go up to the mountains for the day.

It's the kind of place that'll make you want to do that stuff.

Farmers' markets are held three times a week: Tuesdays from 4-7:30 p.m. on the 500 block of State St.; Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. at the shopping center on the 5700 block of Calle Real in Goleta; Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the corner of Cota and Santa Barbara Sts. in downtown Santa Barbara.

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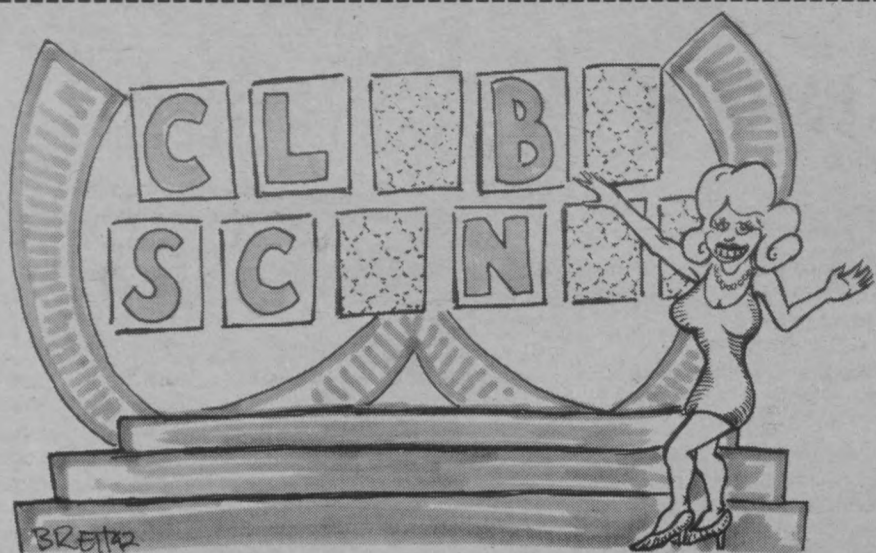
Coffee Houses

KALDI'S COFFEE HOUSE
 1155 Coast Village Rd., Suite D, Montecito 565-5292
 Between Jon Douglas Company and Letter Perfect Stationery "Montecito's First Coffee House." We offer the finest coffees, light foods, beer and wine. Inside and courtyard seating. Local entertainment Thursdays. The best, freshest goods in town! Open 6:30 am-10 pm daily.

ESPRESSO ROMA CAFE
 888A Emb. del Norte, 685-5210
 728 State St., 962-4721
 Open 7:30am-11:30pm daily.
 Voted SB's "Best Cafe" by the Nexus and Independent. Serving the strongest coffee at the lowest prices! I.V. location features fresh baked muffins, cheesecake, scones, fresh OJ & great art work!

GREEN DRAGON ART STUDIO & ESPRESSO BAR
 22 W. Mission St., 687-1902
 Open 7am until midnight. The city's most elegant espresso bar and art gallery. Sip a Cafe Latte and share a chocolate cheesecake surrounded by fine art in our converted cathedral sanctuary. Live acoustic music Thur-Sun.

SANTA BARBARA ROASTING CO.
 321 Motor Way (between State & Chapala off Gunierrez), 962-0320
 Open 7 days 7am-midnight. We roast daily, the freshest most exotic coffee; over 60 varieties and blends. Enjoy a capuccino or espresso at our authentic Italian Espresso Bar. Fresh and tasty croissants and muffins. Also everything for your home brewing needs.



Due to the erratic lifestyle of Santa Barbara musicians all dates and times are subject to change.

GOLETA & I.V.

THE ANACONDA
935 Emb. del Norte, 685-3112
The largest dance club between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Keep your eye on this place because great bands play here time and again. Late night dancing from midnight 'til three Fridays and Saturdays.

Fri 23: The Untouchables
Sat 24: Otis Rush
Tue 27: Mary's Danish
Wed 28: Deicide/Demolition Hammer/Cancer

Thu 29: Underground Roots Syndicate/The Upbeat
Fri 30: Ice-T with Body Count
Sun 1: Wjote Zombie/Xtra-Large
Fri 6: Fungo Mungo
Mon 9: Public Enemy
Mon 16: KMFDM/Chainsaw Kittens
Tue 17: Christian Death

ALEX'S CANTINA
5918 Hollister Ave., 683-2577
In this Mexican restaurant/bar you can suck down some margaritas and then dance 'till your heart's content. Alex's offers music 7 nights a week. Happy Hour 3:30-7 pm Mon-Fri — Free appetizers!

Fri 23: DJ Robbie Moore
Sat 24: Private Party
Sun 25: Latino Dance Party
Mon 26: Monday Night Football
Tue 27: Karaoke
Wed 28: Soul Force
Thu 29: College Night
Fri 30: DJ Robbie Moore
Sat 31: Private Party
Sun 1: Latino Dance Party
Mon 2: Monday Night Football
Tue 3: Karaoke
Wed 4: Cantina Countdown
Thu 5: College Night

BALTIERI'S
5792 Hollister Ave., 967-2881
Great Italian food and live jazz 8-11 pm every Friday and Saturday. Call weekly for info.

THE CANTINA
966 Embarcadero del Mar, 968-2862
Located in the heart of I.V. this Mexican restaurant has 12 different types of burritos for your dining experience. Not only does this place have food and Monster beers but it also has bands.

Fri 23: Jon Payne
Thu 5: Tony DePra

CARIBBEAN CUISINE
5838 Hollister, 967-7265
Bask in the radiant atmosphere of this authentic Caribbean eatery. The music and food in this joint allow us to enjoy the flavor of the Caribbean.

Fri 23: Mars Hotel
Sun 25: Peter Ogarra Band
Fri 30: Soul Bones
Sat 31: The Shival Experiment
Thu 5: Hip Hop Dancing

COLD SPRINGS TAVERN
5995 Stagecoach Rd., 967-0066
For you nature lovers this backwoods spot is the place for you. Dining and dancing with a rustic twist. (Look for the old jail cell in the back.)

Fri 23: Daniel
Sat 24: Phil Kennard & Leo
Sun 25: Tom & Kenny (afternoon)
Jackson Claypool (evening)

Fri 30: Daniel
Sat 31: Little Jonny & the Giants
Sun 1: Tom & Kenny (afternoon)
Sky King (evening)

MONTY'S COCKTAILS
5114 Hollister Ave., 967-9012
Located in the Magnolia Shopping Center next to the Goleta Woody's, Monty's features daily drink specials, Monday Night Football, Pool and Pinball, 6 TV screens and 2 new Satellite dishes, and dancing every Fri & Sat night with DJ Richie Rich.

ORCHID BOWL'S GALLEON ROOM
5925 Calle Real, 967-0128
Yes, the Orchid Bowl is a bowling center and all that implies. They are now having bands play and all kinds of other events so throw on your bowlers and bring some dancing shoes for afterwards.

Fri 23: Agin Brothers & the Territorial Law Band
Sat 24: Agin Brothers & the Territorial Law Band

Thu 29: Sage Dogs
Fri 30: Sage Dogs
Sat 31: Sage Dogs

THE PUB
UCSB's UCen, 893-3536
On Thursdays this place has the best deal going. You can see a hot underground band and get good drink deals. Just don't try to smoke because of course we all know it's not permitted. Take a break

from the books one Thursday night and check this out.

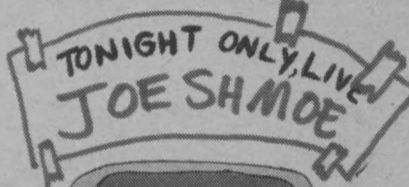
Tue 27: Comedy Night
Wed 28: Tom Ball & Kenny Sultan
Tue 3: Election Day Comedy Night
Wed 4: The Acousticats
Thu 5: Pub Night

SPIKE'S PLACE
6030 Hollister Ave., 964-5211
A bar in the heart of Goleta that has beers and bands. Try their variety of beers and don't forget to get your card punched.

Fri 23: Nick Pyzow
Sat 24: Nick Pyzow
Tue 27: Bill Fernberg
Wed 28: Marv Green
Thu 29: Derral Gleason
Fri 30: Fin, Greg & Dave
Tue 3: Cyruss & Tom
Wed 4: John Lyle
Thu 5: Los Guys

WOODY'S
5112 Hollister Ave., 967-3775
In the Goleta location, Woody's offers the same great ribs and jars of beer as the original does. A real knee-slappin' sort of place.

Fridays: Alan Garbar & Marsha Blum



SANTA BARBARA

ALEX'S CANTINA
633 State St., 966-0032
Mexican restaurant with a separate energetic bar. In this downtown location the bar is packed with party veterans from all over. Live music.

Fri 23: JD's Last Ride/Circus Frequency
Sat 24: Tao Jonz
Sundays: Karaoke
Mon 26: Rich Reeves & the Future Blues Band
Karaoke
Wed 28: Back Talk/Mars Hotel
Thu 29: Fin, Greg & Dave
Fri 30: TBA
Sat 31: KTYD Halloween Party
Mon 2: Rick Reeves & the Future Blues Band
Wed 4: Breat 'n Butter
Thu 5: Fin, Greg & Dave

ARLINGTON THEATRE
1317 State St., 963-4408
A historic landmark for many, this structure is a great place to see any musical performance.

ART'S BAR
2611 De la Vina, 569-0052
A place where the boys go to drink a beer and shoot the crap. You can shoot pool to pass the time while you watch some of SB's local talent.

Fri 23: Wicked Willy & the Fishtail
Sat 24: Little Jonny & the Giants
Wed 28: Maladdiction
Thu 29: Mars Hotel
Fri 30: The Ex-Husbands
Sat 31: The Crawdads

BAJA JOE'S
1208 State St., 564-3208
Located on mid-State Street, Baja Joe's offers a kicked back atmosphere where you can sit back and enjoy the sounds of live music from local bands or have a pitcher of beer with Friends. Call for band info.

THE BEACH SHACK
500 Anacapa, 966-1634
One of Santa Barbara's newest clubs, the Beach Shack offers live entertainment and dancing. They bring in many local and some non-local bands, not to mention their killer drink deals on Tuesdays thru Thursdays. Call club for band info.

Tuesdays: 25¢ Drafts 9-10 pm

Wednesdays: All drinks \$1 9-10 pm
Thursdays: 50¢ Well Drinks 9-10 pm
Fri 23: ComMon Sense
Sat 24: Urban Dread w/ Members of Lion I's
Culture with special guest Jah-B-One
Tue 27: World Famous Wedding Band
Wed 28: AIDS Benefit 8:30 pm
Special drink prices
Thu 29: ComMon Sense
Sat 31: Spencer the Gardener

BREWHOUSE
202 State St., 963-3090
The Brewhouse has the only micro-brewery in house. With this brewery find quality ale is offered at reasonable prices. Along with the beer there is plenty of local music for your listening pleasure.

Fri 23: Coco Montoya w/the Goods
Sat 24: The Ska's the Limit
Sun 25: 3-5 Jah-B-One
Thu 29: Neighborhood Night w/ Live Acoustics & Beer Specials
Fri 30: Jah-B-One
Sat 31: Brad is Sex/Red River Gumbo
Sun 1: 3-5 Soul Force
Thu 5: Neighborhood Night

FELIX'S CANTINA
525 State St., 962-1432
This S.B. hot spot has been owned by many people and managed by more yet but once again they have seen their way clear to celebrate the talents of the many "known" bands of S.B. and surrounding areas. Call for entertainment info.

HESTIA HOUSE
(Formerly See's Coffehouse)
1014 State St., 963-8060
Yes, in fact it is a cafe. Located in the heart of downtown Santa Barbara, they offer a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of excellent java. Oh yeah, they have bands too.

Sat 24: The Dave Baer Trio
Tue 27: Open Mic Nite
Sat 31: Blue In Green
Thu 5: Open Mic Nite

JOSEPPI'S
434 State St., 962-5516
This is a great place to relax and groove to the sound that has been with us forever. This is the place for jazz lovers. Jazz played every night. Happy Hour 5-8 pm.

Fri 23: The Ex-Husbands
Sat 24: Chris Judge Jazz Quartet
Sun 25: Zoo Story
Mon 26: Al Vafa Band
Tue 27: TBA
Wed 28: Poetry Night featuring Gavin Hyde
Thu 29: The Jennifer Robin Trio
Fri 30: Dave Binney (Quartet from N.Y.)
Sat 31: The Ex-Husbands
Sun 1: Bongo Town
Mon 2: Al Vafa Band
Tue 3: Zoo Story
Wed 4: Chris Judge Jazz Quartet
Thu 5: The Pontiac

THE KETCH
514 State St., 564-3231
This hideaway on State is again open for business and from the appearance it seems to be better than before. While having a tropical drink here you will be under the impression that you are sealed off from the rest of Santa Barbara. For instance, you can drink in a shrubbed patio with three-foot birds squawking.

MOONANGEL
302 W. Montecito, 962-8949
In this casually elegant Turkish/Mediterranean restaurant one can enjoy L.A. Times acclaimed food and be entertained. The buffet is great and inexpensive! Check out the belly dancing.

THE PRIME DIRECTIVE
634 State St., 564-1032
Santa Barbara's hottest new nightclub — check it out! Call for info.

THE RED DOG SALOON
110 Santa Barbara St., 965-2231
A bit of the ol' west hits Santa Barbara in this restaurant/bar and you can learn some good ol' country western dancing while enjoying the atmosphere.

Fri 23: Ron McCoy Band
Sat 24: Ron McCoy Band
Sun 25: Mark O'Toole
Tue 27: Mark O'Toole
Wed 28: The Acousticats



Thu 29: Sky King
Fri 30: Sky King
Sat 31: Sky King

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOWL
1122 N. Milpas, 966-7566
Once again, the Bowl has opened up for another season of live concerts. The open air atmosphere makes this a terrific place to see your favorite bands while soaking in the beautiful nighttime air.

Sun 25: The Black Crowes
Nov. 5: Travis Tritt
Nov. 7: Steel Pulse

TOES TAVERN
416 State St., 965-4655
This new S.B. spot looks to have much to offer. They have plenty of different beers and wine for you to choose from while enjoying live entertainment. Not only does Toe's have a pool table, but they also have ping pong and shuffleboard. Visit Toe's on Big Wednesday for the drink specials.

THE WILD CAT
962-7970
Call for information.

WOODY'S
229 W. Montecito, 963-9326
At this Woody's location the patrons can enjoy their mason jars full of beer while soaking in the western atmosphere. I can personally attest to the quality of Woody's ribs. If you don't go to Woody's for the music, then go just for the ribs.

ZELO
630 State St., 966-5792
Voted SB's best dance club six years in a row. Progressive recorded music, lights, video. D.J.s play the latest in dance music. Occasional live music.

Fri 23: College Night (2 for 1)
Sat 24: 2 for 1 Drinks w/DJ Brent
Sun 25: Badd Boyz
Mon 26: URGE
Tue 27: Happy Planet
Wed 28: AIDS Hardrock Benefit w/ Dawg/Forty Oz/Leadhead
Channel Zero
Thu 29: College Night w/Dave Brooks
Fri 30: 8th Annual Zeloween
Sat 31:

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LOCAL COLOR



Anaconda

Mary's Danish is coming back Isla Vista, and they're taking the stage this Tuesday night (October 27) at the Anaconda. They are playing in support of their new album, American Standard, which has a very wide variety of sounds. From mellow love tunes to hardcore "I don't care" types of songs, Mary's Danish is sure to rock the joint so make sure you're there to check it out.