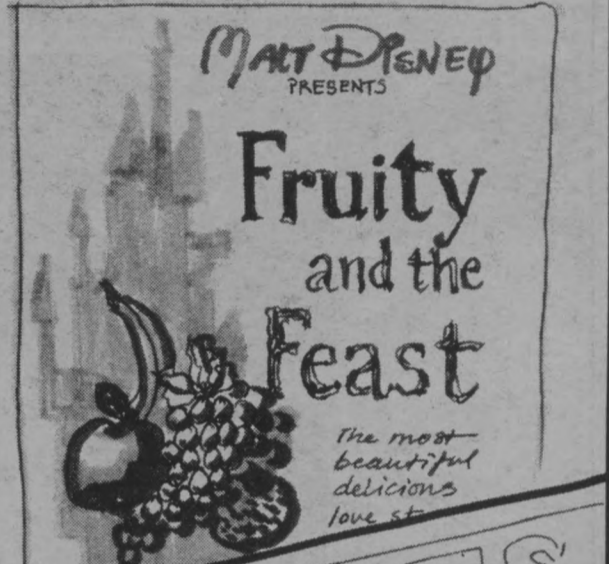
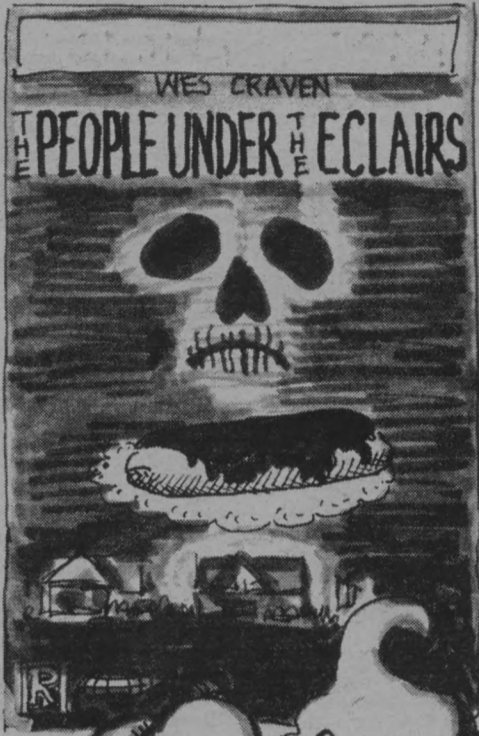


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# Orchid Bowling for Fun!

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By Stephen Lynne-Bachelor

Bowling is about the best thing you can do in funny shoes, with the possible exception of dressing up like a clown and getting into a really small car with 12 other clowns—yeah, even the sad ones—and then getting out of the car a little while later.

You can't get much more in the way of pure, unadulterated Americana than bowling. It's the perfect American sport. It requires a good amount of skill, but then again, it doesn't require any at all. You know what I mean. It's an equality thing.

Locally, no place captures that feeling of America better than Orchid Bowl, over in Goleta. First off, it's 24-hour, like all great American things. I think 24-hours is another word for "freedom." Secondly, Orchid Bowl, like America, deftly combines the classic things of the past with the convenient things of the present. For example, at Orchid Bowl, you get groovy lamps from the '60s and stuffed moose heads on the walls, but you also get state-

of-the-art automatic scoring and all the popular video games. And like America, it's a great place to be with your friends.

When a group of college kids go bowling, you can generally spot them from a good distance. There's always one joker in the group who takes it seriously—he's got his own ball, a little towel that says "I'd Rather Be Bowling Than Gutting Carp in a Latvian Prison," a resin bag, a wrist brace; the whole bit. Whenever he bowls a split, he always says, "Dang! Another split!" Then he examines the ball closely and mumbles something about getting the holes adjusted. He always gets the lowest score, lower even than Jerry, the guy who came along that nobody knows, who has been bowling with one finger.

Also in the group is Melissa, who claims to have never bowled before. She hurls her 16-pound ball down the lane at rates upward of 40 mph, and comes just three strikes shy of a perfect game. "Did I make a goal?" she asks smilingly.

The four other people who came along as well are fair bowlers, nice college

kids just out for a good time and a little exercise. Included here is Big Charles, who slips and falls a lot and is always going back to the desk to get a different pair of shoes.

It's true. And anybody who has taken a couple friends over to the Orchid Bowl late-night knows that it's about as much fun as you could ask for and still come in under budget.

It's cheaper than a concert and you don't get eardrum damage from the noise or third degree burns on your thumb from flicking your Bic during the triumphant ballad. It's a more interactive date than a movie (cheaper, too) and your companion won't complain of a sore rear end after sitting through the latest Charlie Sheen epic. And it's as wholesome as a cold glass of milk in your grandparents' kitchen.

Because a lot of the Orchid Bowl's business comes from UCSB kids, they have started holding weekly "Rock and Bowl" parties for the last year or so. The ever-growing popularity of Rock and Bowl is clearly due to the inexpensive bowling, discounted beer, rock vid-

eos, gifts, prizes and general mirth. It's something to do on Thursday nights other than rent "Fletch" again. It's fun. I've been there.

So, the next time it's 4 a.m. (or even 2 in the afternoon) and you're feeling a little funny... don't go crazy, go to Orchid Bowl.

Orchid Bowl is located at 5925 Calle Real in Goleta. Open 24 hours. Phone 967-0128.

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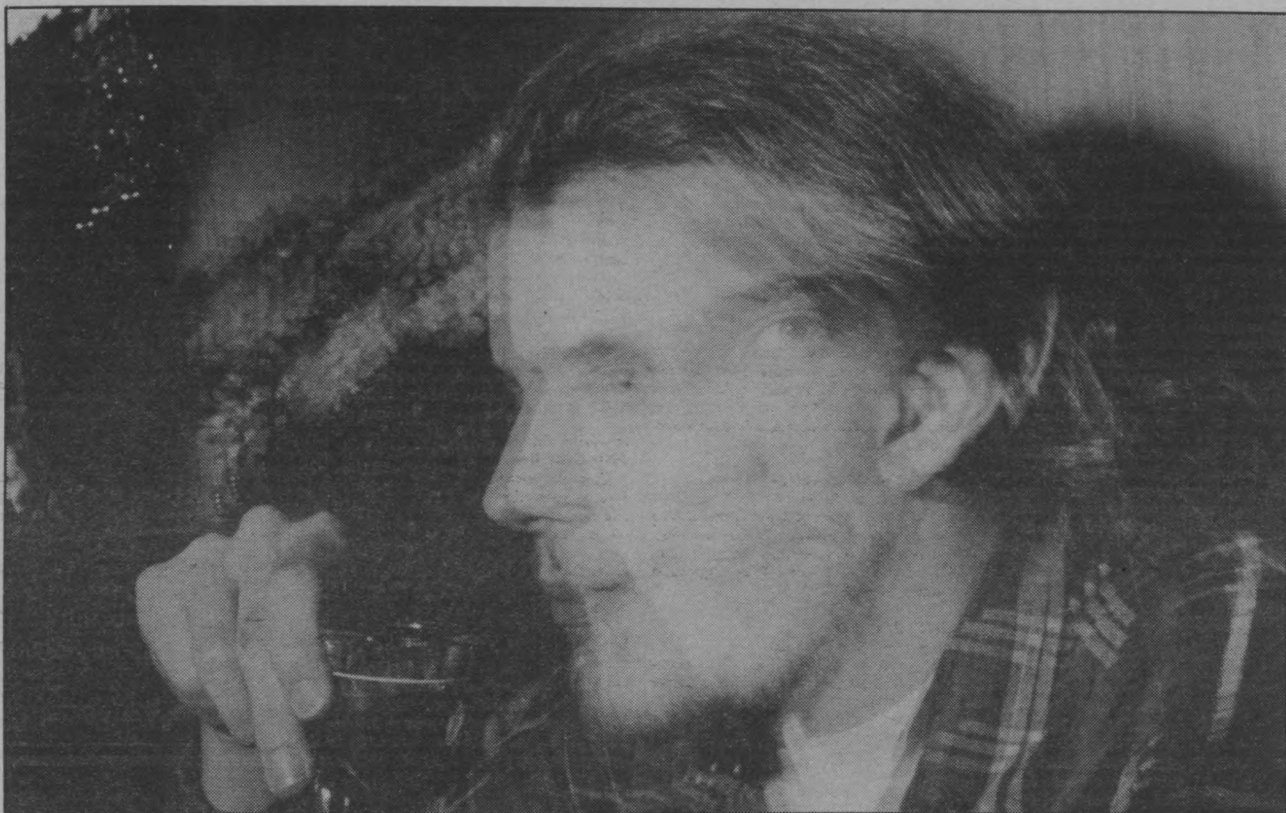
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You'll do a double take when you go to Monty's!

# Monty's: Drink Up!

For drink specials and quality, you can't do better than Monty's, bar none!

By Hank Steüver

Oh man, we must have talked about the last five days the entire way home.

'Vegas, baby' this; 'Vegas, baby' that.

"Remember when I was down to my last blackie," Dominick erupted from the back of Umberto's Chevy Nova with sunroof, "and I rode 32 — and the bad boy hit? Remember that? Do ya?"

We remembered. But we had bigger problems. Something to do with a flashing red light on the dashboard. 'Berto said the car had no liquid. "She's dying of thirst," he would quip.

We knew how she felt. Not like we hadn't had our share over the past week, but hey, it was Friday and the car wasn't going anywhere, so we figured we'd find us a nice little watering hole and cuddle up for the evening.

We were a few miles from downtown and after five days and five nights in the City of Lights, we thought we'd forgo the crowd scene and try something a little more intimate and personal.

One helluva recommendation from Cleo at the Chevron station later and we were at Monty's in Goleta.

I remember walking up to the door, thinking this place was like all those bars my grandpa took me to when I was five, but that's another story. It's like all those restaurants people tell you about: "Yeah, I know, it doesn't look like much from the outside, but man does it serve up a plate of tacos," or "Man, it's got the best chowder around." You know the routine. And heck if Monty's isn't your typical midtown bar packaged in a plain brown wrapper.

But that's all it needs to be, because what's inside speaks for itself.

First let's talk multiple television sets nested high above intimate, cozy tables, surrounded by plush booths. If there's two or three sporting events going on, Monty's got you covered. And one thing about the downtown scene you don't get at Monty's is noise. I mean, the loudest it got the two hours we were there was when this lady from Pacoima got too excited and

'led "Eight ball — side pocket, sweetie, pay up. OOOwwhhooo!" from the pool table nearby. Not that there was any serious gambling going on or anything, I think she had just won another fab pitcher of Monty's generous strawberry margaritas — that taste as good as anything produced by the finest Mexican restaurants around — which is how we started our evening.

The drinks were good, and we were immediately relaxed. The thing we liked about the place up front was that it was part bar, part cocktail lounge, and yeah, maybe even part pool hall (although there's just one table) — big mirrors on the wall. That kind of thing.

Another nice touch was that we didn't have to stand behind a long line of folks at the bar stools and wait for our drinks — the waitress promptly blended our drinks and then brought them right to our table.

We liked Monty's. I think most of all because we felt like it was our own little hideaway — a place to go when you feel like being social, but don't feel like hav-

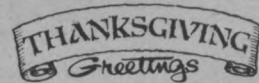
ing blue and yellow drinks spilled on you by large men as you make your way across a dance floor to the wet bar. Too many times we're forced to pay large covers or put up with watery drinks just to have a good time on a Friday night, and spend so much time getting and waiting for drinks or dealing with crowds or tip-hungry waitresses, we forget the reason we went out was to have a good time and relax.

You can have a good time and relax at Monty's. And even at the height of happy hour on a Friday evening, you can get personal service and a short wait for a game of pool. Heck, if you're as lucky as us, you'll get a guy in a "CAT" hat lean over his Bud Dry and genuinely ask you what's going on with yourself or why you look like you just spent five days in Vegas.

Here's to you, Tucker. Monty's is located at 5114 Hollister Avenue, at the Magnolia Center in Goleta. Open from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Phone 967-9012.

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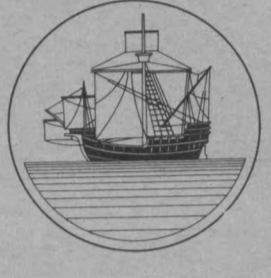
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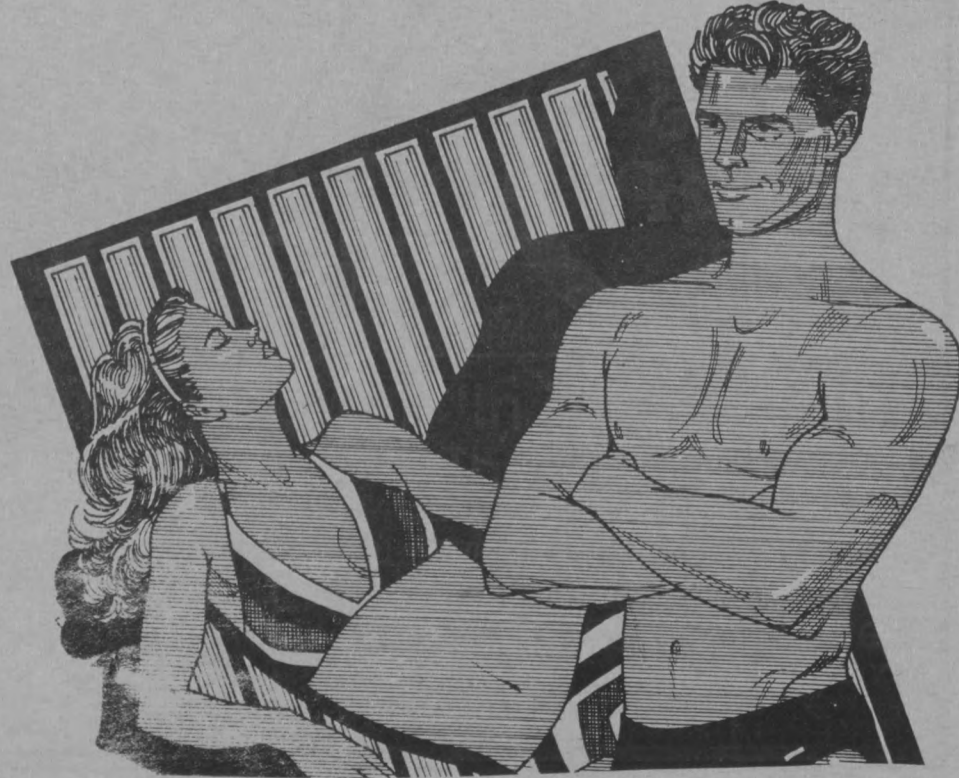
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PRE-THANKSGIVING SALE



# Get Keen-o on Pino's!

It's great food and atmosphere make some restaurants envious of Pino's

By Abe McCurdy

Just the other day, I was hungry for some swingin' Italian food. Not some fly-by-night Chef Boyardee, but something savory, sicilian and saucy, like my good friend Guido's mamma used to make.

I looked at my baby and said, "See here darlin', I want some delish' Italian food and I want you to come with me."

Baby looked up at me with those big baby blues and said, "Oh, Abe Baby, it would be keeno if we went to Pino's."

"Pino's?" I thought. Why not? I love that place to pieces. It's in Goleta on Hollister, just a hop, skip and a jump from Isla Vista. They got the heppesst Italian food. After all, the cast and crew is Italian.

My doll was a little worried about parking when we arrived.

"No problema," I responded, and swung around to the back entrance to a parking lot that could fit many, many cool-daddy Cadillacs. Too cool.

"Oh, Daddy-o," squealed my baby, "This place makes me tingly."

I could see what she meant. I felt like I was in the old country. This was Italian with a capital S, for Swingin'. This was decor I could dig.

The moment we got inside, we were shown to our seat, which is cool with me. Over my baby's "Ohhs" and "Ahhs" I heard something that made me smile. I knew that background music. I could sing it for ya, if you gave me a mike. It was "Volare." This was my kind of establishment.



GERRY MELLENDEZ/Daily Nexus

### Surprise!

Baby and me were having a little pre-dinner refreshment, looking at our menus. We weren't just looking at row after row of Spaghetti and Pizza. They had stuff you never heard of, but wish you had, long ago. We decided to get a little kookoo and order food we hadn't seen before. I got the Gnocchi, that's Italian for Potato Dumplings and French for the best food ever. Baby got Eggplant Parmigiana, it's served with Rigatoni and it makes you want to put on gossamer wings and soar, 'cuz it's swingin'.

Halfway through the salad, a cool-lookin' cat, Pino himself, came over and started a little serenade. It was some Italian opera. I

knew it, and I woulda joined him but he had a set of lungs on him that didn't need an accompaniment. I saw the way everyone was groovin' to his vocals, and kept quiet.

The food was gone too fast, but that was OK, because there was plenty of it. Baby couldn't finish. She's petite, but she can still eat like a horse and a half, so I was surprised. The waitress just gave me a flirty little smile, only like those from southern Europe can do, and put the leftovers in a box for us to take home.

We passed on dessert, because we had done all the eating we needed to, but we did get a little Bohemian and enjoyed some coffee.

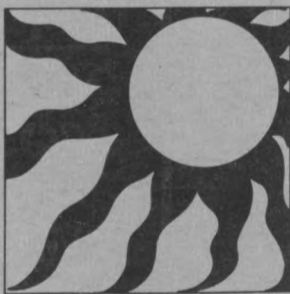
Nothing could have done me better.

"Abe Baby, I love this place," my doll giggled. She doesn't say what she doesn't mean.

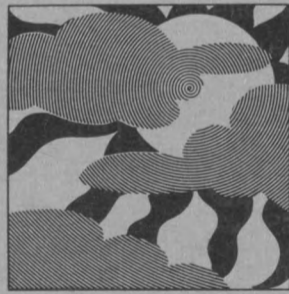
"I love it too, Babe." And I loved it so much more, when I looked at what there was of the bill. I gotta swing there more often.

I had a lot of other things planned to do with my baby that evening. We were going to be all the rage. Yet, all we did for the rest of the night was talk about what a swingin' restaurant Pino's is.

*Pino's is located at 5863 Hollister Avenue in Goleta. Phone 967-1933.*



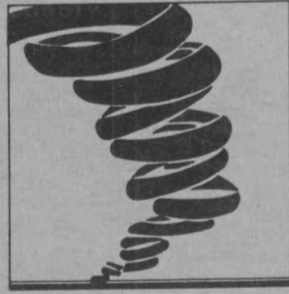
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# China Castle, Goodness!

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By Agamemnon Zume

"Turn left here!"  
"Oop! I can't. It's one-way."

A truck roared by, horn blaring. I revved the engine, and my scooter shot forward.

"Goldangiti!"

Steff was frustrated. Here we were, on our way to this hopping little downtown nightclub we'd been told about, and we'd somehow gotten sucked into this labyrinth of one-way streets, all going the wrong way.

"Here!"

"Oop! Missed it."

Steff's grasp on my waist was tightening.

Suddenly, a wide, linear, well-managed street opened up to my left. Quick as a flash, I'd whipped my trusty little 80 cc'er around the corner, sending us speeding up the tree-lined way.

"Oop!"

Caught Steff by surprise on that one.

"Look! China Castle!"

"Dinnertime."

"Mahlzeit!"

Bantering genially to one another, we parked in a conveniently located lot, and started inside.

"Boy-howdee, it's been a while since I had Chinese food!" Steff was chortling.

"Yeah?! Well, we came to the right place. My sister and I used to eat here all the time."

"Your sister and you ... Where the heck didn't you guys eat?"

"Like, what state?"

Steff let me out of the sleeper hold when we got inside, which pleased the chaperon, who quickly showed us to a cozy little table in the corner. Steff's brown eyes were sparkling. The atmosphere was perfect.

"Can we afford this?"



Fortunately, the China Castle is good.

HILLARY KAPLOWITZ/Daily Nexus

Steff whispered.

"Sure. It's quite reasonable, really. And just look at this menu."

Steff looked. He seemed suitably impressed. He voiced words of awe. He gazed approvingly.

"Now try looking inside, Buddy Hackett."

I, of course, didn't need to look. Despite the astonishing array of dishes offered, ranging from seafood to poultry to pork to beef to vegetarian to gargantuan platters for an entire platoon of hungry diners, all prepared to culinary perfection (I'd tried most of them ... my sister's a big eater), I knew already what I wanted. I realized suddenly that I'd been wanting it for weeks.

"So that's what's been bothering me," I muttered.

"Something I said?" Steff inquired.

"No, I've been needing some Barbecued Pork with Chinese Snow Peas. Badly." Suddenly, my mouth was

watering. I couldn't wait.

But wait I would, and enjoyably, as the kindly waiter showered us with excellent hors d'oeuvres. First, crisp eggrolls. With sweet and sour sauce and hot mustard. Full of vegetable delights.

Flaky crusts. They were quickly devoured. Then, won tons and foil-wrapped chicken. Chicken marinated in a subtle sauce, positively melting in my mouth. Steff let me have his, 'cause he was starting to worry about being able to finish his Lamb with Broccoli and Garlic Sauce (a special of the day). What with the won ton soup as well, it was looking like a full evening.

But when the fried dumplings came, affectionately known as potstickers, he lifted his self-imposed appetizer ban and downed three of the hefty treats, liberally applying the special and spicy soy sauce blend which accompanied these delightful delicacies.

Then, the food. Tender sliced pork in a succulent BBQ sauce, fried with Chinese snow peas, served on a bed of steaming rice from our own little stay-fresh gen-u-ine rice bowl.

Steff's lamb was of a superior breed, prepared carefully and exquisitely. The garlic sauce was slightly tangy, perfectly spiced. It didn't even give him bad breath. It was that good.

We surprised ourselves by finishing most of the meals. I warned Steff that he might have to run alongside on the way home. He responded with a knuckle. I mean, a chuckle.

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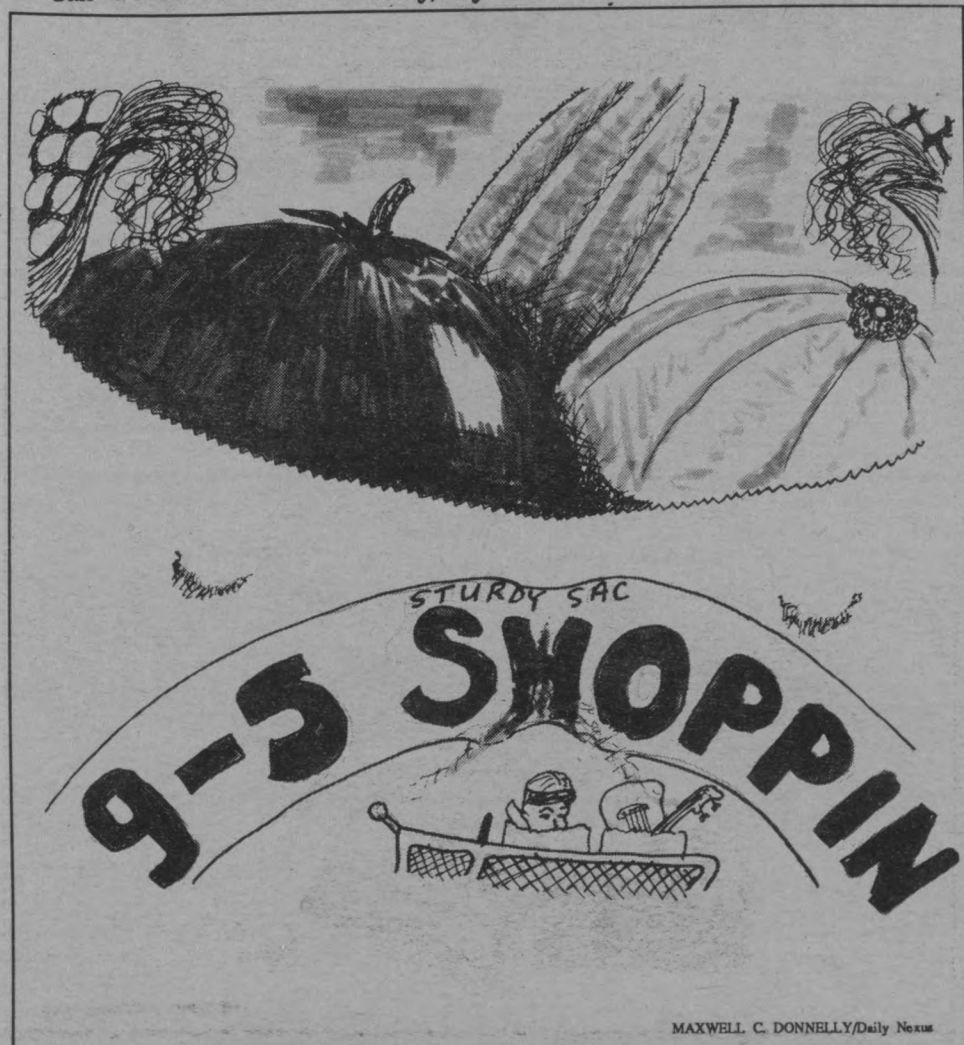
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# Big Yellow House Party!

Just down the road, the B.Y.H. is a wonderful change of pace

By Haden Guest

These November days can be surprisingly beautiful. It is, like the stereotype, 72 degrees and sunny. In other words, prime weather for a mini road trip.

The destination was Summerland, and my dining companion asked where we were headed. I said, in all seriousness, "The Big Yellow House." She thought I meant the hospital, or some other institution.

"No, silly. I mean The Big Yellow House in Summerland. They serve real good food. Real California food. Real real-people food."

"By the way," my companion asked, "whatever happened to Skip Stevenson?"

Before we could answer we looked out the window at the blindingly beautiful coastline view. The Channel Islands hovered over the lazy-day haze. And we felt good about being Californians about to eat good food.

The Big Yellow House really is just that, a spacious ochre chateau originally built in 1884. Its original builder was also the founder of the hamlet of Summerland, and the building's second owner, a certain George F. Becker, made a mint on the local oil boom early in the century. Becker promptly invested in making the house the most elaborate manse in the area, with such flourishes as Aus-



The Big Yellow House is really a classic old building.

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tralian gumwood trim and elaborate fireplaces.

The proprietors of today's Big Yellow House took over in 1974, and they aren't as interested in making a mint as much as a good meal. Wholesome stick-to-your-ribs foods, like their fabled chili, are king in the Big Yellow House.

The fare is American, through and through. Meals like fried chicken, or old-fashioned pot roast, or a straight-up sirloin dinner are prepared the way you'd do it at home, or at least how you say you'd do it at home.

The portions are big and the food, while simple in appearance, is pulled off at the highest caliber. Take for example the House's potato

skins appetizer. It's served with a mild salsa and, of course, House dressing. The danger with potato skins in general is that they can get soggy or even worse, too dang crispy, but the House got the balance right.

After that skins game, we were in the mood for good food.

We came for lunch, and lunch we got. My companion had the House's Chinese Chicken Salad, which I'm told is one of their specialties. I had the club sandwich, and in any other restaurant I'd say she made the wiser choice. But that club sandwich was as close to perfect as it gets.

The chicken salad had broiled shredded chicken

breast in a bed of romaine lettuce, served with mandarin orange slices and a host of vegetables. But it came with a ginger dressing that gave it snap. The combination was magical.

As we left, we couldn't help feeling good. Good about living in Santa Barbara, good about a warm November day, and of course, we felt good about eating good food.

The Big Yellow House is located at 108 Pierpont Avenue, Summerland off-ramp on the 101. Phone 969-4140.



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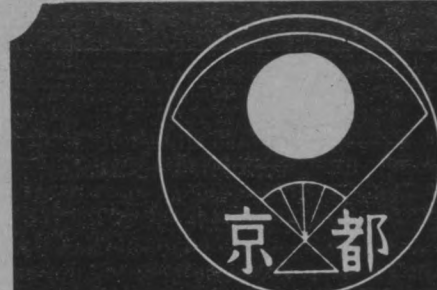
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