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FOOD WINE

Oliver Shaul



CLOSE my eyes and I hear Nat King Cole . . . that hot trumpet could be old Satchmo himself . . . I could reach out for the stars, they're so near . . .

Not my words but those of international diners at the revolving Summit Restaurant as they listen nightly to amazingly versatile Malaysian musician Bill Saragih, master of 10 instruments and a singer in almost as many voices.

Backed by bass player Ron Clarke and drummer Tony Kalino this combo provides dance music — from softly, softly to Latin American verve — music for romantics and for those who would recall exotic places and fond memories.

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Note these wines too — I'm proud to serve them: McWilliams Mt Pleasant Traminer 1966, a specially selected vintage, and Lindeman's Hunter River Burgundy Bin 3303 1966, soft, smooth, fruity bouquet and balanced flavour.

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LAST week I said I'd unveil the ingredients of Harbour Overboard, a newcomer to the blackboard at the Harbour Restaurant down at the Opera House.

They are: Buttered roll, a slice each of Swiss and mild cheeses, Milano salami, accompanied by gherkin, radish, tomato wedges, chutney — not necessarily in that order.

For 5 o'clockers and the young at heart

FOR those Sydneysiders who enjoy 5 o'clock shows and the young (and young at heart) who stay on in town for early food and fun, Flanagan's (Pitt St) is open till 8.30 pm, plus soul music and real atmosphere.

And to combat these inflationary times I've added two luscious evening dishes at a mere \$2.15 each:

GIANT BEEFBURGER: Ground beef from my own butchery with shoe-

string potatoes, salad, hot loaves, butter. (I eat them too and love them.)

FISHWICH: Toasted sesame bun filled with pan-fried fish and other goodies, same extras as the beefburger.

With a half-litre of red or white wine for two (\$1.40) this makes a good early evening out and easy on the pocket.

French connoisseur samples our festival

IF I strut this week like a pouter pigeon (not flamed in brandy but very much alive) it's because of complimentary remarks of a guest at Chattie's French Food and Wine Festival at Chatswood.

He's a visiting Frenchman, director of a famous Champagne house, a connoisseur of food and wine, and he averred that our Steak au Poivre was the finest and tenderest entrecôte steak that he'd tasted outside France.

Our highly successful French festival (now only 24 days and nights to go) is not just a revamping of usual menus but includes new and authentic French dishes and splendid wines.

The climax will be the closing gala night on Monday September 2 — quite a number of bookings already so phone 412 1222 after 9 am tomorrow for a table and learn that night the winner also of UTA airline's holiday for two in Noumea.

Remember that every lunch and dinner patron at Chattie's during the French festival is automatically entered for this fabulous trip.

Who said Princes and Romanos are dead?

WHO said Princes and Romanos are dead when Sydney has this beautiful Bennelong Restaurant?

That remark by a party of well-heeled diners was passed on to me by maitre d'hotel Ali Hold — and frankly it rather made my week.

Obviously they knew their food and wine too. Among their choices were Coquille St Jacques Mornay (poached scallops gratinated in mornay sauce), Mignottes de Bouef Flamande (beef fillet with oyster cream sauce), Blin-chiki (hot pancakes filled with cream cheese, lemons, sultanas, topped with apricot sauce and sour cream).

OUR TOWN



BY LESLIE WALFORD

A SINCERE interest, a fascination if you like, in the development and improvement of Sydney as a city has always sparked the brain of this columnist.

The hope that Sydney will become, in some way, more wonderful, more alive, more of a credit to us daily, has kept these words bubbling along.

I need banners and causes, beliefs and triumphs to keep me marching. Without them life is selfish, grey and empty.

With horizons shining and promises in the wind we take heart, and dare it all. I'm that sort of human being, and I believe, not alone.

So it was with considerable hope and interest that I went on Monday to the Town Hall to see the latest and largest public exhibition of the "City of Sydney Strategic Plan."

In pursuit of dignity

The lower Town Hall is full of pictures, diagrams and explanations, and the Lord Mayor, Ald Nicholas Shehadie, was there with his supporters — to explain, to be questioned.

The Lord Mayor had said: "A truly great city gives a sense of personal worth, dignity and enjoyment to each of its workers, residents and visitors." He invites us to join in pursuit of this ideal.

A large pamphlet outlines the plan, dividing the strategy into four objectives. They are to unify and simplify the city's management in the light of the council's experience since 1970; to create a balanced movement system whereby the central city is served by transport and walkway systems, while parking stations and major roads fringe this centre; to conserve and increase the diversity of community activities and services in the city; to conserve, enhance and improve its physical environment.

The findings of the long-time working committees of planners are most extensive, and under dozens of headings. The probabilities of the future have been carefully assessed.

Changes in the relationship between the council and the State Government are advised and indeed defined as essential.

Alderman Briger, chairman of the City Development Committee, said a proper productive meeting is needed between the council and the State Cabinet, to work towards modern logic prevailing over traditional forms. The council, he added, is doing all it can to show its ability to deserve extra powers.

They look to Sydney

While mistakes have been made, a new co-operation is now aimed for and hopefully the State will not show a lack of willingness to relinquish powers that would more wisely be vested in the City Council.

Such powers would give the council a more logical control over traffic, parking, the licensing and work hours of taxis, transport in the city, road closures, shopping hours.

Legislation on preservation of buildings does not exist. Control of demolitions would make it possible to save historic buildings, which at present, can only be achieved by the industrial action of the Builders' Labourers' Federation.

The City Council needs more access to money. Sixty six per cent of the city is not rateable so that 34 per

New horizons to our great city



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cent is paying for the whole thing. Obviously this is wrong.

The Lord Mayor and his supporters feel their plan is dynamic and will win public support. Cities abroad are even now looking to Sydney in admiration of its council's present thinking.

And opposition? Signs from the Builders' Labourers' Federation are healthy. Their co-operation seems essential.

As major developments grow, the plan will gradually fall into shape.

Some special features of the plan are the reduction of bypass systems, the extension of Fitzroy Gardens along part of Elizabeth Bay Road in Kings Cross, the improvement of services in the city, the return of Garden Island for public recreation, the control of noise, the rehabilitation of the Queen Victoria Building, the creation, eventually, of Pitt Street into a walking street, the planting of large trees and creating of walkways, boulevards along many large and now dreary streets. If you have a query, the plan seems to have an answer for it.

In Martin Place that day I saw an old man providing his own special amenity. He was burning a newspaper on the pavement to warm his hands.

"Not enough rich people"

At Caprice Restaurant, Rose Bay, the Liberals of Wentworth electorate gathered in force on Monday evening to meet and encourage their new Federal member, Bob Ellicott, QC, and his wife Colleen.

Every politically aware friend I can think of crowded to hear him speak, and one felt a surge of Liberal enthusiasm. The inadequacy of present anti-inflationary action is an ever growing subject.

Discussing the tendency of socialist reformers always to bring everything down to a lower level rather than to build upwards, a well known businessman said: "The trouble is there just aren't enough rich people to go round."

A triumph at the Opera House. Last week "Jenufa" was a great discovery. Performed for the first time in Australia, this opera by Leos Janacek won amazed applause and a feverish ovation for Elizabeth Connell whose brilliant performance must now make her a star.

I saw Joan Sutherland in the audience carried away in applause.

The orchestra under Edward Downes gave us exceptional music for Allan Lee's marvellous village mill set and Michael Stennett's beautiful and restrained costumes.

Surely this production by John Copley is the company's triumph of the year. And perhaps "Jenufa" has not been performed better elsewhere.

Happiest of dances

The Great Gatsby Party (Australian Opera auditions function) at Menzies Hotel just has to be called one of the happiest dances I've been to for many a moon.

We arrived early, a group in a vintage Bentley and a Rolls-Royce, then steamed up in the Menzies Piano Bar before rising (on a cloud) to the ballroom.

The prettiest of the ball's organisers was Gae Codner, all in blue.

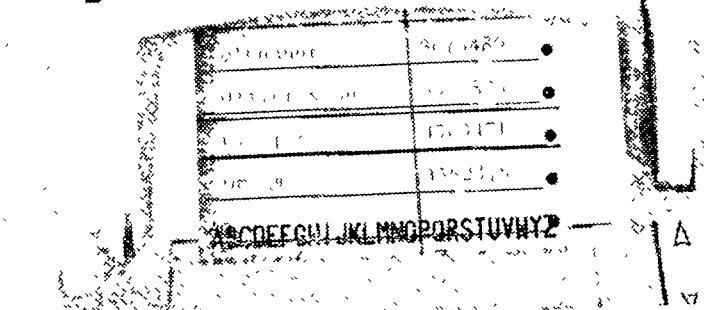
A 1920s theme was taken up by many in their dressing — and in the dancing too, with us judging Elsa Jacoby and Terry Divola as the best for the Charleston.

Nicholas Quiney won a prize for being most "Gatsby," Sylvia Dyke for being "Daisy," and Rick Malouf — in homburg, black fur coat, silk scarf, gloves and cigar for Louis the Mobster.

I danced like a maniac all night.

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PLESSEY

Fall in share prices gathers momentum

Market report
by LAURIE REBASE

Bond drops \$½m

SYDNEY Stock Exchange is beginning to look like the financial equivalent of a slaughterhouse.

Last week's selling pressure reached a new level of hastiness causing some quite dramatic falls in the share prices of sound companies covering every facet of industry.

The market closed on Friday with some price losses on the week so severe as to be almost unbelievable.

It made it abundantly clear to investors that things will probably get a lot worse before they get better.

Not only is the selling a continuing phenomenon it has also been accelerating in the past few weeks.

Ignoring the pathetic improvement of 0.08 index points in the week to June 7, the market has been on an unbroken sequence of falls for the past 15 weeks.

It all started in the middle of April when the all-ordinaries index was around 520 — about 200

PERTH Property millionaire, Mr Alan Bond, has dropped a cool quarter of a million dollars through not taking up his option on a parcel of shares in Great Boulder Mines.

The money was lost by Mr Bond's private family company, Dallhold Investments Pty Ltd.

The parcel consisted of 2,649,900 Great Boulder shares held by Loloma Mining Corporation.

Since the option was taken out the market value of Great Boulder shares has slumped. The option price was 95c but the shares currently stand in the market at 46c.

It was therefore cheaper for Alan Bond to forfeit the deposit rather than take up the shares.

Ah! It's a hard world.

more than now.

Since then there have been weekly index falls as big as 43.52 (the worst since World War 2) and 21.70 which makes last week now one of the top three losers.

But, if it was any consolation to Sydney investors, they were not alone last week.

Share markets across the world got a severe mauling by the bears.

London Stock Exchange fell to successive 15-year lows and brokers expect the market to keep going down for some time yet.

This cut into the prices of Australian stocks — particularly BHP, which, it is said, was also the sub-

ject of some selling by Continental investors.

On the local scene, traders slashed BHP to a new low of \$5.56 at one point — 60c below the previous Friday when it announced the record \$92 - million profit.

However, the market's number one stock recovered well from Wednesday's low point and ended the session at over \$5.90.

The recovery kept losses in the all-ordinaries index to more respectable levels on Thursday and Friday. But BHP had very little company in the rises column and the rest of the market continued to lose ground.

Banks and financiers

were again unwanted.

Bank of NSW touched yet another low point while its finance subsidiary, AGC, dropped below the dollar mark for the first time ever.

Further profit reports from financiers confirmed that the industry is experiencing a slowdown in earnings growth.

Property stocks fell further, with Hooker — one of the Home Units of Australia rescuers — being the hardest hit.

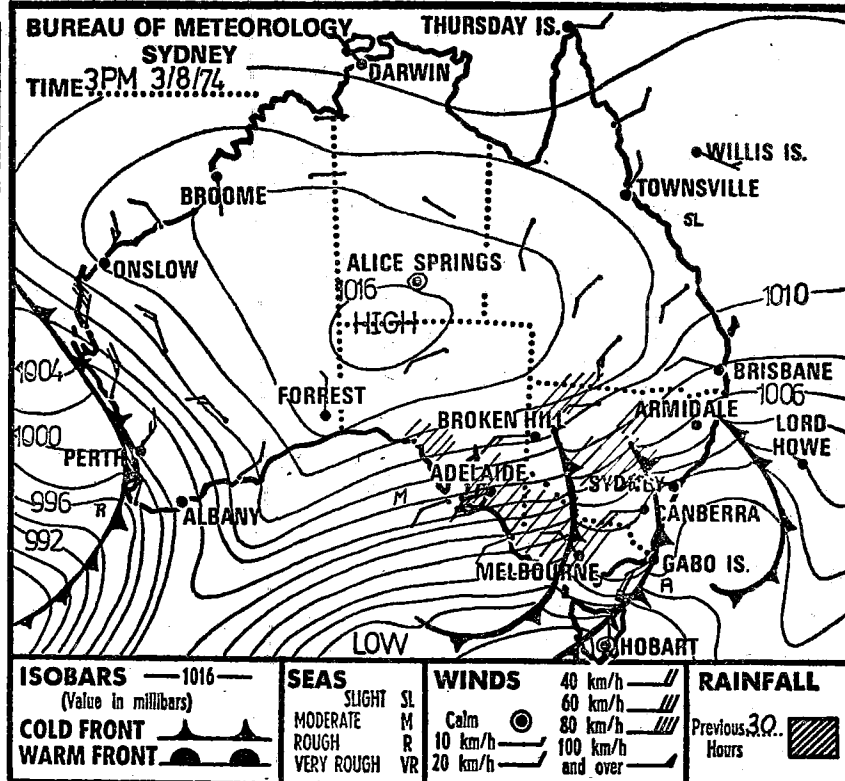
During the week the Abbey group reported huge losses for the year while Lend Lease reflected the effects of the credit squeeze with a profit increase for the latest year of only 15.1 per cent (down from the previous year's 76 per cent).

NADC's request for suspension and then for a receiver sent shock waves through pastoral stocks.

Leading mining stocks — which held their ground fairly well in the previous week — came under extra pressure last week and the metals index fell below 1,500 for the first time.

The Exchange reported the total value of shares listed fell 11.3 per cent in July from \$16,537 million to \$14,674 million.

This followed a fall of 6.6 per cent in June.



The following information was issued at 8.30 pm yesterday by the Weather Bureau:
Average annual rainfall in Sydney over 115 years, 1211 millimetres. Average over 115 years, from January 1 to end of August, 907mm. Total from January 1, 1974 to 9 am yesterday, 118mm. Total for corresponding period of 1973, 1011mm.

Temperatures yesterday: 9 am, 14; 3 pm, 17.3; 8 pm, 13.8 degrees. Sydney maximum to 3 pm, 18.6 (at 12.40 pm), minimum, 24 hrs to 9 am, 9.1 (at 2 am).
Barometer: 9 am, 1005.4; 3 pm, 999.9; 8 pm, 1001.2 millibars.
Humidity: 9 am, 55; 3 pm, 42; 8 pm, 40 per cent.

Winds: Greatest velocity, 95 km/h from WNW at 1.50 pm.
TEMPERATURES AT CITIES
Sydney, maximum 19, minimum 15; Canberra, 9, -2; Melbourne, 15, 7; Brisbane, 21, 10; Adelaide, 15, 9; Perth, 16, 10; Hobart, 14, 5; Darwin, 29, 22; Cairns, 29, 17 degrees.

METROPOLITAN FORECAST
Cold morning, cool to mild day. Cloudy periods with isolated showers. North-west to west winds fresh to strong at first but moderating. Seas slight in shore, moderate to rough to seaward. Low swell.

NSW FORECAST
Showers, chiefly about the western slopes of the southern and central ranges, tending to rain at times at first, with only a few showers elsewhere in the SE half. Isolated thunderstorms or hail. Dry in the north-west. Cool to mild day in the north, cool to cold southward. North-west to south-west winds fresh to strong in the south-east to seaward in the southern half. Low swell.

REGIONAL FORECASTS
Northern Rivers: Local morning fog. A mild day with north-west to south-west winds 10-15 knots. Seas slight and a low swell.
Mid-North Coast: Local morning fog on the ranges. A cool to mild day with north-west to south-west winds 10-20 knots. Seas slight inshore and a low swell.
Hunter: Cool to mild day with cloudy periods but mostly dry. A few showers on the ranges with isolated hail. A strong wind warning is current for coastal waters for north-west to west winds 20-30 knots but easing. Seas rising to moderate to rough offshore and a low swell.

South Coast and Illawarra: Cool day with cloudy periods and isolated showers or hail. A strong wind warning is current for NW-W winds 20-30 knots but easing. Seas rising to moderate to rough offshore and a low swell.
Northern Tablelands: Cool with cloudy periods but mostly dry. Light to moderate NW to SW winds.

Central Tablelands: Cool to cold and cloudy with scattered showers tending to rain at times at first in the west. Isolated hail. Fresh NW-SW winds moderating slowly.
Southern Tablelands: Cold fresh to strong NW-SW winds moderating gradually. Scattered showers falling as snow above about 1000 metres. Isolated hail.

North-West Slopes and Plains: Cool mainly sunny day with light to moderate NW-SW winds.
Central West Slopes and Plains: A flood warning is current for the Lachlan River from the vicinity of Condobolin to Hillston. Cool to cold with cloudy periods and occasional showers, mainly in the south. Moderate to fresh NW-SW winds easing.

South-west Slopes: A flood warning is current for the Murrumbidgee River below Hume Weir. Cool to cold fresh to strong NW to SW winds, easing slowly. Scattered showers tending to rain at first. Snowfalls above about 1000 metres. Isolated hail.

Riverina/MIA: A flood warning is current for the Murrumbidgee River above Barham. Cool with cloudy periods and mostly dry. Moderate to fresh NW to SW winds easing.

Upper Western: Cool to mild mainly sunny day with light to moderate W to SW winds.

Lower Western: Cool mostly sunny day with light to moderate W to SW winds.

RAINFALL REGISTRATION
(24 hours ended 9 am yesterday)
WESTERN DIVISION: Bourke 0.4, Broken Hill 0.4, Cobarr 1, Ivanhoe 0.2, Louth 3, Tilpa 6.

WEEKEND WEATHER

White Cliffs 0.6, Wilcannia 0.6, CENTRAL PLAINS: Gilgandra 5, Nyngan 0.8.

CENTRAL WESTERN SLOPES: Dubbo 5, Forbes 2, Molong 2, Parkes 1, Wellington 1.

RIVERINA: Deniliquin 6, Griffith 2, Hay 0.4, Hillston 1, Tumamwal 6, Urana 3.

NORTH-WESTERN SLOPES: Nundle 0.4.
SOUTH-WESTERN SLOPES: Adelong 9, Albury 11, Cabramurra 27, Cootamundra 5, Grenfell 5, Hume 11, Junee 2, Khancoban 7, Wagga 2, Wyalong 3.

NORTHERN TABLELANDS: Deepwater 0.2, Pretty Gully 1, Tabulam 0.6.

CENTRAL TABLELANDS: Bathurst 2, Blayney 4, Carcoar 6, Cowra 3, Lithgow 0.4, Mount Victoria 2, Mudgee 2, Orange 4.
SOUTHERN TABLELANDS: Adamindaby 4, Bombala 1, Canberra 1, Frogmore 8, Goulburn 0.2, Kiandra 15, Kosciusko 17, Yass 7.

NORTH COAST: Grafton 0.2, Kempsey 0.2.
HASTINGS, HUNTER, AND MANNING: Clarence Town 4, Williamstown 0.2.

SOUTH COAST: Merimbula 0.4, Wollondilly 0.2.

RIVER HEIGHTS, 9 am
(Changes in 24 hours in brackets; F, falling; S, steady; R, rising.)
BARWON: Brewarrina 2.75 (R).

DARLING: Louth 3.24 (R); Pooncarrie 3.58 (F).

NAMOI: Gunnedah 0.61 (S).

MACQUARIE: Bathurst 0.60 (F); Dubbo 1.10 (R).

MURRUMBIDGEE: Cooma 0.79 (F); Wagga 2.60 (F).

EDWARD: Deniliquin 7.22 (R).

MURRAY: Albury 4.57 (R); Albury Heywoods 5.29 (S); Tumamwal 6.52 (S).

SUN, MOON AND TIDES
SUN: Today rises 6.45, sets 5.16.

MOON: Rises 6.22 pm, sets 6.55 am.

TIDES (Fort Denison): High 9.05 am (1.3m), 9.07 pm (1.6m). Low 3.03 am (0.2m), 2.48 pm (0.4m).

WARNINGS
1. A strong wind warning is current for coastal waters south from Port Stephens.

2. Flood warnings continue for the Murrumbidgee River, the Lachlan River from near Condobolin downstream to Hillston.

PRESSURE MOVEMENTS
Features of the latest synoptic weather chart: A belt of high pressure extends from the west to the east coast across Central Australia. South of this system a westerly airflow with several cold fronts embedded in it affects the southern parts of the continent. This has brought rain and showers to most of these parts with areas of fresh to strong winds.

Expected developments: Little change is expected in the pressure pattern apart from an eastward movement of the cold fronts. Thus rain should clear from most parts of the south-east of Australia, but further showers are expected over the southern parts of the continent.

PLANETS
Mercury, rises 6.01 am, sets 4.07 pm; Venus, 5.19 am, 3.19 pm; Mars, 8.00 am, 7.08 pm; Jupiter, 7.56 pm, 8.42 am; Saturn, 5.02 am, 3.02 pm.

PHASES OF THE MOON
Last quarter August 11, 12.46 pm.
Temperatures and weather conditions in world centres on Friday were:

WORLD WEATHER	min	max
Amsterdam, sunny	19	22
Athens, clear	21	31
Auckland, showers	10	15
Bangkok, clear	29	34
Berlin, overcast	13	21
Brussels, clear	8	22
Buenos Aires, cloudy	10	16
Chicago, rain	18	21
Dublin, cloudy	8	17
Edinburgh, fair	9	17
Hong Kong, clear	27	32
Honolulu, clear	25	32
Lisbon, sunny	16	23
London, mainly dry	13	21
Los Angeles, cloudy	20	29
Madrid, sunny	18	29
Miami, cloudy	26	31

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