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Cold Spring Tavern Means Quality

By Hank Steuver

What can you say about a restaurant that's hidden in the hills of the Los Padres National Forest, looks like Laura Ingalls' home and is frequented by members of various motorcycle "clubs"?

Good food, that's what!

The Cold Spring Tavern is a classy operation. From the homemade bread served before your meal, to the sizeable wine list, right on down to the genuine cloth napkins at each and every place setting, the CST — as it is wont to be called — has it all.

They've got duck. They've got chicken. They've got steak. They've got nice vegetables.

Steak. They've got nice vegetables. The list goes on and on. Simply put, the food is exceptional. More than that, it's fresh and luscious. But hold on, I haven't even gotten to the restaurant itself. You may recall I mentioned that the place looks like Laura Ingalls (of Little House on the Prairie fame) house. From the outside you almost expect to see Pa chopping wood or plowing the north forty in the distance.

But step inside and you'll be transported away to another environment altogether. Comfort seems to have been the idea behind the modeling of the Tavern — as it is also wont to be called — and it is comfortable. As the menus say, the tavern originally was a rest-stop for weary travelers making their way by stagecoach across the Santa Barbara mountains. It's too bad that option is not available anymore. I don't know if you've ever ridden in a stagecoach, but it's hot, dusty, bumpy and all around — not too much fun. So naturally a rest-stop is going to try to be cool, clean, soft and fun — just like Cold Spring.

In fact, it's very fun. The fireplaces in each room are fun. The homey furniture is fun. The wood floors are fun. Heck, even the waiters and waitresses are fun. So to sum it up, the Cold Spring Tavern offers good food, is comfortable, relaxing and fun. Check it out. You won't be sorry, not by a long shot.

Cold Spring Tavern is located at 5995 Stagecoach Road. Live music Wednesday through Sunday evenings, and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Phone 967-0066.
Seafood Is No Shrimpy Bargain!

AETROPIE BROS.
1st Ave., S.B. 966-4418
Unusual view of Santa Barbara and the Harbor. Serving only fresh seafood and cocktails. Price range: $1.50-$12.50.

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5050 Sandspit Dr. (at Goleta Beach)
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THE JETTY
2000 McGaw & Las Positas
968-7774
Serving a delicious array of seafood. Fish is fresh daily, never frozen. Luncheon Mon-Fri 11 am-2 pm, dinner Sun-Thur 5-9 pm, Fri-Sat 5-10 pm. Price range: $5.95-$13.95.

L. MICHAEL'S
1020 State St., 966-4555
A fine selection of seafood served in a relaxing atmosphere. Beer and wine. Open 7 am-2 am daily. Price range: breakfast $2-$4, lunch $5.50-$8, dinner $6-$8.

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210 State St., Wharf, 963-3311
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HOBBER HOUSE
1050 State St., 966-4535
A fine selection of seafood served in a relaxing atmosphere. Beer and wine. Open 7 am-2 am daily. Price range: breakfast $2-$4, lunch $5.50-$8, dinner $6-$8.

LOSTER HOUSE
15 E. Cabrillo, 963-1774
Fresh fish, daily. Fresh lobster special red snapper, 3 kinds of lobsters. Open Sun-Thur 11:30 am-9 pm, Fri-Sat 11:30 am-10 pm. Price range: $4.95-$13.95.

PELICAN'S WHARF
1212 Coast Village Rd., 969-2243
Oyste r bar, fresh seafood, steak, oysters oh & pies. Full bar. Open Mon-Thur 5-10 pm, Fri-Sat 5-11 pm, Sun 5-10 pm. Price range: dinner $12.95-$20.50.

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Paradise Cafe For Cool Pleasure

By Thor Garcia

There was a conspiracy of greatness when they decided to make the Paradise Cafe. You can imagine the boardroom meeting, held in someone's clean, sunny backyard. The money men and talent jockeys reclined beside another in plush lawn chairs, passing a green salad between them. As space of Ahi tuna and swordfish sweated on the grill nearby, someone fluffed a pasta salad in the kitchen. A healthy golden retriever lurked in the hedge.

"It's gotta have a light, cool atmosphere, it's gotta soothe people," said the tanned decorator, in between shrips of his lawn tea.

"We gotta give people room to move, to breathe, to get their antennae functioning.

"Yeah," said the marketing specialist, "but we gotta get the place offa State St., some sort of hollow New Heaven in Paradise would seem to be the rest of the smoky smut. "Alls I know," interjected the peppy manager-in-waiting. "And we've got a have a great bar — sultry and understated, classy, with the lighting just right," said the puppy manager-in-waiting.

"That, sir, is what it's understated, classy, with the lighting just right," said the puppy manager-in-waiting. "That, sir, is what it's all about!"

Indeed.

The Paradise Cafe, tastefully located a block from State St. at 702 Anacapa, is a rare dining accident waiting to happen. From the moment you sit, either at an outdoor table on the restaurant’s wide patio or in the thoughtfully lit inner sanctum, The Paradise Cafe is a pleasant — and delicious — experience all the way around.

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Age envelope, what with its moose and eagle painted interior and distinct Western oil on aroma. But don’t let that fool you. The atmosphere is refreshingly subtle and perky. A comfortable ambience develops during the meal, and there are no annoying distractions amid the decor. The clean walls and random yucca plant are welcome, pleasing touches.

The food is particularly compelling. Open the menu and sure enough, it’s California cuisine — an appealing style that can often get bogged down in its own hipness (i.e., it’s mesquiteness). The Paradise doesn’t get caught in this trap, though. Like I said, there’s a consensus here.

From a grilled mousse (with basil vinaigrette) appetizer to the “Chili Size” burger to salads to pork, chicken, steaks, salmon, Ahi tuna, swordfish, thresher shark (all cooked on an oak grill) as well as pastas, The Paradise Cafe feeds you healthy and right. It has set the advantages offered by California Cuisine.

And at moderate prices, a trip to Paradise should not be passed up.

The Paradise Cafe is located at 702 Anacapa St. in Santa Barbara. Open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Phone 962-4416.
Achés & Pains? A Chiropractor Can Help!

(See the Daily Nexus Coupon Issue for more savings)
Pino's: An Italian Family's Finest

By G. Bob Blaylock

There are few completely family owned and operated restaurants in the Santa Barbara area, and if you want one with good food to boot, Pino's Ristorante Italiano is the place to go.

Pino and his family own and operate this marvel of Italian cuisine. Featuring everything from excellent pizza to fresh mussels, Pino's brings genuine Italian foods to the South Coast.

For appetizers Pino's offers some delicious, incredibly soft garlic bread in that true, mouth-stuffing Italian style. If you can, make sure to get a second order.

The pizza, reasonably priced from $7.50 for a 12 inch to $10.50 for a 16 inch, is probably some of the best to be found in Santa Barbara, and that's not a rating to smirk at.

One item on the menu that is difficult to find at Italian food places, but is always well worth the search, is Gnocchi. Pino's Gnocchi, or potato dumplings, are a special treat, especially for those connoisseurs of Italian food who pride themselves on knowing where the best, hard-to-find food can be had. The Gnocchi is offered with either tomato sauce or a delicate fresh basil sauce.

One thing about Pino's is the family service. It would be difficult to imagine the staff at Pino's not giving their all or even leaving one of the patrons unattended in a moment of need.

Clearly Pino's, with its light, relaxing atmosphere and delicious food is the place to go to get out of Isla Vista, sit down, and enjoy a guaranteed fine meal seven days a week, for lunch or for dinner.

Pino's Ristorante Italiano is located at 5863 Hollister Ave. in Goleta. Open Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for lunch, Monday through Thursday 5-9:30 p.m., Friday through Sunday 5-10 p.m. for dinner. 967-1933.

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BUTLER'S PIZZA
230 South Rd., 968-6888
This pizza is simply delicious. Sandwiches and salad, beer and wine. Open daily 11am-10pm. Reservations with pool and table serve in item. Price range: $5.50-$8.00.

Cafe Sienna
9022 S., 966-7844
Specializing in exquisite, escargot, light bubble, pate, duck, avories, italian foods. Open Wednesday 3:30pm-9:00pm daily. Price range: $5.00-$12.00.

The Chare Grill
3014 State St., 662-8431
Offering New York style Italian food, fresh seafood and expresso. Beer and wine bar. Lunch Mon-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm, dinner 5-10pm. Price range: $7.15.

The Chare Grill Uptown
1012 State St., 660-4218
Serving seafood, Italian and steak. MC/W Monday Night Football held with NFL bowlers, Pete and Larry Matero on our head-to-head pins. Happy Hour Mon-Fri 4-7 with free pizza and pastis brand. Live entertainment Fri and Sat 9pm-1am. Full bar, no cover and plenty of parking. Dinner: Lunch from $6.95 and dinner nightly starting at 4 pm. Price range: $7.45.

Da Vinci's
7127 Halff Ave., 963-5905
Specializes Italian seafood, meat and pasta dishes. Fine selection of civilian wines. Quaint atmosphere. $20-$40 per couple. Lunch 11:30-2:30pm, Dinner: Mon-Thur 5:30pm-9:30pm, Fri and Sat till 12am.

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Outdoor patio dining. Italian and seafood, casual. Lunch 11:30-2:30pm Sun-Mon, Dinner Mon-Thur 5-9pm, Fri-Sat 5-11pm. Price range: Lunch $2.25-$3.50, Dinner $7-8.50.

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Go to Joe’s and Let the Food, Good Times Roll

By Charles Gomer Scott

I remember my first trip to Joe’s Cafe in Santa Barbara like it was yesterday. But it wasn’t yesterday, and I was not the cool, calm, and relaxed young man I am now. It was three years ago, and I was but a 19-year-old sophomore, overwhelmed by the weight of everything that was and had not been that wasn’t yesterday, and I was “but a mere boy,” as she would laugh.

Figuring mature, older students like to sit at cafes drinking little tiny cups of coffee, or “go out for a bite,” I selected a co-worker to recommend a good place for the occasion of our first real date. He thought about it for a minute, asked me to describe the romance, and more importantly, to outline my budget.

After I had done so he thought a second or two more and answered: “Joe’s Cafe. That’s where you want to go. It’s a great place to take her, and you don’t have to worry about the menu—there they have it all.”

Walking into Joe’s the other night this all came back to me, like a blast from the past or something. The familiar six foot swordfish still was on the wall, (we had talked at length about that), and the trophies won by the various softball teams currently residing behind the bar were still on their pedestal of honor.

Sliding into in the very same wooden booth I had sat comfortably in for hours that right four years ago, the topic of our sewage had been a bit. I looked to my right and saw all the paintings of old Santa Barbara, the photo collections, other paintings, and all the celebrations from long before any of us even knew what a festa was, the same view of the chefs, clad in immaculate white hats, and I knew why I had come back that night four years ago, the same view of the chefs, clad in immaculate white hats, and I knew why I had come back that night four years ago, the same view of the chefs, clad in immaculate white hats, and I knew why I had come back that night four years ago.

So we talk about this for the rest of the night, and we realize there’s all sorts of blue stuff in the restaurant, like the blue swordfish, and the blue sweater Natasha’s wearing, and her hat, which made a man sing “Blue Velvet” to her even though it was not really blue.

The food was really good, we both enjoyed on food, drink, atmosphere and each other by about 10 p.m., and the bill — $25 with tip and drinks didn’t cramp our wallets, and certainly not our style.

So that’s pretty much the story on Joe’s Cafe. Go there on a date, or with a friend, or just have a drink at the traditional, wood-long bar in the front dining room and discuss what’s blue in your life. — It can only get better.

Joe’s Cafe, for memorable conversation and unbelievable steaks.

We gorged ourselves on a Joe’s Cafe specialty, homemade salsa on bread.

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Dining at Joe’s Cafe means good American and Italian-American food, in an atmosphere that’s guaranteed to make you enjoy the experience. Good food, good times, it’s good enough for me (and for you too, I daresay).

The ‘older woman’ has long since stopped being a part of my life, so my friend Natasha and I had a good laugh while I reminisced about that “first date” at Joe’s.

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One Thursday this place has the best keg deal going. For a buck you can see a hot underground band and get good drink deals. Take a break from the books one Thursday night and check this out. Nothing until school starts back up.

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Wed 6: Alan Garbar
Wed 13: Alan Garbar

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This place has a casual New York atmosphere. Features many of Santa Barbara's local bands while playing pool or just hanging out. champagne and caviar bar. Open 9 pm-2 am. Call dub for info.

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Sun: Rod Han/Tim Bailey
Mon 4: Julie Miller Band
Tue 5: Julia Miller Band
Wed 6: Blues-A-Holic
Thu 7: Pontiac
Fri 8: Lora Smid/Michael O
Sat 9: Pontiac/Bruce-O
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