

DINE & DRINK



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The Smoking Gun launches new dinner and cocktail menus

The Smoking Gun, the barcade and restaurant on Market Street, has announced new food and drink options with new menus available everyday. Some of the new food items are chimichurri wagyu steak skewers, chicken sandwich, fish sandwich, smoked brisket flautas, smoked brisket sandwich and a street corn skillet with cotija cheese, micro cilantro, roasted garlic aioli and hot sauce. New cocktails include the Hot Mess, which has tequila, red chile liqueur, honey, lemon, serrano bitters, and grapefruit zest; the Mint To Be, with angostura bitters, bourbon, lemon, peaches and mint; and an old fashioned with a brown butter washed rye, black walnut bitters and orange zest. The new menus at this Gaslamp Quarter business were created by executive chef Andy Weiss. 555 Market St., San Diego. (619) 233-3836, thesmokingguns.com

Barrio Star expands its social hour: The Bankers Hill Mexican restaurant Barrio Star has extended its social hour deals to seven days a week. Some drink specials include \$8.50 margaritas, \$8.50 sangria, \$8 well shots and \$6.50 beers. Food deals are \$8 chicken chipotle wings, \$5 barrio cucumbers, \$5 tacos and the \$6 pequeño bowl with carnitas, pinto beans, cheese, cilantro lime and pico de gallo. *Social hour is available from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 3 p.m. to close on Tuesdays; and 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. 2706 Fifth Ave, San Diego. (619) 501-7827, barriostar.com*

Fundraiser brunch: The American Legion Post 434 is hosting a fundraiser brunch and live performance for the Somethin' Creative Dance Team on Sunday. The all-you-can-eat brunch will include waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, salads, macaroni and cheese, hash browns, fried chicken, catfish, crawfish, cereal, biscuits and gravy, bacon, desserts and more. Funds from this brunch will help the dance team get to Las Vegas for a competition. *10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. 47 Fifth Ave., Chula Vista. \$30. (619) 748-0308, eventbrite.com*

Lionfish offering 50 percent off for the military: The seafood restaurant Lionfish Modern Coastal Cuisine is offering half-off food and drinks for all active-duty military and veterans on Memorial Day. A valid identification must be presented to receive the discount. Lionfish offers various seafood dishes, prime meats, salads and seasonal vegetables. *5 to 9 p.m. May 27. 435 Fifth Ave., San Diego. (619) 738-7200, lionfishsd.com*

Mess Hall Bar to start summer drink series: Liberty Public Market's Mess Hall Bar is introducing a summer drink series starting May 24 and running through Sept. 2. The following drinks will be available from May 24 through June 30: You Had Me at Ube Rum with ube jam and an horchata liqueur, Dreaming in Italian with select aperitif spritz and the Indoor Voice Please with vodka, pomegranate, ginger and lemon. Throughout the month of July, guests can get these three drinks: the French Like Emily with Hendricks gin, wild raspberry white balsamic and brut rosé, the Yeah, but No with passion fruit piña colada and the Messy in a Good Way, a limoncello mule. From Aug. 1 to Sept. 2, try these: the Dragonfruit, a mango spicy margarita, the Fight Like Mariko with lychee, lime and sparkling brut and the Espresso Martini, a WestBean cold brew. Mess Hall Bar was recently modernized, and the handcrafted cocktails were influenced by Liberty Public Market vendors. 2820 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego. publicmarketsd.com/vendor/mess-hall-bar

Temaki Bar giving discount to all military past and present: In Encinitas, Temaki Bar is offering 50 percent off to all active-duty military and veterans on Memorial Day. Temaki Bar offers sushi, hand rolls, sashimi, nigiri and sake on its menu. A valid identification is needed to get the discount. *11 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 27. 575 S. Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. (760) 704-8888, temakibarsushi.com*

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