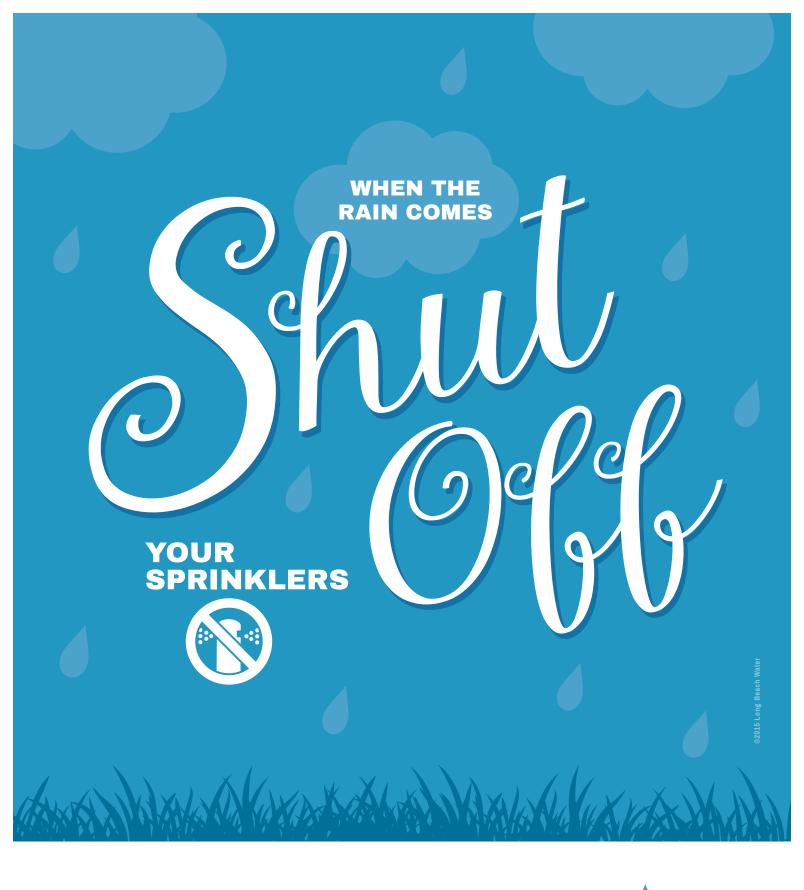
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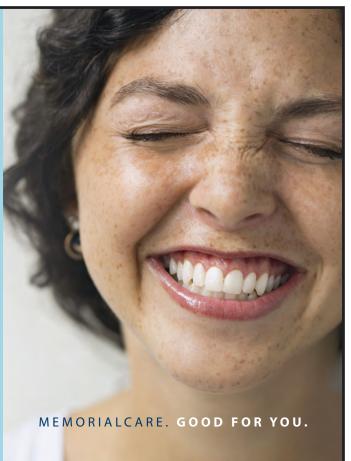


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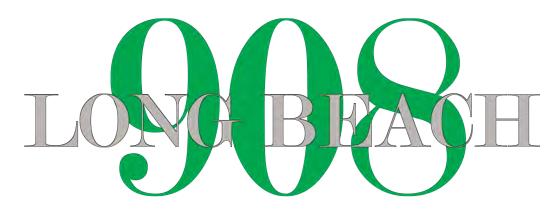
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For our tight-knit local staff, I'm pretty sure this was our favorite magazine to put together so far. Then again, we say that to ourselves almost every issue. Exploring all of the exciting things that the 908' has to offer is a pretty cool job.

For this issue, we sampled 40 of the top selling dishes in East Long Beach from 40 of the best restaurants. Well, each writer tried a handful of meals, while our photographer Nick got to pig out—he shot the pictures for every dish!

Sure, sometimes I'm guilty of complaining that I can't think of anywhere to eat (maybe you are too), but I think most residents would agree that Long Beach has a pretty great food scene. If what we're looking for isn't five or ten minutes away, it is certainly within 20 minutes of our fingertips. I think sometimes my brain is more of the problem (maybe yours is too), rather than the lack of local restaurants.

That's a big reason why we compiled this guide for East Long Beach food. Keep it around and use it the next time you want to avoid your own kitchen. I know I will. That's what it's for.

There's a little bit of everything in here, because I believe that reflects who we are in East Long Beach. Sometimes it's a quick, delicious sandwich or burrito that we want to eat, but darn it, the next night we may want to go out for a nice seafood dinner. Breakfast, lunch, or dinner...this top 40 has it all!

A big thank you to the restaurants in this issue who participated and agreed to comply with our guidelines. You'll notice it's pretty much all small businesses. Be it a restaurant or any of the other faithful advertisers in this issue, we want to remind you that the small businesses in East Long Beach are what make this area unique and awesome.

So many brave entrepreneurs live, work, and follow their dreams within our neighborhoods. So, loosen your belt buckle, grab a fork, and support these hard-working small business owners by chowing down. Just make sure you use a napkin so we can keep Long Beach aesthetically pleasing while we're at it.

Dig in,

John Grossi

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Coyote Packs in Long Beach!

By Jonathan Murrietta

In this technology-driven world, it can be difficult to find the time and motivation to hang out and mingle with neighbors face-to-face. A few people in Los Altos have changed that. Looking to get out of the house, meet new friends, and talk about the local happenings, Long Beach residents have come together to create these community groups—watch out for the coyotes around the neighborhood!

Lost Coyotes

When Nick Thomas was browsing through the Next Door app one day, he noticed the need for neighbors to bond face-to-face. So Thomas posted on the app: "Are there any men that are interested in just hanging out with other like-minded men and grabbing a beer?"

Around 20 like-minded men showed up to that first get-together at Dempsey's last October. Fittingly, the group decided to call itself the "Lost Coyotes," and they have met at least once a month since.

"We drink beer, share common interests, with no format and no program, just genuine male bonding," said Thomas, a resident of Long Beach for nine years, who works in air traffic control at Long Beach Airport.

"I always say that you can't really go door-to-door and meet your neighbors now-a-days, so how do you meet your neighbors and actually socialize with them face-to-face?" he said. "It's hard to do sometimes." He also added that many of the guys in the group have made new friends and connections from being in the Lost Coyotes.

Though the group's home turf is at the Irish pub on Los Coyotes, they are starting to hop around to other local establishments such as Glory Days Sports Grill on Woodruff Avenue. The group usually meets on Saturday or Sunday once a month at 3 p.m. Look for the Lost Coyotes on the Next Door app and join the pack!

Loose Coyotes

Nancy Simons saw the post about the Lost Coyotes and subsequently decided to start her own coyote group.

"I thought it was a pretty cool idea," she said. So Simons posted on the Next Door app and on Facebook that she was going to be at Glory Days and that she would reserve the whole patio for the gathering. She got a huge response online from people eager to attend the meet-and-greet. Still, Simons was a bit anxious to see if anyone would actually show up.

Simons got to Glory Days that first evening and ordered a beer. She waited there for 15 minutes by herself with a roll of name tags and a sharpie. Soon, droves of women started showing up. "Are you the one that posted about a get-together on the Next Door app?" the women asked.

"The whole patio became packed," Simons said. "And nobody knew each other which was cool. I started putting



name tags on everybody, and we played musical chairs so that everyone could move around and meet new faces." From there, friendships started clicking and the Loose Coyotes group was born.

Simons quit her job working for the city of Cerritos to be a full-time mom to her three kids, one who has autism.

"I felt like I really wanted to get out of the house after a while," Simons said. "There's a point when you don't want to be known as just a housewife, there's something more. Long Beach has some amazing women, and they just needed a reason to get out and get to know each other."

The women of Loose Coyotes can be found talking about all things Long Beach, like what restaurant to try next, where the best shopping bargains are, or what schools are best—all while having a blast and sharing stories.

Loose Coyotes' oldest member is 85 years old, and according to Simons can out-party the entire group. The youngest is 22. Loose Coyotes meets the second Friday of every month at 6:45 p.m. They have been found "on the loose" at Cirivello's, The El Dorado, and EJ

Malloy's Sports Bar. Find them on Facebook or Instagram under Loose Coyotes LBC.

Little Coyotes

Tyler Hunt noticed the popularity of the Lost Coyotes and Loose Coyotes among the grown-ups in the East Long Beach community and decided to start a group for preschool kids the Little Coyotes. The group is primarily made up of the Lost and Loose Coyotes children.

"It's geared towards kids getting together at the local parks, meeting new friends, and getting their parents out of the house," said Hunt, a Long Beach native who now lives in the same East Long Beach house he grew up in.

Hunt plans to organize a field trip to the Long Beach Aquarium for the Little Coyotes and explore all of the different parks around town.

The "potlucks at the park" for the Little Coyotes usually take place every third Sunday of the month at Birdcage Park, located adjacent to the Heartwell Park Golf Course. The Little Coyotes are age four and under.

"We started a little Facebook group so if anyone is going to the park that day and wants company, they can post where they will be at and where to meet," Hunt said.

The Little Coyotes group is just as much for the parents as it is for the kids, bringing families together to create new, lasting relationships for all.

"It's hard to meet other parents sometimes," said Hunt, who has two children, ages 1 and 2. "At our first gathering there was one set of parents that hadn't been out of the house in three months, so they came out with their newborn."

While the kids play, parents exchange babysitter's numbers, talk about raising children, and just relax and chat with other adults—often a rarity for parents of young children.

Whether it's through the big coyotes or little coyotes, these new community groups are proving that social interaction is still best experienced face-to-face, so get in on the fun and join a pack!



By John Grossi

Victor Gomez cares about service, hard work, comfort, and family. He cares about Long Beach and Lakewood. And Gomez cares about heating and air conditioning.

Ten years ago Gomez wrapped all of his passions into a family business centered around his home and his family. Gomez Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. exemplifies the small business and honest work ethics that make Long Beach such a great place to live.

With the LA Times predicting the hottest summer in years, Gomez is offering a special discount to the residents of Long Beach who have been such a big part of letting his family achieve the dream of starting and running a successful small business.

But more than anything, Gomez Heating and Air Conditioning wants to update your central air system (or lack thereof) from its current state to 2016 standards, for a great price.

When you call Gomez, they promise to set an appointment for a free, no-ob-

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The company can repair and service any brand of heating and air in the industry.

For residential jobs, Victor Gomez's crew of 30 employees and 15 trucks provides service to all of Southern California, from San Diego to the Inland

Empire. However, their favorite place to work is around Long Beach.

"So much of our time is spent driving all over southern California, and people still refer us for our quality prices and exceptional service," explains Victor Jr., Gomez's oldest son. "Yet, when we do installation or repairs in Long Beach, we save so much time, we can give residents an even greater price value."

That's why they want to offer friends, neighbors, and the residents of Long Beach spectacular deals to get their central heating and air-conditioning ready before summer.

Call the family and use the coupons in this magazine to receive a complete AC tune-up for just \$49 or 10% off a new installation.

The Gomez family knows that Long Beach residents work hard at what they do. So when it's time to relax, Victor recommends coming home to a cool 68 degrees.

See Coupons on page 62. ■

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By John Grossi

Math tutoring in Long Beach just got a whole new look, thanks to Benjamin Hilberg. After recently receiving his PhD in mathematics, Ben turned down opportunities to become a University professor in favor of following his dream to change and improve math education in Long Beach.

Ben's doctorate thesis from USC may sound complicated, "Math Education Optimization Through Procedural Refinement in LAUSD," but what it means is an easier path to math for your son or daughter.

The biggest problem in math education, that Ben's years of research discovered, is that students lack the desire to learn or even come to class.

"Attendance is the first, and the most important, thing we need to fix about math education," said Ben. "We need to create an environment that kids want to come to—if kids don't want to be there, they won't try to learn."

Ben's success at creating a community that students actually wanted to attend in LA Unified School District will certainly carry over to the Math Hive.



The theme to his unique approach to tutoring is socialization.

"We chose the name 'Math Hive' because we're more than just a center for learning," said Ben. "Bee hives are synonymous with socialization and productivity, making it the perfect concept to build upon."

Math Hive is membership-based tutoring. For \$250 a month, your child can be dropped off, without notice, for up to two hours any day that Math Hive is open. This concept is meant to be easy on parents as much as it is conducive to learning. No penalties for showing up late or missing a day!

Once dropped off, kids will benefit from Math Hive's three-prong building blocks of success: learning, homework, and enrichment.

Tutors assess students' understanding of the math, make sure any homework questions are answered and completed, then, most importantly, start on the individualized enrichment activities to further develop understanding and application of math, logic, and science.

Ben has designed a plethora of fun and productive enrichment activities to enhance knowledge in every grade level from 2-12. The enrichment activities are a big reason why Ben encourages families to enroll during summer, even though school isn't in session.

"Our success will be based on kids being ahead of the game and understanding math as a whole concept," said Ben. "They will want to come here, and have fun learning on their own and with the help of others."

All sorts of fun programs are scheduled this summer. Stop by this May to learn more about Math Hive and see the benefits of getting ahead in math and learning to love learning.

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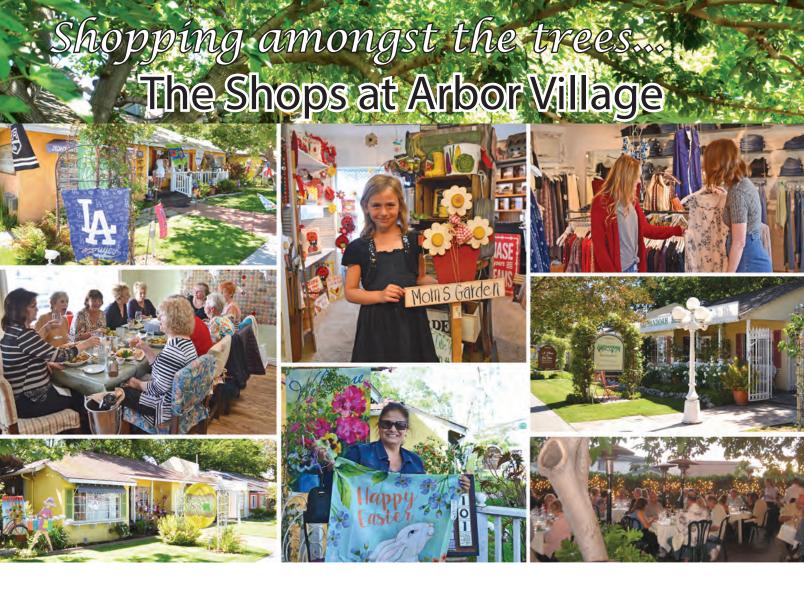






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Hidden along a busy boulevard in Los Alamitos is a quaint shopping center known as Arbor Village. The village is home to several shops, a restaurant, and a unique hair and art salon all located in a row of bungalows along Los Alamitos Boulevard.

Arbor Village feels like a secret garden in the middle of the city. A long walkway connects many of the shops; large shade trees grow up through the deck; and the green grass, a waterfall and a koi pond add to the atmosphere. During the day, patrons wander along the shady porch stopping for lunch and a bit of shopping, and in the evening twinkling lights create an enchanting ambiance.

Arbor Village is the perfect place to spend the day with friends or loved ones. The village is located on Los Alamitos Boulevard between Katella and Cerritos Avenues, and parking can be found in a small lot behind the center.

The Shops at Arbor Village



Cinnamon Stik in the middle of the center is a family-run business bursting with darling home accessories, seasonal décor, and heart.

The sweet bungalow offers more than just home décor. Each room has a different theme and the products change with the season. There are handbags and jewelry, beach décor, and country favorites. The adorable garden accessories spill out onto the patios. Cinnamon Stik has a special something for everyone.



Shenandoah

has been a staple in the Los Alamitos area for 33 years. The warm, welcoming atmosphere, along with Granny's fried chicken and warm apple fritters keeps the customers coming back for more.

Shenandoah at the Arbor offers indoor seating in the large open dining room with its wood floors, vaulted ceilings, and cozy décor, or outdoor seating on the expansive patio shaded by large mulberry trees, plenty of umbrellas and twinkling lights. The ambiance makes a perfect location for all types of events and celebrations. Every Monday night from 6 pm -8 pm, guitar music fills the air on our back patio. Come sit outside and enjoy great food, a warm summer breeze, and live music!



The Denim Bar is a family-owned shop with open ceilings and a more contemporary vibe than its neighbors in the bungalows.

The Denim Bar stocks more than 50 brands of denim at prices that range from \$60 to \$195. However, denim is not all they do; The Denim Bar also offers clothes, shoes, bags, hats and jewelry. The shop features brands such

as Freepeople, Alex and Ani and Steve Madden.

"We have gifts at any price for anyone from teens to seniors."

Denim Bar is the sister store of Miyamo, located in Parkview Village in Long Beach. (See their ad on page 31). Miyamo is the outlet for The Denim Bar, and gets many of their random sizes and styles. Go check it out!

Flags with a Flair offers so much more than its name implies. Thanks to a wide variety of garden flags, shoppers will find gifts for the home, baby and pet.

Flags with a Flair first opened shop in 1996, moving from Belmont Shore to Arbor Village in 1999.

Walking through the Flags with a Flair

bungalow offers you a blast from the past. Several rooms retain their original charm and feature vintage appliances and fixtures. The kitchen and bathroom are full of fun home accessories and décor.

Find the perfect gift and have it wrapped for free at Flags with a Flair.





By Blair Cohn

Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association

Come explore the First Fridays Art Walk in Bixby Knolls!

On the first Friday of every month Atlantic Avenue between San Antonio and Bixby Road comes alive with art, music, dancers, poets, and the community. Participating businesses unite to promote local artists and musicians providing them an outlet to showcase their work through extended operating hours.

First Fridays Long Beach is curated and operated by the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association whose goal is to create and provide a great family-friendly environment with this mashup of art, music, community groups, and businesses.

Themes change each month. Some examples include: **Mardi Gras**, complete with parade, fire dancers, beads, and beignets; **American Beauty**, that kicks off the Independence Day weekend with flag dedication, s'mores, and stilt

walkers; the "Long Beach County Fair" which brings together local growers, harvesters, seeders, and green organizations; and our special Holiday Edition in December, with tree and menorah lighting, Santa Claus, carolers, and candy canes.

Each month up to 17 local bands play music from bluegrass to jazz, rock to folk, and DJs spinning old school hip hop to reggae and funk. Artists from across the city and CSULB showcase their work in venues throughout the event and in our art alley, aka The Allery (Burlinghall and Atlantic).

The Expo Arts Center at 4321 Atlantic features over 30 artists from local collectives and colleges. There are so many great styles, including paint, photography, woodworking, and sculpture. Browse through the galleries and main hall to find tons of affordable pieces for purchase.

Keep fueled up with the eclectic food choices at the event, which range from Italian, Mexican, Japanese, Mediterranean, Deli, Thai, and even burgers.



Come early to eat before you walk up and down the avenue. You can also explore all the boutiques and the fun shopping options from craft beers, artisan sodas and snacks, to toys, reptiles, his and her gift items, jewelry, clothing, and home goods.

Expect the unexpected. ■

Learn more about the event by going to www.firstfridayslongbeach. com or follow us on Facebook.com/firstfridayslongbeach and Instagram @firstfridayslb. You can reach the BKBIA office at 562 595-0081.

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Preschool is the first school and social experience for most children, and we want it to be a positive one. The focus at Nazarene Christian Preschool is on the whole child—academics, socialization, exercise, and spirituality. Come by and walk through any time, and see why so many parents stop their preschool search at "Nazarene" after just one visit.

"A big part of our draw is that we are Christian-based," said administrator and former principal, Dr. Wes Sullivan. "We integrate Jesus' teachings through fun activities like songs, poems, and sign language—everything appropriate for each child's age."

The ability to incorporate Christian teachings into a curriculum shows in the playful, happy, and loving interactions between students and teachers at the Nazarene preschool.

"Some of our families have even reserved a spot in our class for their babies that haven't been born yet!"



Stop by to see our small class sizes, spacious play ground, and loving environment

Further nurturing the family-first environment is the strong open door policy. Parents are invited and encouraged to drop by any time to observe their child's progress. There are places to observe classes without being seen, or they can jump in and get involved in the lesson.

Nazarene Christian Preschool provides schooling for ages 2–6 (toddler to pre-k). Pupils are split into three different classes based on age group. Adhering to state standards, 2 year olds are taught at a 1-6 teacher to student ratio, and ages 3–6 are kept at a 1-12 teacher to student ratio.

Classes run from 9 a.m.–11:45 a.m. everyday, with daycare services provided from 7 a.m.–5:45 p.m. everyday.

Nazarene is open year-round. "We understand young families, and that young children require development and socialization on their own timetable." Open enrollment is going on now, all summer, and all year long.

One recently graduated family said this about their experience at Nazarene Christian Preschool. "You have showed us an amazing amount of love that we had never felt previously from any other school, and provided a foundation for our daughter in which to grow from, both academically and spiritually."

If you're searching for the perfect preschool, the Nazarene's Christian-based beliefs, passion for educating the whole child, and loving, family-first atmosphere might be a perfect fit!



Advertiser Spotlight

For this issue, 908 Magazine Publisher John Grossi sits down with brothers Kent and Gregg Munro to learn more about their business and to thank them for supporting 908 magazine.



Can you briefly sum up your experience working in the furniture industry?

We were basically born into the industry. Our parents moved here from Alberta, Canada in 1967 to found Wall Units, Inc. at this very same address. We worked alongside our mom, dad, grandfather, and younger brother since we were in elementary school.

Over the years we've each held every position in the store, from driving the delivery truck, to sales in the store, operations, managing a store, and accounting.

In late 2010, due to economic recession, our family closed Wall Units and Munro's Furniture which was opened in 1992 across the street. Having never worked anywhere else and never having done anything else, we decided to open House to Home Furniture carrying many of the same brands and products from Wall Units and Munro's Furniture, while adding new, up-to-date merchandise.

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How has your industry changed since you started?

We've both been in the furniture industry a minimum of 30 years. It's definitely gotten more competitive... it's also global now.

We still try to buy American as often as we can, as long as the quality and price makes sense for the consumer. Right now, our furniture is about 60% American Made. Our big box competitors mainly sell offshore products, mostly made in China.

Has the Internet changed furniture shopping as well?

In the internet era, people expect instant gratification. People have a harder time understanding that a custom finish takes time. Most stores have turned to a buy-what-you-see model. They've given up on custom orders to appease customers' desire for instant gratification.

We still do a tremendous amount of custom orders because so many of our product lines are unique and offer custom options. We show all our product on the floor and explain how you can customize each one to fit your house. We don't have cookie-cutter furniture sets in a warehouse or anything like that.

What is your favorite piece of furniture that

is in your own home?

Gregg: I have an arts and crafts style, quarter-sawn white oak bookcase made by a company in Wisconsin called "Leick Furniture." It was made from sunken logs in the Great Lakes that had been submerged in water for 100 years. It was a really cool limited edition that we carried for a few years until they sold out.

Kent: My "Comfort Design" recliner that I sit in every night. It's just a comfortable, American made, leather recliner. It's used by my kids, my wife, everybody.

What is the coolest highend piece you sell?

Gregg: The Stressless line is so cool. The quality, design, and comfort is unique to the industry. We've been selling Ekornes since the 80's. It's a Norwegian design endorsed by the American Chiropractic Association.

Kent: Our American Leather Sleepers. It's the best sofa sleeper I've ever seen.

What is the best low-end piece you sell?

We have some great small dinette sets that start at \$349. We sell a lot of those to young folks. The brand is called "Winners Only."

What is your favorite part about owning a business?

Kent: For me it's that I get to see the people that my dad sold furniture to—kids who say their parents bought here in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. We are so fortunate that they come back here and find something they like. They are used to buying quality furniture because of their parents.



Gregg: Just being able to continue on the family legacy of providing home furnishings to the Long Beach community.

What is the hardest part about owning your own business?

Kent: The hours. Being away from family on weekend. Just retail hours.

Gregg: Definitely the hours. In fact, I probably wouldn't want my kids to get into retail because of that.

Anything else you want to tell the people of East Long Beach about what your store has to offer?

Kent: We're here all the time. We strive to have unique quality products, fantastic customer service, and the lowest price possible. It's something we really strive for every day.

Gregg: We're offered all kinds of products every day but we try to sift through the masses and tailor our products to what makes sense for this area. We are not so focused on the cheapest furniture as we are the value. We want these pieces to be worth it for the price. There's no bottom to the bottom.

Kent: We have such a large showroom (roughly 20,000 ft.) and it's all here for you to touch and feel. It's so much better than internet sales. You can feel the comfort, see the fabric, we give you our expertise.

Gregg: We also know the business so well. To the average eye, 15 different sofas might look the exact same. We know materials and construction, and do a good job of providing customers with the best value and selection in our showroom.

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- B-bats, beavers, bees, birds, butterflies, buzzards
- C—camels, caterpillars, cats, chickens, clams, cockroaches, coyotes, crocodiles, crows
- D-dogs, dolphins
- E-elephants, elk
- F-fish, flamingoes, flies, frogs, foxes
- G—geese, giraffes, gnats, goats, gorillas, grasshoppers
- H—hamsters, hippos, hornets, hummingbirds, hyenas
- I-insects
- J—jaybirds, jellyfish
- K-kangaroos, koalas
- L-larks, leopards, lions, lizards, locusts
- M-mice, monkeys, mosquitoes, mules
- N-narwals, nightingales
- O-opossums, ostriches, otters, owls, oxen, oysters
- P—pandas, parrots, peacocks, pelicans, penguins, pigeons, porcupines
- Q-quail
- R-raccoons, rats, rhinoceroses
- S—scorpions, sharks, sheep, squirrels, snails, snakes, sparrows, spiders, stingrays
- T-tigers, toads, turkeys, turtles
- W-wasps, whales, wolves
- Y-yaks, yellow jackets
- Z—zebras





Dr. Meinberg has been a teacher, a professor, and a librarian. She loves books! And she has written 14 published books so far. Some are for children, some are for adults, and some are for both. During the last art contest that Dr. Meinberg ran for her book *The Cockroach Invasion*, she barely received enough sketches, and 19 winners were chosen, from various schools in three different cities.

When the book was published along with all the winning pictures, the names and ages of the winners were included. Their photos were in newspapers, and on websites, and they were getting lots of publicity, lots of attention, and had lots of fun. Many children that had passed up the opportunity wished that they had sent in drawings. Some were angry, and some were crying, and asked if they could send in pictures, but it was too late. They learned a hard lesson, that if you don't even try, you can't possibly win.

So here is another chance for youngsters (K-6th grade) to have their artwork considered for a book. The title is Animal Groups ABC. Dr. Meinberg needs many, many pictures of animals. All different kinds of animals. Check out the list, and see what you would like to draw! If you are a winner, you will receive a copy of the book as a thank-you. And a book will also go to your school teacher, your school library, your local city or county library, and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. And then, when you get much older, you can write on your resume that you are a published artist! GOOD LUCK!

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Miso-Glazed Chilean Sea Bass

The Boathouse

(562) 493-1100 190 N Marina Dr, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.boathouseonthebay.com The Boathouse on the Bay is two restaurants in one. An elegant, indoor dining room serves fresh seafood and dinner entrées, and a casual outdoor patio adds a classic Americana comfort menu for lunch and happy hour. Their Sea Bass is available in both locations.

"Sea bass is one of the lightest and sweetest fish in the ocean. People love the natural taste"

Chef Nagi's Miso-Glazed Chilean Sea Bass is marinated in a saki-wine creation and broiled in sweet miso. This Asian-inspired technique creates a sweet, tender, and savory fish that pairs perfectly with the garlic mashed potatoes and delicious mixed-bean succotash, which includes sugar snap peas, long beans, edamame, and carrots, in a king crab broth base.

Until about 15 years ago, Sea Bass was on the endangered species list. So, when people try this unique dish for the first time they are delighted by the sweet, delicious taste sensation!



Combo #3

Naples Rib Company

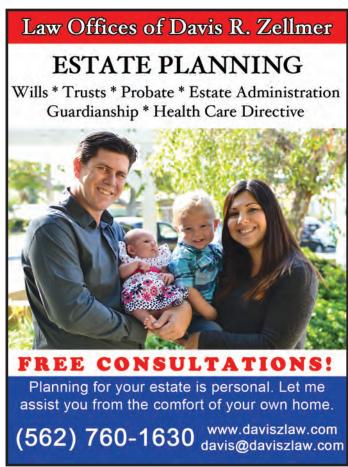
(562) 439-7427 5800 E 2nd St, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.ribcompany.com Naples Rib Company is known in Long Beach for the amazing ribs and so much more, and people come from all over the city to eat, share, and enjoy a delicious dinner out. The BBQ #3 Combo with ribs, tri-tip, and chicken is the perfect way to do just that.

"People say it's 'the juiciest, most tender' chicken they have ever eaten"

The baby back ribs are tender, fall-off-the-bone meat. They are baked, then grilled and brushed with the famous homemade BBQ sauce. The tri-tip is marinated and slow roasted overnight, then grilled and brushed with the same amazing sauce, creating a flavorful, tender piece of beef. And the chicken, high-quality poultry without additives, is grilled to perfection and brushed with BBQ sauce.

With delicious salads, savory sides like the garlic mashed potatoes and Mac n' Cheese, and vegetarian and gluten free options, the Rib Company has something for everyone.









Super Deluxe Burrito

El Burrito Grill

(562) 498-2300 5211 E Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, CA 90804 www.elburritogrill.net El Burrito Grill's Super Burrito is just that—super! Smothered with their signature enchilada sauce, made with slowly roasted pasilla peppers, and filled with a combination of homemade beans, rice, and meat, the huge burrito is full of authentic taste.

"Other restaurants have tried to imitate our mole sauce but haven't mastered it"

"We have a very unique distinct flavor that's has been a family recipe for more than 50 years," said owner Jose Diaz.

Ordered with Carne Asada or Carnitas, then topped off with melted cheese, sour cream, and guacamole, this is one incredibly satisfying Mexican feast.

While the Super Deluxe Burrito is El Burrito Grill's top seller, they are also known for their Carnitas plate. Jose's roots are from Michoacan, Mexico famous for their Carnitas recipe!

At "EBG" the food is high quality, authentic, and won't break the bank.



California Veggie Gourmet

Straw Hat Pizza

(562) 421-4491 6522 E Spring St, Long Beach, CA 90815 www.strawhatpizza.com Straw Hat Pizza offers a family-first atmosphere with an array of delicious pizzas to choose from. Adults can sit back, converse, watch sports, and enjoy a nice cold beverage, while their children play arcade redemption games.

"This is one of our signature pizzas that no one else carries"

One of the most popular pizzas is the California Veggie Gourmet topped with mushrooms, onions, tomatoes, broccoli, zucchini, spices, and garlic cheese sauce. Add in their signature six naturally aged California cheeses in every slice and enter pizza heaven.

"The California Veggie Gourmet is a nice change of pace from the traditional pizzas on our menu. Not only is it unique, but it's a healthy option," said co-owner Deborah Morris.

Still hungry? Add an order of Groovy Twists stuffed with either garlic Parmesan, jalapeño and cheese, or bacon and cheese. This new addition to the menu is a perfect complement to any pizza.









Mango-Ginger Baby Back Pork Ribs

The Crooked Duck

(562) 494-5118 5096 Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, CA 90804 www.thecrookedduck.com The Crooked Duck has been a neighborhood favorite because of their amazing food and relaxed, yet intimate atmosphere.

One of the most popular menu items is the Mango-Ginger Baby Back Pork

"Our Ribs rival other places that are known for ribs because of our attention to detail and our specialty sauce"

Ribs, which are slow-cooked for 4 hours then topped with the signature mango sauce, and served with mashed potatoes and owner Joey's slaw. It's easy to see why the ribs are a hit with their customers. Each bite is tender and juicy and the meat literally falls off the bone.

The Crooked Duck also has an excellent selection of wines, such as the new Frontier Red, which pairs perfectly with the ribs.

Joey and his staff's passion for customer service and mouth-watering food makes every trip to the Crooked Duck an enjoyable experience.



Angel Hair Scampi

Deli News

(562) 598-2123 5555 E Stearns St, Long Beach, CA 90815 www.delinewspizza.com Deli News is a neighborhood pizza joint where the smell of garlic entices all who stroll by, "regulars" are greeted by name, and the pizza and pasta is fresh and affordable.

"Everything is fresh, never frozen"

While Deli News has a full menu featuring craft beers, a wine list, and an array of homemade cookies and brownies, the Italian eatery is best known for its hand tossed pizza and delicious pasta.

Deli News' Angel Hair Scampi with Shrimp is the best selling pasta dish on the menu. The crisp vegetables and light drizzle of olive oil showcase the fresh, flavorful shrimp—the dish is satisfying and scrumptious.

Deli News has catered to hungry locals for more than 26 years. The friendly staff works tirelessly to make sure every order is made to perfection.

The casual, affordable, local joint is a place the whole family can enjoy.









Chicken Provolone with Basil Pesto

Miss Priss

(562) 377-6385 4131 Norse Way, Long Beach, CA 90808 www.missprisscupcakes.com Miss Priss is known for their cakes and cupcakes, but should also be renowned for their deli sandwiches. They are some of the best in Long Beach!

Miss Priss serves two hot sandwiches—the "Hot Beef Dip," and the "Hot

"Customers refer to the sandwiches as sandwich-art"

Pastrami," and ten cold deli sandwiches, including the "Turkey Cranberry with Cream Cheese," the "Spicy Roast Beef with Spicy spread," and the "Jalapeño Tuna." The key ingredient is the Boar's Head Meat.

The "Chicken Provolone with Basil Pesto" is a savory delight and one of our favorites. Fresh Campari ripened tomatoes, romaine lettuce, thinly sliced red onion, and a wonderfully mouth-watering pesto sauce, along with the tasty chicken are piled on fresh baked squaw bread from the famous Mazano's bakery.

For a fast, healthy, easy, and tasty meal, call in your order and take it to go!



Granny's Fried Chicken

Shenandoah

(562) 431-1990 10631 Los Alamitos Blvd, Los Alamitos, CA 90720 www.shenandoahatthearbor.com For decades, owners Rick and Jill Wilson have brought Southern comfort to Long Beach at Shenandoah at the Arbor, and their signature dish, Granny's fried chicken, takes the soul back to a simpler time—when people really cared about good food.

"The fried chicken recipe is Rick's grand-mother's, so it's been in the family for a long time"

"Our menu is American regional with a strong Southern influence," Jill Wilson said.

The boneless fried chicken breast is tender and moist—lightly breaded and crisp, with a subtle, peppery bite from Shenandoah's zesty Cabo Seasoning.

Rounding out the comfort are Shenan-doah's silky mashed potatoes and homemade gravy as well as the fluffy, delicate yeast rolls. Hot apple fritters are served at the start of every meal to warm your taste buds, and introduce the cozy setting at Shenandoah.











Cirivello's Deal

Cirivello's Sports Stop (562) 421-0222

4115 N Viking Way, Long Beach, CA 90808 www.cirivelloslongbeach.com Cirivello's Sports Stop holds a special place in the heart of any kid who grew up playing youth sports in Long Beach. While they've recently renovated their bar room through the hit show "Bar Rescue," the heart of this East Long Beach landmark hasn't changed a bit. It

"We're using the old city-favorite wing recipe. These are the wings that made Cirivello's famous"

is still about serving up family fun and celebrating hard-fought games.

Feeding the family or the team is the top priority for many Cirivello's customers and the best way to do that is by ordering the Cirivello's Deal. Order a combination of 5 items for only \$39.

Pizza, wings, fries, nachos, spaghetti, garlic cheese bread, dessert, soda, beer, or 40 arcade game tokens. There's something for everyone in the Cirivello's Deal, and depending what you order, it's about a \$70 value for just \$39!



Smoked Brisket

Brew Kitchen Ale House

(562) 431-3900 10708 Los Alamitos Blvd, Los Alamitos, CA 90720 www.brewkitchenalehouse.com When your server brings out the Smoked Brisket at Brew Kitchen Ale House, your sense of smell will be the first to validate the order.

"It's the Porcini demi-glaze, and the pure Porcini mushroom oil on top,"

"It's high-end meat, prepared and served to white table cloth standards"

said owner Joe Maggiore. "It's incredible, the smell literally makes your mouth water. It really, truly does."

The brisket is USDA Choice, smoked lightly for 12-16 hours the night before it is served, creating an exceptionally flavorful and tender piece of meat.

Most of the rich, sweet flavor comes from the natural meat jus that is extracted from the meat then combined with sweet umami flavors.

Brew Kitchen Ale House is a polished, casual bar and grill that does business in the niche of craft beer.

Learn How to Ice Skate this Spring at The Rinks!









Mac and Cheese Burger

Legends

(562) 433-5743 5236 E 2nd St, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.legendssportsbar.com The Mac and Cheese Burger at Legends is loaded with flavor. Crisp bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, mac and cheese, and Tillamook cheddar cheese sauce are loaded on a handcrafted, juicy patty made with proprietary ground meat.

"This burger just sells itself—it has ba-con-smoked mac and cheese on a burger that already has bacon and cheese"

The Mac and Cheese is cooked with smoked bacon and a blend of Parmesan cheese and panko crumbs. It's one of the new signature items that was recently added to the longstanding legendary menu.

What better location to digest this behemoth of a burger than at the first modern sports bar in America?

"We are still all sports all the time," says co-owner Matt Peterson. "If a sports game is on anywhere, we have it here."



Fish and Chips

EJ Malloy's Britton

(562) 594-8771 5506 E Britton Dr, Long Beach, CA 90815 www.ejmalloyspub.com One bite of the beer battered fish and chips at EJ Malloy's, and you will know why it is the top selling menu item.

The fish and chips is lightly battered and served with homemade coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon wedges. The

"We cut the fish ourselves—it's incredibly fresh"

halibut is fresh and flaky. It is delicate and tender, with a crispy crunch from the delectable breading. And the hot and salty chips (fries) are the perfect partner.

EJ Malloy's is one of the few places in Long Beach to use halibut for fish and chips instead of cod. If you're looking for a deal, this amazing meal is half-off from 5 p.m. to close on Thursdays.

EJ Malloy's is a full-service Irish pub with 17 televisions. It's a perfect place to watch the game with a beer alongside a plate of fish and chips.









Salmon Salad

MarketPlace Grill Café

(562) 498-3663 4750 E Los Coyotes Diagonal, Long Beach, CA 90815 www.themarketplacegrillcafe.com The MarketPlace Grill Café menu is full of delicious, fresh, and healthy options that keep customers coming back.

One of the healthier dishes is the Salmon Salad, which includes baby greens, romaine, spinach, spring mix, "It's a healthy choice, where the portion size is substantial and all of the mixed greens are fresh, locally sourced"

roma tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, carrots, avocado, cilantro, and lime dressing, and is served with homemade focaccia bread.

The dish pairs nicely with a glass of white wine or a citrus beer, and the MarketPlace Grill Café has a generous selection to choose from.

The welcoming, casual atmosphere provides a relaxed environment where customers can enjoy a fresh and healthy meal. Eating at The MarketPlace Grill Café is good for the body and soul.



Chicken Avocado Sandwich

Café Lorel

(562) 986-7520 5203 E Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, CA 90804 www.cafelorel.com The chicken avocado sandwich at Café Lorel is refreshing and full of flavor, not to mention, healthy. Made with freshly baked chicken breast, avocado, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, Parmigiano, and a tangy honey-mustard sauce, the sandwich is a hearty creation on squaw

"It's our most popular sandwich—you can add bacon for an even greater yum factor"

bread and is an excellent lunch choice to fuel the body and soul for the rest of the day.

Owner Lorella opened Café Lorel four years ago, and today it has become a local haven for delicious fresh-brewed coffee and tea, homemade pastries, and hearty soups like tomato basil bisque and roasted poblano chowder.

Daily lunch specials include a choice of gourmet soup or salad and sandwich with a drink for just \$7. Convenient parking spaces, free Wi-Fi and a comfortable atmosphere add to the overall appeal of the Long Beach coffee hut.









Corned Beef and Cabbage

KC Branaghan's

(562) 370-0975 5734 E 2nd St, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.kcbranaghans.com Long Beach, CA 90803 K.C. Branaghan's traditional tavern décor, attentive staff, and delicious modern-American pub food provides a warm welcome from the minute you walk through the door.

K.C. Branaghan's is a pub in the tradi-

"Any bar can serve alcohol—we're a fine restaurant, masquerading as an Irish pub"

tional sense, serving classic, delicious, home-style meals like Shepard's Pie, Fish and Chips, Rasher and Cheese Boxty, and the fantastic build-your-own breakfast burritos and mimosa brunch.

However, their all-star dish is the Corned Beef and Cabbage. Sliced thin and delicately prepared, the corned beef is seasoned to perfection. The cabbage is baked, and the entire dish is drizzled with a peppery white parsley sauce that's made-to-order. This traditional Irish classic will satisfy no matter what time of year.



Caribbean Rice

Cesar's Bistro

(562) 494-1000 6240 E Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.cesarsbistro.com Cesar's Bistro has one philosophy about food: To create harmony through fusion in a non-gimmicky way.

Drawing from a wide range of food and tradition, from Central to South American and the Caribbean, including "We wanted to offer rice as a unique and satisfying entrée on it's own, in addition to being a side dish"

their native Colombia. Chef Cesar and his wife Luz aim at bringing a fresh new Latin American cuisine to Long Beach.

Cesar is always rotating the menu, using the freshest, seasonal ingredients. A perfect example, which also highlights the fusion style, is the Caribbean Rice. Cesar created the dish around the current supply of fresh shrimp.

"Rice is a universal ingredient," Cesar said. "So naturally, it would be a great vehicle for the fresh, flavorful shrimp." Stop in for a unique, refreshing taste!











Western Burger

SideYard Café

(562) 493-3676 2222 Palo Verde Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815 www.restaurantsinlongbeachca.com Simply put, it's no wonder why Side-Yard Café is selling a ton of burgers. The high-quality burgers are made with 100 percent Angus Beef and are incredibly fresh and delicious.

The Western Burger, made with barbe-

"We're all about making sure our customers have a quality experience"

que sauce, bacon, pepper jack cheese, lettuce, and an onion ring is delectable and satisfying. The Umami Cheese-burger is the perfect blend of sweet and tangy, with just enough spice. And the ABC Burger, made with avocado, bacon, and American cheese, is also a favorite.

SideYard Café, which replaced Dave's Burgers last June, boasts a full menu filled with mouthwatering creations, including a fantastic breakfast selection. With delicious breakfast burritos, pulled pork sliders with Hawaiian plum BBQ sauce, and great burgers—Side Yard is the perfect family friendly neighborhood café for a bite to eat!



The Ark Pizza

Ecco's Pizza

(562) 597-3357 2123 N Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90815 www.eccos-pizza.com For 40 years quality-made pizzas and family atmosphere at Ecco's has kept customers coming through the doors.

What makes Ecco's Pizza different? Instead of putting toppings on top of the cheese like most others do, Ecco's

"The Ark is a favorite because it's the perfect combination of our Meat Lover's and Vegetarian Pizzas"

flips the traditional pizza on it's head and puts their meat toppings underneath the cheese with the vegetables on top. This slight twist makes all the difference for Ecco's fans.

One of Ecco's most popular items is the Ark Pizza, which includes sausage, ground beef, pepperoni, Canadian bacon, bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, black olives, and tomatoes. Optional toppings include pineapple, anchovies, and jalapeños.

Ecco's Pizza is a Long Beach legend that shouldn't be missed!









Squid Ink Pasta with Seafood

Picarelli's

(562) 986-5280 6204 E Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.picarellis.com The official name is "Cartoccio," but because it's not actually printed on the menu, those with the inside scoop order the "black pasta seafood dish," or the "dish that comes in tin foil."

"We decided to bake everything together in tin foil—the flavors blended perfectly"

According to owner Joe Picarelli, it was originally created for a customer who absolutely couldn't decide what seafood or pasta sauce to have for her dinner.

The end result is calamari, baby scallops, clams, white fish, and shrimp all seasoned to perfection, cooked until tender, and then served with a mix of pesto and red sauce over an eye-catching black squid ink linguine.

Watch as the server gently peels back the tin foil on your table to reveal their secret-menu dish. One customer's indecision may have led to the greatest decision in Picarelli's kitchen to date!



Joe's Classic Steampot

Joe's Crab Shack

(562) 594-6551 6550 Marina Dr, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.joescrabshack.com The first thing you'll notice at Joe's Crab Shack is the tin ceiling, twinkling porch lights, and the charming Southern memorabilia on the walls. The atmosphere is fun, and the food is fantastic.

"We have a laid back attitude, just perfect for special occasions and family meals"

Joe's is known for crab but serves up all types of seafood. Large windows offer a beautiful view of the marina, or if it's a sunny day, eat on the open balcony.

Joe's best selling dish is the Classic Steampot. It is a blend of all things good and tasty. Two types of crab, dungeness and snow, are steamed with shrimp, smoked sausage, potatoes, and an ear of corn.

"We finish it with Old Bay seasoning and brush with garlic," said Ashley, the manager of the Long Beach location. It is reminiscent of a seaside cookout—warm, tasty, flavorful, and fun to eat.





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Bigmista's Sammich Shop

(562) 425-4227 3444 N Los Coyotes Diagonal, Long Beach, CA 90808 www.bigmista.com Bigmista's Sammich Shop has a passion for smoking quality meat—low and slow to achieve maximum flavor and tenderness. While owners Neil and Phyllis Strawder have perfected ribs,

"We don't cover our meat up with sauces. Sauce doesn't make it BBQ"

pastrami, and turkey, it is the Brisket Sammich that makes our mouth water.

A soft, warm bun is piled high with smoked, juicy brisket, and then topped with a light drizzle of BBQ sauce. Each bite is bursting with flavor. The meat literally melts in your mouth—it's that tender. It is both simple and entirely fulfilling.

Smoking a brisket is all about patience and taking your time. Bigmista's slow cooks their meat over night so it is tender and fresh at the beginning of each day. Give Bigmista's a try for a quick, easy, and filling lunch or dinner!



Big A** Breakfast

Bigmista's Morning Wood

(562) 452-7300 4331 E Carson St, Long Beach, CA 90808 www.bigmista.com Behold Bigmista's Morning Wood's signature "Big A** Breakfast," which includes two pig candy pancakes—thick sliced maple bacon sprinkled with cayenne, brown sugar, and some of Bigmista's Rub.

"People walk out of here with their bellies full, if they can walk out at all"

"Then we smoke it till we make bacon better," said Neil Strawder, who owns Bigmista's Morning Wood with wife Phyllis.

The "Big A** Breakfast" is served with eggs, fatties (smoked sausage), and thick sliced bacon. It also comes with a choice of sweet potato tots or creamy cheesy grits—a Southern homerun.

"People tend to think summer time is the only time you should eat barbeque," Phyllis said. "But we eat barbeque all day here at Bigmista's, so we put a new spin on barbeque with this breakfast place."

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Hungry Man Breakfast

The Local Spot

(562) 498-0400 6200 Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.thelocalspotlongbeach.com The Hungry Man Breakfast at The Local Spot has a little bit of everything—it is huge, delicious, and filling.

Let's start with the Local Spot's new Captain Crunch French Toast —once you start, you're sure to finish! The

"We're a cozy, local spot...with great breakfast and lunch"

French toast is dipped in egg batter then rolled in Captain Crunch cereal adding an extra sweet crunch to the breakfast classic. It's then grilled, sprinkled with powder sugar and drizzled with maple syrup. Mmmh.

The Hungry Man breakfast also includes three eggs, home fries or spuds, and a choice of ham, bacon, or sausage. It actually comes with your choice of pancakes, French toast, or waffle—we just strongly recommend the Captain Crunch French Toast.

So, if you're ready for highly addictive early morning flavor, then buckle your seatbelt, cruise down PCH, and for goodness sake, come hungry, man!



The Dublin Lawyer

(562) 598-9431 168 N Marina Dr, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.malarkeysgrill.com At Malarkey's Grill & One Hell of an Irish Bar, they call it the Dublin Lawyer. But unlike the thick-Irish-accented, litigiously worded nightmare of a person that the name conjures, this dish is easy on the eyes and taste buds. "This was my favorite dish growing up and I had to beg my mom to make it—only on very special occasions"

The entree is high-class and full of flavor—lobster stew in a Jameson dijon cream sauce, served in a freshly baked puff pastry shell.

"It's very rich," said the chef smiling.
"I wish I could eat it every day but I'd probably get too fat."

Malarkey's sits right on the water with great views overlooking the bay. It's the perfect mix of fine-dining and Irish pub, so no one will judge you if you sit at the bar, drink beer, watch the game, and eat the very classy Dublin Lawyer.

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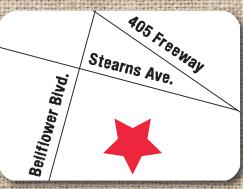
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Lamb Chops

George's Greek Cafe

(562) 433-1755 5316 E 2nd St, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.georgesgreekcafe.com Among a menu full of fabulous choices, the lamb chops at George's Greek Café on 2nd St. are a standout.

Succulent and tender, they can be enjoyed as an appetizer or complete meal in a set of four, six or eight chops.

"The lamb chops are what George's Greek Café is known for"

Whole racks of the highest quality grass-fed lamb chops are imported straight from New Zealand. The chops are French cut and marinated for 48 hours in a special homemade blend of spices, lemon juice, and extra virgin olive oil before being grilled to perfection.

Garnished on the plate with lemon wedges and tomatoes, the lamb chops are just as tasty as they are attractive.

For a decadent Mediterranean experience, pair the lamb chops with George's best-selling Amethystos Greek red wine, a silky-smooth Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blend.



Fettuccine Marsala con Pollo

La Strada

(562) 433-8100 4716 E 2nd St, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.lastradalongbeach.com Restaurants on Second Street seem to turn over every couple of years. So when you have one that's been there for more than 20 years, like La Strada, it must be good!

Specializing in classic Italian cuisine,

"We've had so many patrons coming for the last 20 years, they call La Strada their 2nd home, I love that"

La Strada is a neighborhood staple frequented by many locals. Known and loved for their delicious Cheesy Garlic Bread, La Strada boasts a lesser known but just as tasty menu item, Fettuccine Marsala con Pollo.

A local favorite, this appetizing dish starts with chicken on a bed of fettuccine covered in a Marsala wine sauce with mushrooms, spinach, garlic, and fresh tomatoes.

Add one of their Italian wines to complete the meal. And say 'hello' to owner Lisa Ramelow when you are there. Tell her 908 Magazine sent you!



The Davila Group

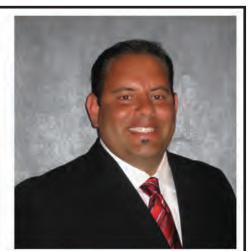
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Ground Pepperoni Pizza

Domenico's

(562) 439-0261 5339 E 2nd St, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.domenicosrestaurant.com Domenico's is the oldest restaurant in Long Beach, established in 1954, and the recipes haven't changed since its beginning. One taste of the Ground Pepperoni Pizza and you'll know why this iconic Italian establishment never goes out of style.

"We make it the original way pizza was created. The hard way, that no one else does any more—the good way"

It's all about the flavor, and therefore the process. Domenico's makes pizza in the opposite direction of how most pizzas are made. First, the cheese is melted on the crust, then the marinara is put on top of the melted cheese. The ground-up pepperoni is spread generously over the sauce, and then the pie is toasted to perfection.

While the authentic old school, Italian New York atmosphere is fun, the pizza is the real reason Domenico's has lasted four generations in Long Beach.



Chicken Tawook

Open Sesame

(562) 621-1698 5215 E 2nd St, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.opensesamecafe.com Open Sesame is so popular that it fills up two locations on the same block of Second Street in Belmont Shore!

Founder Ali Kobeissi's family recipes and authentic flavors keep customers coming back for more. "The Chicken Tawook
is the gateway dish
into trying other
authentic Lebanese
entrées that are on our
menu"

The Chicken Tawook features skewered cubes of marinated, charbroiled chicken breast, served with garlic sauce and wild cucumber pickles, and includes pita bread, salad, and hummus or baba ghannouj. A side of basmati rice can also be added to the dish.

Open Sesame's casual, yet elegant atmosphere coupled with the authentic Lebanese entrées provides diners with a fine-dining experience—one that leaves you satisfied, but wanting more.



Buying a home can be a stressful situation, so finding a realtor who knows the neighborhood, knows the business, and knows how to find the perfect home is important.

Johnathon Cardwell was born and raised in Long Beach. He grew up playing baseball at Heartwell Park, attended Lakewood High School, and earned his business degree from California State University, Long Beach. After commuting to Los Angeles for several years to work in the business world, he realized there's no place like home and decided he would transition to work in Long Beach selling houses.

A passion for Long Beach is part of what makes Jonathon a great realtor. "Long Beach is a hidden gem," he said. "It's centrally located between L.A. and Orange County, and it's got something for everyone."

In addition to his love for Long Beach, Johnathon has always been moved by the connection that people have to their homes. "I used to work at Home Depot, and watching people get excited about fixing up their homes helped me understand how important home is," he said.

Last year, Johnathon launched his real estate career with Keller Williams Pacific Estates in Long Beach. His positive attitude, open-door policy, and personable service make him easy to work with. He is a trusted advisor to his clients, and his likable personality makes him feel more like a friend than a realtor.

In his spare time, Johnathon enjoys surfing, golf, and travel. He is an adventurer who is always up for a challenge, which is one of his favorite parts about real estate. "It can be a challenge to find the perfect house, on the perfect street, at the perfect price," said Johnathon. "But when everything lines up, it's like magic."

If you're in the market for your first home, your last home, or your in-between home, Johnathon Cardwell can help you find the Long Beach neighborhood that is your perfect match—just like magic!

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(562) 986-7872 1998 Ximeno Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815 www.eatphillysbest.com What separates Philly's Best Cheesesteaks from other cheesesteak restaurants is the attention to detail, like importing genuine Amoroso rolls straight from Philadelphia.

The Philly's Best Cheesesteak is served

"The Philly's Best Cheesesteak is rivaled by almost no one because of the authentic ingredients"

with thinly sliced steak, sweet peppers, and mushrooms. The cheese is melted so perfectly that it tastes like a creamy cheese sauce. It is a taste of Philadelphia heaven.

The authentic appeal of Philly's Best doesn't stop at their cheesesteaks. Many of the sides come straight out of Philadelphia's backyard. For instance, the Frank's soda and Pennsylvania Dutch Birch Beer is the east coast version of creamy root beer, and for dessert, customers can enjoy a Tastykake, a tasty east coast treat that resembles a cupcake.



#22 Combo

(Taco and Enchilada)

Super Mex

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"Super Mex has something for everyone—breakfast, lunch, or dinner"

burrito, the traditional chile relleno, or one of their two all-time best sellers—the #7 and #22—each featuring Super Mex's delicious tacos.

Super Mex's taco shells are crisped on the grill, not fried, so they don't crack in your hand. The meat in both the tacos and enchiladas are tastefully seasoned and deliver some of the juiciest meat in Long Beach.

Enjoy a combination plate served with rice and beans for lunch or dinner. Super Mex on Spring also serves a delicious breakfast and bottomless mimosas on weekends from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.







Classic Hot Wings

Dempsey's 562-421-0111

3583 N Los Coyotes Diagonal, Long Beach, CA 90808 facebook.com/dempseyssportsbar In a world of nightclubs and gastro-pubs, it's sometimes hard to find that classic, comfortable sports bar.

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"We are that neighborhood bar where everyone is friendly and inviting"

Dempsey's hot wings are the perfect bite of bar food. Flavorful, not too spicy, just enough crunch, and a lot of meat on the bone, with a side of ranch to indulge, and carrots and celery to refresh.

A big reason the wings are a top-selling dish is the variety—classic hot, teriyaki BBQ, garlic, and lemon pepper. And if you want a local secret ask for the Sriracha-Teriyaki or the Teriyaki Buffalo wings. Just don't tell the out-of-towners—those items are off the menu.

Dempsey's happy hour runs Monday through Friday from 4pm-7pm. Ask about daily food specials!



Lobster Ravioli

Red Barrel

(562) 494-6400 1940 Ximeno Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815 www.theredbarrellbc.com The fried lobster ravioli is just one of the scrumptious tapas (appetizers) served at the classic French bistro, Red Barrel. The ravioli sits atop a rich lemon-butter cream sauce. Crisp asparagus wrapped in Applewood smoked bacon tops off the meal in a delicate fashion.

"Come to the Red Barrel for great music, delicious food and wines"

The presentation is as classy as the taste, and with each bite of the luscious lobster in the fried ravioli, the palate is more indulged.

Red Barrel doesn't look like much from the outside, but the dimly lit ambiance, unique décor, and live music make it an excellent dining experience.

Other must-tries at Red Barrel include the Gourmet Sliders—lean beef, roma tomatoes, arugula and garlic aioli, and the Lobster Mac n Cheese, with gruyere and cheddar cheeses, and bacon. And of course, at Red Barrel, any of the amazing tapas go perfectly with a robust glass of wine or pint of beer.



Tilapia with Mango Salad

Bai-Plu

(562) 343-2651 2119 N Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90815 www.baipluthaiandsushi.com Bai-Plu's house special—Tilapia with Mango Salad—is unique and full of authentic Asian flavor.

Served in an extraordinary presentation wrapped in its own shell, delicate pieces of deep fried Tilapia are topped with

"This dish tastes as good as it looks on the plate"

a tangy mango salad, which includes lime, onion, bell pepper, Thai chili, cashew nut, and tomato.

A pinch of sugar adds a hint of sweetness and a delicious contrast to the tanginess of the sauce.

"The fish is very fresh," said Tara, owner of Bai-Plu. "The popular dish has only been on the menu for a year, and it is already a customer favorite."

In addition to the amazing Thai food, Bai-Plu offers a wide assortment of Japanese and sushi options, making it the perfect place for dinner when your party can't decide between Japanese and Thai food.

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Seared Yellow Fin Tuna

Tantalum

(562) 431-1414 6272 E Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.tantalumrestaurant.com Long Beach locals come to Tantalum not only for the spectacular waterfront view, but for Tantalum's California Cuisine infused with a twist of Asian soul.

One of the most popular items on the menu is the Seared Yellow Fin Tuna—

"No other dish on our menu encapsulates Tantalum's unique vision toward Asian cuisine"

it's a healthier option, with a beautiful presentation, and outstanding flavor. The Seared Yellow Fin Tuna comes with green rice, mache, pineapple relish, and is topped with shoyu butter.

Tantalum's chic furniture and handcrafted artwork create a relaxing but elegant vibe with an Indonesian flair. The 75-foot mahogany bar overlooks the Alamitos bay, and the open concept allows for views throughout the restaurant.

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the view, the live music, and the food at Tantalum.



Simmzy's Burger

Simmzy's

(562) 439-5590 5271 E 2nd St, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.simmzys.com Simmzy's restaurant evokes the spirit of Long Beach. The open-air restaurant allows the lively atmosphere to pour onto the streets and creates a breezy patio feel. A large community table lets parties mingle while enjoying their meal.

"Our passion is craft beer and making fantastic burgers"

The Simmzy's burger has been a favorite since the opening. The sheer volume of onions Simmzy's goes through illustrates its popularity: 400 pounds per week, all hand cut for the smoky-sweet chow chow sauce.

Add to this the Pan de Mie bun, garlic aioli, romaine lettuce, roma tomatoes, Tillamook cheddar, and an 80/20-chuck blend of beef made especially for Simmzy's by West Coast Prime Meats, and you've got one heck of a burger.

Other delicious Simmzy's classics include their famous woodfire pizzas and mouthwatering appetizers like the caramelized Brussels sprouts.







The Basic Burger

The Small Café

(562) 434-0226 5656 E 2nd St, Long Beach, CA 90803 The Small Café is aptly named, but Laura and Carrie, the owners, do an excellent job serving up big flavors.

Remodeled three years ago, the cozy diner, located in the old Russell's Burger spot, is a perfect place for breakfast,

"It's a handmade patty, just like the famous Russell's burger"

lunch, or dinner. While The Small Café is not a burger shack like Russell's once was, it does serve up one of the tastiest burgers in Long Beach—made by the same chef who perfected the Russell's burger.

The Basic Burger is a customer favorite, featuring lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, and homemade Thousand Island dressing.

"The patty is really juicy because of the handmade process," said Laura.

Almost everything is made from scratch and the menu is made to order at The Small Café—You can even build your own burger, because sometimes the best way is your way!



Baja Burrito

Baja Sonora

(562) 421-5120 2940 Clark Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815 www.bajasonora.com When Mary Lynn Sophiea and Mike Mendelsohn opened Baja Sonora 18 years ago, there were just 10 tables.

Now, Baja Sonora is incredibly popular, garnering the Press Telegram's "Best Independent Mexican Restaurant"

"It's just really good, authentic Mexican food"

2013 and 2014, "Best Happy Hour" 2014, and "Best Tacos" 2007.

The Baja burrito is a two-pound masterpiece served with a heaping pile of guacamole, melted cheese, and enchilada sauce, and stuffed with rice, beans, lettuce, and your choice of meat—shredded or ground beef, Chicken, Carne Asada, Carnitas, Shrimp, Chile Verde, or Chile Colorado. You can taste the quality ingredients in every bite.

Baja Sonora has generously donated to local schools, and both owners often speak at schools to encourage kids that they can truly achieve their dreams—even owning a successful restaurant with extraordinary food.







The Chutzpah

Brix at the Shore

(562) 343-5998 5372 E 2nd St, Long Beach, CA 90803 www.letsdobrix.com Brix at the Shore has the best pastrami in the world, so they put it in a breakfast burrito.

Weighing in at over a pound, Brix's caramelizes the pastrami on the grill before serving it, helping keep the

"We have a menu based on Seinfeld, Mel Brooks, and my great Grandma"

flavor in. The meat is then wrapped in a tortilla with eggs, fries, cheese, and Brix's Deli Sauce, which owner and sommelier Rick Reich says is like "Russian dressing on steroids." Think of it as a classic New York deli doing a California breakfast burrito. The results are outstanding!

"Simple ingredients make great flavors" Rick said. This idea is clearly defined in "The Chutzpah."

Brix at the Shore is a fine wine and eatery established two and a half years ago. Their wines and beers are a perfect complement to the exceptional food at Brix at the Shore!



Huevos Rancheros

Village Café

(562) 421-5515 4148 N Viking Way, Long Beach, CA 90808 Just when you thought the local neighborhood diner had disappeared for good, East Long Beach comes through again with Village Café. If you've been in Lakewood Village on a Saturday morning, odds are you've seen the crowd waiting for a table at this favor-

"Great service and food. That's our focus and people know it"

ite locals' spot. And, trust us, the food (and incredibly friendly service) are worth the wait! Village Café is known and loved for their homemade jams, six different types of original salsa, gravy and ranchero sauce.

"We think it's the best in town," says the owner Paul McMurtie. If you are there for breakfast, try the popular Huevos Rancheros, a corn tortilla topped with beans, two eggs, jack and cheddar cheese, avocado, salsa and sour cream. Served with a side of homemade potatoes and toast, this dish lets you try most of the homemade specialties. Large portions, good prices and a family-friendly atmosphere make Village Café a must-try.





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Joe's Special

Joe Josts

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"This bar still brings generations together. Grandfather, father, and son can enjoy a schooner and a special together"

The sandwich itself is a Polish sausage on rye bread with pickles, mustard, and Swiss cheese. However, you haven't really experienced Joe Josts unless you get the 1-1-1.

That's one special, one legendary pickled egg, and one schooner of beer. If you don't drink alcohol try the root beer, it's amazing.

Joe Josts is the oldest bar in Long Beach. Scarfing down a special and a schooner has been a tradition since 1924 that still satisfies today.

That's all 40! A big thank you to all the restaurants who participated in this issue! We hope you support small-business and your taste buds by trying one or all of these dishes!

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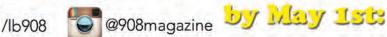
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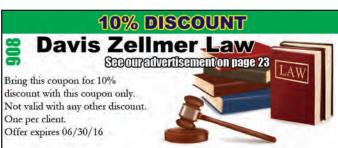
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