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Sweet Spot

The toast trend has landed in North Park. Made with Prager Brothers breads, this fancy toast is worth every bit of its \$3 price tag. A thick slab of country sourdough is toasted to order, drizzled with organic butter melted over an individual burner, then sprinkled with raw sugar and cinnamon. *Coffee & Tea Collective, 2911 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park*



DISH

MAC IS BACK

It was a thing, then it wasn't. Now it is, again.

Once the domain of kid cuisine, mac and cheese is making another comeback. Besides landing on menus around town, it's the focus of **Bazinga Eatery**, a kid-friendly spot in North Park where you can carb-load with fried mac and cheese balls, mac and cheese pizza, and 10 different takes on the classic dish. For purists, there's a sharp Cheddar, Fontina, and mozzarella cheese mac with cavatappi pasta and a crispy panko topping, but it pays to order something more adventurous, like the Chorizo, with smoky cubes of chorizo, roasted poblano peppers, jalapeños, and spiced chicharrón crumbled on top. 3382 30th Street, North Park — ERIN JACKSON



10 Hot Plates

Rumors, openings, & coming-soons

1

Mola is now open in Del Mar Plaza, serving tacos and tequila.

2



Belmont Park in Mission Beach gets its own craft beer bar with **Draft**, pouring 60 beers on tap.

3

Trevor Easter joins the East Village's Noble Experiment as principal bartender.

4

URBN St. Brewing Company has opened its doors in El Cajon inside the new URBN Coal Fired Pizza.



5

Chef Flor Franco joins **Convivia** as chef/partner at the Encuentro Guadalupe Antiresort.

6

Dinner Lab is set to launch its pop-up feast series in San Diego soon.

7

Gourmet mac and cheese is on the menu at newly opened **Bazinga Eatery** in North Park.

8

Bull Taco has opened in Del Mar, its third location in North County.



9

Blue Ribbon Rustic Kitchen in Hillcrest has been converted into **Social Experiment bar + kitchen**, under the same owners.

10

Local Tap House is now open in Oceanside and serving a \$20 brunch deal including two drinks and one menu item.