

# Dining & Entertainment

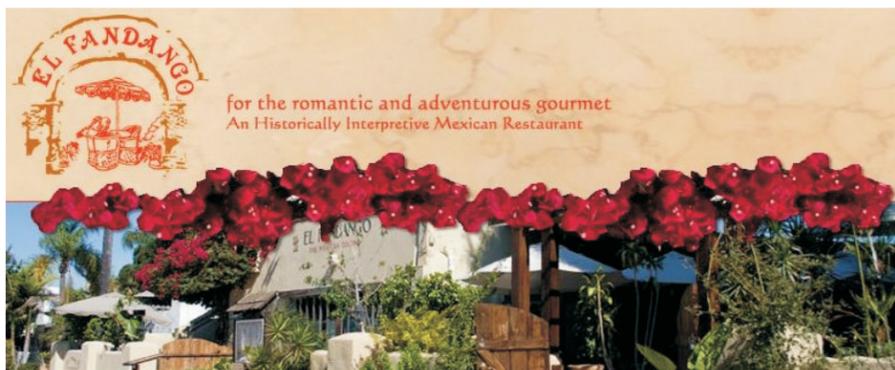
## EL FANDANGO RESTAURANT OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO HISTORIC PARK

El Fandango is a historically interpretive restaurant reflecting the changing patterns of food preparation in California during the period from 1846 to 1856, years of great change in California.

There was an influx of people from all over the world to the California gold fields. By 1850, there were some 20,000-recorded

were invited to a very elaborate feast inside the house, while the general guests were fed beef and traditional Mexican food on the patio.

Consuelo Miller, originally from Mexico City, established El Fandango Restaurant more than twenty-five years ago in Old Town State Park in a building which orig-



Frenchmen in California, many of whom wearied of the mining and abandoned the panning of gold to start restaurants. In San Diego, game and seafood had long been a staple of the local Indians. The "Californianos" of Spanish and American backgrounds, developed huge herds of cattle to supply the need for hides and tallow, and Beef, as a by-product, became the staple meat source.

It was also The Californianos who instituted the tradition of the "Fandango". Fandangos were parties which lasted for several days to as long as a month. When a well-to-do family celebrated a wedding, christening or special event, they would invite the whole town, providing food and music. The close friends of the family

inally housed the bakery and tin-smith shops and incorporated the building style of the Mexican period with shaded Ramada, use of 'as found' timber and the adobe-plastered style of construction, and of course, outside patio for dining.

The menu of El Fandango Restaurant reflects the diverse and very cosmopolitan collections of cuisine that took root in California during the gold rush period and includes modern-day Mexican and American dishes.

Located at 2734 Calhoun Street in San Diego's Old Town State Park, menu and more information can be found at:

[www.ElFandangoRestaurant.com](http://www.ElFandangoRestaurant.com)  
or by calling  
**619.298.2860.**

## ALL AMERICAN GRILL OPENS IN HAZARD CENTER IN MISSION VALLEY Brings San Diegans an "All American" Dining Experience under the Creative Inspiration of Restaurateur Mark Oliver

All American Grill, San Diego's newest restaurant concept, has officially launched in Mission Valley's Hazard Center. Owned and created by well-known San Diego restaurateur Mark Oliver, formerly of George's at The Cove, the new restaurant offers a creative chef-driven menu featuring high quality American-made ingredients and flavors in a casual and comfortable setting that also includes an outdoor dining terrace and bar.

"We're very excited to be offering San Diegans a fun new restaurant experience in the heart of Mission Valley," said Oliver. "The All American Grill concept is designed to honor America, and at the same time, support the American worker. Each taste and each drink poured, wherever possible, has been sourced from the U.S.A. The taste creations from our kitchen

celebrate our country with a variety of flavors found coast to coast."

Joining Oliver at All American Grill is highly regarded Chef Timothy Au, who collaborated carefully with Oliver on menu offerings that not only capture the spirit of America but have flavors for every palette. Au, who previously has applied his talents locally in such noted establishments as The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Molly's, and WineSellar and Brasserie, shares Oliver's commitment to offering only the freshest and highest quality ingredients at reasonable price points.

"Our goal is to provide San Diegans with a dining experience that is not only fun, but also affordable" Oliver said. "We want to

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