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## FOOD BRIEFS

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**Tango expands:** Tango Restaurant & Lounge in Escondido, which celebrates its one-year anniversary Jan. 15, has doubled the size of its dining room. Owner Bill Sapp said that the restaurant quickly outgrew its old space, so remodeling has been under way for the past few months. The old dining room is now Tango's lounge, offering a full bar and a new small plates menu. The new room, featuring the art of Sharif Imam Carter, also features a 25-seat private dining space. To celebrate the expansion, Tango is offering a New Year's Eve dining special, a five-course, prix-fixe menu for \$79 with seatings at 6 and 9 p.m. Tango is at 417 W. Grand Ave.

Call (760) 747-5000.

**Vigilucci's marks anniversary:** Vigilucci's Restaurant Group will celebrate its 15th anniversary in January with a discount of 15 percent on all tabs from Jan. 15 to 30 (excluding tax, tip; no other coupons accepted). Roberto Vigilucci launched his company with Trattoria Italiana in 1994. The company now has Italian, steak and seafood restaurants in Carlsbad, Encinitas, La Jolla, Oceanside and Leucadia. In 2009, the company plans to open a restaurant in Coronado and an Italian market in Carlsbad.

**Spaghetti Factory cuts prices:** To mark its 40th anniversary next month, the Old Spaghetti Factory — with locations in San Marcos and San Diego — will roll back prices in January. On Jan. 6, diners can have a complete dinner

(salad, entree and dessert) for about \$3. Children's meals will be around \$2. After Jan. 6, the restaurants will offer 40 percent off its complete meals on Mondays and Tuesdays through Jan. 31. Visit [osf.com](http://osf.com).

### Food events

**Winter High Tide Breakfast Buffet:** The Marine Room in La Jolla presents a series of gourmet buffets created by chef Bernard Guillas so diners can watch the seasonal high tides, from 7 to 10 a.m. Jan. 10-11 and Feb. 7-8 at 2000 Spindrift Drive. Cost is \$32. Call (858) 459-7222.

### New menus

**Friars Folly goes Spanish:** Friars

Folly at Old California Restaurant Row in San Marcos has introduced a "Cal-Spanish" tapas menu featuring Spanish dishes and wines, accented with live flamenco and Spanish guitar music. New items include tapenade, garbanzo spread, white beans with chorizo, shrimp with spicy cilantro sauce and more. The "Tapas for Two or Entree for One" menu includes Spanish-seasoned fish, lamb skewers, rib-eye steak and chicken breast entrees with Spanish rice and vegetables. There are also new salad, soup and dessert items. Friars Folly, at 1020 W. San Marcos Blvd., has live music Wednesdays through Saturdays (Latin night is Thursday). Call (760) 599-8454.