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Dining certificate giveaway at Restaurant Row

As part of its 30th anniversary celebration, Old California Restaurant Row in San Marcos is giving away, once a month, a \$100 dining certificate to one of its 18 great restaurants. All you have to do is fill in the form in this column and drop it off at **San Marcos Brewery, Cocina Del Charro** or **Acapulco Mexican Restaurant**. A winner will be drawn every month through December 31.

It was three decades ago when I first stumbled on Jim Eubank as he was hauling beams around on his big vacant lot in the heart of what was then a sleepy San Marcos. Jim, a legendary waterman and real estate guru, had seen opportunity in San Marcos years before and invested in a 14 acre vacant lot. As time went on he started to envision a multi-restaurant complex, and in 1978 it became a reality when the first restaurant opened. Today the center is North County's most delicious destination, with 18 international restaurants, small retail shops and acres of free parking. It also happens to be right next to Edwards 18 Cinema.

Here's a look at the dining choices. **Bruno's** is the place for pizza and pasta. Mexican food and margaritas can be enjoyed at **Acapulco, Cocina del Charro** and **Marieta's**. If you're in the mood for Asian cuisine one of the best Chinese restaurants in town is **China Wokery**. For delightful Thai cuisine enjoy **The King and I Thai Restaurant**; and if it's Japanese sushi or teppanyaki then **Katsu** is the place. You'll also find **55 Yardline Sports Bar** for beer and burgers and **Fish House Vera Cruz**, a great seafood spot. There's also the romantic and charming **Friar's Folly Bistro & Wine Cellar** and the tropical/Hawaiian style of **Chin's Maui Bistro**. In the mood for an ice cold brew and some tasty food? If so, **San Marcos Brewery & Grill** is the place. If spicy exotic is what you're seeking, the Indian food at **India Princess** will more than satisfy. Other good spots include **IHOP** for breakfast, lunch or dinner; **Old California Coffee House and Eatery** for gourmet coffee; and **Market Street Café & French Bakery**, a contemporary gem. For some great American flavors there's **Tony Roma's** for barbecue or **Old California Co.** for steaks and seafood.

The center is at 1020 San Marcos Blvd. For more infor-

mation go to www.oldcalrestaurantrow. Fill out the entry and good luck! And while you're there, pick up a copy of the new Old California dining booklet, available at all locations.

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Drop off the completed form at Acapulco, Cocina del Charro or San Marcos Brewery. No purchase necessary. Enter now to qualify for each month's drawing. Expires Dec. 31, 2008.

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