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MONDAY: Let's get the week rolling right !! Start off by organizing your thoughts with a steaming cuppa java with the excellent people flow, and catch or cut a deal at Starbucks in CdM, Fashion Island or Bristol x Jamboree. Kobe there yet? Later on work work, then maybe a session at Div Bar or A's in Newport. Late night at Yard House, Happy Hour past 10pm for a meet or tete'.

## www.starbucks.com www.divbar.com www.yardhouse.com www.arestaurantnb.com

TUESDAY: Tuesday's means Tacos in Coastal SoCal. Theee place to connect is Sol Cocina in Newport, amazing food and crowd. Follow on with a visit to El Ranchito on the Peninsula for all-you-can-eat tacos n'such for \$5, then late night at Blue Beet for DJ music and long running fun. Break the Taco pattern with Comedy at the Irvine Improv – get on their mailing list and you'll get comps and deals every week. Or head Downtown to Huntington Beach Surf City Nights for shopping and mingling every Tuesday, then prowl the DT bars. Or carnivores can savor the "All you can Eat" Rib Night at Saddle Ranch in CM, \$20 for Fred Flintstone portions.

www.hbdowntown.com www.solcocina.com www.avilaselranchito.com www.thebluebeet.com www.thesaddleranch.com

WEDNESDAY: A favorite lunch of excellent Cuban Fare at Bella Cuba by South Coast Plaza, sure to please – the best *Restaurante Cubano* in OC. Newport Landing has special deals and terrific views for Happy Hour and Sunset. Happy humpy at Costa Mesa's La Cave downstairs, an old favorite meets the hipster scene with DJ music. Or head up the 405 to Spaghettini in Seal Beach for wine, pasta and live Jazz.

<u>www.Bellacuba.com</u> <u>www.spaghettini.com</u> <u>www.newport-landing.com</u> <u>www.lacaverestaurant.com</u>

THURSDAY: Time to take time out and recharge. Catch a first-run film at the Starlight Theaters in Triangle for good\$ deal during the day. Then prowl The Strand in downtown Huntington Beach with live music, Sunset and a gorgeous setting. Later on Mesa Lounge by The Camp has terrific food and crowd, then late late the Kitsch Bar hipsters with Thursday Night Sessions. Or Riptide Sushi in MV, all you can eat Thursdays for \$20 is charged and electric.

<u>www.thestrandon5th.com</u> <u>www.trianglesquarecinemas.com</u> <u>www.mesacostamesa.com</u> <u>www.kitschbar.com</u> <u>www.riptidesushi.com</u>

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FRIDAY: Fridays always seem to pile on the work, prepping for our events on the weekend. If I have time, I'll catch Happy Hour at Wildfish, then head to 3Thirty3 to mingle and hear the latest info on everyone's weekend plans. Then over to Saddle Ranch in The Triangle, or maybe to the Harp Inn for live 80's music, dancing and more mingling.

www.wildfishseafoodgrille.com www.3thirty3nb.com www.thesaddleranch.com www.harpinn.com

SATURDAY: Get up and get at it -- get those put-off chores out of the way !! Then reward yourself with a visit to the Swap Meet to purchase a few gotta-have items, with music all Summer. Sojurn down to the Swallows Inn for an afternoon of Live Music and casual fun. Next is The Derby in MV for dueling pianos and dinner, with lots of birthday parties and raucous behavior. Or get your Country on at The Ranch in Anaheim for a superb dinner and full-on Country music and dancin', pardner.

www.ocmarketplace.com www.swallowsinn.com www.derbymv.com www.theranch.com

SUNDAY: Had enough yet?? Or ready to start over?? Take it ez in the morning, then roll over to the House of Blues Gospel Brunch near the MouseHouse. Or dress and dish it at Pelican Hills Brunch, overlooking the golf course and the Blue Pacific, tres chic. Later on it has to be Woody's on the Peninsula, boats coming and going and a great Sunday afternoon. The best Sunday Funday weekly wrapup is at Sharkeez on the Newport Peninsula, SIN – Service Industry Night and Rehab party goes on until late late.

www.houseofblues.com www.pelicanhill.com www.woodyswharf.com www.sharkeez.net