

# Miramar restaurant and nightclub is back

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*Re-opening of downtown anchor brings old recipes, new flavors*

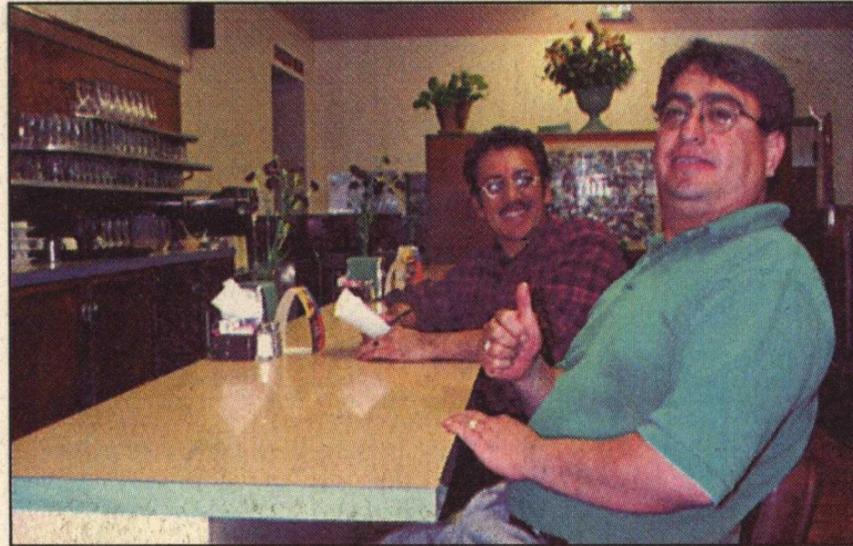
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WATSONVILLE — Maybe it's the quaint wood and leather booths with coat racks on the end, or maybe it's the long mirrors and 40s style wooden bar in the next room. Or maybe it's the friendly service and home cooked food.

Whatever the appeal, the Miramar Restaurant, after a two year stint with an uncertain future, has opened under new management.

Two years ago the Zlendich and the Derpich families closed their landmark restaurant. The two



**New owner Arturo Torrentera (right) and new chef Mario Zebeda at the familiar Miramar Restaurant.**

Croatian families, who had owned it since 1947, hoped that whoever bought the restaurant would keep

the restaurant's name so the legacy of the Miramar would be in the community for years to come.

"It's got a history — since 1947 — and we plan on being here for the next 50 years," smiled Arturo Torrentera, the new owner of the Miramar.

Torrentera is keeping the old favorites on the menu, like their famous steaks and pot roasts. The former owners gave Torrentera some of their famed recipes for soups as well. The "Seven Hurricanes" seafood soup was a favorite that will be on the menu.

The restaurant will also have new dishes — including seafood, Italian, American and Mexican food — but Torrentera wants the public and loyal patrons of the Miramar to know that the emphasis is still on customer service great food.

"We want the old customers to know that the Miramar is open and ready for business," said Tor-

rentera.

The grand re-opening celebration of the night club and restaurant will be Saturday, Nov. 4. Torrentera will have a buy one dinner, get the second half-off special, as well as a 20-percent discount for seniors. A mariachi trio will be serenading the dining room and bar. Everyday seniors get a 15 percent discount.

The Miramar night club is also open until 2 a.m., with the elegant mirrors and inviting bar stools. Also the banquet hall is open and ready to accommodate your reception or dinner party, located right next to the restaurant.

"We have a new chef and a new owner, but we still have the finest food and great service," said Torrentera.

For more information or to book a reception, call the Miramar at 724-7690.