

Lunch spots plentiful



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The Wild Horse Cafe just south of King City off Highway 101 is open every day but Christmas and offers typical American fare.

Eateries range from Mexican fare to grilled steaks and burgers

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Motorists traveling on Highway 101 through south county can refresh themselves at regular intervals at McDonald's, Subway or Starbucks, whose familiar signs cluster at exits by each city.

But for those looking to escape the realm of franchises will also find plenty of choices.

Gonzales offers the perfect burger at Burger Queen, right off the Fifth Street exit from the highway, at 800 Fifth St. The eatery offers a large menu of standard diner fare, such as hamburgers and chicken strips. If you're craving something differ-

ent, Burger Queen cooks can accommodate you with their special teriyaki chicken. Prices start at \$6.19 for the chicken lunch plate. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Located at 346 Alta St. in the heart of downtown is The Windmill. A perfect place for a lunch get together, the Windmill has a variety of choices on their menu, from chicken fettuccine Alfredo to a Gilroy garlic steak. The portions are hearty, and the price is reasonable at \$13 per steak plate. Open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. The Windmill also operates a branch in Soledad at 1155 Front St., open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Those craving the flavors of Mexico will find Playa Azul restaurants at 12 Seventh St. in Gonzales and 509 Front St. in Soledad. Both are open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Soledad is also home to the bluntly named Fish and Chips at



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