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READERS' CHOICE

Top 5 taco spots in county

We told you about Tacos al Carbon; here are four more to try.

By **Laura Lordi**
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Last month we announced the winner of our latest Readers' Choice Award. For Best Tacos in Palm Beach County, our readers chose Tacos al Carbon in Lake Worth.

The winner was selected from our online poll, which was created based on your social comments. Want to know the runners-up? Based on your votes, here are the top five places for tacos:

Tacos al Carbon, Lake Worth

According to our food editor, Liz Balmaseda: "Tacos al Carbon's main location brings a rural feel to the well-trafficked corner of Military Trail and Lake Worth Road. Families flock to the place, their young kids scampering between picnic tables. The Tacos truck is parked near a shaded patio, adjacently to a table selling fresh roasted street corn. This location has a 24-hour window to serve the area's taco munchies."

Tacos al Carbon's main location: 4420 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth; 561-432-8474

Calaveras Cantina, Jupiter

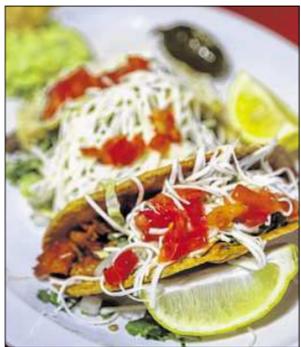
"Beneath vibrantly colored Mexican lanterns, hipster servers mash guacamole tableside, crispy empanadas are stuffed with delicious duck confit, and dessert means hot, fresh churros served with caramel (cajeta) dipping sauce," Liz wrote in her recommendation of this Harbour-side Place spot last year. Aside from tacos, empanadas and churros are must-haves at Calaveras Cantina, which offers an extensive range of cocktails and terrific happy hour deals.

Calaveras Cantina: 125 Dockside Circle, Jupiter; 561-320-9661

JimmyChangas, West Palm Beach

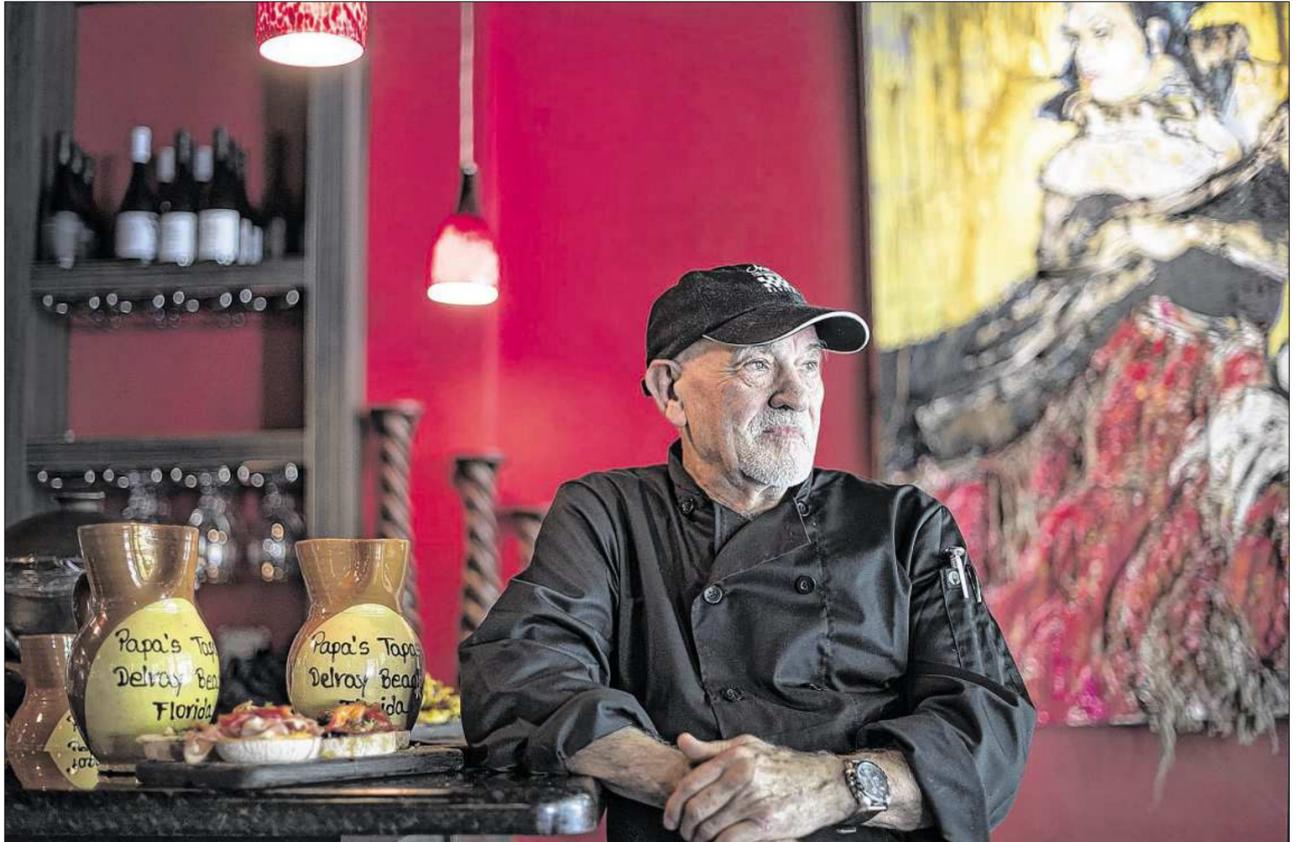
Not only was this unassuming spot among our readers' finalists, the place is listed as No. 4 in Yelp's "Best 10 Mexican Restaurants in West Palm Beach" list. From a Yelp review: "I discovered JimmyChangas two weeks ago. ... Since then, I've visited a total

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Al Pastor, grilled steak and chicken are tacos served at Tacos al Carbon in Lake Worth — Readers' Choice for best tacos in Palm Beach County. BILL INGRAM / THE PALM BEACH POST

FATHER'S DAY



Cristobal Parra is the "Papa" at Delray Beach's popular Papa's Tapas restaurant. Originally from Spain, he is living the American dream and freely shares it with his family and friends. MELANIE BELL PHOTOS / THE PALM BEACH POST

Papa knows best



Tapas called montaditos (little sandwich bites) come with fillets of anchovy (left) and Serrano ham (right) on toasted baguettes at Papa's Tapas restaurant.

PAPA'S TAPAS

■ Located in the Esplanade Plaza, 259 NE Second Ave., Delray Beach; 561-266-0599; PapasTapasDelray.com
■ Open Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 11 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Patriarch Cristobal Parra presides over a culinary-minded brood at Papa's Tapas in Delray Beach.

By **Liz Balmaseda**
Palm Beach Post Food Editor

Papa earned the right to retire some years ago, but his family knows better than to suggest such a thing. They know Cristobal "Papa" Parra rises before dawn each day with a set of purposes: to cook, to work, to love his family and to breathe in the intangibles of freedom.

At 71, he goes to the restaurant supply store near his Davie home to stock up for the day ahead. Then he makes the daily drive to downtown Delray Beach, where he opens his family's restaurant, Papa's Tapas, and goes to work in the kitchen with his most loyal accomplices — garlic, onions, parsley and dry Spanish sherry. He stirs up the mother sauces of his native Spain and preps the

ingredients for the restaurant's most popular dishes, the small plates, the savory bar bites, and the paella that channels the flavors of Papa's port city of Alicante.

He's proud of his Spanish roots, but make no mistake: It's not all tapas and flamenco in Papa's kitchen. His American story, the one that causes his chest to swell and eyes to mist, is written in flavors beyond the Iberian. It carries the aromas of his wife's Dominican cooking, the chatter and jibes of their blended brood, the raves of his loyal customers.

The restaurant is what the family does together. Sure, there are regular gatherings, phone calls, sometimes debates. But Papa's Tapas is where the Parra family's collective heart beats.

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JOURNEYS

This father gave his family 'The gift of America'



Leslie Gray Streeter

Back in Uganda, when 17-year-old Dilip Joshi was expelled from his country by a madman who didn't consider he and his family African enough, "America was a distant dream."

As he fled to India, and then to England, starting a business, a family and a life, it was still out there, this faraway place where one could be heard,

"something people would give their left and their right arm" to have. It's something he wanted for himself, and for his daughters.

So today, Joshi, 64, who owns several dry cleaners in Palm Beach County and in Tallahassee, will celebrate his first Father's Day with the knowledge that finally he, his wife and his two daughters are American citizens.

That the once-distant dream came true.

"The story of my dad is the story of America," says Jaime Joshi, 33, who like her parents lives in West Palm Beach. "He made this happen through sheer force of will and hope."

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Jaime Joshi and her father, Dilip, of West Palm Beach, at her citizenship ceremony in December. CONTRIBUTED

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THE TO DO LIST

Fun things to see and experience around town



1. Valentin Chmerkovskiy and Maksim Chmerkovskiy perform tonight at the Kravis Center. CONTRIBUTED



4. Classical sculptures at the State Hermitage Museum in Russia will be among the stars of the movie "Hermitage Revealed" when it's shown today at the Boca Raton Museum of Art. CONTRIBUTED BY HERMITAGEREVEALED.COM



2. More than 150 cars, including antiques, classics, street rods and custom builds will be on display at Mizner Park in Boca Raton. CONTRIBUTED

1. BIG TIME Maks & Val Live on Tour: Our Way, Kravis Center

Two of the hottest stars of ABC's hit show "Dancing with the Stars" will bring to life the show they have dreamed about since childhood, combining an honest and unfiltered narrative of their life story, with world class dancing and creativity.

The show goes on at 8 tonight. 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Tickets start at \$25. Information: www.kravis.org



2. START YOUR ENGINES 6th Annual Mizner Park Downtown Drive Car Show, Mizner Park

More than 150 cars, including antiques, classics, street rods, custom builds, race cars, sports cars, imports, hand-built cars and one-of-a-kind autos from 1900 to present day, will be on display.

The free event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Information: 561-362-0606; www.miznerpark.com

3. CELEBRATE Coast to Coast, Meyer Amphitheatre

Get down, get funky as this Philly-based band pays tribute to two amazing groups during Sunday on the Waterfront. First they will honor Kool & the Gang and after a quick break and wardrobe change the will give it up for Earth, Wind and Fire.

The free show runs from 4 to 7 p.m. today. 105 Evernia St., West Palm Beach. Information: www.Wpb.org/events



4. COMRADES IN ART "Hermitage Revealed," Boca Raton Museum of Art

The State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, is one of the largest and oldest museums in the world. The cinematic event is a must-see for all fans of art, architecture and the culture and history of Russia.

The movie will be shown at 3 p.m. today. 501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Information: www.bocamuseum.org

5. TAKE DAD FISHING Father's Day Fish Printing, Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens,

Not actually catching fish, but maybe their essence through the traditional Japanese fish printing technique called gyotaku.

The event runs from noon to 3 p.m. today. 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Free with admission. Information: 561-495-0233; www.morikami.org

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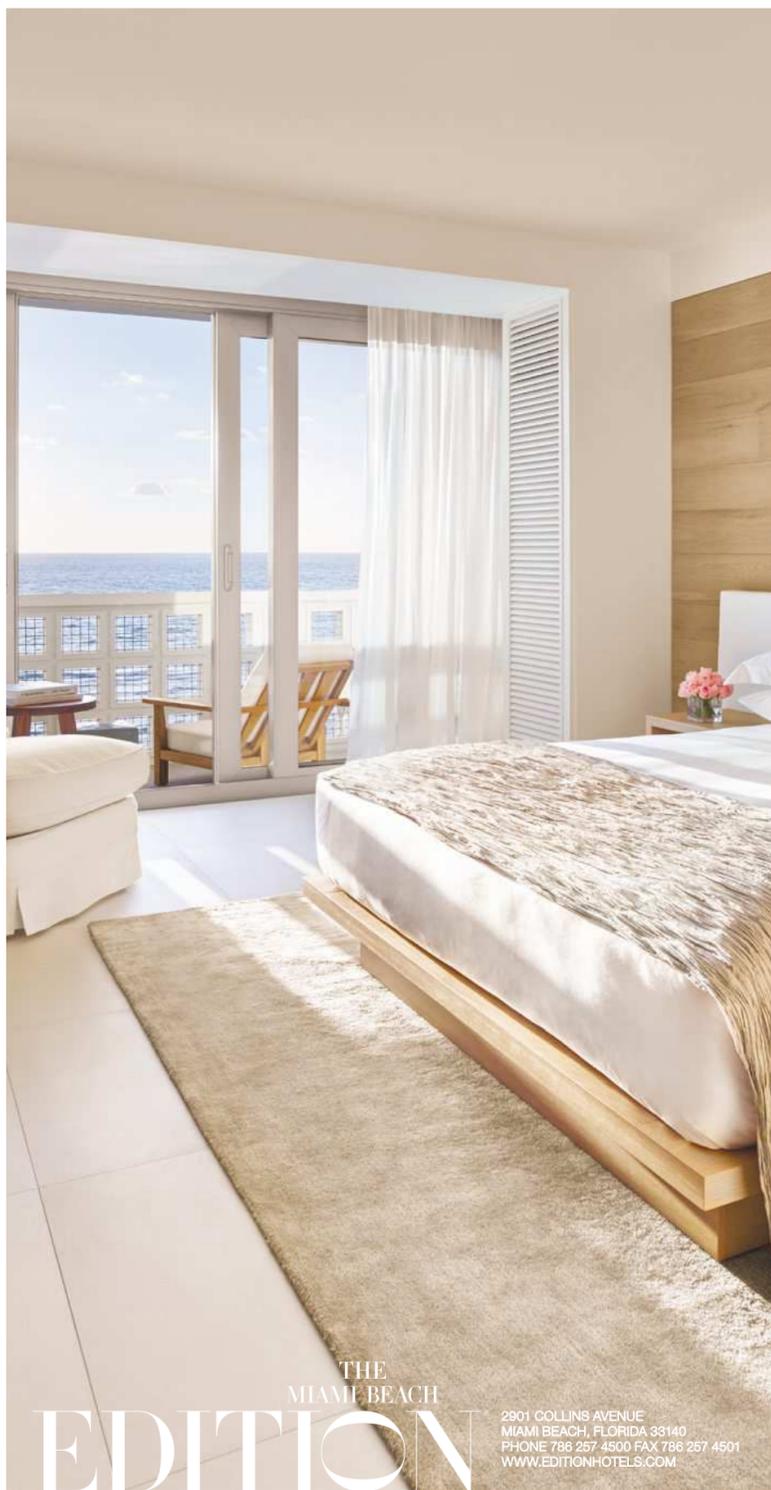
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