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Corner's Tavern

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Don't let the name fool you. While *Corner's Tavern* in Walnut Creek may conjure up 'pub' or even those western saloons of yesteryear, don't hesitate to make a reservation for date night, brunch or just to have a drink, because this place is more than a tavern on the corner. The staff is tenured and knowledgeable in their menu, and will justifiably brag about the best (and most important) fact about the establishment – the food, which is truly amazing. Pecan-chip smoked chicken is as aromatically yummy as the potato gnocchi is colorful; the charred asparagus with burrata cheese, caper and Meyer lemon-olive oil mousse is unique and absolutely delicious; the incorporation of apple and bacon into their chops is bold. During the day, they open their massive garage doors just enough to make indoor and outdoor seating seamless. While dining inside, you'll find yourself staring at interesting artifacts throughout the restaurant that pay ode to the building's history (a bank was once a tenant, look for pennies in the flooring). These remnants are also concentrated in intriguing display cases next to the full service bar – all of

which keeps a fun atmosphere. Corner's has a long list of wines and 16 different beers on tap, most of which are local craft. No need to worry about parking either, as it's plentiful and complimentary for diners. Next time you're looking for a memorable dining experience, try Corner's Tavern. Visit them at www.cornerstavern.com and make reservations online.



Jerry's Hot Dogs

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Want to sit down for dinner but the kids just won't wait that long? Well, just because you need food fast doesn't mean you want *fast* food, but rather a place that will impress the kids and serve as a quick and easy dinner. For a casual and comfortable place, try Jerry's Hot Dogs and Gyros in Antioch off Delta Fair Blvd. It's the kind of place where the family can get a little rowdy and no one will notice. When the food arrives, you will feel validated as your family's mouths' water. They offer the usual burger fare: chili cheese fries, chicken strips, even gyros, but the hot dogs are worth going for any time of the day. This is not your average hot dog, since it's about a foot long and comes with whatever you want on it – it can be quite a meal. But the burgers are great too, with bacon crispy not burned, toasted buns and fresh condiments. There are many regulars here who try to keep it on the down low, but we're blowing the lid off this secret East Bay establishment. Give Jerry's a try. I'm confident you'll likely become one of those regulars.