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IN THE MOODY *Clockwise from left:* Chef Dan Moody brings the pop-up concept to S.D.; Confidential is recast in logs to become The Lincoln Room; salmon with cauliflower and truffles by Rancho Valencia's Eric Bauer.

## EAT SHEET

# The New Guard

A rogue chef, the hush-hush redo and RSF's foodie arrival

Dusk is creeping in on the food truck craze. Next? The pop-up restaurant. In L.A., **Ludobites** has been wowing the foodie set with its guerrilla-like tactics: opening dining rooms overnight, dishing out inspired stuff, then closing before bloggers' chubby fingers can type their foie-hazed praise. Now native San Diego chef **Dan Moody**, aka The Relationchef, is bringing the concept to Encinitas in February. Moody has a history at high-end French joints (L'Orangerie) and worked with Ludo Lefebvre on Ludobites. For a two-week stint he'll take over St. Germain's

Café, temporarily renaming it **Relate** (*relaterestaurant.com*). "No matter where you are in the world, people can relate to each other through food," explains Moody. Two sittings a night, he'll assault diners with a prix fixe menu of creative small plates (wine pairing optional). "I believe in the economy of food—dishes that require only a few bites so as to not overwhelm your palate," he says. And why the pop-up? "I don't have to worry about the pressure of being locked into a five-year lease," Moody explains. "I can come in, do what I like and leave." Tickets disappear

within minutes, so make like a Boy Scout and be prepared. >>> Downtown supper club **Confidential** is no more. The owners have transformed the place into a comfort-casual joint along the lines of their successful offshoot, La Puerta. Named **The Lincoln Room** and designed by Mauricio Couturier (El Camino), it looks like a Lincoln Log house with street art. They've raised the windows for indoor-outdoor seating and hired back chef Chris Walsh (ex-Bite). >>> **Rancho Valencia** (*ranchovalencia.com*) has hired new exec chef **Eric Bauer**, a Four Seasons vet last seen at Little Italy's Anthology. >>> Sleepy Solana Beach is picking up with both **Claire's on Cedros** (*clairesoncedros.com*) and **Zinc Cafe** (*zinccafe.com*) now serving wine and beer. Cheers to that. —*Jeff Pitboud*

## SHOP TALK

### High Noon

Can't get enough of **Noon Design's** (*noondesignshop.com*) dainty accessories, but don't want to trek to O.B.? Check out their brand-new seaside digs in Solana Beach, "a community where people support local businesses and really appreciate more one-of-a-kind, handmade goods," says co-owner Maie Webb. "Of course, if we do expand again, we're East Coast natives so there's always the chance to go bicoastal. Don't tempt us with a challenge!" —*Meredith Hattam*



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The number of Euros paid for a mural painted on a piece of the Berlin Wall by S.D. artist Chor Boogie—a record price for European street art.