FOOD BLOGGERS GALORE

How the blogosphere is revamping the way we do things in this world

THE MICHELIN PROJECT

Moving from Yelp to the blogosphere, Holly Wong's website, The Michelin Project, documents Wong's experiences at Michelin-rated and Michelin-rated restaurants in Los Angeles and Orange County. Like those of the Michelin Guides, Wong's reviews concentrate on what's on the plate. While Wong does not consider herself a particularly picky eater when it comes to consuming fancy food, a non-finicky palate may be an asset for a blogger attempting to introduce gourmet food to the masses.

For reviews on restaurants such as Chef Michael Mina's 2010 Food Street at the Thompson Hotel, check out Wong's site. http://www.michelinproject.com

GOURMETPIGS.COM

Elena Chandler's blog, GourmetPigs.com, features reviews from the newest and most popular restaurants in Los Angeles. While Chandler's dining habits may not fit a college student's daily budget, her blog is a great guide for restaurants reserved for that special occasion.

GourmetPigs.com documents Chandler's reviews of Michelin-Star restaurants, the best cocktails bars in Los Angeles and almost 200 restaurants in the Los Angeles area.

CAROLINEONCRACK.COM

All dressed up and have nowhere to go? Head on over to CarolineOnCrack.com, a comprehensive guide to events happening all over LA.

"You can never get bored long as you don't manage to, well then, you're just crazy," said Caroline Findlay, who her blog "There's always a festival, a city tour, a new exhibit, a new bar, a new restaurant or a new venue to check out."

Findlay has always been a resource for her friends when it comes to fun things to do, so she decided to share her knowledge with a wider audience by starting a blog in 2004. CarolineOnCrack.com features a guide to the best bars, cocktails and restaurants in LA.

"My friends usually turn to me for ideas on where to go for a meal, where to go on a date, and where to have a birthday party. I was big into looking up stuff on CitySearch, LA.com and Citysearch. So I always had an answer ready," Findlay said.

For those looking to conquer LA's nightlife, Findlay's "100 Things to Do In LA Before You Die" is the how-to guide for the young and the restless, which includes everything from bungling karaoke to dining at the classic Musso & Frank.

RAVENOUSCOUPLE.BLOGSPOT.COM

Husband Phan is a doctor and Kim Dao is a dentist. By day they work on bettering other people's health but on the web, they're better known as the Ravenous Couple, satisfying people's taste buds and recipe at a time.

"Our blog is a celebration of Vietnamese food and culture," said Phan.

Ravenouscouple.blogspot.com offers authentic Vietnamese recipes for traditional dishes, such as Bun Thit Nuong (Vermicelli Grilled Pork with Vermicelli), Bun Bun Bun Bo Gio (Vermicelli Broken Ribs with Pork Chops), Shredded Pork Skin and Pork Egg Custard). For those new to Vietnamese cuisine, the couple adds cultural context and detailed explanation for all their recipes, many of which are family favorites.

"I only started reading blogs in general for about 6 months and thought it would be a great way to capture frequently used [family] recipes since I was always calling my mom for them," Phan said. "She never uses anything down, never used measurements and only cooked from memory. Since we have started this blog, it's been a way to chronicle both of our families' measured recipes."

GASTRONOMYBLOG.COM

Cathy Dang's blog, GastronomyBlog.com, provides comprehensive reviews not only on eateries in Los Angeles, but in Philadelphia and Vietnam as well, where she spent a year living and pursuing her writing career. Her blog has become a resource of hidden gems and fine eats, leading to praise from high places. Travel Channel's "No Reservation" host, Anthony Bourdain, sought out Dang for details on finding a particularly good chef known as the "soup lady" in Vietnam.

"Gastronomy [blog]... devoted with no overwhelmed Pho Dao and chicken. I review a most all of the restaurants I eat at. I consciously seek out places with good buzz that are run by chefs and restaurateurs who are passionate about the work that they do. I don't write about restaurant experiences that aren't exciting to me," said Dang.

Her enthusiasm has paid off. Dang now resides in Pasadena and blogs daily about Los Angeles street food, hole-in-the-wall gems and the dining establishments.

"Gastronomy" means everything, which is great because I cover everything... from food related [books to] book reviews to everything that I like," Dang said.