



Barleymash Chef Wins Chopped Episode

Plus, new Farmers Market Brunch at Vistal

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It's officially Friday: time to clock off and get the weekend started. No plans yet? No problem. Eater's here with a roundup of new-to-you bars, recently opened restaurants, seasonal menu changes, chef debuts, and more. Whether you're looking for an after-work happy hour - or the lowdown on the hottest culinary events, beer festivals and tasting dinners - this regular weekly feature will be sure to help you make the most of that well-earned downtime.

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Not one, but two local chefs from San Diego featured on the Food Network's reality-based cooking show [Chopped](#) this week when Colten Lemmer (Union Kitchen & Tap) and Kevin Templeton (barleymash) competed on Wednesday night's "Epic Burgers!" episode. For the first round, Templeton created an emu bacon cheeseburger, followed by a double chuck grilled cheeseburger entrée, and a brownie "cheeseburger" with sweet potato fries for dessert, ultimately taking home the win. Calling the experience one of the most stressful and nerve-racking challenges of his career, Templeton, who has also appeared on Beat Bobby Flay, shared that Chopped was a truly once in a lifetime experience. "I'm grateful for all of the experiences I've had, but who knows, I would love to compete on Top Chef next, that would be another amazing honor and challenge."