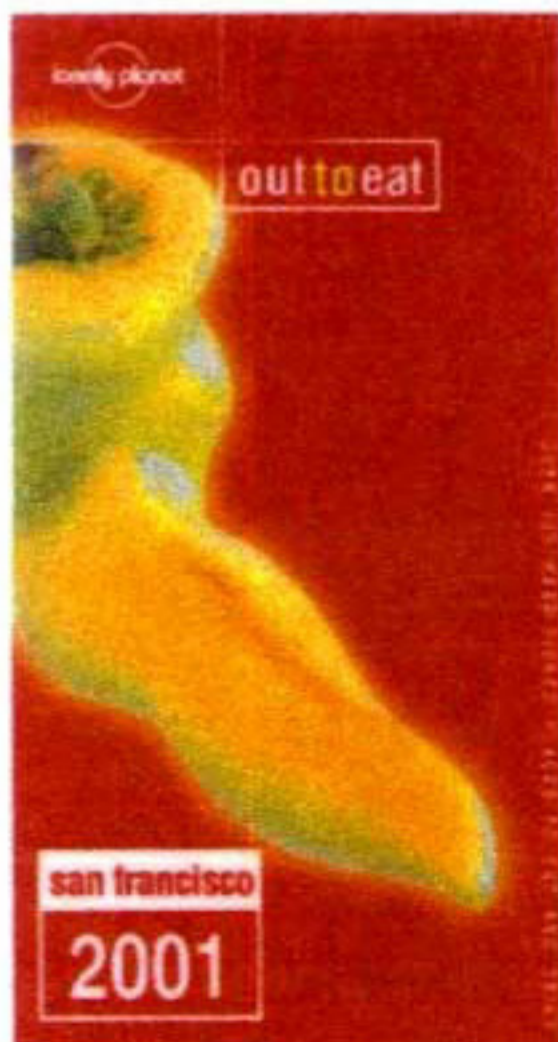


**Osha Thai Noodle
Cafe**
Thai☎ **673-2368**
696 Geary St.Map 5 B2
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Were it not for the line winding out the door, this dingy and unassuming restaurant might easily be overlooked. But with its speedy service and generous portions, it's obvious why the locals dismiss the drawbacks, and crowd into this noodle house elbow to elbow. Over 18 varieties of noodle soup appear on the menu, but the staff are happy to entertain any combination you propose. Sizable servings of steaming broth, filled with everything from liver to squid, are rushed to your table. Spices range from mild to downright painful, so be sure to order "mild" if you have a delicate palate. Rice plates and salads are excellent as well. Param over rice (\$5.50), a tofu and vegetable dish slathered in a chunky, sweet peanut sauce is heavy but satisfying. The papaya salad is finely grated and mixed with red chili, making a perfect salsa-like accompaniment to any entrée.

Open: Sun-Thurs 11am-1am, Fri & Sat 11am-3am;
reservations not accepted; beer/wine only, no BYO

appetizer: \$3.95-\$7.95
entrée: \$4.95-\$7.95
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