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WHO'S IN TOWN



CORRESPONDENT / KAZUAKI NAGATA

After spending 17 years at various Japanese restaurants in Ann Arbor, Mich., Tadashi Nagura found his way to Jo-To on Siesta Key.

FOOD TO GO

Word is, you can't go too wrong eating at this cafe

By ROBERT ECKHART

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The first thing you have to do at Word of Mouth, if you've never been there, is to order the fresh fruit.

Because if you don't, you'll be sitting at your table watching the guy at the table next to you scarfing down this lovely big bowl full of fresh fruit, and you'll get jealous.

It costs \$4 and change.

It is worth it.

And it's also representative of what I love about this place, which is that it has a little of everything — health food, biscuits and gravy, Mexican food, diner specialties like Reuben sandwiches, fresh baked stuff — and all of it is good.

I mean everything.

Wait. That's not true. One time, we got their grits and they were bad — watery and tasteless.

But that doesn't really matter,

because as long as you don't order the grits, you can't go wrong.

I really don't want to gush, but here's how good Word of Mouth is: The first time I went there, I was planning to write a quick review and be done with it. But the food was so good (a Mexican omelette with chorizo sausage that was perfect) that I decided I'd just pay for that breakfast myself and come back another time for the review.

And then I came back a sec-

ond time and did the same thing (buckwheat pancakes, bacon and eggs — again, all perfect). Again, I paid myself and did not write.

The third time I ordered off the lunch menu and liked it just as well as the other two meals.

Here's what we had:

■ Heather's Delight sandwich, which is turkey and thin-sliced ham on rye, topped with

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REVIEW

Where: Word of Mouth, 6604 Gateway Ave.

Phone: 925-2400.

What we ate: Spinach, bacon and cheddar omelette, fresh fruit, Heather's Delight sandwich, iced tea.

What it cost: \$22.10.