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THE BEST OF THE BAY AREA

ROUNDUP: Before the Game The arrival of Pac Bell Park brought with it an onslaught of sophisticated SoMa restaurants. However, if you don't want to pay \$28 for a New York sirloin at Twenty Four or close to \$11 for an Italian sausage and a beer inside the park, neighborhood gems, there long before baseball came to town, may be your best bet.

Crossroads Café (699 Delancey St., 415/836-5624), a hidden jewel that offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week, gives its full attention to everything from a cold spicy meat-loaf sandwich with housemade onion marmalade to a platter of hummus and pita to a cherry crush smoothie. The gracious staff will even deliver your meal to you as you lounge on one of the comfy couches or sit at a bistro table on the beautiful outdoor terrace.