

El Jardin is marvelous at mid-day

SUNDAY BRUNCH

By Charlie White

A Mexican brunch? Why not? El Jardin manages to put on a buffet spread that features a lot of authentic dishes, yet makes sense as the first meal of the day.

Brunches are a challenge for ethnic restaurants. The meal is a hybrid that seems to have begun in this country and to have few, if any, equivalents abroad. Ethnic restaurants trying to add a brunch to the menu usually have to rummage around to find dishes that

can be pressed into mid-day service and satisfy American tastes.

El Jardin meets the challenge by nabbing some Mexican breakfast dishes and pairing them with hearty, varied main courses.

We began with an excellent large,

crisp wafer with sugar and cinnamon, and followed it with a cream-filled Mexican doughnut. Excellent, lightly sweet homemade bread was an added plus.

El Jardin offers two truly excep-
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EL JARDIN

Cuisine: Mexican. Address: 3335 N. Clark. Phone: 528-6775. Hours: Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prices: \$7.95 for buffet. Reservations: not accepted. Dress: casual. Credit cards: American Express, Carte Blanche, Diners Club, MasterCard, Visa. Parking: on street. Rating: ★ ★ ★

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