



TV HITS & MISSES

BIOGRAPHY: MADONNA EXPOSED
10 PM, FHE
Why: Madge's life...on the telly

↑↑ HOT PICK

LIZZIE
5.45 PM, TCM
Why: A woman discovers she has two other personalities

↑↑ HOT PICK

COUGAR TOWN
9 PM, ZEE CAFÉ
Why: Newly single 40-something Jules gets on the prowl

↑↑ HOT PICK

BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD
9 PM, PIX
Why: A robbery goes wrong

↑↑ HOT PICK

ONE-MAN CONO



The Grilled Chicken Pizza

LOKHANDWALA'S NEW HOME DELIVERY JOINT WANTS YOU TO EAT YOUR PIZZA, PASTA, EVEN DESSERT, ROLLED INTO A CONE. GREAT IDEA. JUST ONE SUGGESTION: CAN THE CHEFS TONE DOWN THE VIRGIN OLIVE OIL FROM A GUSH TO A DRIZZLE?

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They may not be very clear, but the staff at Caffe de Cono are super patient. We don't have their menu. All we have is a number and a vague idea of their conepizzas. The guy on the phone reads out our options twice, even three times, and re-reads them until we have our options memorised.

Caffe de Cono offer pizzas in a cone in two sizes: small and big. They have open-face sandwiches, pastas, and desserts (also cone-sized). You have only vegetables and chicken for choice, no red meat. Since we aren't sure about sizes and we'd like to try everything, and the minimum order is Rs 500, we ask for one of each.

In about 40 minutes, our package arrives, though minus a menu. We begin to have our apprehensions. We've (unwittingly) called for a Grilled Chicken Pizza (small), a Paneer Tikka Pizza (small), Chicken Seekh Pizza (large), Spicy Chicken Panini, Ravioli with Virgin Olive Oil, Chocolate de Cono and Apple Cinnamon de Cono. On the bright side, dinner and breakfast has been taken care of.

First observations: the virgin olive oil is in everything — the packet, the paper, the bill, not to mention the ravioli, Panini and the conos. Olive oil's healthy, right? We hope.

We start with the ravioli. The chunks of wheat pasta sit heavy with oil, chilli flakes, garlic and parsley. It's tasty but we can't eat much because of the oil overdose. The conos stand neatly in a box, though we don't understand how they make for portions for more than one person. There's just one way to eat them: bite into each.

The Grilled Chicken Pizza (Rs 89) feels more doughy than anything else, and the chicken isn't juicy enough. The Seekh

EATING OUT

CAFFE DE CONO

FOOD: inconsistent
SERVICE: efficient

Chicken (Rs 99) is much better — spicy, stuffed with meaty chunks and veggies. Delicious. But it's the Paneer Tikka (Rs 69) that we really savour. Tomatoes and other veggies clamour for space with non-uniform bits of paneer, bursting with flavour. Definitely not meant to be shared.

Guess we didn't have much to be apprehensive about after all. Just the Spicy Chicken Panini

(Rs 99) to go now. While it tastes all right, the Panini is simply cheese, chicken and jalapenos studded on the loaf. And the cheese is getting to us at this point, so we turn sweetwards.

The cono is becoming a bit of a monotony here, but guess that's the point of naming your café 'de cono'. The Apple Cinnamon de Cono (Rs 79) is stuffed to the top with chunks of sweetened gooey apple and reminds us of the Apple Pie McDonald's used to serve when they started out. But while McD did it piping hot, de cono is meant to be had cold, though the weather makes it a not-so-happening lukewarm. It's all right but smells overpoweringly of cinnamon and tastes a wee bit synthetic.

The Chocolate de Cono (Rs 89) is a safer bet. This one's a gooey mass of chocolate and some nuts, all tossed into the cono. Hello, sugar high! Done with dinner, we sit sluggish, happy and a little guilty.

Caffe de Cono's perfect for those times when you are bored and indulgent, depressed or just simply want to eat unhealthy. It will satisfy you on all counts. Sharing? Nope, it's a one-person meal.

AT: Caffe de Cono, next to Falafels' Veg Hummus House, Millat Nagar, Lokhandwala, Andheri (W).
CALL: 26361313.

Caffe de Cono didn't know we ordered in. The GUIDE reviews anonymously and pays for meals.

SHUTTER ISLAND

At Inox (Nariman Point, 1, 3.45, 7.30 pm), Metro Big Cinemas (MG Road, 10.45 am, 6.15, 11 pm), Fun (Chembur, 11 am, 4.30, 8.10 pm), Movietime (Goregaon, 11 am, 1.30, 6, 10.45 pm), Cinemax (Versova, 11.15 am, 2, 5.30, 9 pm), PVR (Juhu, 11.25 am, 4, 8.25, 11.10 pm)

am, 2.05, 6.40, 9.15, 11.20 pm), Fame (Malad, 10 am, 12 noon, 7.10, 11.15 pm), Cinemax (Versova, 9.15 am, 1.45, 7, 11.30 pm), Fun Cinemas (Andheri, 10.20 am, 3.35, 8.30 pm), Movietime (Goregaon, 10 am, 4, 11.15 pm), Big Cinemas (Vashi, 3.45, 11.15 pm).

PRINCE OF PERSIA:

SHREK FOREVER AFTER (3D)

At Inox (Nariman Point, 11 am, 3.30 pm), PVR (Phoenix Mills, Lower Parel, 9.55 am, 1, 3.20, 8.10 pm), Metro Big Cinemas (MG Road, 2 pm), Fun (Andheri, 5 pm), Fame (Versova, 1.30, 6.15 pm), Fame (Malad, 11.15 am, 4, 8.40 pm), Fame (Borivli)



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