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Fieri and the crew were very interested in Robert’s state-of-the-art pasta machine.



Fresh lobster for the pasta dish.



Plating the lobster pasta dish.



The amazing veal chop!

Key Largo restaurateur Robert DiGiorgio, owner of Cafe Largo and Bayside Grille, was surprised to be nominated to be on The Food Network’s popular show, **Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**. The show, which has been running on the network since 2007 features Guy Fieri as the host.

In 2010, the New York Times reported that Fieri brought an "element of rowdy, mass-market culture to American food television", and that his "prime-time shows attract more male viewers than any others on the network."

Fieri began his Food Network career in 2006, after winning the second season of **The Next Food Network Star**. He was awarded a six-episode commitment for his own cooking show on Food Network. **Guy’s Big Bite**, which premiered in 2006, and continues to the present day. **Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives**, his second series, premiered in 2007, with Fieri traveling the country visiting local eateries. His **Ultimate Recipe Showdown**, debuted in 2008 and aired for three seasons. Fieri has appeared on other Food Network programs such as

Dinner: Impossible, Paula’s Party, Ace of Cakes, and The Best Thing I Ever Ate. Last fall, Robert DiGiorgio was contacted by Citizen Pictures to ask if he was interested in Cafe Largo being a part of the **Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives** show. He was interviewed and filled out paperwork. They looked at 10 dishes made at the local restaurant, also known as "Key Largo’s Little Italy." Ultimately, Cafe Largo was chosen!

On November 30th, the restaurant closed for the day, and the crew filmed for 12 hours. The menu creation that will be featured on the TV show is Robert’s signature dish, the Veal Chop Cutlet Florentine. It’s a bone-in veal chop cutlet, roasted in olive oil with layers of prosciutto and mozzarella, and a mushroom-marsala wine sauce. It is served over sautéed spinach and mushroom risotto. (This writer calls it the "Over the Top Chop" and it is her favorite dish on the Cafe Largo menu!)

On December 4th, Guy Fieri joined the crew for more filming. Guy and the crew were very interested in DiGiorgio’s state-of-the-art

pasta maker; they’d never seen one like it. Robert was happy to demonstrate the restaurant’s fresh pasta making process for them. Robert and his father Pasquale, founder of all the DiGiorgio family restaurants since 1968, were treated to the excitement of getting to know Guy, filming the segment, and seeing how the TV show is made. It will air on the Food Network on March 25, on **Guy Fieri’s Diners, Drive In’s & Dives**, Episode DV2405H. Don’t miss it!! Stop by and try the chop!! And the amazing fresh pasta!! Tell them the Coconut Telegraph sent you!



Robert and Pasquale DiGiorgio, proud owners, with Guy Fieri.

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