

DELICIOSA!
Pyata Penedo's catering company, Brazil2U, serves a traditional Bahian dish, *moqueca capixaba*, in *panelas* (photographed at Brazil Baroque on Gutierrez Street).

FOOD, HOME AND DRESS

Gisella's Trattoria has a Brazilian night, with food, music and dancers on Mondays. 1311 State St., 963-8219

Pyata Penedo caters Brazilian meals. (800) 488-7791, info@Brazil2U.com (To replicate his *moqueca capixaba*, invest in a *panela*, also available at www.Brazil2U.com.)

Brazil Baroque showcases antique and country-style furnishings. 436 E. Gutierrez St., 962-8868

Brasil Stone handles granite, marble and tiles for kitchens and baths. 1233 De La Vina, 965-8925

Brazilian bikinis, imported by **Sonia DeMello**, are available at A Tropical Affair or by appointment at 570-6412.

Brazil Bazaar offers clothing and crafts from Brazil several times a year. Call 560-6584 for more information.

Andrea Fonseca was at Gisella's, too, savoring the bustling after-dark atmosphere she used to love in Brazil.

Fonseca was already working as an architect in Rio de Janeiro when she came to the States in 1998 "to take a 6-month break from my job." She studied English at City College and later enrolled at Art Center in Los Angeles. And she fell in love with the Santa Barbara man she later married. In the States she designed interiors for clients, and when she couldn't find the quality of furniture wanted for them, she thought, "If only those clients could go to Brazil and see what we have there." Instead she commissioned a few pieces—a cupboard, an armoire, a pair of nightstands—with decorative panels painted by a family of artisans in Belo Horizonte.

From a first shipment of 14 pieces in November 2000, her business, Brazil Baroque, has mushroomed. Fonseca's showroom is filled with colorful Brazilian country-style furniture made from recycled Brazilian hardwoods and rare pieces like a 12-foot-long sugar cane table that's 200 to 300 years old. "We're not a furniture store," Fonseca said. "We sell art."

Say "art" to Pyata Penedo, and he thinks of culinary masterpieces. Though he's only 23, he's already started catering private parties and dinners. "I'm from Vitoria, an island, from a family of chefs," he says. He intended to live in San Diego but moved to Santa Barbara to join his mother, Ligia Germano, who was taking English classes here.