

More Restaurant Buzz

Some like it hot. **Westfield San Francisco Centre's Food Emporium** will be sizzling when it opens in the newly expanded Centre this September with **Asqew Grill**, **Coriander Thai Kitchen**, **Buckhorn Grill**, **Pasta Moto**, **Andale Mexican Restaurant**, **Hana Grill**, **Yankee Pier**, **Melt Gelato and Crepe Café** and **Cocola Bakery**. Don't call this a food court; the gourmet fare will be served on china (with flatware, by gosh). On the same floor, So Cal gourmet grocer **Bristol Farms** launches its first Bay Area store, filling 30,000 square feet with fresh produce, seafood, sushi, deluxe charcuterie and international coffees and teas. San Francisco restaurateurs are also bringing new concept restaurants to the Centre. **Colibri** is opening **Zazil**, which will feature Coastal Mexican fare, while chef **Bradley Ogden** and **Michael Dellar** of the **Lark Creek Restaurant Group** are busy at work on a steak-and-fish restaurant called **Lark Creek Steak** ... **Wichcraft** will put a spell on you when it opens this fall on Mission Street, next to Bloomingdale's. **Tom Colicchio**, chef and co-owner of Craft and Gramercy Tavern in New York, is bringing his sandwiches, daily baked pastries and house-made ice creams to our city ... A trek to the inner Richmond is a journey on its own, but with the summer opening of **L&L Hawaiian Barbecue** in the old Village Cafe space at Clement and Eighth Avenue, it now doubles as a trip to island paradise. The Hawaiian joint's second San Francisco location (the first opened in mid-December at Kearny and Bush) has us craving the Loco Moco, a burger topped with eggs and gravy, and (our favorite) a mini-plate of Hawaiian barbecue short ribs ... Down the street at Fifth and Clement, another newcomer, **Troya**, opened in late February. Also bringing Mediterranean-Near Eastern cuisine to the city at 155 Steuart is **Faz San Francisco**. This is the fourth Bay Area location from **Faz Restaurants & Catering**, but the first in San Francisco. Executive chef **Faz Poursohi** and chef de cuisine **Fee Bakhtiar** cook up a savory menu that includes pomegranate chicken and lamb sirloin panini ... In chef news, **Peter Rudolph** has officially taken the helm at **Campton Place** ... Man-about-town **Harry Denton** and drag queen extraordinaire **Donna Sachet** are teaming up to host a weekly drag-queen performance brunch called "Sunday's A Drag" at **Harry Denton's Starlight Room**. Led by Sachet, three fabulous "ladies" will perform comedy routines and lip-synch performances while diners form a line at the buffet table. *Myra Sandoval*

HotLinks

legendofthemotorcycle.com

Channel Marlon Brando in *The Wild One* when the International Concours d'Elegance revs up at the Ritz Carlton, Half Moon Bay.

calperfs.berkeley.edu/presents

Cal Performances' Centennial Season Celebration & Gala is the ticket of the season with co-chairmen Ann Getty and Kathryn Hall, performances from the Mark Morris Dance Group, John Adams and Michael Tilson Thomas, plus a menu by Alice Waters.

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Hot chefs including Jim Dodge, Nancy Oakes and Rick Bayless stir up culinary masterpieces at Cooking for Solutions 200.

BagIt

They started appearing slung across the backs of San Francisco bike messengers, DJs and those in the know, packed with daily essentials: iPods, records, snacks and last night's club clothes. These days, moms fill Timbuk2 bags with baby bottles, and executives load them with gym clothes and eBooks. So Timbuk2 decided it was time to open a flagship store in the heart of Hayes Valley. The sleek boutique carries the exclusive totes made of specialty fabrics such as wool, Maharam and one-of-a-kind prints for stylish urbanites to keep essentials in order on a Saturday stroll. And now, you don't have to travel down the Niger River in Mali to Timbuktu to get one. *Timbuk2, 506 Hayes St., 415.252.9860; timbuk2.com. Myra Sandoval*



Timbuk2



Quench Relax Now moisturizer

BeautyBeat

Kick off the wellies and slide into sexy sandals — it's time for some spring cleaning. But before you roll into the sun, wrap yourself up in **Spa Radiance's California Roll Body Treatment**. The 90-minute concoction of sea salts, sesame seeds and a cucumber seaweed body mask will resurrect your skin's silky sheen ... **Dermalounge's** personal skin coaches and nurse practitioners promise to keep our pampered skin healthy. The glossy new Noe Valley center offers traditional facials plus IPL photorejuvenation, restylane, photodynamic therapy and practical advice for those who crave rays ... Keep mom blissed out with the perfect modern-day bouquet for Mother's Day: **Bliss' Magnolia Bud-dy System Smoothing Set** containing Bliss Magnolia Moisture Mousse (whipped body lotion), Magnolia Body Scrub and high-intensity hand cream ... Peel away parched skin with **Relax Now's** new skincare line. The lavish collection includes **Squeak**, an exfoliating rice-based cleanser that lathers up luxuriously, and fragrant **Quench**, a light and silky moisturizer containing pomegranate, green tea and avocado oil. Get glowing. *Myra Sandoval*

Designer WWW

Nordstrom has launched its Designer Collections Web site, and this isn't your grandma's online catalog. The famed retailer breaks free from traditional protocol by infusing drawings from artist Ruben Toledo with animation and fashion photography. With one chic click, browsers are taken to a virtual avenue with the elegance of the Champs-Élysées or Rodeo Drive. Ten signature boutiques — Giorgio Armani, Blumarine, Burberry, Dolce & Gabbana, Donna Karan, Marc Jacobs,



Michael Kors, Missoni, Ralph Lauren and Roberto Cavalli (with more to be added over the next 18 months) — feature ready-to-wear, shoes and accessories collections that allow designer denizens to get their fix while wearing their pajamas. Working closely with each design house to create its virtual boutique,

Nordstrom has given each shop a branded designer concept: Dolce & Gabbana in an Italian palazzo, Donna Karan in a classic New York brownstone and Marc Jacobs' in the ivy-covered façade of his Los Angeles storefront. Happy clicking. *Designer Collections through nordstrom.com. Allie Nachtigall*



Property Buzz:

Where we want to live

Le Petit Trianon, 3800 Washington St., \$22,800,000

Designed by: Frank S. Van Trees, commissioned by the Koshland family

What sold us: Baccarat chandeliers and original Bruce Porter stained-glass windows grace this distinguished estate, modeled after Louis XV's Le Petit Trianon in France.

Specs: Sitting majestically on a knoll in Presidio Heights, this circa-1904 manse has 22 breathtaking rooms, including eight bedrooms, nine fireplaces, three kitchens, a stunning music salon, a marble Palladian staircase and a two-story interior court with marble columns and an atrium above it, all awaiting a new collection of heirlooms, antiques, fine art and antiquities. Revel in the mirrored ballroom, where private concerts by greats such as Leonard Bernstein, Isaac Stern and Igor Stravinsky have been held.

Who to call: Steven Mavromihalis, 415.345.3030, or Gilbert M. Fleitas, 415.345.3025; Pacific Union GMAC Real Estate; lepetittrianon.com

Splish Splash

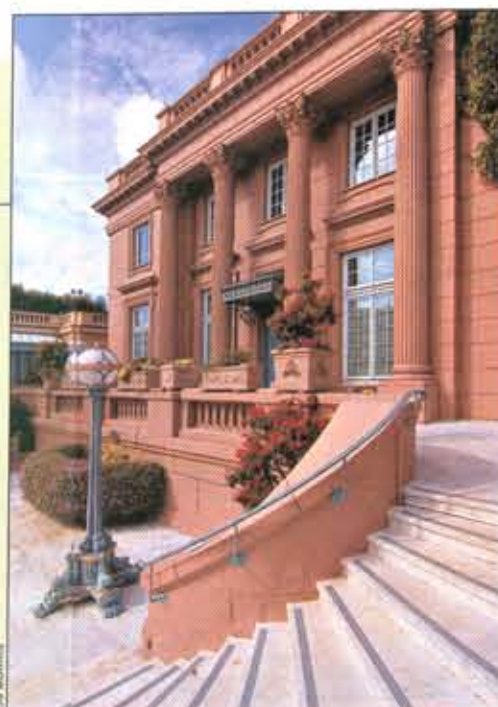
Auberger du Soleil's guests are fond of indulging in a deep soak after a day of palate-pleasing wine tasting. Each bathroom in the luxe Napa Valley resort contains an old-fashioned tin box filled with five glass aromatherapy bath vials from Dr. Hauschka. The holistic bath oil rejuvenates tired skin while visions of Screaming Eagle's 2001 cabernet sauvignon dance inside heads. And now you can get the precious tins of lemon, lavender, spruce, sage and rosemary bath vials city-side. *Dr. Hauschka Aromatherapy Bath Kit \$16, at Rainbow Grocery, Whole Foods Market, Elephant Pharmacy, Berkeley. Elizabeth Varnell*



KENNON EVETT

Perfect Blend

If valley views, vines and varietals have you dreaming of wine bottles with your name scrawled across the label, enroll in **Cliff Lede Vineyards' new Blend Your Own Barrel** course. Spend three days mixing the perfect custom blend with master winemaker Michelle Edwards and vineyard owner Cliff Lede, while logging two nights in one of the Poetry Inn's five luxe rooms (each named for a poet). The chic inn — which has become one of the best bed-and-breakfasts in wine country since Lede opened it last May — boasts a striking hillside perch; expansive views of the vineyards; outdoor showers; porch-side, three-course breakfasts; Italian linens; a bedside box of Woodhouse Chocolate; and a wine cellar filled with rare Bordeaux and wines from Cliff Lede Vineyards. A night spent slumbering in the inn will inspire winemakers-in-training to create their allotted 10 cases (to be shipped after bottling in 2007); once the wine is blended and named, you can wax philosophical about label design with your own Stags Leap District blend in hand. *Blend Your Own Barrel, \$15,000 per couple, at Cliff Lede Vineyards, 1473 Yountville Cross Road, 707.287.2703; cliffledevineyards.com. Elizabeth Varnell*



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