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e3rd Steakhouse & Lounge

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New Restaurants

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Name ▾	Address	City	Phone
3 Square Cafe + Bakery	1121 Abbot Kinney Blvd.	Venice	310-399-6504
Boulevard Lounge	1114 N. Crescent Heights Blvd.	West Hollywood	323-654-6686
Danny's Venice Deli	23 Windward Ave.	Venice	310-566-5610
e3rd Steakhouse & Lounge	734 E. 3rd St.	Los Angeles	213-680-3003
Eleven	8811 Santa Monica Blvd.	West Hollywood	310-855-0800

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New Nightspots

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Name ▾	Address	City	Phone
Bar Lubitsch	7702 Santa Monica Blvd.	West Hollywood	323-654-1234
Royale	2619 Wilshire Blvd.	Los Angeles	213-388-8488
Tengu	1541 Ocean Ave.	Santa Monica	310-587-2222
Trifecta	200 South Hill St.	Los Angeles	213-625-0000
Winstons	7466 Santa Monica Blvd.	West Hollywood	323-654-0105

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Coming Soon

- **BLT Steak:** Named not for the sandwich, but for "Bistro Laurent Tourondel," this well-respected NYC beef house will start grilling in the West Hollywood space that was for many years home to Le Dome (8720 Sunset Blvd.), in the midst of the trendiest segment of the Sunset Strip, this summer. Whether or not Tourondel will follow with branches of [BLT Prime](#) and [BLT Fish](#) remains to be seen.
- **Hadaka Sushi:** "Hadaka" is Japanese for "naked," and though we doubt that the chefs and servers at what's described as an "erotic sushi bar" with "sushi gone naughty" will be as undressed as the ahi, this place is definitely trying for a suggestive vibe with appetizers referred to as "Foreplay" and dessert as "Climax"; expect a highly publicized opening in the spring (8226 W. Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood).
- **Kumo:** Opening in March in the space that was last home to Citrine (8360 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles) is this latest Japanese from former CAA über-chief Michael Ovitz, who also owns [Hamasaku](#); this one should push the culinary edge even more, and will feature an extensive list of cold sakes.
- **One Sunset:** This branch of New York's stylish [One](#) – a Meatpacking District hot spot – is scheduled to put up its velvet rope this spring in the WeHo space last occupied by Barfly (8730 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood), where it will feature a New American menu by chef Chris Ennis (ex [Vibrato](#)); expect Paris, Lindsay and Britney to be first through the door.
- **Saluzzi Ristorante di Italia:** Chef Michael Saluzzi moves from Kansas City to a space across from the Trump National Golf Club (31206 Palos Verdes Dr. W., Rancho Palos Verdes) in March, offering the same highly acclaimed Italian cuisine that made him a star in the Midwest.

Events

- **February 7:** In conjunction with Dutton Estate Winery and Paul Mathew Vineyards, [Sam's](#) will offer a four-course meal – including poached black cod, smoked duck and roasted wild boar – with wines to match; passed hors d'oeuvres begin at 7 PM (\$89 per person, includes wine; 310-230-9100).
- **February 7:** At the Ovene Winery Dinner at [Bistro Provence](#), six courses matched with wines selected by winemaker Jeff White will be served; cocktails begin at 7:30 PM (\$60 per person, includes wine; 818-840-9050).
- **February 11:** The Loyola Marymount University Wine Classic, a benefit for the school, offers tastes of more than 150 wines (2–5 PM; \$75 per person with advance purchase, \$90 per person at the door; 1 Loyola Marymount University Dr., Westchester; 310-338-5278).
- **February 14:** Check out our list of romantic [Valentine's Day suggestions](#). For those who put off making a reservation until the last minute, try checking for availabilities at [Antonio's](#), [Bistro 45](#), [Bistro Verdu](#), [Chaya Venice](#), [Daily Grill](#), [French 75](#), [La Cachette](#), [Mi Place](#), [Parkway Grill](#) and [Sonora Cafe West](#) – all great choices where you might stand a chance of snagging a reservation. As of press time, there were still some reservations left at [JAR](#), which is featuring a multicourse prix fixe with choice of a chocolate swiss roll with Aztec hot chocolate or a cherry and Meyer lemon sundae with tuile for dessert (\$85 per person; 323-655-6566).
- **February 14:** As an alternative to the sustained madness of trying to score a reservation on Valentine's Day, consider ordering a pre-packaged "gourmet" dinner for two from [CUBE](#), which offers three to-go menus for two priced from \$45 to \$65, including selections of artisanal cheeses, lobster ravioli with saffron cream sauce, black truffle pizza and plates of charcuterie (323-939-1148).

- **February 14:** Singles and their dogs can partake in a "Yappy Hour" at the [Omni California Plaza's](#) Grand Cafe Terrace to benefit PAWS/LA, a nonprofit that helps seriously ill people care for their pets. Not only will there be complimentary wine and cheese for the two-leggers, but the four-leggers get their own biscuit bar (5:30–7:30 PM; \$10 per person; 213-617-3300).
- **February 20:** If you can't make it to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras this year, then visit one of these nearby [Cajun restaurants](#).
- **February 22:** It's Singles' Night at the Gourmet Cheese and Wine Bar in the South Bay Galleria (7 PM; \$30 per person; 1815 Hawthorne Blvd., Redondo Beach; 310-214-2122).
- **March 1:** Planned Parenthood Los Angeles Food Fare 2007, the annual fund-raiser for PPLA held at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, features two sessions (10:30 AM–2 PM and 6–9:30 PM) of a walk-around tasting of dishes prepared by [Ammo](#), [Bombay Cafe](#), [Cha Cha Cha](#), [Crustacean](#), [Drago](#), [Il Grano](#), [JAR](#), [Mélisse](#) and many more, complemented by pours from a dozen wineries (\$125 per person for the early session with advance purchase; \$150 per person for the early session at the door; \$175 per person for the late session with advance purchase; \$200 per person for the late session at the door; 1855 Main St., Santa Monica; 310-395-0098).

Good Deals and Other News

- **Clementine:** On February 9th, this sandwich specialist will close its Hammer Museum outlet in Westwood.
- **Du-par's:** After closing for more than a year for renovation, the Farmer's Market branch of this venerable (since 1938) American mini-chain recently reopened, serving the same addictive breakfasts of pancakes and French toast 24 hours a day.
- **Lasher's:** Ray Lasher has opened a second branch of his pop Long Beach American in an office building across from the Burbank City Hall (250 E. Olive St., Burbank; 818-843-8800), in this case with a full bar for locals in need of a proper martini before sitting down to a meal of fried green tomatoes and cranberry-glazed meatloaf.
- **Michael's:** Though it's easy to overlook in the foodie rush to get to the Place of the Moment, Michael McCarty's nearly venerable original is still alive and well, with one of the most elegant patios in town, and a new chef, Douglas Silberberg, from [Water Grill](#), who's doing creative hops and skips with regional American ingredients like stone-ground white corn grits, Maine Diver scallops and maple syrup aged in bourbon barrels.
- **Napa Valley Grille:** Anne Conness has left this Westwood Californian, to be replaced by Joseph Gillard (ex [Nick & Stef's](#)), who's giving the wine-intensive menu a twist of his own with dishes like a grilled cheese and lobster sandwich, and Duroc pork with bacon-flavored faro.
- **Oceanfront:** This well-respected beachfront Californian is in the process of a makeover, opening next month as [Catch](#), with current chef Michael Reardon remaining in the kitchen; for those in need of a meal with a view of the ocean, the adjacent [Veranda](#) is open for dining.
- **Tengu:** This Westwood sushi restaurant and lounge has opened a branch at 1541 Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica (310-587-2222), in the space formerly occupied by [Ivy at the Shore](#), which moved to a larger space next door. Its laid-back setting feels radically different from the original, as it's dominated by glass and a fine view of the Santa Monica Pier across the street; running the sushi bar is chef Shunji Nakao (ex [Matsuhisa](#) and [The Hump](#)).

Recent Closings

- Blacksteel, Hamburger Hamlet (Hollywood branch only), Hard Rock Cafe (Beverly Center branch only)