



VALUES TUMBLE ACROSS COUNTY

A new Apple of our eye



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TIMEOUT

Less than a year after becoming the new "it" spot for velvety celebrity-spying and upscale nosing in Los Angeles' West Hollywood, **Apple Restaurant & Lounge** is scheduled to make its South Beach debut tonight.

Located in the spot where you used to find Snatch nightclub, Apple is the handiwork of executive chef **Brian Ogden**, whose resume includes names such as Charlie Trotter, Michael Mina and Alice Waters, not to mention his father's eponymous Vegas swankfest, Bradley Ogden.

West Coasters say to expect a menu based on the organic-local-sustainable model with bold flourishes (from black truffle mac 'n' cheese to homemade doughnuts with huckleberry sauce). And, to be sure, plenty of celebs 'n' cheese.

Apple Restaurant & Lounge is at 1437 Washington. Info: applerestaurantlounge.com/miami, 305-531-2600.

We are a pretty people: **Pangaea** at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood tonight hosts the **Las Olas Model Search**, casting for upcoming fashion shows and events. Efficiently, the party comes with free drinks for women from 10 p.m. to midnight. **DJ Vertigo** will spin. Info: pangaealounge.com, lasolamodels.com, 954-581-5454.

On Saturday, **Karu & Y** (71 NW 14th St., Miami) hosts the local finals of the **Miss Planet Beach International Spokesmodel Search**, whatever that may entail. The winner is named Ms. Miami Florida, gets \$2,500 and moves on



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Catch Andrew Yeomanson and Spam Allstars at MOCA tonight.

to the world finals, hosted by **Ali Landry** and **Lorenzo Lamas** in Biloxi, Miss., to compete for the \$100,000. Info: karu-y.com, 305-403-7850; www.planetbeach.com, 800-611-1167.

Strait up: Just a little reminder that those masked marvels of surfability known as **Los Straitjackets** will headline **Hukilau**, the eighth annual celebration of all things tiki set for June 11-14 in Fort Lauderdale. Fittingly, the June 12 concert will be waterside at the **Bahia Cabana** on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Check out straitjackets.com to listen to cuts from the out-last-month CD, *The Further Adventures of Los Straitjackets*. The other news is that the Tiki Beach Yacht tour is officially sold out, but there's still plenty of kitsch to go around. Go to thehukilau.com for the rest.

Outdoor Spam: The long-running **Jazz at MOCA** concert series continues tonight at 8 at the **Museum of Contemporary Art** with the funkadeliciousness of the **Spam**

Allstars. The museum is at 770 NE 125 St., North Miami. Info: mocanomi.org, 305-893-6211.

Free drinks: Ladies drink gratis from 8 to 10 p.m. during **Saturday Seduction** at the **Side Bar**, next to **Himmarshee Bar & Grille** (210 SW Second Ave.) in downtown Fort Lauderdale. That's win-win, gentlemen. Info: www.himmarshee.com, 954-524-1818.

Double happiness: The **Saturday happy hour** at **Alba**, the beach/pool lounge at **Solé on the Ocean** (17315 Collins, Sunny Isles Beach) this weekend has a **Betty Bangs** rock 'n' roll fashion show to live music by the **Hep Cat Boo Daddies**. As always, you'll find two-for-one drink and food specials from 6 to 9 p.m. Info: 888-776-3446.

Hurry! Eat! This is your last weekend to take advantage of the spring edition of **Miami Spice**, which offers three-course meals at Miami's top restaurants (\$23 for lunch and \$36 for dinner) through Sunday. See the list of restaurants at www.iLoveMiamiSpice.com.

About face: The engaging "Me, Me, Me, Me, Me" exhibit of self-portraits by more than 150 local artists comes down with a closing reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at **Bear & Bird Gallery** at Tate's Comics in Lauderhill. The show will make way for the June 5 opening of the second installment in the gallery's "Made in ..." series, this one focusing on Mexican artists exhibiting in the United States for the first time. Info: www.tatescomics.com/bearandbird.

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