

# Full fall crop

Fall is a big time of the year for restaurant openings, especially in fine dining.

I'm not sure why the spike in openings, but we have a slew of new eateries coming to Orange County over the next several weeks. Among the establishments to watch for – a Michelin-starred London-based Indian restaurant, an Anaheim saloon/upscale dining/entertainment venue

and two old-fashioned ice cream parlors.

Here's a look at the new restaurants.

Michael Jordan and Michael Rossi, both formerly of Napa Rose in Downtown Disney, are preparing to open **The Ranch Restaurant & Saloon** in Anaheim. The venue will be similar to the old Crazy Horse venue but with a more "elevated and refined" decor and menu. Though it's not billing itself as a trendy "farm-to-table" restaurant, The Ranch will offer a menu featuring fresh produce plucked from two acres of farm land it operates in the Santa Ana Mountains and Orange.

"The menu will be partially driven by what is available in our farm," said Rossi, who gave me a hard-hat tour of the Anaheim site earlier this week. The saloon, which is separate from the restaurant but will share the same kitchen, will offer live country music entertainment. The lounge will have two bars, a sunken dance floor and a stage for concerts. The Ranch, at 1025 E. Ball Road, is slated to open in late December. It is on the ground level of the new six-story Extron electronics headquar-



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Chutneys are served with grilled peri peri wild prawns with mango salsa at Laguna Beach's Mozambique, which is opening a fast-casual spin-off.

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# Eateries

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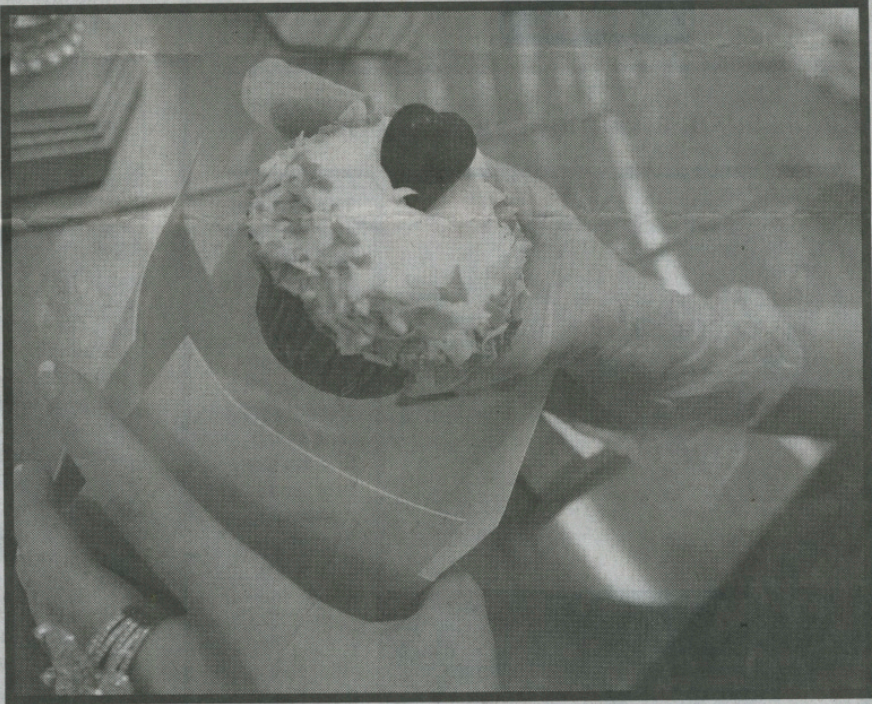
ters. In 2012, The Ranch will open a private dining venue on the sixth floor for special events such as weddings.

The owners of Laguna Beach's **Mozambique** are opening a fast-casual version of its South African-inspired restaurant. The new eatery, dubbed **Mozambique Peri Peri**, is slated to open later this year at The Bluffs retail center on Bison Avenue in Newport Beach. This fast-casual venture sounds like a great way to experience Mozambique's food without breaking the wallet.

The famed Michelin-starred **Tamarind** Indian restaurant of London will open a sister restaurant at the Crystal Cove Promenade in Newport Beach. The restaurant is slated to open Nov. 7.

The craft brew craze is coming to Lake Forest. **Brü Market & Grill** is opening soon where Carino's used to operate. The ambitious concept offers a gourmet market, a craft brew tasting room with 100 types of beers, and a dining area that serves gourmet burgers, flatbreads (from a wood-burning pizza oven), fresh grilled fish and aged steaks. Address: 23730 El Toro, Lake Forest.

**Broadway by Amar Santana** opened Saturday in Laguna Beach. Open only for dinner, the 88-seat eatery offers a chef's tasting table, small plates of savory items like bacon-wrapped blue cheese stuffed dates, a dizzying wine list and an array of seasonally driven en-



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**Casey Reinhardt of Casey's Cupcakes is opening two more shops at 6258 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, and at Fashion Island in Newport Beach.**

trees. Address: 328 Glenn-eyre St., Laguna Beach (formerly Five Feet).

**Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill**, known for serving some of the best tri-tip in Orange County, is set to open Oct. 3 at the Irvine Spectrum Center. Garlic rolls and peanut coleslaw, here I come. On Oct. 3, the restaurant will open at 4 p.m. Lunch service will start Oct. 10 at 11 a.m.

Also coming to the Irvine Spectrum Center: **Capital Dim Sum & Seafood** and **Cucina Enoteca**. Capital is part of a string of well known dim sum eateries in Orange and Los Angeles counties. The 8,000-square-foot restaurant will feature modern art and a bar with multiple TV screens. Cucina is also slated for a fall mall opening. **Paul Martin's American Bistro** by Paul Fleming is also coming this fall to the Spectrum outdoor mall. No

opening date set on this upscale chain, which operates units in El Segundo and Roseville.

**Gen Korean BBQ House** opened this month in Tustin, off Newport Avenue near Wahoo's Fish Taco. The former Japanese full-service restaurant has been transformed with grills built into tables. The menu is a la carte or all-you-can-eat tableside grilling. Lunch: \$14.99 per person, choice of 18 items. Dinner: \$19.99 per person, choice of 22 items. Black Angus and Kobe beef are on the menu.

Over at Fashion Island, **Le Pain Quotidien** (pronounced luh paN koh-ti-dyaN) will open its first Orange County location near Macy's. The sit-down bakery/cafe is known for its hearth-baked breads, tartines and pastries. The exclusive cafe has locations in Europe and Southern California, including Beverly Hills. It could open by October.

Casey Reinhardt of **Casey's Cupcakes** in Laguna Beach is opening two more shops later this year in Irvine and Newport Beach. The Irvine location is at 6258 Irvine Blvd. The Newport Beach location will be at Fashion Island.

**Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour**

in Brea. The downtown location is under construction and could open by mid-December. Address: 215 S. Brea Blvd.

**Swensen's Ice Cream** is making a Southern California comeback. A local businessman has bought the rights to re-launch shops in parts of California. The first location will open later this fall at Kaleidoscope retail center in Mission Viejo, not far from Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour.

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**Fortune Cookies** restaurant in Los Alamitos is opening a second Chinese eatery soon in Fountain Valley. The restaurant bills itself as a portion-controlled, healthy Chinese restaurant. The new eatery is at Brookhurst and Ellis, where Tangy Tomato used to operate.

On the fast-food side, **Five Guys Burgers & Fries** continues its West Coast expansion. Its latest pursuit: a closed bank space in Mission Viejo. Franchisee Tom Horton, who operates a handful of Five Guys in Orange County, said he is hoping to open at Alicia Parkway and Charlinda.

