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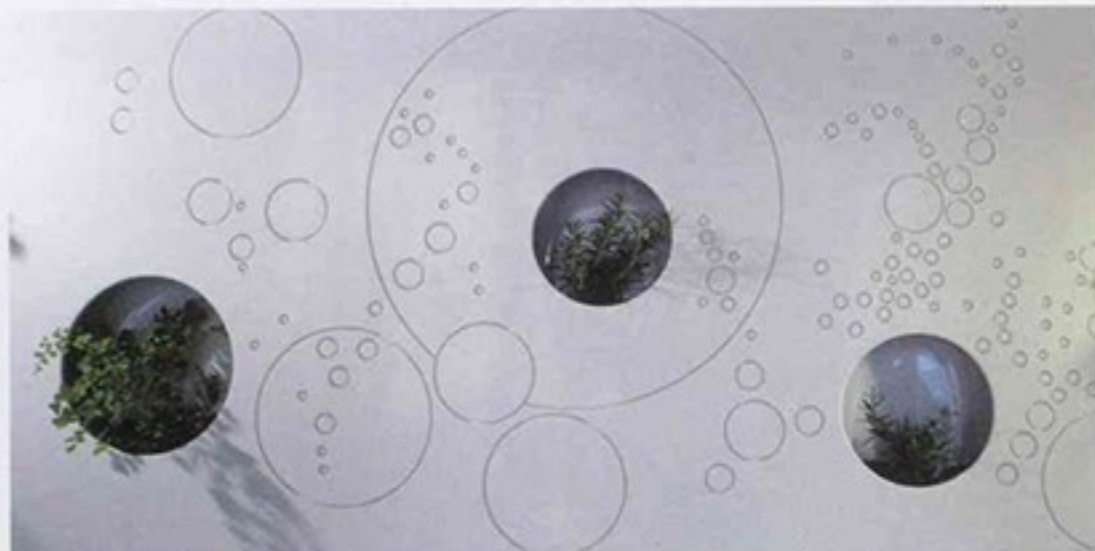
THE CRUDO TREND IS CULINARY HIGH ART AT VANGUARD WINNER IL GRANO

# THE RADAR NOW!

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**CULINARY COMMANDER:** Tom Cruise doppelganger Scott Shuttleworth sexes up USC's on-campus dining scene.



Siptea's garden wall.



Animal's halibut with pancetta vinaigrette.

## THE (FOODIE) FAST LANE!

*This month's news blips and cheap shots*

USC poached its new dining czar from slicker-than-thou Hollywood hospitality behemoth SBE. Scott Shuttleworth had been an exec in charge of rolling out the Katsuya franchise, and now he's overseeing the school's in-progress overhaul of its campus-dining retinue, including the transformation of infamously sticky-floored basement bar Traditions into a glitzed-out gastropub. "All of this should translate into higher student satisfaction," he says, "which could actually

affect the university's rankings." SBE honcho—and Trojan alum—Sam Nazarian would no doubt be proud. >>> Goy vey... It seems that Animal, the carnivorous, two-month-old kitchen along the Fairfax District's historic bagel belt, had to promise the property owner—which happens to be its next-door neighbor, Schwartz Bakery—that the resto wouldn't be run in accordance with Jewish dietary laws. "They wanted a non-kosher place," says chef Jon Shook. "They didn't want a competitor." Well, that was just fine by Animal, which proudly serves so much pig that the other white meat has even found its way onto the dessert menu. (Look for the popular bacon-studded chocolate bar.) >>> Mod new downtown brew house Siptea on Broadway is growing a hanging garden along the side of its northern interior wall. Created by eco-design firm Greenmeme ([www.greenmeme.com](http://www.greenmeme.com)), the LED-lit, Corian-paneled installation will soon house planters for rosemary, basil, thyme, oregano and chamomile. Owner Laura Stewart intends to hydrate the herbs with recycled tea water, then use 'em in the production of her menu of sandwiches and salads. "It brings you back to the earth without feeling too granola," she says.

## [TREND VETTER] THE BRAID BRIGADE

Celebs' scalps are heading for the Alps! Milkmaid-style braids have lately been spotted piled high atop the heads of MK Olsen, Sienna Miller and Jennifer Connelly, as well as occasional fans Rachel Bilson, La Lohan and J.Lo. Nicole Richie wore her Heidi-worthy 'do to traffic school earlier this summer, and Lauren Conrad turned it a bit boho on the most recent cycle of *The Hills*. The latter's red-carpet lock lady, Christine Symonds of Warren Tricomi L.A., helped develop the reality star's now-signature hairline braid—a simplified version of the double-sided original—a few months back, although the copycats didn't start calling her for look-alike coifs until Conrad wore it in the show's season premiere. "She likes it because it's functional, not too overdone or stuffy," says Symonds. "It's easy to do, easy to maintain and transitions nicely from day to night." Yodelay, yodelay, yodelay-hee-hoo? —Alexis Johnson



Lauren Conrad

Nicole Richie