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THE CAN'T-MISS, MUST-DO PLACES TO TASTE, SHOP, PARTY, GET SMART AND ESCAPE - THIS WEEK!

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## TASTE NOW!

If your 2008 is off to a rough start, try feeding the dragon red envelopes for good luck at [Bong Su](#)'s Vietnamese New Year celebration. The dragon dance (and firecrackers!) start outside at 7; then dancers make their way through the restaurant. Chow down on signature good-luck dishes prepared especially for the occasion, like lobster spring rolls, chrysanthemum soup, and slow-cooked pork, and don't forget to ask the fortune teller what's in store for the rest of your year. Feb. 8, 5-10 PM.

**Bong Su**

311 3rd St.  
SoMa  
415.536.5800

**The Runner-Up**

It's not too late to make a pig of yourself at [Oliveto](#)'s annual Whole Hog Dinner. Tonight and tomorrow night, pork is the highlight of every course, starting with the justly famous salumi platter and ending with an apple cream and bacon tart. Feb. 5-8, 5655 College Ave., Oakland, 510.547.5356.

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## SHOP NOW!

A step better than sprinkling rose petals on the bed: indulging in the new rose-themed signature spa trio at intimate [Biondina](#) in Mill Valley. Start with a rose-petal spa manicure; enjoy a wrinkle-reducing, rose-infused oxygen facial; and finish off with a rose oil hot-stone massage. Reserve a treatment for February 11-14 for a chance to win the spa trio and a beauty bag. A treatment package by any other name wouldn't smell this sweet. \$135.

**Biondina**

34B Sunnyside Ave.  
Mill Valley  
415.388.0772

**The Runner-Up**

Chuck Siegel always puts his heart into the handmade confections at his East Bay store and chocolate bar, Charles Chocolates. On Saturday, snag some heart-shaped truffles for your sweetheart at a 10 percent discount, then sample some sweets yourself at the store's [chocolate and champagne tasting](#). 1-5 PM, 6529 Hollis St., Emeryville, 510.652.4412.

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## PARTY NOW!

The [San Francisco Independent Film Festival](#) is no Sundance--and thank goodness for that. But, like Sundance, the wild parties are as much of a highlight as the movies. With BBQ and a mechanical bull, tonight's opening festivities at Cellspace take a hint from the preceding film screening of *Shotgun Stories*. Just don't expect Paris Hilton to show up. Opening night party, 9 PM, admission included with *Shotgun Stories* ticket (\$25).

**Cellspace**

2050 Bryant St.  
Mission  
415.648.7562

**The Runner-Up**

Donate now to the [Academy of Friends](#), which benefits Bay Area HIV/AIDS organizations, for tickets to its upcoming Academy Awards night gala, "Shaken, Not Stirred." The Oscars ceremony may be canceled, but at least *you're* guaranteed a party. \$300 for one ticket, \$500 for two. 5 PM, Feb. 24, Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason, Marina Blvd. and Buchanan St., Marina, 415.995.9890.

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## GET SMART NOW!

Ever since Berger dumped Carrie via Post-it on *Sex and the City*, we've been poking fun at love in the age of instant communication. And now there's a sad, silly, and sardonic array of acclaimed cartoons devoted to the lunacy of modern love at the [Cartoon Art Museum](#). Starting Saturday, the work of women satirists, such as Roz Chast (of the *New Yorker*) and Pulitzer Prize winner Ann Telnaes, will be on display to make you laugh till you cry. Feb. 9-June 8, \$2-6.

**Cartoon Art Museum**

655 Mission St.  
SoMa  
415.227.8666

**The Runner-Up**

Attend an afternoon of music for 10-year-old [Christopher Rodriguez](#), who was paralyzed by a stray bullet during a piano lesson in Oakland last month. Piedmont Piano Company teachers perform at [Chapel of the Chimes](#) this Sunday, with eats from local restaurants and a silent auction. Feb. 10, 2-7 PM, \$25, 4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, 510.547.8188.

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## ESCAPE NOW!

Heading to Tahoe to take advantage of the fresh powder? If you don't want dozens of black diamonds and deep lines at the lodge, try friendly [Homewood Mountain Resort](#), just six miles from Tahoe City. The lift ticket prices are reasonable, there's a new high-speed quad chair, and the views are unparalleled: Skiing down the Face, you'll swear you're going to end up in the lake. \$39 weekdays, \$53 weekends.

**Homewood Mountain Resort**

5145 Westlake Blvd.  
Homewood  
530.525.2992

**The Runner-Up**

After taking in the sight of crashing waves at the [Muir Beach Overlook](#), warm your bones by the fire with some upscale British fare at the [Pelican Inn](#). Just don't get too cozy with your Guinness unless you've booked a room ahead: It's a curvy drive back along Highway 1. 10 Pacific Way, Muir Beach, 415.383.6000.

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## WHAT'S ON YOUR LIST?

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