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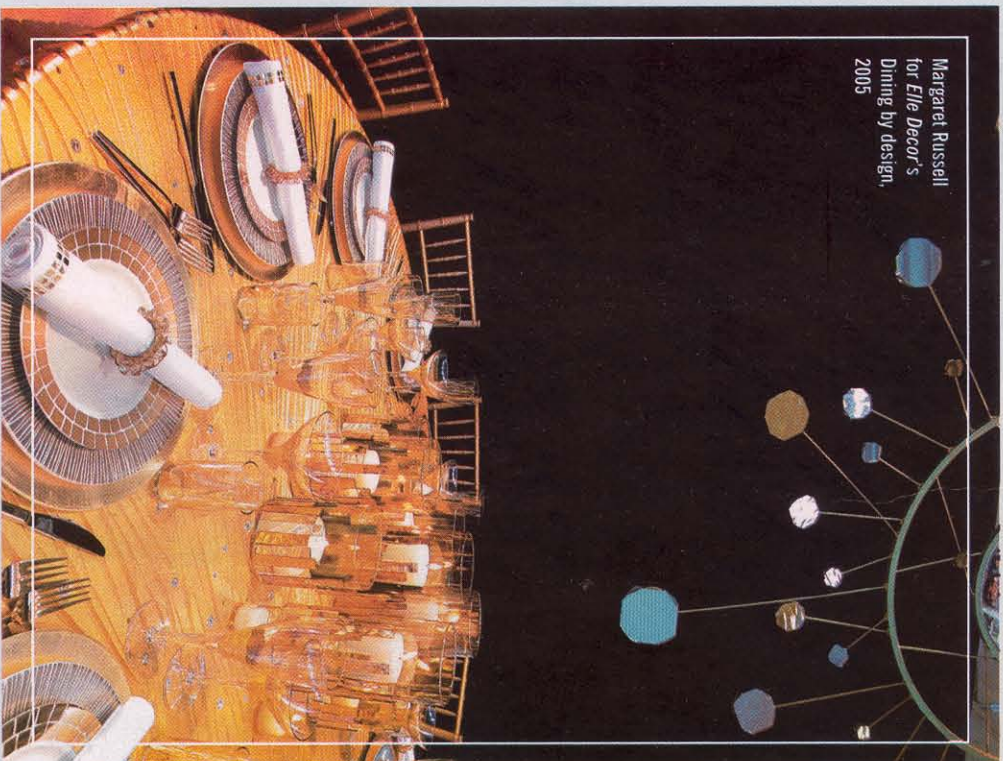
DIFFA's Dining By Design

What: *Elle Decor's* tabletop extravaganza, presented by GE, benefiting the Positive Health Program at San Francisco General Hospital
When: Thursday, November 2, 6 pm
Where: The Galleria at the San Francisco Design Center
Chairmen: Robert W. Fountain, Esty Lawrie Landy, Cathy MacNaughton
Party Note: Tables designed by some of the savviest design and retail minds in town; seated dinner, dessert and dance party
Tariff: From \$300; tables from \$3,500
Contact: 415.597.8164; diffa.org

Who to See

What: Personal appearance by Manolo Blahnik
When: Tuesday, October 3, 2 pm
Where: Ladies Shoe Salon, Neiman Marcus
Contact: 415.362.3900, ext. 2230; neimannarcus.com

What: Personal appearance by designers Viktor & Rolf to introduce Antidote, a men's fragrance



What: Personal appearance by Veronica and Kean Etro
When: Thursday, October 12, 2 pm
Where: Couture Salon, Neiman Marcus
Contact: 415.362.3900, ext. 2351; neimannarcus.com

What: Personal appearance and book signing by Carolina Herrera
When: Tuesday, October 24, 3 pm
Where: Couture Salon, Neiman Marcus
Contact: 415.362.3900, ext. 2351; neimannarcus.com

Retail Rappi!

Auberger Resorts, the luxe team behind the lovely Auberge du Soleil and Calistoga Ranch in Napa Valley, has launched a new line of hotels, **Solage Hotels & Resorts**, and a new resort, **Solage Calistoga**, slated to debut this spring. The 25-acre, 89-room studio-style resort designed by architect **Howard Backen** will

have interiors designed by the San Francisco firm **Dowling Kimm Studios**, views of the Palisades Mountaintops, a 130-foot pool, restaurant, bar and the **Solage Spa** outfitted with a mod mud bar and soaking pools tapping Calistoga's geothermal springs. We're clearing our calendars ... High rollers are counting the days until **Fred Segal**, SoCal's patron saint of style, makes his debut at Sin City's W Las Vegas Hotel, Casino & Residences, opening in 2009. Bet on 100,000 square feet of avant-garde style ... Speaking of innovative venues, **Julie Elliott** has opened **Parfumerie In Fiore**



Parfumerie In Fiore

inside her In Fiore atelier at 868 Post Street. On our hot list: Jacques Garcia home fragrance in Orange Blossom, \$70 (created by the mastermind behind Paris' Hôtel Costes) ... Esoteric and industrial objets d'art abound at Mission newcomer **Farnsworth & Pierson**. Housed in the historic La Carmelita building at 393 Valencia, the shop is a treasure trove of 20th-century furniture by iconic designers, including Paul Evans, George Nelson and Isamu Noguchi, plus custom period pieces ... **Past Perfect** opens a second location on 2246 Lombard Street (in the former IMG Home location). Look for larger and more lavish furniture finds ... **Frette's** luxury linens are lining the shelves in

