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Caramel

ABOUT : MENU : WINE LIST : CHEF : EVENTS : GALLERY : CONTACT



The new Caramel is every bit as smooth and decadent as its sweet namesake. This chic French restaurant brings an alluring touch of glamour and luxury to the city's bustling Financial District. Located just steps away from the new Quartier des Spectacles—in the heart of Montreal "big business"—Caramel is the choice hotspot for an enjoyable pre-show dinner or power lunch for young professionals. And, on Saturday nights, the elegant and luxurious dining room transforms into the city's first Parisian-style supper club where sharp, fashionable Montrealers can enjoy a first-rate bar and tremendous tunes spun by our incredible in-house DJ.

Chef Nacim Louali has created an innovative market-fresh menu inspired by classic French cuisine. Discerning foodies delight in the impeccably executed dishes, such as the braised short rib, beef tartar and nightly foie gras specials.

Twenty-five years of experience in wine and food pairing has gone into forming our impressive wine list. Expert sommelier Olivier Paret has handpicked the ideal vintages to underscore Chef Louali's creations.

Finally, no visit to Caramel would be complete without indulging in one of our select artisan desserts made by our renowned pastry chef, Jeff D'Oliveira.

Check out **THE FACES** from our last event!

With Caramel's singular blend of fine food, world-class wine, innovative decor and upscale merriment, our new restaurant and Saturday night supper club has earned its place atop Montreal's legendary nightlife scene.



ABOUT US: CARAMEL SUPPER CLUB

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A Bad Uncle's Big Book of
**IMPOSSIBLE
DILEMMAS**

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INTRODUCTION PAGES:
**A BAD UNCLE'S BIG BOOK OF
IMPOSSIBLE DILEMMAS**

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YOUR PARENTS MAY NOT HAVE TOLD YOU THIS, BUT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT THE CHOICES YOU MAKE. SOME CHOICES ARE EASY, SOME ARE HARD AND SOME ARE DOWNRIGHT IMPOSSIBLE. THIS BOOK IS ALL ABOUT THE LATTER -- THOSE CHOICES YOU DONT WANT TO MAKE, BUT WILL ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER IN YOUR LIFE. IT TAKES A BIG BOY OR GIRL TO MAKE THOSE HARD DECISIONS. SO NOW YOU HAVE TO ASK YOURSELF THIS:

*WOULD YOU RATHER...
CONTINUE READING THIS BOOK*

OR...



WOULD YOU RATHER...

BOX A RABID KANGAROO OR...

KISS A SILVERBACK GORILLA?

"A Bad Uncle's Big Book of Impossible Dilemmas is easily the most influential picture book written in the last half-century—an instant entry into the canon of great works of illustrated fiction. By no means is this a frivolous piece of gobbledegook that readers and critics should ignore."

- The Author

"A Bad Uncle's Big Book of Impossible Dilemmas is rude, disgusting, revolting, perverse, nauseating, and crude. In other words, kids will love it."

- Miss Bob Etier, www.blogcritics.org



HAVE YOUR BEARD OF BEES TURN ON YOU?

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1 RESTAURANT OF THE WEEK

TAVERNE DOMINION

Why? Great food and a thorough drink menu.

The latest offering from the team behind the Whisky Café and Baldwin's, Taverne Square Dominion is a welcome addition to downtown. Styled in the tradition of an English gastropub, Dominion's menu is a cut above – try its mussels with bacon, pot-au-feu with chicken, or even the pork knuckle and you'll find it's fine dining for a reasonable price (\$13 to \$22). The interior of the restaurant is also one of our favourites in the city – a sprawling historic space with restaurant-length bar, great stained glass accents and a fireplace. It's the best example of an authentic London pub that we've seen in Montreal. The only thing missing is a drink-stained burgundy carpet, but that's for the better.

Location:
1243 Metcalfe Street
PHONE: 514-564-5056

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2 STORE OF THE WEEK

STYLE LABO

Why? To bring the *Mad Men* style home

Style Labo is a one-stop shop for guys wanting their house to reflect their inner Don Draper. This funky boutique is unlike any other antique store you've been dragged to – it has a point of view. It's stocked with industrial, office and home furniture dating from the 1940s through to the 1960s. It's pricey, but just about everything you'll find is a "holy shit" piece to take your bachelor pad to the next level.

Location:
122 Bernard W.
PHONE: 514-658-9910

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3 CASUAL SPOT OF THE WEEK

SAUM-MOM

Why? For a top-notch filet of smoked salmon.

There are a handful of things we do well in this region: bagels, poutine, maple syrup, and smoked salmon. You may know where to get the first three in Montreal, but a good smoked salmon is a bit of a moving target in this city. Luckily the target has recently found its mark on a small lot on Papineau at Mont-Royal. Part lunch counter, part boutique, Saum-mom is a charming little destination for all things that spawn upstream. There you can find smoked salmon ravioli, sausage, bagels and lox, homemade jerky, and, of course, grand slabs of delicious, full-bodied smoked salmon for about \$58 per kilo. That's some A.List lunching.

Location:
4378 Papineau Street
PHONE: 514-564-3024

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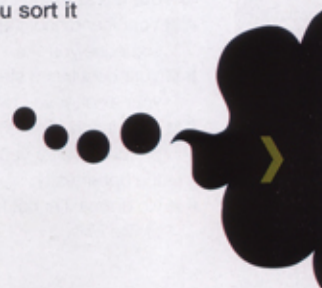
OH GROW UP!

**SURE YOU'RE OF AGE, BUT ARE YOU AN ADULT?
TAKE THE NEWEST STRUT QUIZ TO FIND OUT.**

If 40 is the new 30, and 30 is the new 20, just when exactly are we expected to grow up?

For most of us, our parents already had children by the time they were our age. They took out mortgages, we tour Europe. They bought station wagons, we buy Vespas. As the line between adolescence and adulthood grows fuzzier and fuzzier, Strut's latest quiz will help you sort it all out. Are you acting your age or your shoe size? Find out now.

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**INTRODUCTION PAGE:
ARE YOU AN S.O.B.? QUIZ**

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A DIESEL- FUELLED LIFESTYLE



ADVERTORIAL FOR DIESEL FURNITURE

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For Diesel, this season is all about your flat. Best known for its jeans, the brand now wants to do for your home what it's been doing for your ass all these years: cover it with their rock 'n' roll designs.

Using the International Milan Furniture Fair as a launching pad, this is Diesel's latest expansion to their Home Collection. "Customization" is the word used with the new furnishings and comes in the form of changeable fabric slips. The new collection promises to cover it all: sofas, armchairs, tables, stools, dressers and mirrors — enough Diesel furniture for some mad genius to create a veritable Diesel-land.

And of course, Diesel being Diesel, it's edgy. Lamps are made of steel or glass for a cool modern feel and items are finished with rivets and buckles.

The line is born out of Diesel's new partnerships with lighting designers, Foscarini, and furniture designers, Moroso. The two companies are world leaders in interior design and have been enlisted to turn out a collection of innovative home furnishing concepts.

Expect big-ticket items like sofas to retail from \$380 to \$5,125, lamps \$260 to \$895 and interchangeable pieces will start around \$40. The whole line is set to rollout in Europe and the U.S. later this year, and will be sold in top furniture and lighting showrooms, as well as in Diesel stores and selected department stores.



**LIFESTYLE ITEM:
THE CONDOM**

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The CONDOM

The condom is a shining beacon of human ingenuity. They're cheap to produce, cheap to buy and they are available just about everywhere. The use of a condom-like prophylactic can be traced all the way back to ancient Egypt. During the Renaissance, condoms were made from the intestines of an animal. This continued through to the 19th century when Charles Goodyear (yeah, the tire guy) and Thomas Hancock discovered rubber vulcanization. It was a breakthrough. This elastic rubber allowed for the first large-scale manufacturing and marketing of johnnies to the masses.

The modern latex condom was developed in 1919 and then industry just ran with the concept. Today we have ribbed, studded, warming, pleasure-shaped, flavoured (would you believe cola?) and even edible condoms. That's right, edible condoms. They don't protect you, but they do satisfy your gastronomic "pleasure." The innovation continued with polyurethane condoms, which conduct heat better and offer an alternative for those with latex allergies.

Currently in development is the "invisible condom" for women – a liquid that hardens at body temperature, creating a protective film inside the vagina, and a similar spray-on condom designed for men. Good luck with those. ◻

**USEFUL OUTSIDE
OF THE BEDROOM**

Navy Seals use two condoms and neoprene cement to waterproof firing assemblies for underwater demolitions. This is called a Dual Waterproof Firing Assembly. The BBC and many other broadcasting organizations use condoms to waterproof microphones. Looming natural disaster heading your way? Fill some condoms with drinking water – they'll hold at least a gallon. However, do handle with care.



EVERYBODY HATES CRYSTAL

And for good reason, because Crystal Pierre of the 'ssaug is the lucky duck who's won Strut's latest contest for new and renewed subscribers. No doubt you'll see Crystal walking down Queen West in her one-of-a-kind, autographed Melissa Auf der Maur tank. Well, resist the urge to shoot her dirty looks, because there's another chance to win some free threads.

Billabong is teaming up with us to offer one very lucky Strut subscriber the chance to win a **\$500 shopping spree**. Subscribe before February 17, 2009, and you'll be entered into a draw for the grand prize. See p. 26.

You could be the next Crystal Pierre!

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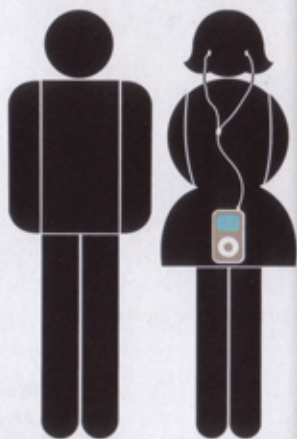
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THE **MECCA** OF FASHION AND FOOTWEAR

Trouble picturing what those new sneakers will look like with the pair of True Religion jeans you just bought? Well unfurrow your brow, because you can now buy both under the same roof. StyleXchange has just added three new Little Burgundy boutiques to selected stores around Montreal. Through the first franchising partnership of its kind in North America, StyleXchange and Aldo offer their clients the ultimate shopping experience. Shoes from 70 world-class brands and designers including BCBG, Michael Kors, Marc by Marc Jacobs, Nike, Adidas and Puma are now available alongside fashions from Ed Hardy, Dom Rebel, Affliction and more. The new Little Burgundy boutiques are located in StyleXchange's Centre Rockland, Mail Champlain and Place Montreal Trust stores. Shop at one of these locations and never get caught trying to imagine an outfit again.



An Open Letter to iPods



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ALSO MY ILLUSTRATION

Dear iPod,

We're taking the time to write you this letter in the hopes that you will comply with this one simple request: quit crotch-blocking us!

No matter where we are, you are ready to thwart our attempts to meet new people. You, with your smudged veneer and beady little earbuds... We see a cute redhead on the bus - bam! There you are pumping Rihanna into her ears. See a hot emo guy at a café - bam! He's off in his own world, listening to Bright Eyes. And you've had the gall to invade the gym! How are we supposed to get any if you're making it impossible to start a conversation?

Oh, we know you and your little friends think you're the centre of the universe - you come out of your box all white, shiny and futuristic. You think you're hot shit, but let us tell you something: that shine won't last. No, pretty soon a big black thumbprint is going to develop on your face and it will never come off. Then your owner is going to start looking around at new iPods and decide that you're too bulky to schlep around anymore, and then you'll wish you had an ally - someone to dissuade them from replacing you. Someone to say, sure you want a new iPod, but do you really need one? We could have been allies, but we don't know your owner - we never got an opportunity to talk to her, because you were hogging her head for the whole damn train ride home!

So, enjoy shuffling through those same old tired playlists while you can, because your days are numbered.

We hate all that you represent,

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