

Eye-Openers: Bad food trends, Fish Story buzz, ice cream history

Fish Story in Napa spurs some Alice in Wonderland language, the history of San Francisco ice cream is traced from its roots of It's It and Swensen's, the Burritt Room shares some new libations, Katana-Ya late night gets some love, and John Mariani puts on his curmudgeon cap and lists some restaurant trends that he would like to see obliterated.

From the local scene:

- The local paper chimes in on Napa newbie **Fish Story** with a profile of sorts on the Riverfront restaurant: "With warm weather at hand, diners have the option of enjoying lunch or dinner in the main dining room, in the 32-seat indoor/outdoor Riverfront room or at one of the awning- or umbrella-shaded tables overlooking the downtown riverwalk ... If you were obligated to judge the success of this newest downtown eatery by only one dish — and you were served a grilled whole rock cod — you'd be deliriously happy, riding off into the sunset wearing a Cheshire grin." [Napa Valley Register]
- A brief history of San Francisco ice cream, starting with **It's It**. [SF Station]
- The autumnal menu at the **Burritt Room** includes a drink called the **Great Pumpkin Fizz**. No word on Charlie Brown garnishes. [Alcademics]
- Ode to the late-night shaved ice at **Katana-Ya**. [Food Fashionista]

From the national scene:

- As an addendum on his **best new restaurants list**, John Mariani shares "11 More Restaurants You Don't Want to Miss." The only local on the list is ... **Cantinetta Piero** in Yountville. [Esquire]
- And he also calls out some **bad trends** he wants to see die, like iPad wine lists, multiple people at the hostess station, and "The [Restaurant Name Here] Burger." [Esquire]

