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OFF THE MENU

OPENING THIS WEEK

CHINA DE PUEBLA Ian Nal, right, the owner of this Mexican restaurant with an Asian outlook, which opened Monday, is from Belize and has a Mayan last name. He knows a lot about the trade routes between Mexico and the Far East and is having his chef, Jason Scott Titner, incorporate those connections into dishes like huitlacoche fried rice and hoisin-braised duck carnitas: 3143 Broadway (123rd Street), (212) 222-8666.



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PERILLA Harold Dieterle, a "Top Chef" winner, opened his own seasonal American place with Alicia Nosenzo on Monday, in what was once Anne Rosenzweig's Inside: 9 Jones Street (West Fourth Street), (212) 929-6868.

SANDRO'S This third eponymous restaurant for Sandro Fioriti, whose middle name should be Phoenix (he has also worked at six other places), which opened Monday, features lots of his old favorites (sea urchin ravioli, fried artichokes, homemade grappas): 306 East 81st Street, (212) 288-7374.

SAUCY Simon Mann, the chef who owns this place, which opened on Monday, offers a choice of more than 50 sauces, grouped by color or concept (white, yellow, Indian and so on), each of which can be applied to your choice of beef, chicken, fish or pasta. Wait a minute! Aren't chefs supposed to make those decisions?: 1409 York Avenue (75th Street), (212) 249-3700.

NELSON BLUE Another pub-style outpost of the antipodes, this time New Zealand, has opened downtown, in the South Street Seaport. Eric Lind, formerly of Flatbush Farm, is the chef: 36 Peck Slip (Front Street), (212) 346-9090.

PRIME BURGER CAFÉ AT OLD HOMESTEAD Give your sidewalk cafe a new name and menu and you have an excuse to announce an opening. This spot, which officially opened on Monday outside the venerable Old Homestead, is no relation to Prime Burger on East 51st Street, which does not serve a \$38 surf-and-turf burger with lobster and, as of now, has no plans for a backroom steakhouse called the New Homestead at Prime Burger: 56 Ninth Avenue (14th Street), (212) 242-9040.