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X-BAR: HYATT REGENCY CENTURY PLAZA

Want more urban excitement this summer than what your local pub has to offer? Head over to the always enticing X-Bar, located in the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel. Regarded as Century City's hot spot, X-Bar has an eclectic list of spirits, covering everything from beer and wine to bubbly and martinis, in addition to an offering of small plates and delicious desserts. Wizard mixologists John Grandorf and Michael Halloran promise a drink menu of "imaginative, sexy and exquisitely composed cocktails" that are sure to start your night off right. Our latest guilty pleasure is X-Bar's new zodiac-inspired X-trilogy cocktails, a menu of 12 radiant drinks whose colors reflect each sign's birth month and its equivalent birthstone. Being a July baby myself, I have to recommend the Ruby Cancer, a whimsical mix of Stolli Strasberi Vodka, Kubler Absinthe, fresh strawberries and cranberry juice, garnished with edible red flowers, perfect for those hot summer nights! hyatt.com/gallery/xbar

Y YOUNG AND HIP SWIMWEAR:



Lady Lux: Designed to shine, Lady Lux Swimwear offers exclusive, high-end designs to women with distinctive style and discriminating taste. This unparalleled collection captures a genuine sense of luxury that shines anywhere, from a relaxing desert oasis to an exclusive beach paradise. The pieces sparkle with a unique mélange of luxurious embellishments that include gorgeous hand-sewn sequined lace; lustrous, multifaceted crystals; and beautiful semi-precious gemstones. The suits are sure to bring out your inner beach goddess! ladyluxswimwear.com

Sauvage: What good is a snazzy swimsuit if it doesn't fit your body right? Sauvage understands that each woman's body is unique and requires personal attention when it comes to flattering swimwear. Always known for its superior fit, Sauvage offers a wide range of tops and bottoms with the right kind of coverage for each individual woman. The collection features everything from halters and string-tie tops to underwire and bandeaus to be paired with high-cut full bottoms, string bottoms, thong styles and boy shorts. This leaves you with the ultimate variety to mix and match, adding up to the perfect suit for you! Sauvage also offers chic one-pieces with sexy cutouts, tunic-style cover-ups, dresses and much more. Available at Sauvage-La Jolla, with retail prices from \$148 to \$275, or online at sauvagewear.com



ZEST: COOKING LESSONS FROM EPICUREAN SCHOOL

With summer almost here, what better to do with all that free time than learn some new cooking skills and throw some much-anticipated dinner parties! Whether you're a seasoned home cook or can't tell your Cuisinart from your crock pot, Epicurean School has the perfectly suited, hands-on cooking class for you. Established in Beverly Hills in 1985, Epicurean has recently opened its doors in Orange County with a new location in Downtown Anaheim. Epicurean's goal is for its students to feel comfortable in the kitchen and master great classic recipes. Perfect for the season are "Tween Cuisine-Summer Camps" and the new feature, "Farmers Market-Go Green," a cooking workshop and Farmers Market tour on Thursdays to tie in with the Downtown Anaheim Farmers Market (voted best in the OC). Visit epicureanschool.com for more info.

