

# TOP RESTAURANTS

**Memo to Our  
Congressmen:  
Forget Iraq—  
Bring Us Pork!**

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# The 25 Best Dishes!



**THE NORTH  
END'S NEW  
GODFATHER\***  
The Rise of  
Nick Varano

\*We mean that figuratively, of course

**LIFESTYLES  
OF THE RICH  
AND TALENTED**  
Where Tom  
Perrotta and  
Other Creative  
Stars Go to  
Get Inspired

**STUDS  
WHO SING  
FALSETTO**  
Today's Big  
Campus  
Hotties Are...  
A Cappella  
Guys?

**WHAT MITT  
DOES BEHIND  
CLOSED DOORS**  
Inside His  
Presidential  
Campaign HQ

**MAN BAGS,  
HEAVENLY  
MATTRESSES,  
AND DESIGNER  
PUPPIES!**  
Your Essential  
Midwinter  
Shopping List

**\*PLUS  
27**

**More Mouth-  
Watering  
Reasons to  
Love Eating Here  
Right Now**

THAT PACKS A SCALLOP! A forkful  
of Neptune Oyster's tastiest creation.  
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PERFECTLY ALIGNED: Stella Starzky and Quinn Cox met 23 years ago on a BU study-abroad program.

## Out of This World

Cape-based celeb astrology consultants Starzky & Cox are mapping out a future as jewelry designers. By Rachel Baker

The collective goal of zodiac gurus Quinn Cox and Stella Starzky—"to renovate the world through love"—may raise eyebrows among skeptical, astrology-averse types. But it's clear this stylish husband-and-wife team isn't your everyday voice of enlightenment. Since the release of their 2004 book, *Sextrology*, a guide to finding sexual compatibility via the zodiac chart, the self-described "crazy and nutty" Cape residents have cultivated a high-fashion following, counting as fans the likes of Sofia Coppola and Karl Lagerfeld, not to mention countless magazine editors who rely on the pair's celestial insights every month for horoscope columns.

Their latest endeavor, a jewelry line called AsterCast created with New York jewelry designers Ten Thousand Things, mixes the business-minded pair's dual interests. "We wondered, How can we grow the brand without conflicting with our purpose?" says Starzky, who's dishy but warm, and can name the sign of a new friend within minutes. The collection features an 18-karat gold, five-charm "stellium" necklace for each of the 12 zodiac signs. The charms, which together are meant to reflect the wearer's personality, are composed of colored enamel disks (blue for Aquarius, green for Taurus) and precious and semiprecious stones (Leo's has a peridot, while Scorpio's comes with a tourmaline) and can be upgraded with pavé diamonds. Locally available exclusively at Louis Boston, the line also includes 18-karat gold astrological ID tags suitable for men and women (Cox wears a tag in his sign, Libra). "We knew the sort of fetishistic feeling we wanted the line to have," Starzky says. "For us, it's the weirder the better in anything we do—as long as it doesn't involve pain."

Pictured, top right: AsterCast's Aquarius stellium charm necklace, \$2,395, Louis Boston.



## FOLLOWING THE SIGNS

Starzky & Cox predict ace gifts for every valentine.

**ARIES (3/21–4/20)** For impulsive Aries, get something sleek, swift, and easy to store. Vespa LX 50, \$3,595, Vespa Boston.

**TAURUS (4/21–5/21)** Magnetic Taurus will gain even more allure from a new scent. Viktor & Rolf Flowerbomb, \$150, or Prada Man, \$90, Saks Fifth Avenue.

**GEMINI (5/22–6/21)** Go for a gadget to help Gemini stay in the loop. Motorazr V3i Dolce & Gabbana phone, \$480, T-Mobile.

**CANCER (6/22–7/23)** Homebody Cancer likes easy-access entertainment. TiVo dual tuner, \$250, Best Buy.

**LEO (7/24–8/23)** In the sun, on the slopes, or in the spotlight, Leo needs to cut down on the glare. Tom Ford sunglasses, \$220–\$490, Neiman Marcus.

**VIRGO (8/24–9/23)** This epicurean can analyze any vintage's notes. Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Brut, \$80, Brix Wine Shop.

**LIBRA (9/24–10/23)** Aesthetics are utmost to Venus-ruled Libra. Penelope Umbrico's *Honeymoon Suite* photograph, \$1,800, Bernard Toale Gallery.

**SCORPIO (10/24–11/22)** This money wiz is eager to hold on to all those bills. KmRii snakeskin wallet, \$365, Alan Bilzerian.

**SAGITTARIUS (11/23–12/21)** Often over-the-top Sagittarius craves pampering. Hot stone therapy massage, \$125, Grettacole.

**CAPRICORN (12/22–1/20)** The Goat values time, and wears it well. Tank steel or steel/gold watches, \$3,200–\$5,600, Cartier.

**AQUARIUS (1/21–2/19)** A sudden get-away thrills Aquarius. Two business-class tickets to Paris, about \$14,192, Air France.

**PISCES (2/20–3/20)** After a bath, water sign Pisces needs something to slip into. P.jamas spa robe, \$145, Lingerie Studio; smoking jacket, \$998, Brooks Brothers.