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## THE SCOOP ON BEN AND JERRY'S, SEEING DOUBLE AT EL PATIO!

**Indika** has moved! Lower Montrose (516 Westheimer Rd., 713.524.2170) just got more marvelous but Memorialites are weeping over the loss. It's cooler than ever with expanded surroundings and lofty ceilings and eye-popping walls slicked coral and red. Sink your teeth into savory bar bites with interesting wines and the same tongue-tingling menu. ... Speaking of Memorial, **Perry's Steakhouse and Grille**, known for making suburbs more civilized and steak-licious, will soon grace the Memorial City shopping mall area with its fifth location. Sean Garret is the new corporate exec-chef—you may remember him from the Capital Grille steakhouse. ... **Café Benedicte** (15455 Memorial, 281.558.6607) is also new to the hood from the owners of legendary Lynn's Steakhouse.

Expect casual Mediterranean dining—from the lasagna of Italy to the filet mignon of France, plus breakfast. ... Eatery openings are buzzing like June bugs: **El Patio** has sprung a sister location in Midtown for hot and thirsty inner-Loopers to get their blue marg and Tex-Mex fix (2416 Brazos St, 713.523.8181).

Get sloppy on the upbeat patio with crispy tacos or chiles rellenos. ... It's officially summer, so take a tasty little road trip to the **Inn at Dos Brisas** (9400 Champion Dr., 979.277.7750) near Brenham for a leisurely brunch on the patio by the pool or a five-course weekend dinner. Talented Exec Chef **Jason Robinson**, who packs an impressive résumé, utilizes the all-organic garden for just-picked herbs and veggies for the restaurant. ... Now's your chance to be a **Ben & Jerry's** flavor guru and win a trip for two to Vermont. Visit the website by July 31 and enlighten them on a flavor combo you would love ([www.benandjerrys.com](http://www.benandjerrys.com)). Even if you don't win the contest, you can still hit the scoop shop (5515 Kirby Dr., 713.529.3800) and dip into all the new euphoric summer flavors like Turtle Soup with rich cashews, fudge and caramel in a just-baked waffle cone. The big scoop is the second Ben & Jerry's location opening this summer at the Shops on San Felipe near Winrock. —Robin Barr Sussman



Inn at Dos Brisas' organic garden