

SHOPPING

CHARMED, I'M SURE

Step into **So Charmed**, where cool and original accessories are hand-made by Puerto Rican designer and storeowner Candace Beltran. This is the perfect stop to add a little flash to any casual or glammed-out get-up. • *So Charmed*, 347 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth streets. (718) 369-8302.



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CHIC BOUTIQUE

Alicea Boutique made its debut last month in the fashion hub that is the East Village. It carries its own house line as well as other designer brands. The beauty of Alicea Boutique is that if you cannot find it on the racks, Puerto Rican designer and owner Daniel Alicea (above) will create that perfect outfit for you. Channel the inner designer in you and bring your sketches — Alicea is up for the challenge. • *Alicea Boutique*, 140 Allen St., between Delancey and Rivington streets. (212) 388-9129.



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+ Evening wear by Daniel Alicea will make you feel *trés* elegant.

STREET VENDORS



Liz Sullivan (3)

LET US SPRAY

If your caps need a makeover, check out **Joshua "Ceve" Morales**. The Lower East Side graffiti artist/street vendor — who started designing at 13 — spraypaints sneakers, hats and tees on the spot, with whatever tags your heart desires. The popular Boricua artist — whose table in SoHo attracts locals and tourists alike, also has a loyal celeb following, including Maxwell, Foxy Brown and Keith Murray. • *Seven days a week (depending on the weather)*. *Ceve Originalz*, E. Houston St. and Broadway. www.illgraf.com. Prices start at \$5.

— Mercedes Sanchez

RESTAURANTS

VIVA FEVER

Viva Lounge, just a month old, boasts a gorgeous circular "ice" bar, serving world-class cocktails among more standard bar offerings. A top-of-the-line sound system, a world-class roster of DJs and an elevated VIP area attracts high rollers and neighborhood hipsters alike. Start your night off with a Fuego Mojito! • *Viva Lounge*, 4168 Broadway, between 176th and 177th streets. (212) 923-8700.



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+ Viva Lounge is a hit among uptown hipsters.

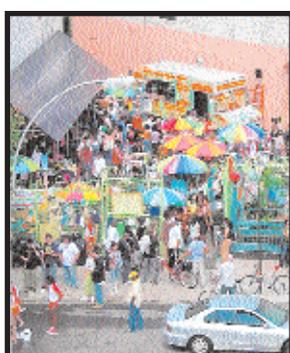
HIP HOPS

The smoothest Puerto Rican import since Ricky Martin, **Cerveza Tesoro** originates from the town of Mayagüez, P.R., and is brewed and bottled by Cervecería India in Puerto Rico. Enjoy this premium lager at select locations around town, including Calle Ocho, S.O.B.'s and La Fonda Boricua. • *For more information*, visit www.cerveza-tesoro.com.



SWEET EATS

Visit Fort Greene, Brooklyn, to check out the "first" and "only" solar-powered mobile restaurant. **Habana Outpost** features cool music by guest DJs, an outdoor flea market, and the same "no fuss" menu as its sister restaurant in Nolita. Outdoor movies will be shown Sundays at 8 p.m. throughout the summer. • *For more information*, visit habanaoutpost.com.



+ Environment-friendly dining at Habana Outpost.

OUTDOORS



Karl Crutchfield/Umea

FORWARD, MARCH!

March for Awareness is the first-ever New York City Hepatitis C walk. There are four million people nationwide infected with the virus (HCV). In New York City, there are over 200,000 people with HCV. Come out and support the cause. The first 500 people will receive a free T-shirt and HCV home-testing kit vouchers. • *Aug. 9. Participants to march from Battery Park to City Hall.* (718) 892-8697 or visit www.lola-national.org. 12 p.m. Free.

WALK THIS WAY

Discover the rich history of El Barrio with a **Walk Through Spanish Harlem** (roughly 30 blocks). Check out the childhood stomps of Burt Lancaster, Tito Puente, Machito, and the schools that Charlie Palmieri, Ray Santos and other music legends attended. See the first Latin music shop (now a bodega); the old Park Palace site, where the original mambo wars began; the recording studios where Latin music giants recorded and much more. • *Jul. 16 and 23. Group meets at 96th St. and Lexington Avenue on the northeast corner.* (212) 876-1936. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets, \$25.

EXHIBITS



SOUND AND FURY

The Uptown Arts Series presents **Sound of Art**, featuring Dominican artist Rudy Guerrero. Guerrero's dynamic and visually arresting style exudes vibrance and edginess. • *Through Jul. 23. The Closet*, 93 Cooper St., between 207th and Isham streets, Inwood. (646) 260-9691.

MEX APPEAL

The **Mexico Hurray** event features three Mexican artists — animator Felipe Galindo, sculptor Natalia Porter and photographer Remy Amezcua. • *Jul. 27 through Aug. 7. Queens Theatre in the Park, Exit 9T off the Grand Central Parkway.* (718) 760-0064. 7 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show.



+ Mexican art makes the scene in Queens.

SMASHING FASHION

Up-and-coming designer **Johanna Martinez**'s bold prints will get you noticed. The 31-year-old Spanish and Greek fashionista, who says she's inspired by flamenco, makes sexy and playful dresses, skirts and tops using breathable cottons and silks. Find Martinez at the Young Designers Market in Nolita every weekend until August, at East Village boutique Tahir and at NoHo's Emerge NYC as of August 3rd. Prices start at \$65. • *Emerge NYC*, 65 Bleecker St. at Broadway. (212) 580-8995. *Tahir*, 412 E. Ninth St., between First Avenue and Avenue A. *Young Designers Market*, 268 Mulberry Street, between Houston and Prince Streets.

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BEAD IT

Los Angeles native Edgar Ovando, 24, crafts elegant necklaces made with stones, beads and crystals. Not only does he customize jewelry on the spot, but none of Ovando's pieces are alike. • *Find Edgar on the corner of Prince and Wooster streets or contact him at (213) 361-0224 or PantherInPurple@hotmail.com.*



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