

TABLE TALK

The Gossiping Gourmet

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The new 170-seat **Delancey Street Restaurant** is the dream-child of **Mimi Silbert**, Delancey Street's dynamic president, who vowed to open a new restaurant ten years ago when the first Delancey Street Restaurant on Union Street closed because of lease problems. The new 170-seat restaurant and outdoor cafe is located on the Embarcadero and has a terrific Bay view. Silbert insists on giving all the credit for the restaurant's construction work to Delancey Street residents, former down-and-outers who were rehabilitated by her remarkable agency. Residents also staff the restaurant. Because "most of our residents have never eaten in restaurants," they were trained by some of San Fran-

cisco's top food professionals. **Anne and David Gingrass** came from **Postrio** to instruct the kitchen crew in the techniques of California cuisine. **Tommy Toy** taught them to make his version of Chinese chicken salad. The restaurant's eclectic menu is meant to reflect the diversity of American cuisine, and includes Silbert's own family recipe for Grandma Dena's chicken soup with matzoh balls.

It's Very Fancy...



María Clara Satt, party co-chair María Manetti Farrow and Gustavo Satt at Delancey Street



Mimi Silbert, president of the Delancey Street Foundation, with Richard Rosenberg at the opening benefit party for the new Delancey Street Restaurant.



Angela Coppola, co-chair of the Delancey Street Restaurant benefit



Franklin Mieuil, Herb Caen and Mark Schachern tending bar at the Delancey Street party