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Editor's Pick Best New Restaurant: Zaré at Fly Trap

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If SF were a betting town, we'd go ahead and call Zaré at Fly Trap the dark horse. Though chef-owner Hoss Zaré isn't an unknown (he previously owned three restaurants, including two in SF and one in Napa), he'd disappeared from the scene for a spell. But this year he returned, resurrecting a classic best known for its Hangtown Fry and calf's liver—a tall order. We might miss the former Fly Trap had Zaré not done such a good job with the transformation. Though the interior remains largely unchanged, the menu received a complete overhaul. It now ventures into Persian ingredients not easily found here, including barberries, sumac, young almonds, sun-dried yogurt and pomegranate molasses—all so skillfully incorporated into such dishes as braised lamb shanks with preserved lime and slow-roasted baby eggplant with walnuts that they seem like long-lost friends that you're just getting to know.

OPENED: August 2008 **THE DISH TO GET:** Anything with a side of torshi (Persian pickle)

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