

# SANTA BARBARA FRESH

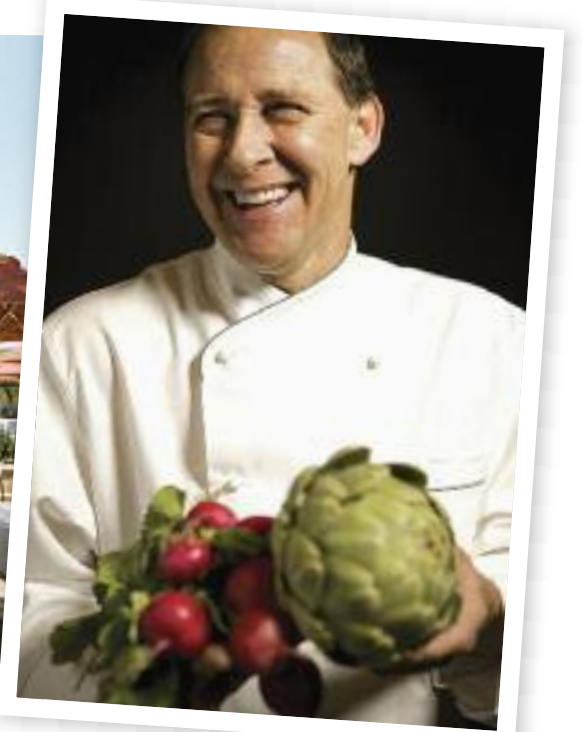
## Culinary Culture

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Shannon Turner Brooks



Photos left-right: The Bradley rib eye steak with squash blossom and lobster relleno, at Root 246. Dos Carlitos builds on the success of Carlitos and Cava. Root 246's chef Bradley Ogden.

## Local Dish NORTH COUNTY NOSH



THERE ARE SEVERAL NEW and notables on the dining scene in northern Santa Barbara County. Celebrity chef Bradley Ogden brings his star power and culinary prowess to Solvang with **Root 246** at Hotel Corque (420 Alisal Rd., Solvang, 688-9003). **Petros Los Olivos** (2860 Grand Ave., Los Olivos, 686-5455) at Fess Parker Wine Country Inn marries the flavors of Greece and California with fine dining flair. **Santa Ynez Burrito** (1051 Edison St., Santa Ynez, 688-0750) raises the fast food bar with crave-inducing organic Mexican take-out. A sibling of

Santa Barbara's Carlitos and Montecito's Cava, **Dos Carlitos Restaurant & Tequila Bar** (3544 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 688-0033) spices up Santa Ynez with fiery Mexican fare. Another restaurant with strong bloodlines, **Trattoria Uliveto** (285 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, 934-4546) in Old Orcutt was opened by chef Alfonso Curti (brother of chef Leonardo Curti of Santa Ynez's beloved Trattoria Grappolo) and specializes in traditional Italian cuisine. *Bon appétit!*



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