

Downtown After Dark

New bistros brighten the city scene

A handful of new bars and bistros have sprung up to brighten dark storefronts across downtown Syracuse.

Owner Peyman Pourpezeshk brines his own corned beef at Parisa Restaurant at the old Brick Alley Grille House location, 317 Montgomery St., near Onondaga Historical Association. Parisa is open for lunch seven days a week and for dinner



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on Fridays and Saturdays; 565-5118. I recommend the purple hummus along with a curry chicken wrap served with homemade chips.

Around the corner on East Jefferson Street near the intersection with South Warren Street, Southern Flava serves “simply soul food” such as fried okra; 479-8490.

In the landmark Amos Building at 214

W. Water St., the Saltine Warriors Sports Bar will soon cater to Syracuse University fans with a thirst-quenching array of brews and tasty bar food.

Booze, beer & The Gem

A new liquor store has opened for business on the South Side. Blak Licour, at 2032 S. Salina St., boasts an impressive interior ambiance created by its blend of marble and granite, according to its general manager, Randy White.

A couple miles west of downtown, Dan Bullock’s West End Beverage sells microbrews and Mexican beers at 1820 W. Fayette St., behind the Denny’s restaurant on West Genesee Street; 314-7000.

And Syracuse’s most famous diner, The Gem, re-opened in mid-June under the supervision of restaurateur Doug LaLone. While its hours are limited — 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and 6 a.m. to midnight on weekends — The Gem’s menu has expanded and even includes beer and wine as well as its beverage staple, fresh, hot coffee.

ABS concert cancelled

The recession that refuses to end caused the cancellation of two special events planned



PARISA RESTAURANT VIA FACEBOOK

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