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## around town



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### Adara Hotel, Whistler

You may not be able to bring the mountain to the city (although in Vancouver sea-to-sky doesn't get much more literal) you can always take the city to the mountain. Enter the **Adara Hotel**, Whistler's first and only boutique hotel where all things urbane live among the rustic and outdoors. Floating fireplaces, spa bathrooms, flat screen TVs, rain shower heads; the list goes on. From designer furniture (Niels Bendtsen's Canyon sofa was made especially for the venue) to the pet sitting and walking services, there is no better way to say "pamper me getaway". You don't become a member of the *Small Luxury Hotels of the World* for just looking pretty, although that helps.

Adara is at 4122 Village Green, Whistler. For reservations call 866.50.ADARA or visit <http://www.adarahotel.com/> or email [reservations@adarahotel.com](mailto:reservations@adarahotel.com)



### DinnerWorks

It is 5pm you've barely wrapped up the work day and you now have to trundle home to figure out what to make for dinner? Enough. Welcome to 2006 where pre-packaged meals doesn't mean TV dinners. Newly opened **DinnerWorks** does the shopping, cleaning and cutting part while you assemble, socialize, and take home your ready-to-cook entrées. The sessions last two hours and run from Wednesday through Sunday. You can prep 6 to 12 meals per visit, with each meal serving up to six people. Flash forward to your trek home where you'll find the evening's dinner waiting to be cooked and on the table in half an hour. With a cost breakdown of about \$4/meal, the frugal Fran in you won't feel guilty about getting just a little help with keeping that superwoman title in effect.

DinnerWorks is located at 102 – 1669 West 3rd Avenue or call 604.731.1185 to book a session or visit <http://www.dinnerworks.com/>

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### Lord's

Edmonton import **Lord's** shoes tells its clients they don't have to be a rock star to shut down the store (nab three girlfriends and you can book your own private shopping night). And with price points ranging from \$55 to \$450, you don't have to be one to shop there either. Lines include Kenneth Cole New York, BCBG (Girl and Max), Arturo Chang, Nina Evening, Mary Frances evening bags, Donald J Pliner, Stuart Weitzman, Christopher Kon handbags, Mackage leather and cotton jackets and TeenFlo. It may be the candy stripe wedges that call your name or the cascading turquoise bead bracelet. Or maybe you just want to check out the store's 1930s department store styling. Hint: most baubles and fine finds are one-of-a-kind. Getting there asap wouldn't be too soon. Lord's is at 2932 Granville Street, 604.730.2914



### Red Flag Design

Jump on to the no-guilt train. Shopping just got handed a free pass to environmental sustainability. Check out **Red Flag Design's** first line of handbags. Based on their trademark AUM (alternative use materials) concept, the bags are constructed (by trained technicians to boot) of 100% recycled sails. Can you spell heavy duty? Designer duo Stuart Sproule and Barnaby Killam are after so much more than a fashion statement. Tired of all the disposable, mass produced schlock on the market, Sproule and Killam decided to make products with meaning. Newsflash: with nautical being one hot trend ticket this spring/summer, these bags have just the stripes to warrant an A-list ranking. Visit <http://www.redflagdesign.ca/>



### Farfalla Monograms and Gifts

It looked like we'd reached celebrity saturation with Bennifer, now there's Brangelina to contend with. Well baby-cakes, we have just the store for you. Mosey over to Commercial Drive where **Farfalla Monograms and Gifts** offer exclusive lines of linens, soaps, toiletries, and papers. No celebrity endorsement necessary. Feeling the need for an old world approach to communication? Try the Il Paprio handmade Florentine stationary and books. Sensing a calling to build your very own trousseau? All the finery lines especially commissioned for the world's ruling monarchs is available. (Those of the Russian czar to the Spanish kings and queens.) P.S. The location is just steps away from one of Vancouver's best brunch haunts – café deux soleils, *bien sûr*. Farfalla Monograms and Gifts is at 2010 Commercial Drive, 604.215.8707 or visit <http://www.monogrammafارfalla.com/>

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- Luisa Rino

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