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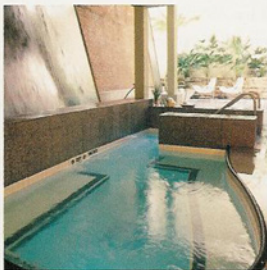
THE OAK ROOM TUMBLES—
AND OTHER NEWS FROM THE
CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS

DIAMOND GIN: Forget all that Guinness blather about the world's most expensive cocktail being the \$532 Ritz Side Car inside the Bar Hemingway at the Hotel Ritz in Paris. The Algonquin Hotel—yes, of Round Table fame, though this may put you under it—now has the \$10,000 Martini on the Rock. The rock is what hikes the price: This piece of ice comes from the inn's in-house jeweler, Bader & Garrin, and sits below the twist or olive. (Three days' advance notice required, on the ice, not the twist.) Perfect for marriage proposals on Valentine's Day—hint, hint. But be forewarned: No word on whether you get to keep the glass, too.

POOR DIABETICS NEED NOT APPLY: So, she doesn't like Martinis ... Serendipity, the campy-swank ice cream parlor in Bloomingdale's country, has the \$1,000 Golden Opulence sundae, a foot-tall concoction consisting of: five scoops of Tahitian vanilla ice cream wrapped in 23K gold leaf, a dozen gold-leaf almonds, gold sugar flowers, Grande Passion caviar sweetened with Armagnac-soaked passion fruit, figs and pineapples and heaven knows what else. But, wait, there's more: chocolate that only comes from Venezuelan cocoa beans, French marzipan cherries, white and dark chocolate truffles and a Baccarat crystal goblet.

Now, the good news: You can keep the goblet.

BY A WATERFALL: Not everyone has descended upon California's Two Bunch Palms this frosty February. Busy New Yorkers dip into downtown's Great Jones Spa (29 Great Jones St., 212/505-3185), to be greeted by its multi-levelled



SHAKEN AND SPARKLY
The \$10,000 cocktail (above) and the Great Jones Spa (left)

waterfall and holistic principles. Those arriving with time to spare before such treatments as the five-step Sento treatment (\$230) or colonic hydrotherapy (\$140) may partake in the hot tubs, plunge pools and a 30-person river rock sauna. In the latter, one can also receive the signature River Rock Plaza treatment (described as a mild lashing with eucalyptus or oak branches). Great Jones also offers a 6- to 12-week detox program, complete with counseling. Stars have been spotted coming and going from the spa, yet they seem to disappear once inside. You can thank the VIP elevator that leads to private locker and treatment rooms for that.