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Jose Garces's New Philly Restaurant; New Year's Eve at Distilled

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- Jose Garces opened a Cuban and Caribbean diner dubbed [Rosa Blanca](#) in the heart of Center City in Philadelphia this week. The menu features traditional comfort fare, like a Cubano sandwich. [Grub Street]
- American Express holiday will give out complimentary Candy Cane Crunch cupcakes from Baked by Melissa and cups of hot cocoa throughout Manhattan and Brooklyn from December 21 to 23. Trucks will be parked around the city from noon until 3 p.m.; the locations can be found on the company's Twitter feed [@AmericanExpress](#). [Grub Street]
- [Underballs](#), the underground bar at the Chelsea location of [the Meatball Shop](#), will continue its bi-weekly jazz nights this Thursday at 8 p.m. This week will feature the Blue Vipers, a Brooklyn-based band, and SixPoint Brewery will showcase its Global Warmer Winter Ale. [Grub Street]
- [Distilled](#) is hosting a New Year's Eve celebration that will feature a six-course meal with dishes like hamachi crudo with a dashi gelee and bread pudding for dessert. The event, which begins at 6 p.m., has two ticket options: \$100 for the meal and access to an open bar, or \$65 for just the meal. Reservations can be made by sending an [e-mail](#). [Grub Street]