



## hot cakes

### cupcakes

Remember those little neon-frosted puffs of dust your mom used to pick up from the grocery to mark all the minor holidays? Well, now you can forget 'em. **Cupcakes** have gone gourmet, and we've gone gaga over the deuce dished up at **Stephanie's on Newbury** (190 Newbury Street, Boston, 617.236.0990) — one a vanilla-cream-filled yellow cakelet, the other chocolate with a ganache center (\$9.95/two). Ditto the triple-chocolate treat on the "Have Your Cake and Eat It Too!" sampler (\$10) at **Sibling Rivalry** (525 Tremont Street, Boston, 617.338.5338), whose éclair and layer cake are just bonuses. And we've started getting downright self-righteous about snarfing snack cakes from the **South End Buttery** (314 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, 617.482.1015), where a portion of the proceeds from every cupcake sale (\$3) goes to the MSPCA.

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