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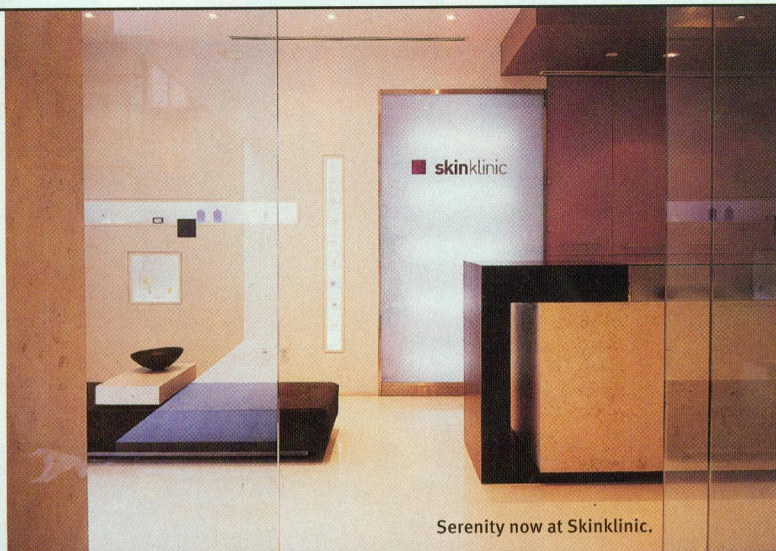
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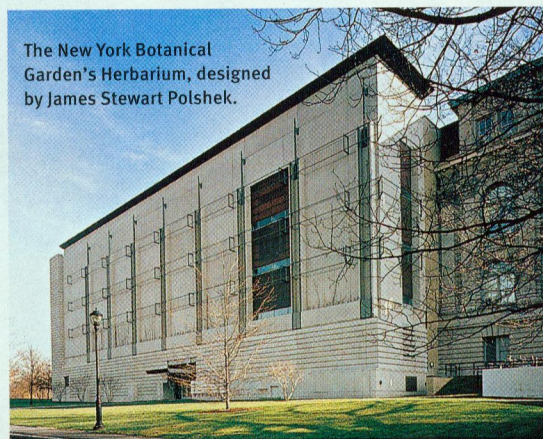
With the opening of three dermatologist-staffed “clinical spas” in California and New York, the complexion-obsessed can receive the safest skin care modern medicine has to offer. Along with the usual mani/pedi, Los Angeles’s **Ona Spa** (7373 Beverly Blvd.; 323/931-4442) lists botox injections and laser hair removal on its menu. At **Skinklinic** (800B Fifth Ave., New York; 212/521-3100), licensed nurses perform glycolic facials as well as broken-capillary removal in a minimalist Manhattan setting. And at Dr. Howard Sobel’s **Skin & Spa** (960A Park Ave., New York; 212/288-0060), clients can recover from collagen replacement therapy with a soothing paraffin body wrap—and be back at work in a New York minute.

—HEIDI SHERMAN MITCHELL

FERTILE GROUNDS

Just in time for May flowers, the New York Botanical Garden opens its Herbarium—with more than 6.5 million specimens, some preserved from the expeditions of Darwin and Captain Cook—and renovated library, where 775,000 books, illustrations, and artifacts catalogue exotic plant life. The public can get a rare peek at the Herbarium, the largest plant-research collection in the Western Hemisphere, on May 11 and 18. In the library’s newly inaugurated gallery, an exhibition called “Plants and Gardens Portrayed” includes a sampling of botanical books and prints from the archives. Visitors can also head to the gift shop for a limited-edition print from the library’s collection. NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN, 200th St. and Kazimiroff Blvd., Bronx; 718/817-8700; library exhibit through July 31.

—ALIZA Y. ROSEN

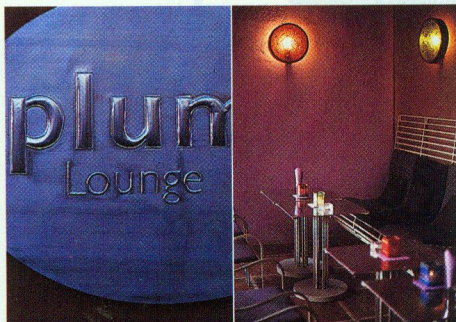


The New York Botanical Garden’s Herbarium, designed by James Stewart Polshek.

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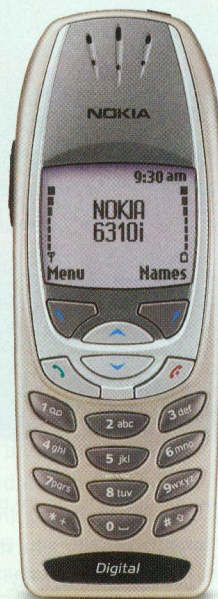
What’s keeping everyone up late in the sleepy colonial town of San Miguel de Allende? Plum, a tapas bar with the area’s first champagne cocktail menu. The spare space, all in shades of (you guessed it) purple, is filled with low-but-comfortable metal furniture designed by owners Jorge Almada and Anne-Marie Midy. They’ve also created a line of products atypical for Mexico—sleek aluminum trays, a travel backgammon set in buttery leather—that are shown at Plum and available for sale. PLUM, 21 Calle Zacateros, San Miguel de Allende; 52-4151/548-323.

—RIMA SUQI



Plum, the toast of San Miguel de Allende.

RING AROUND THE WORLD



Remember when global cell phones were expensive and unreliable? With this month’s release of the Nokia 6310i, LEFT, those days are over. The company’s first tri-band GSM phone (meaning it works virtually anywhere in the world), the 6310i has voice dialing, an infrared modem, a currency converter—even a high-tech “wallet” that lets you securely store information like credit card numbers. At 5.16 inches long, the 6310i isn’t the smallest phone on the market, but it’s one of the most powerful, with an astounding 5 1/2 hours of talk-time and 18 days of standby on a single charge. \$250; 888/665-4228; www.nokia.com.

—NATHAN LUMP