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Alan Peppard on Phil Romano, Joe Palladino, Trisha Wilson, Eve Reid

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Phil Romano only has two speeds: sleep and full speed ahead. The Fuddrucker's and Macaroni Grill founder is still working on the Lovers Lane outpost of his Eatzi's concept. "We'll open at the end of February," he says. "The only thing that's holding us up is the equipment, mainly refrigeration. They didn't have it in stock. Once we ordered it, then they started making it."

The interior should be identical to the original Oak Lawn Eatzi's.

Phil and partner **Joe Palladino** also just unveiled an interior remodel of their popular Nick & Sam's steakhouse on Maple Avenue.

Interior design pro **Trisha Wilson** assisted with the redo.

Phil and his Eatzi's partner, **Stuart Fitts**, and their real estate partner, **Butch McGregor**, continue to game out future plans for the 70-plus acres they have accumulated on the west bank of the Trinity River, right at the foot of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge.

"One of the things we've talked about is building a 'premium green,' alternative-energy district that could be a model development for the rest of the country," says Phil.

And when the economy picks up, Phil wants to reduce his own carbon footprint by selling the mammoth Strait Lane estate, two big doors away from **Ross Perot**, that he shares with his wife and teenage son.

"I'd like to get **Lillie** and **Sam** into something a little more manageable before my dementia kicks in," he jokes.

Bill of Fair

Once again, the Fashion Industry Gallery in the Arts District will transform itself into at top-notch art venue for next month's Dallas Art Fair.

For the second year in a row, the preview gala will benefit the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

Dallas Sotheby's rep **Eve Reid** is chairing the Feb. 4 gala, where Booker T. students and alums will provide the entertainment. The Dallas Art Fair will run Feb. 5-7.

The big night light

There is a lighted beacon that glows atop the new and much larger Ronald McDonald House that opened last month in the Southwestern Medical District. It's there so children being treated at nearby hospitals can look out at it and know that their families are nearby.

The Perot Foundation's \$1 million gift to the new home helped underwrite the beacon.

Appropriately, Ross and **Margot Perot**'s daughter, **Carolyn Rathjen**, and her husband, **Karl**, will serve as honorary chairs of the Feb. 20th Moonlight Ball, benefiting Ronald McDonald House of Dallas.

With the ability to serve 60 families a night, the new house doubles the capacity of its predecessor.

About-towners

That was Dallas Mav **J.J. Barea** and Mavs' assistant coach **Rolando Blackman** dining Thursday at Craft at the W Victory hotel ... Cowboys receiver **Miles Austin** made a visit to the PM Nightlife Lounge at the Joule hotel.