

WEEKENDER

Denver's Golden Triangle



The bold new History Colorado Center is packed with treasures.

At the heart of downtown Denver, the Golden Triangle pulses with the activity of urban professionals and artists. Visitors can ponder massive canvases, journey into the earth in a simulated mine-shaft, or sip Brazilian rum on a sunny patio.

Area code is 303 except as noted.

TO DO AND SEE **Clyfford Still Museum** Stroll through sycamores to the new home of 2,400 works by abstract expressionist Clyfford Still. Study a colossal painting or peer into a studio where workers restretch canvases and secure flaking paint. 1250 Bannock St., (720) 354-4880, [\[stillmuseum.org\]\(http://stillmuseum.org\). **Dazzle Jazz** This club draws such greats as Latin singer Magos Herrera and pianist Ralph Sharon. Enjoy the tunes with fried green tomatoes and a Razzle Dazzle martini. 930 Lincoln St., 839-5100, \[dazzlejazz.com\]\(http://dazzlejazz.com\). **Denver Art Museum** Catch the blockbuster show *Yves Saint Laurent: The Retrospective* through July 8. *Fashion Studio*, a related show running through September 9, lets you design a dress or practice your runway walk. 100 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy., \(720\) 865-5000, \[denverartmuseum.org\]\(http://denverartmuseum.org\). **History Colorado Center** Visitors push “time machines” across a huge map to activate screens showing scenes from the Colorado-Texas tomato wars and other events. Others take simulated rides in a Model T or try their hand at setting dynamite. 1200 Broadway, 447-8679, \[historycoloradocenter.org\]\(http://historycoloradocenter.org\).](http://clyfford</p></div><div data-bbox=)

SHOPPING **Native American Trading Company** Find prayer feathers, painted Puebloan mugs, and flint arrowheads old enough to have been used to hunt mastodons. 213 W. 13th Ave., 534-0771, nativeamericantradingco.com. **Urban Roots** Wander among ornamental grasses, dwarf trees, and bearberry shrubs at this nursery in a 1938 mechanics garage; or buy a small stone “moon bunny” to bring luck to your yard. 1000 Acoma St., 893-4064, urbanrootsdenver.com.

EATS **Le Central** Choose among 11 Provençal mussel dishes, then savor perfect crème brûlée. 112 E. 8th Ave., 863-8094, lecentral.com. **Cuba Cuba Café and Bar** Elephant palms mark this urban oasis where patrons sip blood-orange mojitos, dig into *puerco frito* (roasted pork), and groove to Tito Puente. 1173 Delaware St., 605-2822, cubacubacafe.com. **Dozens** Try the Civic Center (chicken salad on a croissant), the Brown Palace (a classic BLT), or other items named for local landmarks. 236 W. 13th Ave., 572-0066, dozensdenver.com.

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