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Table Talk

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Lacroix's on the scene, making his mark at the Rittenhouse

Jean-Marie Lacroix is making his presence known at the Rittenhouse Hotel where he became executive chef last September. Lacroix, formerly at the Four Seasons, is having the kitchens redone with new equipment. A pastry shop and chocolate-making shop also will be added. Interior designer Marguerite Rodgers will redo Treetops, the a la carte restaurant, which will be reflagged Lacroix at the Rittenhouse. There will be a chef's table as well as space for cooking classes. To do this \$1 million project, Treetops will close in July and August.

As expected, the staff is shaking out. Jeff McKay, second in command to former executive chef Jim Coleman, has left to join Coleman at Normandy Farm, the banquet-conference-restaurant facility under construction in Blue Bell. McKay's replacement is Matt Ridgway, a line cook under Lacroix at the Four Seasons. (Among other Four Seasons veterans who have joined Lacroix: Bobby Boribong, now restaurant manager overseeing training; and Michael Vandergeest, pastry chef.)
