



French Revelation

In 1774, Louis XVI of France presented bride Marie-Antoinette with a 531 diamond-studded key to unlock Petit Trianon—the ultimate tricked-out crib. Intended as her sanctuary from the pressures of the crown—not to mention the site of many a midsummer night's fete—the 19-year-old queen

commissioned royal designers and architects to fill the Versailles chateau with exquisitely crafted neoclassical pieces. On November 17, San Francisco's Legion of Honor (sole U.S. venue) debuts "Marie-Antoinette and the Petit Trianon at Versailles," a special exhibition featuring 88 original furnishings from the queen's manor. Through Feb. 17, 2008; legionofhonor.org. LEILANI MARIE LABONG

PALM SPRINGS

## PRETTY PLAYGROUND

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LIMITED ENGAGEMENTS

Proper California hostesses understand the attention that's lavished on even the smallest touches. Here, C serves up the crème de la crème of resources for a most intimate affair: THE PLANNERS L.A.-based Kate Fujimoto's background as a fashion designer for Trina Turk, Betsey Johnson and Marc Jacobs lends a creative and fresh approach to each of her events. katefujimoto.com. • Philippe Sautot plays the role of butler, maître d' and event coordinator to the likes of Oprah Winfrey and Ivan Reitman. eventsbyphilippe.com. THE CHEFS Trained in French, Asian and American cuisine, Christopher Brugler brings 11 years of experience to the table. 310-481-7137. • World traveler Michael Thomas merges culinary expertise and traditional cuisine from a myriad of global flavors to his widely popular dinner affairs. chefmichaelthomas.com. THE STAFF Arrange anything from a white-gloved butler to a martini-serving bartender for one-night service with GrooveCrew LA. groovecrewla.com. THE ARTISTS In calligraphy and design, Laura Mendoza creates the ultimate touches from invitation to place cards and menus. 323-605-9276. • Working by referral only, Catherine Hausman of Gabrielle's Garden focuses on personal floral arrangements and can arrange on-site prior to an event. 310-476-1998.

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