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Developers adding industrial

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA — Just as Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd. begins building its Jacksonville shipping terminal, at least three speculative industrial developments — totaling at least 1.4 million square feet — are also preparing for construction.

Plans for another 8 million to

7 million square feet of prospective industrial space are expected to be announced in coming months, Commercial Jacksonville Senior Director Mark Scott said, as developers try to keep up with increased demand due to the Asian-based ocean liner company's project. "It's going to open up different distribution channels."

In about 60 days Majestic Realty Co. will begin building a 519,579-

square-foot facility at the Jacksonville International Tradeport. Majestic's first, 318,800-square-foot building at the tradeport is 100 percent occupied and the company will continue to expand, said CB Richard Ellis Group Inc. Vice President Nathan Rogers, who is the broker for the 28.4-acre site.

Graham & Co. expects to break

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Culinary instinct

We're not sure what actress Sharon Stone thought of Jacksonville when filming the motion picture "Rocket" here in March, but there's no doubt how she feels about Bistro Aix.

Stone and her team, which includes a hairdresser, make-up artist and producer, dined often at Bistro Aix in the restaurant's late-night Onyx room. Stone and her party ate at the restaurant on consecutive nights, then a few days later ordered dinners to go on consecutive nights. She



even dropped a note to the restaurant before shooting in Jacksonville ended.

"Rarely do we come to a place and fall in love with just one restaurant," wrote Stone, who won an Academy Award for best actress for her role in "Casino," but is probably best known for her revealing role in "Basic Instinct."

Stone was introduced to the restaurant by her make-up artist, Beatrice de Alba, who ate at Bistro Aix in 2005 when she was in Jacksonville working on the John Travolta-Salma Hayek film "Lonely Hearts."

— Stewart Verney

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Bistro Aix has starring role in Sharon Stone's stay in Jacksonville

Sharon Stone couldn't help her basic instinct to eat at Bistro Aix over and over again.

It seems that **Bistro Aix** is Stone's favorite restaurant in Jacksonville. The Oscar-nominated actress was in town recently to work on the film *Rocket*. While here, she ate there several times.

Stone gave this quote to restaurant co-owner and chef **Tom Gray**: "Rarely do we come to a place and fall in love with just one restaurant. But rarely does one restaurant have such



Dan Macdonald
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a diverse and extraordinarily well-made range of choices."

Besides dining at the San Marco restaurant two nights,

when filming went late, Stone ordered 30 to-go dinners one night and six dinners the next.

"We let them sit wherever they wanted. She liked sitting in our new ONYX room, Gray said. "We teach the staff to treat [celebrities] like regular guests giving them their space and privacy."

Besides serving Stone Bistro Aix menu items, Gray provided the star something extra special — a home-cooked meal.

"We had some good conversations, and I learned that she

really enjoys food and cooking. I invited her and her close friends to have dinner at my home, and I was thrilled that she graciously accepted," Gray said.

The late-night dinner consisted of seared walu (a Hawaiian fish), potato gnocchi and lightly roasted brussels sprouts served with a smoky bacon sauce.

Bistro Aix might become a paparazzi hangout. Besides Stone, there've been star sightings of **Billy Joel, Samuel L. Jackson,**

Jessica Simpson and Derek Jeter at the restaurant.

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The **Springfield Station Bar and Grill** is an easy place to miss. I drove by it a few times before I stopped at the **Main Street Deli and Bakery** to get some help.

It turns out that the bakery is actually Springfield Station. Owners **Victor Rodriguez** and **Jim Huntress** just haven't

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