FIRE DOWN BELOW

The lunch canteen in Benetton's basement, which used to be a branch of Pepe Rosso, has been winningly reborn as Caffe' Linda. A multi-lingual holiday-shopping crowd still partakes of the same tasty sandwiches, salads, and biscotti, but the construction of an actual

kitchen has made way for a dozen top-notch, made-to-order, perfectly al dente pastas. Penne carbonara, rigatoni with succulent eggplant and aged ricotta, and pesto-laced pappardelle are standouts.