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Forging a new square:

Jack London Square will get a big newcomer next week with the arrival of the **Forge** (66 Franklin St.), a massive pizza-and-beer restaurant from partners **Bob Burke**, **Michael Karp** and **Andy Byrnes**. The chef is **Jeffrey Amber**, and making the pies is **Jeff Krupman**, better known as the PizzaHacker.

Clocking in at 4,100 square feet and 150 seats, the Forge sits on the edge of the square,

with its patio overlooking the water.

Burke is familiar with the neighborhood. Years ago, his first gig in the city was at Scott's Seafood, also in Jack London Square.

"It's dramatically different now. ... I don't know if it's a thriving restaurant scene, but it's close," he says. Noting that the new majority owners are committed to finishing out the leasing, "it's more upbeat, it's cleaner, and I think you'll see a bigger mar-

keting push," he says.

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