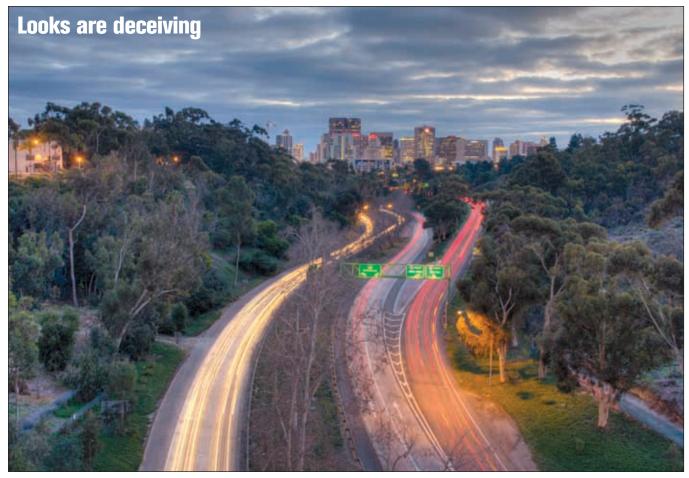


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You're probably thinking holiday scene at first glance -- the picture, after all, is almost festive amid its bright colors on the darker background. It was actually taken in February and depicts the aftereffects of Highway 163 traffic between Balboa Park and Downtown (in the distance). The technique is called High Dynamic Range (HDR) photography.

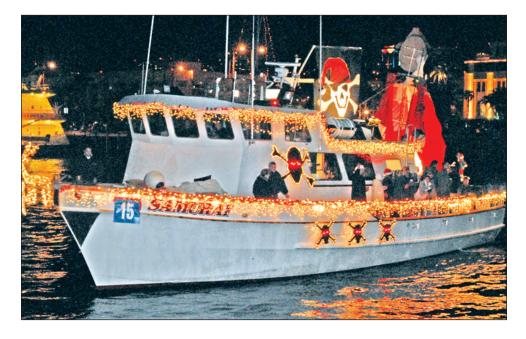


PHOTO BY MARV SLOBIN | DOWNTOWN NEWS The Port of San Diego likes to call the San Diego Bay Parade of **Lights its yearly Christmas present** from the boating community. This year's installment is the 37th such gift, and some 80,000 are expected to attend on consecutive Sundays, Dec. 14 and 21. Fireworks displays are set for 5:30 p.m.; the 90-minute parade of more than 100 vessels then begins at Shelter Island and follows a southeasterly route, ending at the Coronado ferry landing. At left is a picture of Samurai, winner of last year's award for coolest boat. For more information on the parade, please visit www.sdparadeoflights.org. For more holiday stuff to do, see our calendar on page B-21.

Budget crunch will not affect plans for library, at least at the moment

The issue has kept pretty much to itself in the last little while -- the plan for a new Central public library has quietly been garnering support in the form of private funding, with much of the required \$50 million already in the

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN | DOWNTOWN News bank. The project weighs in at a total cost of \$185 million, which has stayed level for the three and a half years the plan's been around. A state grant, support from the Centre City Development Corporation and a phase-two funding effort round out the remaining \$135 million figure.

But in this lousy economic climate, which recently saw the near-closure of several area libraries and rec centers, the Central venue's fate can't be that far from the public mind. The city has projected a \$43 million budget shortfall for 2009, which is sure to balloon in the wake of City Council's recent vote to table the closures; and the thorny pension deficit issue refuses to abate amid a newly estimated \$2.8 million shortfall.

Not to worry, said library commis-

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Surprises in store

Merchants off the beaten path faring well this season

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN | DOWNTOWN NEWS

This time around, Black Friday actually showed some traces of white. The busiest shopping day of the year, which occurs the day after Thanksgiving, yielded a haul of \$10.6 billion nationally, which CBS News says is up about 3 percent from last year's take. But there's more to it than that -- the lousy economy yielded deep discounts on items across the board, and that meant that more shoppers were spending less money per capita.

San Diego's Black Friday saw its share of patronage at Westfield-Horton Plaza Shopping Centre, Downtown's anchor mall. Prior to the big day, Horton marketing director Rebecca Handelsman noted that "customers are being a little more cautious with their spending, but the traffic's still there.'

Handelsman declined to disclose the sales figures that Horton retailers have reported to that

She cautioned, however, that Horton's sales output is a poor reflection of the pace of holiday sales Downtown.

"It's interesting," she explained. "We're not a traditional center.. Unlike other centers that might be able to see a discernible difference, we fluctuate much more based on tourism, conventions and what happens to be going on in Downtown as opposed to the economy.

"While I see some customers, be it businesspeople or conventioneers or locals, spending a lit-

SEE SHOPPING, Page 5

Rain damages toys, books at Salvation Army; San Diegans take it from there

The downtown Salvation Army warehouse was awash in a quandary when about an inch of last week's rains seeped inside and damaged books, toys and dolls earmarked as children's Christmas gifts -- but the community wasn't about to let a little rain dampen even one tiny holiday dream.

By last Thursday, patrons had left upwards of 120 replacement items at the warehouse, located at \$25 Seventh Ave. Salvation Army officials were confident that more would be on the way, adding that the water, attributed to a clogged storm drain, damanged about 1,000 items.

Even so, officials said, the bad economy is affecting donations. Stockpiles are down about 30 percent from this point last year.

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Applications are available by phone at (619) 450-7272, from the

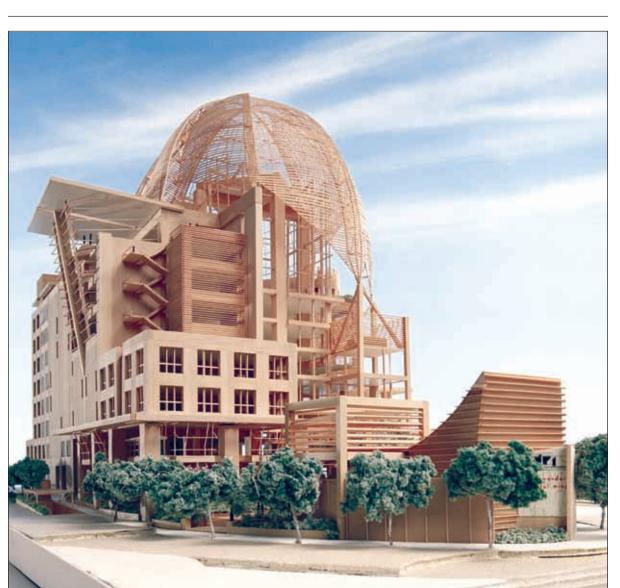
Grand the Jury www.sdcounty.ca.gov/grandjury.

Jurors will work four days a week and roughly six hours a day weighing in on investigations of citizen complaints and on tradi-San Diego Superior Court Web tional watchdog functions over

government agencies. Jurors will receive a small stipend per day, gas mileage and parking down-

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Each candidate must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, have sufficient knowledge of the English language and have lived in the country for one year prior to selection. Candidates must pass a criminal background check. Application forms must be received by Jan. 16. Oualified candidates will be nominated for a random drawing scheduled for June 5, 2009.



This artist's rendering of the planned Downtown public library reflects \$185 million in funding by the time the facility opens in 2013. One official noted concern over how well the city will exercise fiscal responsibility in running it.

Library

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sion member and Library Foundation vice chair Mel Katz.

He points out that the library funding is dependent on no new taxes or bond measures. He added that when the new library opens in 2013, it will cost \$2.5 million more per year to keep it running than it does the current

from other sources such as a cafe, million visits to the city's public become a reality." a bookstore and an endowment to be created once the \$185 million total package is in place.

The \$20 million state grant, Katz added, expires at the end of this month.

But 2013 is light-years away, and anything can happen in such a volatile economic climate. Katz agreed -- and he noted one aspect that could affect the project in a city where money is as tight as Dixieland jazz.

"What you end up hearing from people," he explained, "is not the buliding of the Downtown library; it's how do you run the Downtown library once it's built. That's where people start looking at the city and say cam they afford to run a library that's 366,000 square feet versus their current 144,000square-foot library."

And that's only one physical dimension. The new venue, to be located at Park Boulevard and

11th Street, will feature 250 parking spaces versus none at the current facility, at 820 E St. It will house 450 computers versus the current 84; a 35-seat auditorium versus today's 185; a 450-seat multi-purpose room; a 13,000square-foot area for children and teens versus the current 4,400; and a volume collection of 1.3 million compared with the current

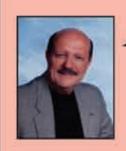
The prospective patrons may need every square inch of that

libraries in 2004, nearly half were

made to the central library. When the central library was opened in 1954, an Diego had a population of about 420,000. That total has almost quadrupled, yet no additions have been made to the current building.

Meanwhile, Katz concluded, the Library Foundation is "very close" to topping out on the \$50 million in private money. "After so many decades of talking about a Downtown library," he said, "we're clos-Katz said that money will come new space. Of the more than 6 er than ever to seeing that dream





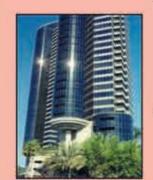
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Notes from the heart of America's Finest City

edited by Martin Jones Westlin

CCDC freezes staff raise, bonus programs

In a move to decrease its annual expenses, the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) is placing a freeze on raises and bonuses to its employees and may terminate its business travel expense program.

CCDC, the city's downtown development arm, will also look more closely at contracts with consultants as it seeks to cut costs.

Fred Maas, CCDC chairman, said the move is entirely agency-based -- it's no reflection, he said,

on the construction climate in Downtown San Diego, which has seen a boom in development since 2002.

"It's not an indication of our tax increment, either," he added. "Our tax increment's going up."

"I think we need to respond to the times," Mass said. "We need to be sensitive to the circumstances that our brethren over at the city are going through. And we need to be responsible stewards in the public mind." The city is in the midst of implementing wholesale cuts in its budget to stem a current \$43 million shortfall.

CCDC's annual budget is around \$10 million.

Maas said the freeze, coupled with the \$235,000 savings from former president Nancy Graham's salary, represents a 5 percent decrease in annual expenses. Maas added that he's ordered officials to seek further cuts amounting to another 5 percent.



PHOTO BY PAUL HANSEN I DOWNTOWN NEWS

TELLTALE SIGNS: Fatigue and emotion line the faces of some of the participants in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk. The group left Del Mar on Saturday, Nov. 21 and met for closing ceremonies two days and 54 miles later at Petco Park Downtown. More than 15,000 participated in this year's walk to raise awareness on breast cancer and funds for research.

Hilton SD Bayfront Hotel none the worse; opening set

The blast that rocked the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel did little to disrupt the construction schedule. The \$350 million, 1,210-room facility was set to open Dec. 3, roughly on target.

roughly on target.
Staff had continued to book rooms following the May 19 explosion that injured 14 workers, three seriously

Sherwood Mechanical, Inc., a San Diego plumbing and heating contractor on the project, was issued four fines on Tuesday by the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health for a total of \$67,500 in penalties.

The blast was sparked by a gas leak that led to an accumulation of natural gas in a fifth-floor utility room. Floors four through seven were badly damaged, with the blast felt as far away as Imperial Beach

el Meetings set to examine future of Balboa Park

The Balboa Park Committee is hosting public meetings on Thursday, Dec. 4 and Thursday, Dec. 15 to discuss the future of the park. The committee will discuss the city's ability to provide the necessary financial support for the park and the city's plans, if any, to expand the park's management and governance.

The park needs \$240 million worth of repairs, which were deferred as the city wrestled with other funding problems. The entire 2009 budget for the city's Park and Recereation Department, which would help oversee such maintenance, is about one-third that amount

Both meetings will be held at 5 p.m. in the War Memorial Building Auditorium, 3325 Zoo Drive in Balbon Park

For further information, call (619) 584-1203 or visit www.balboapark.org.

TB case reported at San Diego City College A San Diego City College student

A San Diego City College student who attended classes from Aug. 25 to Nov. 8 has been diagnosed with tuberculosis, prompting the school and the county's Health and Human Services Agency to work on notifying students and faculty of possible exposure.

By mid-November, the health agency's TB control unit had identified about 190 individuals who may have been exposed. The school has sent notification letters to the individuals, advising them to obtain a skin test.

TB, which has been on the rise worldwide in recent decades is a potentially fatal lung infection whose symptoms include persistent cough, fever, night sweats and unexplained weight loss.

Most people exposed to TB don't develop the disease.

As of mid-November, 201 TB cases had been diagnosed in San Diego County.

Regional task force's third 'street fair for homeless' slated at Golden Hall

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless, which estimates that San Diego County's population includes 10,000 on any given day, is mounting its third annual Project Homeless Connect on Friday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Golden Hall Downtown.

In a statement, task force executive director Walt Sandford called the event "a street fair for the homeless. Golden Hill will be filled with booths offering direct



COURTESY PHOTO

Wild Ocean is among the first films to be shown at the new Space Theater (story at right).

Fleet Center sets opening of refurbished IMAX theater

The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center's Space Theater in Balboa Park is just about back in business following a \$20 million renovation that features a new sound system and a seamless screen.

The reopening date is Saturday, Dec. 13, with IMAX-format films Wild Ocean, Van Gogh: Brush with Genius and Animalopolis among the first presentations

The new 76-foot dome is the main component to the refurbishment project, which began in early September. Its so-called NanoSeam screen is said to be the most uniform dome surface available.

For more information on the project and the Fleet, call (619) 238-1233 or visit www.rhfleet.org



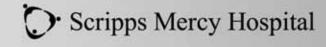
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Lester Machado, M.D. and Merly Lete, R.N. work together to provide state-of-theart surgical expertise to Scripps Mercy Hospital's patients.

New Children's Museum gets three grants

The New Children's Museum announced it has received more than \$52,000 in corporate and foundation donations to support their ongoing efforts to serve as many children and families as possible. The donors include Qualcomm Inc., Ford Motor Co. Fund and the CarMax Founda-

The museum will use a portion of the funding to launch its Check Out The New Children's Museum this month. The program features the circulation of membership cards into library branches around the city. Families will be able to check them out like books and receive member benefits.

The funding will also be used to pay for free museum visits by students enrolled in Title 1

The museum features artworks that kids can touch, climb, or move (exhibitions); messy, handson art making opportunities (studios); and arts-based classes and West Island Ave., has also



camps (Arts Education Center).

The physical plant includes an organic cafe, unique retail shop, quiet space for parents and infants and an outdoor park.

The museum, located at 200

launched a Holiday Happenings program, designed for kids like the ones playing in the giant snow globe above (courtesy photo). For more information, call (619) 233-8792 or visit www.thinkplay create.org.

StreetSWee

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health and dental services, as well as food, vaccinations, jobs, legal advice and referrals to service agencies."

Referrals for clothing, hygiene items, food services, haircuts and pastoral care also will be available.

Marti Emerald, newly elected District 7 City Council member, will be on hand to serve lunch.

The project also brings together comunity and business members to address the larger problem of homelessness in San Diego County. "Referrals to service agencies start the process of recovery to get

them off the street," Sandford

The task force addresses homelessness through its statistical research, advocacy and technical assistance. It provides service groups with data on homeless counts and demographics.

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Shopping

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tle bit less, it's hard to see a discernible dropoff and pin it to the economy.'

That leaves a faction that's been getting attention among bargain-hungry shoppers -- the thrift stores, pawnshops and other outlets that specialize in secondhand material. CBS says thrift store business is up a whopping 35 percent nationwide; pawnshops and consignment venues note a jump of anywhere from 3 to 35 percent depending on the locale.

"We're seeing about a 14 percent increase in sales at our San Diego stores," said Sharon Corrigan, local marketing director for attributing about 6 percent of that to the economy." Corrigan, whose office is in Point Loma, noted that not just a retailer. We're also a days. job-training center. The numbers are just not specific enough."

manager at Palace Pawnbrokers, car in the parking structure (all of

Tabule would sport an international menu.

couldn't prove it by us.

noted that her Downtown shop is seeing its share of hikes, especially among those who pawn more expensive items.

Gold went up," she explained, 'so people are bringing their metals. They're getting \$100 and \$200 for a little pile of stuff that they never would have gotten at this time last year. And I was here on Black Friday. It was a very good day. I suppose that when the economy's bad, people tend to want to stretch their dollars.

Then again, Verdone noted, hers is a fairly high-end venue -Rolex watches and the like tend to go briskly among customers from as far away as New York. "I get a lot of tourists," she said. We're not a typical pawnshop."

That sounds suspiciously like Goodwill Industries -- "and we're Handelsman's description of the typical Horton trade -- visitor-oriented and dependent on Downtown activity rather than the any Downtown-specific sales economy at large. It might be, breakdown is tough to come by: then, that Downtown San Diego is "Our stores [cater] to so many dif- a substandard barometer for ferent demographics, and we're sales all year, let alone the holi-

But Horton Plaza has 130 stores over five levels -- and any-But Dayna Verdone, assistant body who's ever misplaced the

us) knows that those stores stock every conceivable item. The economy, therefore, may be moot where Downtown's involved.

SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY



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DECEMBER 5, 6 & 7 Jahja Ling, conductor

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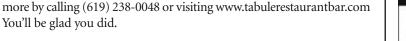












Tabule Restaurant + Bar

first syllable. Nothing profound about it; it simply means "tablet" or "list"

– as in "menu," maybe, since Tabule is also the name for a great Gaslamp

Quarter eatery/bar. And since the word is from the Latin, it only figures that

Chilean white sea bass, martinis flavored with an array of exotic fruit: The

tastes of nations and cultures clash under a hip orange dining room and

black glass bar. And it's hard to believe Tabule opened only a few short

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Tabule Restaurant and Bar has set up shop at 535 Fourth Ave.; learn

Sashimi, Mandarin Cornish hen, Arrachera and mesquite duck tacos,

The Latin word "tabule" is pronounced "tab-yul," with the accent on the

OPINION

COMMENTARY

At Christmas, green is the new white

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When finalizing your holiday gift list, don't forget to add Mother Nature. By making some easy adjustments to your normal holiday routine and searching for energy-efficient gifts, you can do your part to help conserve precious natural resources all year round and put a little "green" back in your pocket.

"If you're one of the many consumers taking advantage of the deep discounts available on many electronics and appliances this holiday season, keep in mind the long-term costs of powering your purchases," said Hal Snyder, vice president of customer programs for San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E). "Take televisions, for example. The annual energy costs for a 53- to 62-inch rear-projection TV are approximately \$65, while the equivalent plasma television will cost about \$143."

It's no surprise that the larger the set, the more energy it uses. No matter what kind of TV or appliance you buy this holiday, a good rule of thumb is to make sure it has an energy star logo. Products that have earned the energy star designation help prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government and help save you money

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- If you receive a new cell phone, be sure to recycle your old one. Each year, 130 million cell phones are thrown out, weighing approximately 65,000 tons. Also, make sure to take computers, TV sets and other electronics to authorized e-cycling loca-
- Buy wrapping paper and holiday cards made from recycled paper, or, even better, get creative and make your own; old maps, the comics section of a newspaper or children's artwork are festive and meaningful. If every family wrapped just three gifts this way, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.
- Make it a holiday tradition to plant a tree each year to offset your paper consumption.

For more energy-saving tips to use throughout the year, please visit www.sdge.com/residential or call (800) 411-7343.

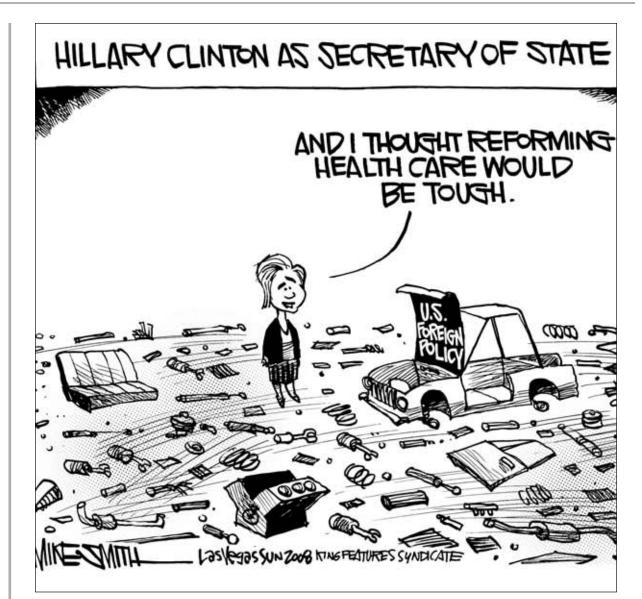
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State updates eco-friendly gift guide

The California Department of Conservation has launched an updated version of its online guide to help consumers find ecofriendly gifts and decorating tips.

The department created the Green Gift Guide (available exclusively at greengiftguide.com) to promote one of the simplest ways to incorporate sustainability into consumer lifestyles -- bottle and can recycling -- and also to provide information and ideas on environmentally preferable products for the home, office, children, pets and the outdoors. Many of the products are made from recycled bottles, cans and other materials; they otherwise incorporate sustainable practices into manufacturing, thereby saving energy and natural

Californians recycled 7.6 billion beverage containers during the first six months of 2008, 76 percent of the 10 billion sold in the state. That's a 5 percent increase over the figure of 2007. By recycling billions of aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles during that time, Californians decreased greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to eliminating the energy consumption of 11,000 households for one year.



Letter from the Editor: Pitiful choice of words

On Nov. 6, this paper printed an editorial I authored entitled "Barack Obama needs to shut his mouth." The piece was meant as a cautionary look at the twoheaded nature of this country's economy and how I believe the president-elect (for whom I voted) sometimes tends to blur the distinction. While I think the article expressed that sentiment fairly well, the headline is obviously another matter.

Many of you took vehement exception to what you saw as its incendiary tone - and my hindsight persuades me that your feelings are entirely justified.

The piece was not reviewed by the publishers, David Mannis and Julie Mannis Hoisington; in fact, both parties have kindly spoken to me at some length on this matter, assuring me that they would have immediately scrapped the headline had they seen it in the proof process last month.

As it was, a fellow Mannis Communications editor did take notice and lightly mentioned his surprise to me; for whatever reasons, I didn't take his query to heart. That bit of neglect, I now see, has compound-

ed the problem generated by my original turn of phrase.

I extend my hearty congratulations to Senator Obama and his supporters on his victory, just as I did in my editorial — if he proves as capable a leader as he did a campaigner, this country stands to benefit in perhaps wholesale respects for the next four years (especially since his fellow Democrats now hold sizeable advantages in both Houses). As I said, I voted for him too, and I certainly believe I did so for the right

The headline, however, was and is a gross overstatement of my caution about his own choice of words on the state of the economy. I eagerly offer my apologies to the president-elect, to the Mannis Communications staff and management and, of course, to the Community Newspaper Group readership for the ill-feeling that a little reflection could have easily

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You can tell it's winter, 'cause our local ball club is hibernating

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN

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Nineteen sixty-eight was called the year of the pitcher in Major League Baseball circles, with excellent reason. At one point during the season, the St. Louis Cardinals' Bob Gibson was giving up less than one run per game on average; the Detroit Tigers' Denny McLain would finrecord (no hurler has won 30 games since). Detroit would take the World Series that year, with pitcher Mickey Lolich winning three of the contests and Gibson striking out 35 (including 17 in game one) in the Cards' losing effort.

I remember that Series vividly. Not only is my hometown of Toledo, Ohio a mere 60 miles south of Detroit; my dad was a local sportswriter and covered the Tigers, having spearheaded my

undying adoration for the franchise early on. I'd stoke the high as the 1984 Detroits beat the Padres four games to one to repeat as world champs. I figured life was pretty much over during the '90s, when Detroit won about three and a half games a year. The end came in 2003, when the Tigers -- whose pitching staff averaged about three and a half years of age -ish the campaign with a 31-6 managed a life-threatening 43 victories.

Miraculously, Detroit made it back to the Series only three years later, losing to -- yep -- the St. Louis Cards, four contests to one. Since then, the fireballing pitchers that got 'em there have fallen on hard luck. Sad to say, in many respects, the franchise is back to square one in the public

The point is that in all those years, the Tigers organization waxed thick when times were

was never the issue to the guys in the suits and ties -- when the last out signaled the end of another losing campaign, management was back at it in what seemed like the next 24 hours, working the phones, inking the paper and otherwise taking a long, hard look at a future whose paths were paved with the tears of immortals like Ty Cobb, Harry Heilmann and Hank Greenberg.

And brilliantly working the media in getting the word out about their dreams.

Which brings us to the Dads and the buzz behind the scenes. The team sucked last year and in fact may rival Detroit as the biggest disappointment of 2008.

their thinnest. The win-loss ratio Iconic closer Trevor Hoffman is wagons have become mired in gone, and you needed a computer to keep up with the lineup changes near the end of the year. And now, with the winter meetings scheduled to open in Las Vegas Monday, Dec. 8, San Diego is fielding calls on storied pitcher Jake Peavy and his \$11 million contract for 2009.

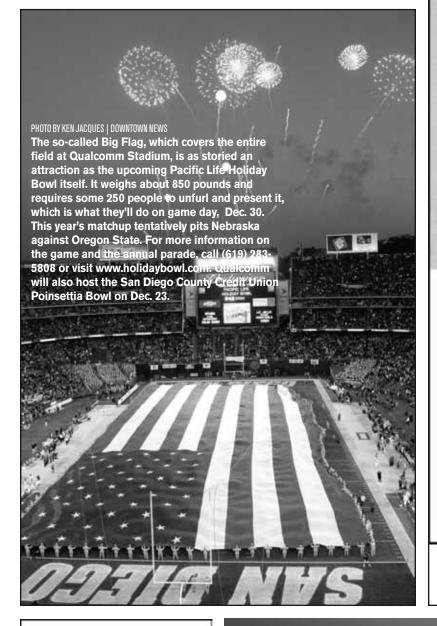
Indeed, Peavy will probably emerge as the top trade story of the whole parley. And that's too bad -- not for Jake, who's sure to make out in any event, but for a front office whose team finished last in the NL West (arguably baseball's weakest division) and won 27 fewer games in 2008 than it did the previous year.

The wheels on the franchise's

mud and the prospect of big bucks, while e-mails dribble in about some obscure option or field appointment. That's all a far cry from what we were led to believe only several weeks ago about management's newfound spirit in righting the ship. The silence -- or at least the perception of it -- is conceivably the top layer of a frustration that's overwhelming common sense and a can-do attitude.

How ironic if Jake Peavy were to be picked up by Detroit. He might just become a central figure in an outfit that, win or lose, relentlessly works for the betterment of the team and isn't afraid to show it.

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'Kimono as Art' exhibit: Itchiku Kubota embraced fabric of his exquisite craft



PHOTOS BY DIANA CAVAGNARO | DOWNTOWN NEWS Above, Itchiku Kubota made an art out of kimono design, as reflected in a current exhibit at the Timken Museum of Art. Below, a model sports part of a collection presented at a recent open house at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising. The event

"Kimono as Art: The Landscapes of Itchiku Kubota" can currently be seen at the San Diego and Timken museums of art in Balboa Park. Itchiku Kubota was an International textile artist from Tokyo. A museum was built to showcase his kimono artistry in 1994. Coupling traditional and new dyeing techniques, Kubota combined stitch resist, ink painting, gold-thread embroidery and goldleaf to create his eight-foottall silk kimonos.

The exhibit features three kimonos from Kubota's Mt. Fuji series. Meanwhile, the San Diego Museum of Art will feature the exhibit centerpiece, "Symphony of Light," a series of 30 kimonos were inspired by the paintings of Monet. They are displayed as one continuous, spectacular landscape; the exhibit is a true visionary delight!

Concurrently, Julerie held a trunk show in the museum gift shop from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. Pamela Pogue designed pieces of jewelry inspired by these works they were a beautiful reflection of featured video clips of students' work. the kimonos. The guest curator for



By DIANA CAVAGNARO

this exhibit was Dr. Dale Gluckman, a preeminent textile curator who authored an illustrated book, "Kimono As Art," to complement the exhibition.

Kubota was a visionary whose dream included an 80-piece series, "The Universe." When he died at 85 in 2003, his son decided to carry on his work. Since each kimono takes approximately a year to create, this is quite an undertaking. No words or pictures can fully describe the beauty of these items. They need to be experienced. Come see the mastery of

Glamor, glitz and geometry

Zandra Rhodes presented her latest collection on Thursday, Nov. 6 at the Westgate Hotel. Zandra is an international designer from London known for her outstanding textile prints. These prints are on silk chiffon and come in an array of breathtaking colors. The models came down the runway showing off these glamorous designs that can be worn day or evening. This season included a line of stylish gold and silver metallic prints. Zandra's handbags, Tamara Alter jewelry and Designer Millinery hats accented the creations. International food consultant and cookbook author Jeanne Jones created the luncheon menu

After this terrific show, guests went behind the scenes to purchase these fabulous designs. Proceeds from the afternoon benefited the America Friends of the Zandra Rhodes Museum. Zandra is the founder of The Fashion & Textile these works, on display until Museum in London, which has reopened with the exhibit "Billy: Billy Gibb's Moment in Time," a

retrospective of this fashion icon from the 1970s.

Zandra's signature style is recognizable the world over and has been seen on celebrities such as Paris Hilton, Sarah Jessica Parker and the late Princess Diana. Zandra's versatility and creative genius is one of San Diego's best-kept secrets. For more information about Zandra Rhodes, www.zandrarhodes.com.

A rebirth Downtown

The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) hosted an open house on Saturday, Nov. 8th at its new location, 350 Tenth Ave. Downtown, in the Diamond View Tower. After visiting the new campus, 750 prospective students were bused to the Westin Horton Plaza Hotel for a fast-paced and wellchoreographed fashion show. Each segment showcased a different advanced fashion design student. A video clip about each student was highlighted, then a line of their creations was shown on the runway. This show was inspiring for the hopeful audience.

Denise Baca, campus and admissions director, welcomed the eager crowd. Denise mentioned to everyone that FIDM graduate Leanne Marshall won a recent "Project Runway" competition. The big announcement was that the show we were about to see would be part of the presidential inaugural luncheon in Washington, D.C. in

A special open house was set up on Wednesday, Nov. 19 for visitors to the new campus. International architect Clive Wilkinson, who designed this cutting-edge campus, was in attendance. Mayor Jerry Sanders was on hand to welcome FIDM to this new location. Nick Verreos, an FIDM graduate and teacher, was there to greet the guests. You might remember Nick as a popular "Project Runway" contestant in its second season. During the evening, Nick showcased his designs on models that mingled with the crowd and kept changing from one stylish design to another. This new innovative campus is located on the third floor of the Diamond View Tower and overlooks Petco Park. For more information, visit www.fidm.edu.

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Thirteen years ago, I suffered from extreme back pain. In fact, the pain was so strong that I would get muscle spasms for days at a time. I even remember one instance where I just couldn't stand the agony any longer, and I broke down and cried.

It was at this point that one of my friends recommended that I go and see a chiropractor. To be honest with you, I had no idea how a chiropractor could help me. I always thought that the only solution was to take an over-the-counter medication, like aspirin, Motrin or Tylenol.

But since these medications weren't helping any, I decided to give the chiropractor a try. After the first adjustment, I didn't know whether to thank my friend for recommending me to the chiropractor, or scolding him for not telling me sooner!

was worried that the chiropractic adjustment would hurt, or that it wouldn't work. Well, I was wrong on both counts. Not only did the adjustment not hurt, in actually made me feel a lot better. And as for my fear that the chiropractic adjustment wouldn't be effective, well it worked so well that I decided to become a chiropractor myself!

This was then, now I help people live life free from back and neck pain, just like I was helped. I also help people who suffer from headaches, carpal tunnel, numbness in the shoulders and legs, and people who have been involved in sports injuries and car accidents.

In fact, here is what a few of my patients had to say about me...

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Ligaya A, RN, San Diego, CA.



Dr. Wong (right) takes some time from his busy schedule to talk with Registered Nurse and former migraine headache sufferer, Ligaya A. She is one of many patients who's life has changed since she has been seeing Dr. Wong.

(STAFF PHOTO)

And just like I helped those people described, I also want to help you. So if you suffer from neck or back pain, headaches, carpal tunnel, numbness, or have been involved in a sports injury or car accident, give our office a call at (619) 222-8885.



When I first came to Dr. Wong, I was in constant pain and could barely walk up the steps to his office. Now, after being under his care, exercise to strengthen my back and body, I can honestly say that I am pain free! I am no longer taking any pain medication. My bowling game is better and I am now walking about 3 miles a day. I am back to enjoying life as I did before my back problems.

Larry D, San Diego, CA

For your information...

"Christmas Tree Lane," a luncheon and fashion show, presented by the Boys & Girls Club of Escondido, will take place at the California Center for the Arts on Friday, Dec. 5. For more information, call (760) 746-3315, ext. 21.

Thread Show San Diego will take place Sunday, Dec. 14 at the Sheraton Hotel Harbor Island, 1380 Harbor Island Drive, at 11 a.m. This showcases emerging fashion designers and is a chance to pick up one-of-a-kind and samples. For information, visit: www.thread show.com.

Diana Cavagnaro is a nationally recognized hat designer and milliner. Diana has been operating a fashion business for 27 years, the last 17 years in Downtown San Diego's historic Gaslamp Quarter. She has been teaching in the fashion department at San Diego Mesa College for 17 years. Diana is an active member of the Gaslamp Quarter Association, the American Sewing Guild, the San Diego Costume Council and the Fashion Group International. www.aheadproductions.com.



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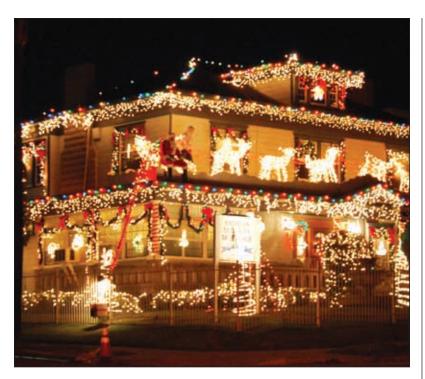
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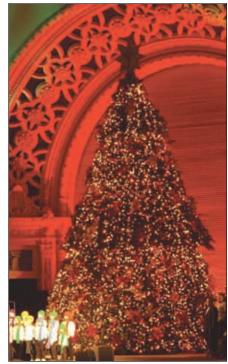
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BEST FEET FORWARD: Above, the Forward House, at First and Ivy streets in Bankers Hill, was built in 1905 by former San **Diego Mayor John Forward and** served as the residence of two San Diego mayors - 103 years later, it reflects the best of the season from Thanksgiving to New Year's day. Late word to the newsroom is that Santa's due there at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. At right, the Christmas Wish Tree is a staple at the annual December Nights Festival, which runs Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, in Balboa Park. For more information on this park.org/decembernights. For a listing of holiday events in the Dowtown area, please see our calendar on page B-21.



Exile is an unlikely success story

Diego has a plethora of options for those with the holiday spirit. Traditional happenings abound for the younger set, from visits to Santa to parades. Adults have options ranging from office parties to Balboa Park's December Nights celebration. However, for rock 'n' roll fans, only one event truly stands out for holiday fun -The Casbah's annual (and



By BART **MENDOZA**

free) Exile on Kettner Blvd. on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Started in 1993 by rockers The Dragons as an alternative to traditional Christmas eve offerings, the event focuses squarely on songs by the Rolling Stones. The Dragons split in 2004, but the tradition continues with former frontman Mario Escovedo at the helm and a rotating group of local all-star musicians backing him. This year's line-up includes gui-tarists Rick Wilkins (The Nards, Sara Petite), Jonny Viau and Joe Camacho,

Like most other cities, San George Veddari (Uncle Joe's noted. "But we try and keep iego has a plethora of Big Ol' Driver) and drummer it to a tasteful set of hip '60s Brian "Nucci" Cantrell (Lady hits and the cool '70s hey-Dottie & The Diamonds).

"It just wouldn't be the holidays without Exile taking place," said FM94.9 DJ Tim Pyles, a regular attendee since the event began. "What really amazes me is how it's grown over the years. It's gone from a group of musicians and friends gathering on what was considered an off night to an event people look forward to, like they do the Mother Goose Parade or December Nights.'

Escovedo is pleased but surprised at the longetivity.

"It's one of those things that sounds like it would never work," he laughed. "I mean, it's Christmas eve, the band is doing only Rolling Stones covers and it's a busy time of the year to get a band together." He notes that only 30 people attended the first show 15 years ago: "The next year it doubled and then doubled, and then it's been pretty much packed ever since."

Escovedo pointed out that the set list has expanded over

"The idea started with us only doing their 'Exile on Main Street' album, album, and now it's expanded into a 3-hour, 42-song working set."

Escovedo said the band doesn't dig too deep into the catalog, preferring to stay with the classics.

"Some of the tackier '80s singer Romy Kaye, bassist hits are fun," Escovedo big house party."

day Stones, a la Keith on the cover of [Rolling Stone] magazine with his bottle of whiskey."

"This is not a tribute act," Escovedo said. It's just about a bunch of musician friends giving a little back with a free show and music that we all know and love - our little Christmas gift, if you will...

Exile on Kettner Blvd. Wednesday, Dec. 24 The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Blvd. (619) 232-4355 www.casbahmusic.com

It's gone from the days of the... Dragons playing a close facsimile of the songs to now some very talented musicians who take pride in getting it right," he said.

"It's all about fun, but there are a few serious Stones fans who show up and expect us to honor Mick and Keith and the boys."

For Escovedo, the best part of the night comes during the midway point. "That's when the room is appropriately feeling the Christmas spirits, he laughed.

"They just let go and by that point are singing and dancing along to everything. It feels like the Casbah is one



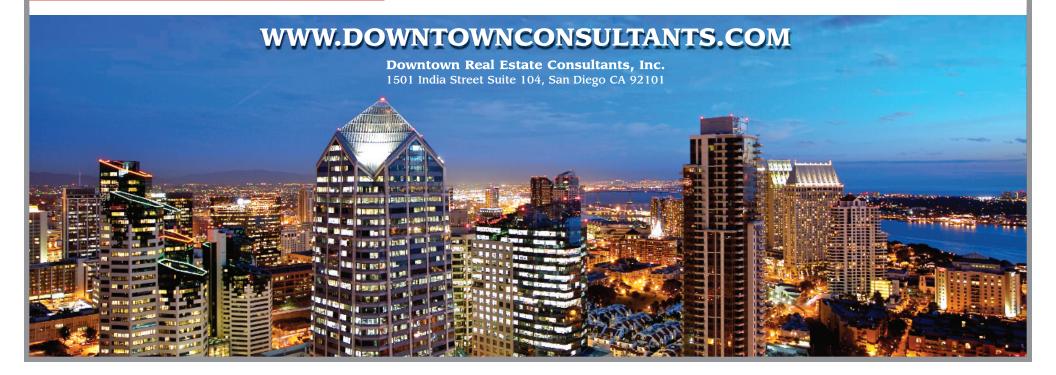
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'Yes we can' has made the rounds

"We know the battle ahead will be long, but always remember that no matter what obstacles stand in our way, nothing can stand in the way of the power of millions of voices calling for change."

> - excerpt from a speech delivered by Barack Obama and poetic lyrics from Yes We Can by Will.i.am

Earlier this year, a friend forwarded a newly released video, Yes We Can, posted on YouTube. I hadn't heard of Will.i.am or the Black Eyed Peas. I had become what I vowed I never would - a member of the older genera-

Regardless, the melodic refrain "Yes we can" carried me back to my youth. It was a time not so different than today. A time of cynicism wrapped up with worries my curtains, I was gripped about the present and our future. One filled with war, nessed neighbors already linan unstable economy, consternation about filling our cars with expensive gas and voices calling for change.

Like tens of millions of others, I greedily drank in the video's message. Captivated, I played it over and over. It's for a better day and a better future.

Day to drizzle and a gray sky.



By SANDRA **SIMMONS**

with excitement as I witing up to take part in this most historic election.

Later, as a mist persisted, I stood on my balcony sipping a latte, watching the crowds swell along with my pride.

I ventured across the street and became one of more a message that stirs the than 126 million Americans imagination and offers hope to cast a vote. As I watched the returns, two announcements brought such joy to my I awoke early on Election being. The first was the mandate for change, the election friends! Visit www.viva-city.info. The polls had not yet opened of Barack Obama. The secat my polling place. Parting ond was seeing that, as we

Americans celebrated, so did the world.

Can you sense the shift? Can you feel the hope? Do you no longer have doubts that anything is possible?

I wonder... Do you feel the power of the message: "Yes we can"?

"We hope Americans realized that repairing the damage of the last eight years will take some time, but the regaining of respect throughout the world is immediate," said Gene and Marilyn Marx (Park Place) as they exited the polls.

One-month-old Donovan Olson was part of history when his parents brought him to the polls and cast their vote for Barack Obama. "I feel that my vote will better the world in which my son will grow up,"

said Gregory Olson (Park Row). Edward Galvan (Marina Park) voted because "we are in fragile times with an uncertain future, and given the myriad of national and international issues that we are confronted with, I felt that it was my duty to vote for the man I felt would be best qualified to lead and navigate our country through these difficult times.

We aren't a million voices there's roughly 35,000 citizens Downtown. Yet we are a community— a collection of individualswho believe yes we can.

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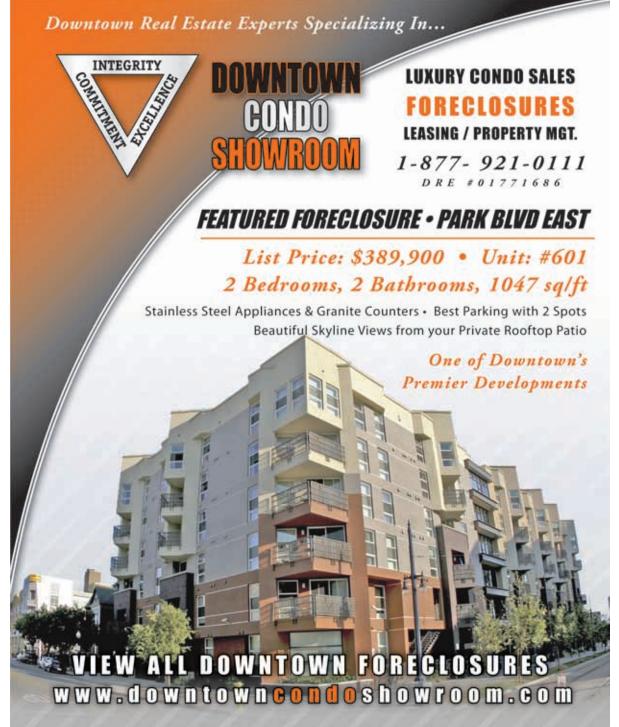
Don't let the "I Voted!" sticker fool you. One-month-old Park Row resident Donovan Olson slept through what some call the most important modern-day election. Dad Gregory had Donovan's back, voting for Barack Obama.

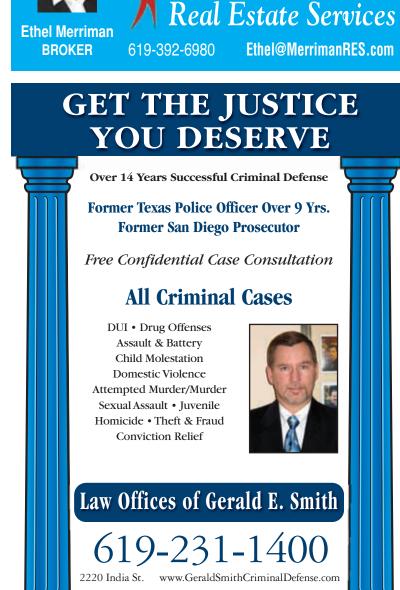


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Park Place's Marilyn and Gene Marx didn't let a little rain stop them as they voted to renew the country's respect in the world.

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Here's your big chance to see Sue Palmer outside the box

of Boogie-Woogie, can also kick 'em out on — uh – the accordion. If you go to "The Art of Tango," prints by Julie Warren, you'll see what we mean. Warren's use of



"The Nutcracker," a perennial favorite City Ballet of San Diego holiday pro-

You've heard her. You know color and form is bold and geoprobably seen her in only her Palmer's musicianship. "The Art most compatible element. Sue of Tango" mounts Dec. 8 at Little Palmer, legendary local jazz Italy's India Street Gallery, 2165 pianist and the self-styled Queen India St. (619) 876-4160, www. suepalmer.com.

You've heard her. You know her. You love her. Yet you may an opening of paintings and have seen her in her emcee element alone — which goes to show you you know nothing about MC Flow, who snagged two hip-hop artist kudos at the 2008 San Diego Music Awards (one was for her "Incredible" CD). Come check her out, along with a serious list of other heavyweights in the genre, at the SDMA Hip-Hop Show, to be served up Dec. 14 at the one-and-only The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Blvd. \$6 advance, \$8 day of show. (619) 232-4355.

> Besides its stature as one of the better Stephen Spielberg movies, "The Color Purple" spelled the beginning of Oprah Winfrey's career. Winfrey played the firebrand Sofia, who, like the heroine Celie, would have nothing of the oppression that marked the status of American black women in the 1930s. Winfrey's been a little busy since the film's 1985 release, but that hasn't stopped her from spearheading a national tour of the stage play. "Oprah Winfrey Presents The Color Purple," a Broadway/San Diego entry, plays through Dec. 7 at the Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Ave. \$20-\$125. (619) 564-3000, www.

They say that both "The her. You love her. Yet you've metric; much the same is said of Nutcracker" and Handel's "Messiah" are mounted an average 1 million times a minute in the United States between Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are, of course, lying through their teeth. Even if they weren't, you can only watch one at a time and this season, City Ballet of San Diego and the San Diego Symphony have you covered at both ends. City Ballet's "Nutcracker" is running through Dec. 14 at the Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway; the orchestra's "Messiah," featuring The San Diego Master Chorale, plays on Dec. 14 at Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B St. "Nutcracker": \$29–\$59, (858) 272-8663, www.cityballet.org. "Messiah": \$27–\$93, (619) 235-0804, www.sandiegosymphony.com.

The Museum of Photographic Arts not only understands photography for the art form it is; it has in insight into the field as a tool for literacy. Its current "Writing with Light" is a case in point — students from more than 100 San Diego County schools interpreted literary works from fiction and nonfiction, using photography as their means of expression. The result is an exploration of the many connections between photography and literacy. "Writing with Light" continues through Feb. 1 at MoPA, 1649 El Prado in Balboa Park. The exhibit is free; admission to the museum is \$4-\$6. (619) 238-7559, www.mopa.org.



Think theater takes the holidays off in Downtown San Diego? Think again. The go buy a ticket. Above, "The **Grinch Who Stole Christmas!" which** got its start at The Old Globe Theatre before a stint on Broadway, is in its 11th year at The Globe and runs through Dec. 28. Below, Sabrina Sloan has a very special gift for you in "The Princess and Black-Eved Pea." a rhythm-and-blues musical based on the iconic Hans Christian Andersen fairytale, at the San Diego Repertory through Dec. 21. For more info, please call The Globe at (619) 231-1941 or visit www.oldglobe.com; you can similarly contact The Rep at (619) 544-1000 or



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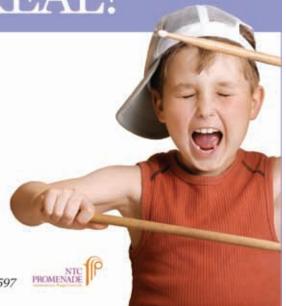
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Marty's friend Katie thinks vampires are awesome



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Truth be told, I hadn't even heard of "Twilight," the Stephenie Meyer novel about teenage angst as seen by a vampire coven, before the movie hit the theaters on Nov. 21. Now I find that Meyer's indeed written three other related books; "New Moon," the second entry, is headed for the screen as well under the auspices of Summit Entertainment, a Santa Monica studio that suddenly finds itself the center of the film production universe. The movie, after all, took in a socko \$70.6 million in its opening weekend, the biggest on record for a female director (Catherine Hardwicke), and it averaged a gross of more than \$20,000 per theater.

I had to go see what the fuss was all about, of course — teenage girls, I've learned, have a fascination with all things vampiric, and if all things vampiric have a box office involved, that's where you'll find them (even Downtown), hours before opening.

Katie O'Nell is neither a teenger (she's an 11-year-old sixth-grader at Lewis Middle School) nor inclined to hang out at box offices

go to a play) — she saw the movie in due course, but not before she'd scarfed down the novel.

'The movie was different from the book in several ways," she said, "but the production people did a good job. I liked the book better, though. It got into more detail about how the vampires lived and what happened before they came."

If that's the case, I probably would have preferred the book myself. The romance angle is handled sweetly in the movie, although it gets too much screen time; I wanted to know more about the warring factions among the

mortal Bella Swan (Kritsten Stewart) and teen vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattison) are quite intriguing on the screen — Hardwicke takes pains not to pander to her core demographic, and for O'Nell, that translated into an equally adult conversation with her dad about the whole affair.

"He said people like to be scared," O'Nell explained, "but that these mundane, serious fears, like with the bad economy right now, are too much for them. They want to be scared safely, like they can just walk about of the movie going, 'Now I get to go back to my vampires and the history behind normal life.' I think that could def-

at all hours (she'd rather read or them. In any event, lovestruck initely be a factor. I think it defi- very attractive young performnitely is.'

O'Nell and her dad are probably right. We love challenging our fears of the unknown, especially with a bag of popcorn and a drink in our laps. With "Twilight," that unknown lives in two ever so far beyond.

ers and the otherworldly adult battle they wage. This movie is honest, good-hearted and fullthroated (pardon the play on words), eminently suited to 11year-old sixth-graders and those



Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart, left) and Edward Cullen (Robert Pattison) have their work cut out as they seek common ground in "Twilight." The Summit Entertainment fil grossed \$70.6 million in its first weekend, a record take for female



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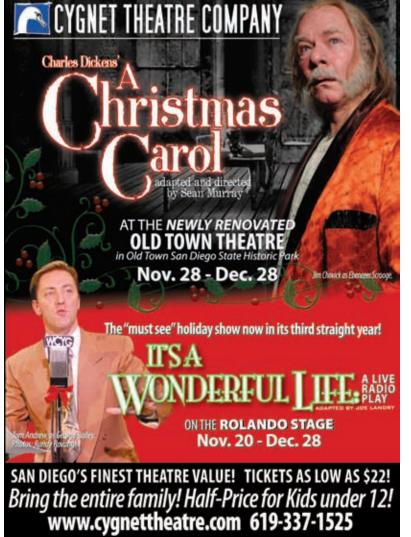
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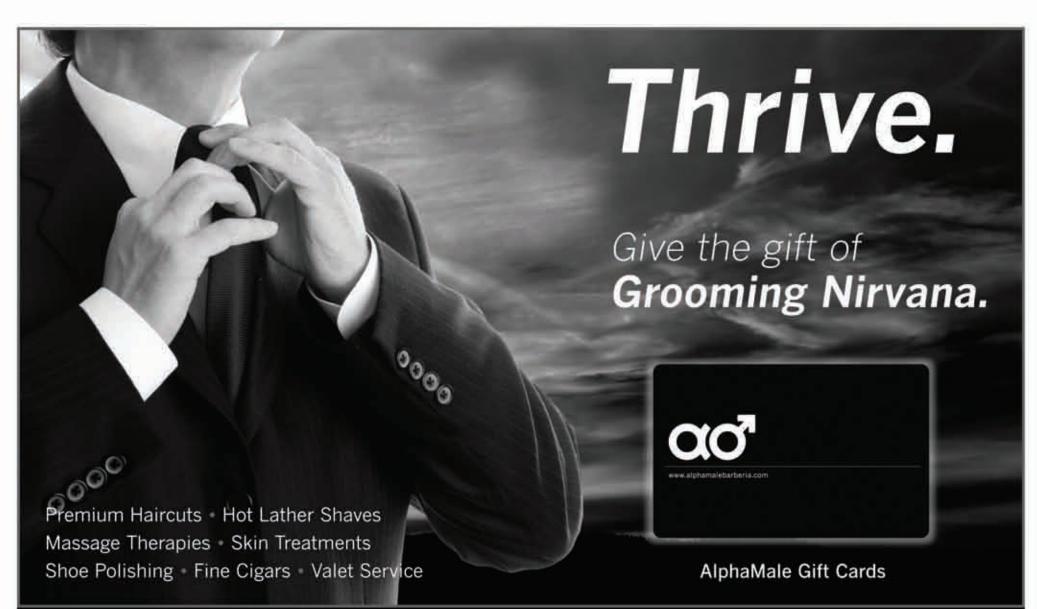
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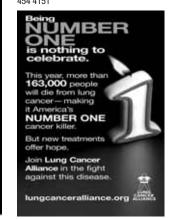
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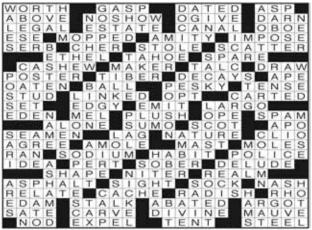
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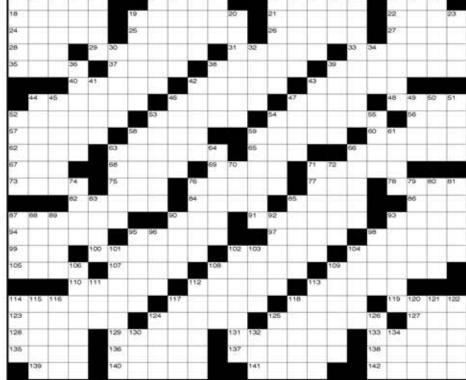


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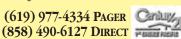
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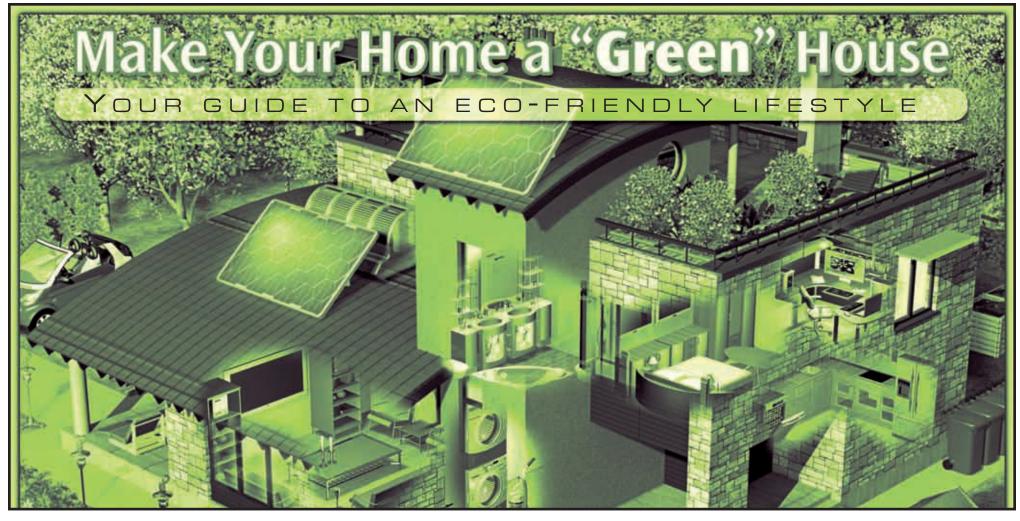
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Another significant change over that time period has been an attitudinal shift toward a more environmentally conscious society. Nearly every community across the country now has some type of recycling program, and the "Go Green" mentality, in

particular, has really taken off just in the last calendar year alone.

Despite such newfound environmental responsibility, many people are still uncertain as to what they can do and if anything they do actually has a significant impact. Fortunately, there are many things concerned citizens can do that are both easy and influential, particularly if practiced on a larger scale by concerned citizens across the country.

• Car pool to work Car pooling has long been suggested and even encouraged by local governments as a way of reducing pollution. Many cities even provide rush hour car pooling lanes for vehicles with more than one person in them. Car pooling can help save gas, time and is especially helpful for the environment, as auto emissions contribute greatly to the nation's air pollution problem.

If you can't find someone to car pool with, consider public transportation. Many cities have worked hard to upgrade their public transportation as a means to relieve traffic congestion and encourage their citizens to use mass transit. As a result, public transportation has improved considerably over the years and, of course, it's often far less expensive than driving yourself to work each day.

• Change your property's landscape. Deciduous trees and shrubs, which are those that shed their leaves each fall, are excellent for the environment. That's because they act as air filters, reducing smog while simultaneously cooling the air on hot days.

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• Reduce waste Reducing waste can have a positive impact on the environment, particulary if this reduction is emphasized across the country. For example, disposable items such as bottled water are wasteful and very harmful to the environment. Even if they're recycled, these items are not as environmentally friendly as a water filter, which can simply be attached to your kitchen faucet and provide the same clean water you'd get from bottled water, at a fraction of the cost.

Other effective ways to reduce waste include using reusable cloth grocery bags and brewing your own coffee each morning to reduce your usage of styrofoam or plastic cups from the local coffee shop. While these seem like minimal changes at

best, think of all the plastic grocery bags and styrofoam cups you use in a given month, and you'll gain a greater understanding as to how wasteful these disposable products truly are.

• Support environmentally friendly legislation. Arguably the biggest way to make an impact is to promote and vote for environmentally friendly legislation. While more and more people are becoming environmentally conscious, legislation is the only way to guarantee that people and businesses behave in a responsible way. Support local legislation that promotes recycling programs and waste reduction. This will make it law for people to be environmentally responsible and it will facilitate more widespread change.





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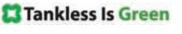
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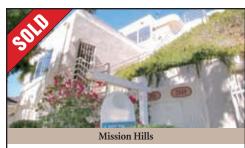
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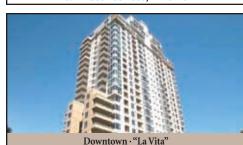
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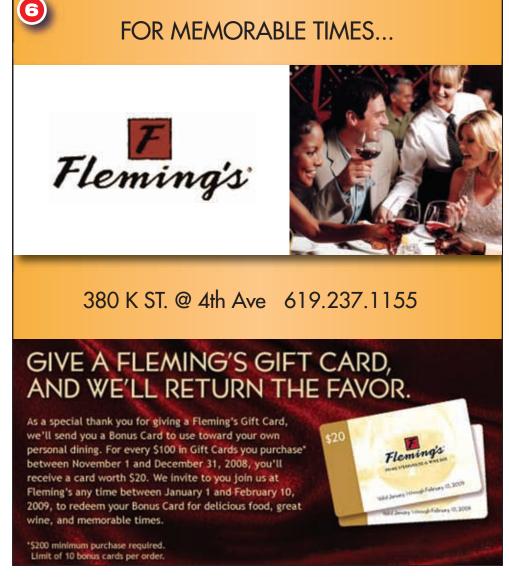
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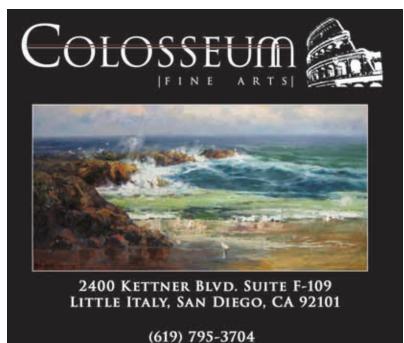
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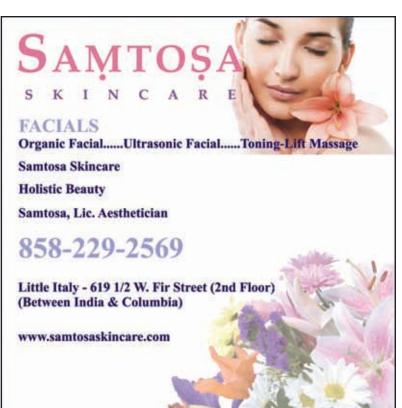
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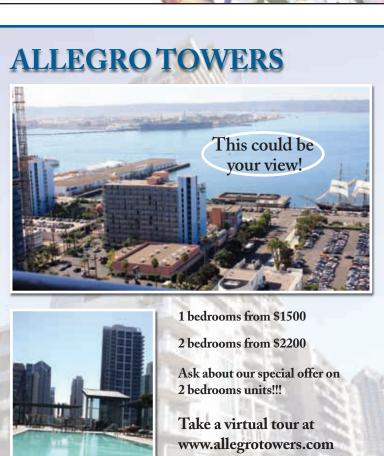
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Unique New Year's Resolutions

comes the resolve to make changes for the coming 12 months. How many of these resolutions are ones we've all heard before? Quit smoking, lose weight, eat healthier -- these are the common goals that surface again and again. Perhaps this year we should resolve to come up with more unique resolutions that put the emphasis on helping others in addition to helping ourselves.

Donation of Time or Money

The good thing about helping others is that we usually end up helping ourselves in the process. So the resolution to give back to an individual or the community often proves mutually beneficial. Continue the feelings of generosity that may have sprung

With the end of each calendar year up during the holiday season throughout the rest of the year. Volunteer at a senior center, or become a mentor for disadvantaged children. Find a charity to which you can really relate and regularly donate money to their cause.

Repair Broken Relationships

We have all said and done things we regret later. Sometimes these involve bridging gaps between the people we love. This year, resolve to fix relationships that need a little work, or reconnect with a long-lost friend or relative.

Spread Some Joy

Why not do something just for the sake of bringing a smile to someone's face? Mail a greeting card to one of These little measures can bring your neighbors who may seem lonely. Find out if there is an elderly resident who could use some help grocery shopping, or just needs someone to sit with him or her for a few hours during the week. Think like a child and absorb all of the little joys you experience every day and often do not give any thought. Send a note to your child's teacher saying how much you appreciate his or her dedication. Ask to see a supervisor at a store and compliment the job done by an employee, rather than complaining about something that's wrong.

smiles to many people and don't require much effort at all.

Resolve to Have No More Resolutions

If you look at it one way, resolutions may seem like we're given free reign to act poorly the rest of the year and then clean up our acts each January. Instead of coming up with ideas you only stick with for a month or two, make resolutions a part of your daily life and make any successful resolutions a part of that routine.

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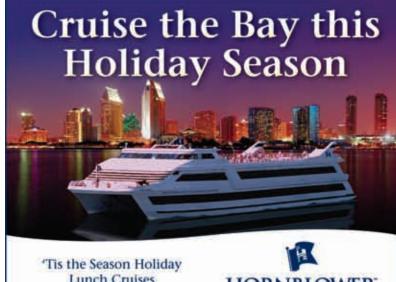
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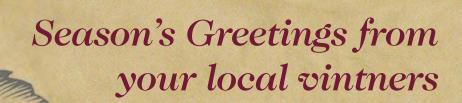
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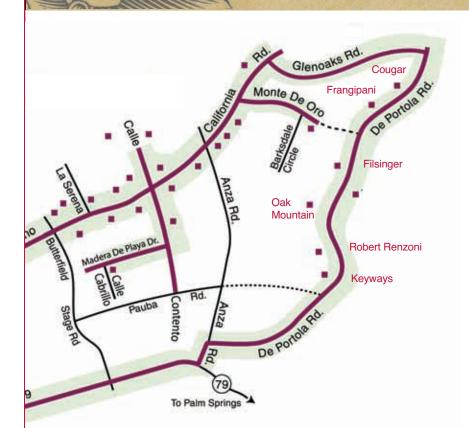
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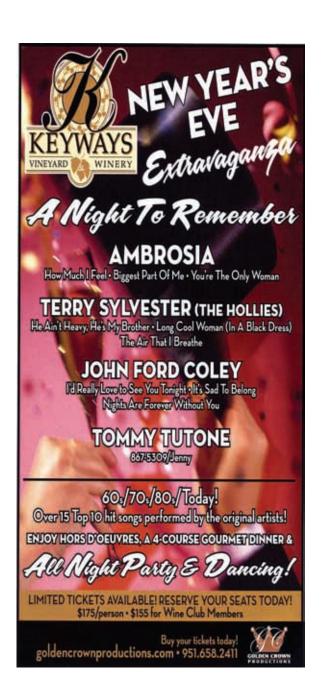
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It's beginning to look like a 'white wine' Christmas

BY ROBERT BUTTERFIELD

Christmas Shopping Navigation takes many forms, some from the Primal shoppers' handbook and others you call your own. Through years of experience you have developed the little known technique of car camouflage as you patiently crawl row to row searching for the elusive... mall parking spot. There! A straggler, laden with packages separates from the herd. Perfect! The screech of your tires three rows over has not alerted your prey...in fact none of your honking, gesturing others off the kill,

ing her trunk at glacial speed, she turns, yes, eye contact! With one crushing shake of the head, she informs you that she's not going anywhere. The search across the Serengeti of parking continues...

Have the Holidays really come to this? I like the idea of getting together with friends and family you just know some family member is going to provide fodder for years worth of "can you believe..." phone conversations.

What's all this got to do with wine? Your Holiday will involve wine in two ways; giving wine as gifts and drinking wine.

With regard to drinking I will or minutes spent idling to the be brief. White wine - please, beat of the turn signal catches everybody drink German Riesling. her attention. Finally after load- I'm yelling from atop the Yulelog.

works with the food. If you have any reservations because it is unfamiliar, ask the salesperson at a wine shop. They are professionals and are HAPPY to help guide you. Probably easier to park there too. Red wine - Try something from the southern Rhone. If you want to stay more "local", try a Pinot Noir from

This time of year produces lots of lists about the newest and "hottest" wines for the season. These are great but sometimes the wines are a little out of reach. I saw one list online titled "Great wine gifts from \$100 to \$15,000" Really?

I was just looking for some tasty wine for a friend. Despite these lists, matching a bottle of wine that is the right style, cost, etc to the recipient can be difficult and pricey. If the wine gift is too generic, it might seem a bit

It works with the season. It impersonal. While I enjoy any gift of wine, the memory of the gesture may fade with the morning's

> With a little creativity, you may be able to strengthen the impression of your goodwill.

> By purchasing a reasonably priced bottle and including it as part of a themed meal. For instance a nice bottle of Spanish Rioja coupled with Paella rice, a small tin of Saffron, a bit of Smoked Spanish paprika, and some Spanish olives will be the impetus for an entire dinner that your friends will long remember (you may even get an invitation!). The idea of pairing a bottle of wine to the foods of the same region opens up many fun possibilities. How about a bottle of Chianti placed in a colander with pasta, ajar of pesto, salami, and biscotti. Or a jar of sake with serving cups, buckwheat noodles, nori (dried seaweed) and shichi

mi (hot spices), with green tea is the start of a nice Japanese din-

It seems like we never have the time in December to see all the friends we'd like to. So a great gift idea, which is sure to take ALL the pressure off this holiday season, is to host a wine party in January! That's right, send all vour friends the gift of an invitation. They can drink a whole variety of wines and enjoy your company too. You'll save money and have fun.)

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800 entries, 8,000 patrons mark wine & food fest

By LORALEE OLEJNIK

The fifth annual San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival was held Nov. 12-16 at various venues Downtown, featuring cooking classes, tastings, fine dining and wine enjoyed by more than 8,000 locals and visitors from all over the country.

The event culminated in a Grand Tasting, held Saturday, Nov. 15 at Embarcadero Park North, with more than 800 wines and 70 of San Diego's top chefs.

"We saw record numbers this year," said Michelle Metter, event producer. "Many of the restaurants that participated in the Grand Tasting said that the event generated a lot of interest in their restaurants, which is part of the reason we produce the event."

Several of San Diego's wine and food authorities hosted classes throughout the week, including

owner of Downtown's San Diego Wine & Culinary Center. He taught a class entitled "Find the Opus," which examined some of the qualities of wine relative to their prices.

"I've always been intrigued by what I've called the intrinsic value of wine, said Alonge, debating whether the higher-cost bottles are really worth it.

take a wine from here to the passion and flavor" in cooking. stratosphere?" he asked.

Alonge then held a blind tasting with wines of various costs to see if the audience could determine by taste alone which was the most pricey.

Last year's Chef of the Fest winner, Gary Thompson, from Viejas, hosted a "Shrimply Delicious" class, including a cooking demonstration of his winning recipe from last year, Sweet Tequila

John Alonge, wine expert and Marinated Grilled Shrimp and Spicy Gazpacho.

Thompson was followed by Chef Scott Wagner, who taught a class on feng-shui cusine. Wagner, a chef with a conscience, focuses on food items and cooking and serving products that are sustainable and more ecologically friendly.

He is the executive chef of Chile Co., and he emphasizes the "What are some things that importance of "love, imagination,

Though the event drew a lot of newcomers this year, several attendees were veterans.

"It was just as lively and delicious as ever, despite the hot weather," said Regina Rega.

Rega is a La Jolla resident who visited the Grand Tasting event for the second year in a row.



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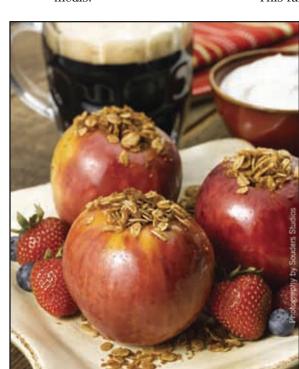
By Tony Clarke

The holidays are upon us and with them come some great beers! Seasonal beers, and more specifically holiday beers, come around but once a year (hence the seasonal tag!) They represent an intense creativity and passion that accompanies a love for craft beer and enjoyment of the seasons.

Seasonal beers try to focus on ingredients that accompany the season and accentuate the traditional flavors of the faire being served. Also, seasonal beers are appreciated as a unique taste of your favorite times of year, right there in the pint glass! Being that we are in the holiday season, why not focus on a few of my favorites.

Airdale Brewing Company's Homecoming
Spiced Holiday Porter is
first on my list. Brewed
as a traditional brown
porter, this beer has a
smooth chocolate flavor
melded with its subtle roasted
finish. Homecoming is
enhanced with the addition of
some well-loved holiday spices,
cinnamon, nutmeg, and vanilla.
Each spice is subtly detected

and brilliantly blended to give this beer an espresso flavor, perfect for many holiday dishes. Thanksgiving dinner, honey glazed ham, sweet sausage, and anything earthy or with chocolate will pair nicely with Homecoming. And because Homecoming is a light bodied beer, it can be enjoyed comfortably with our traditionally heavy holiday meals.



Wolaver's Organic Will Stevens' Pumpkin Ale is a fine beer for the holidays. Many may be skeptical of pumpkin ale's appeal, as most tend to be over spiced and dominate the palate.

Not in this case, as Wolavers uses locally grown organic pumpkins and just a hint of spicing to give this beer a great malty flavor, medium bodied, and a smooth and subtle pumpkin flavor. Great with pot roast, roasted vegetables, and Brie, this one is a winner every time.

Sierra Nevada's Harvest Ale is a classic beer for the fall season. This full-bodied beer is "wet

> hopped" or hopped using hops that are not dried out, but still a living plant. This technique, as noted by some brewers, imparts a very fresh hop flavor to beer. Harvest Ale is a great beer for those of us who enjoy a mouthful of hop flavor, but still finds its place at the holiday dinner table. Paired well with grilled chicken, salmon, curries, or artisan cheeses, Harvest Ale is a perennial favorite in my house.

Lastly, Eel River Brewing Company's Climax Noel finishes out the bunch. An Imperial Red Ale, Climax Noel is a strong ale (about 8% alcohol),

a reddish amber color, and provides a welcome warming feeling in a cold holiday setting. Hopped with New Zealand hops, this beer has a large hop aroma and flavor to match. Climax

Noel is a perfect combination with glazed ham and sweet potatoes, or a gourmet pizza.

So who not spice up your holidays with a creative and unique beer made just for the season. I have mentioned just a tiny sampling of the hundreds of seasonal beers available. The great part about seasonal beers is you know your getting a fresh beer, made to compliment the flavors of the time, and you are experiencing true artisan brewing right in your pint!

You can read all about seasonal beers at: "Seasonal Beer Throughout the Year" seasonalbeerandfood.org

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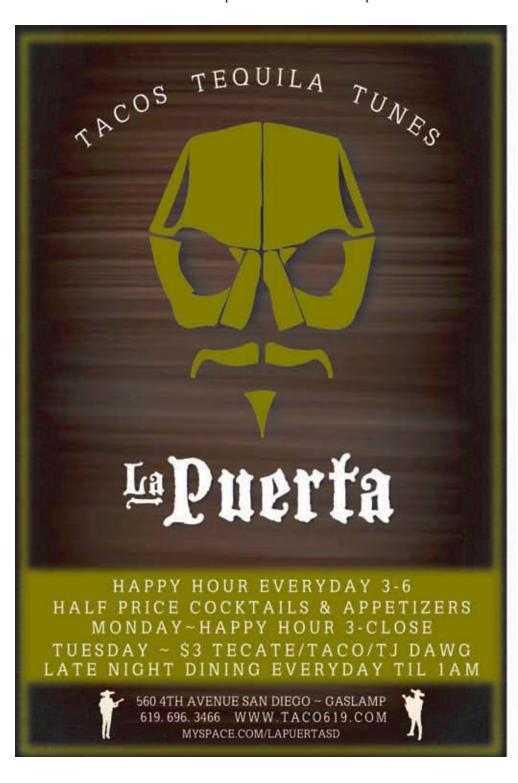
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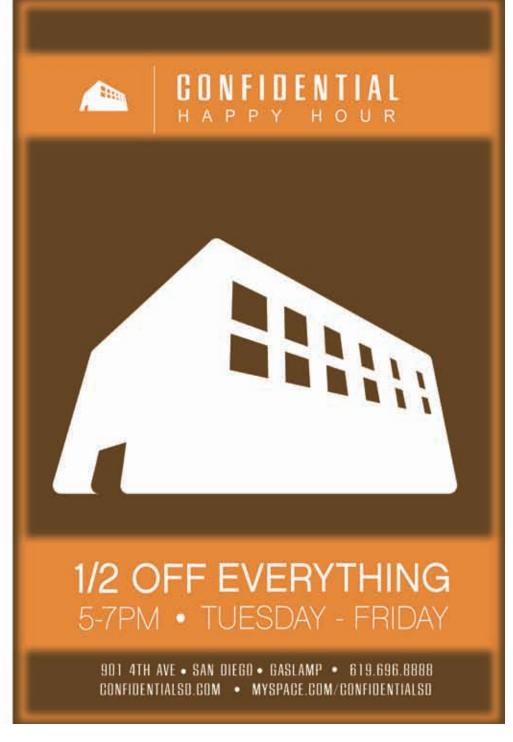
Cheese it!

The interior of downtown San Diego's Fifth Avenue Financial Centre is so antiseptic that it's probably a front for a top--secret hospital zone or an experimental lunar colony. Glare from pristine floors and walls blinds you into submission, making it tougher to navigate your way to Alex's Brown Bag, an archetypal little eatery on the first floor. Alex's even sports the same signage that the business offices do; if it weren't for the tables and chairs in the adjacent foyer, you might even walk by it.

But you'd be making a mistake if you did. Alex's brands itself the local home of the Philly cheese steak, a fabled, fantastic sandwich invented in Philadelphia around 1930 as a Great Depression comfort food. The name says it all-this is a tangy collection of thinly sliced steak topped with mozzarella and served on crusted bread; you can pretty much get it with any condiment you want (fried onions are the way to go), and it comes with a pickle slice roughly the size of an Olympic javelin.

Somebody we know was robbed in Philly once -- but as long as the world has a good Philly cheese steak, it hardly matters what happens to its namesake city. You can get one by showing up at Alex's, 2550 Fifth Ave., Suite 171, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; and you're welcome to call ahead at (619) 231-2912 or look up the menu at www.alexsbrownbag.com. Rest assured that in that building, the sanitation is beyond reproach.





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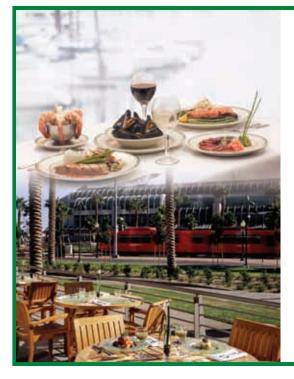
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By Caleb Barber

Your brother played in the NFL for the Oilers for a few years. Did you learn anything from watching him play? "I would see just the way he used to attack the ball, his route running. He was shorter than me. He was only about six feet tall, so he had that quick receiver mentality that kind of helped me out and carried over."

What sport do you like to watch most outside of football?

"Basketball. My favorite team is Phoenix. I like Shaq."

Do you have any interesting hobbies?

"I'm into online gaming. I like to relax and watch TV a little bit. My favorite shows are Scare Tactics and First 48."

What do you think you will be doing after your football career is over?

"I have a health science degree so I'll probably end up being a nurse or something like that."

In the media guide it says that you are into the newest video games. What game have you been playing the most lately?

"I've been playing a lot of SOCOM and NBA Live."

It also says that you like to boogie board. Have you ever tried surfing?

"No, but I like to go to the beach and barbeque and just chill out."

What is your favorite thing about playing in San Diego?

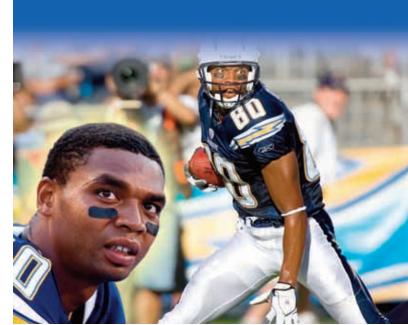
"I'd say being around my teammates everyday and being able to interact with them on and off the field."

If I picked up your Ipod, what would I hear playing? "You would probably hear some Ice Cube."

Where is your favorite place to eat in San Diego? "Probably Rei Do Gado. It's a Brazilian restaurant on 4th Avenue downtown."

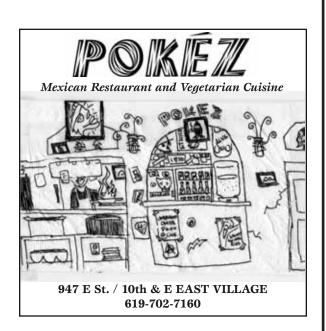
Who has been the biggest influence on your football career?

"I would say my parents and my brother."



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Toscana Café and Wine Bar

Formerly PJs Café, Toscana Café & Wine Bar has been recently remodeled and is beautiful and cozy. Outside there is a shaded patio great for people watching. The interior is luscious. Dark wood furniture and wood paneling created a comfy ambiance that all chain coffee stores tend to lack. Toscana's selection of coffee drinks is immense, as is their food menu. The best part? HAPPY HOUR! 2-6pm DAILY! Nachos from \$4 to a Bratwurst for \$6. Beer on tap \$3 (from Stone Brewing Company). Bottled beers are also available upon request. For wine lovers there are wine tastings every Thursday night 5–9 p.m., \$15/taste. Toscana Café and Wine Bar 238 5th Avenue, (619) 231-5788.

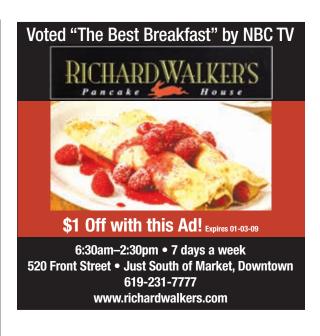
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Valentine's Mexican Restaurant

Valentine's Mexican Restaurant is family owned and operated and conveniently located at 844 Market Street in the East Village. Valentine's offers downtown San Diegans quality traditional Mexican breakfast, lunch and dinner (also OPEN LATE for the bar crowds). In addition to the excellent burritos, tortas, tacos, and homemade salsa at the salsa bar, you can also choose from a selection of Mexican beers and fine wine when you visit Valentines. Call ahead to pick up your orders "to go"! 619-234-8256.













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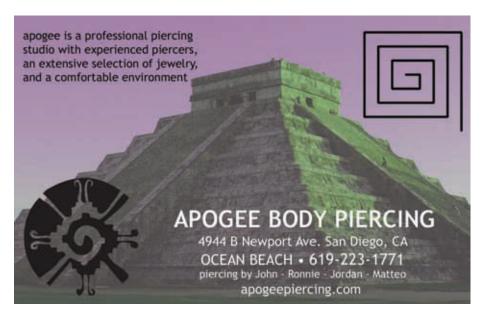






















Downtown's Sun Cafe: Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About San Diego

at the Sun Café is really, really big and really, really good, especially considering you have to invest only \$5.50 in one. This Gaslamp Quarter slings terrific in a generously tapered glass with an intriguing blue tint and uses a very interesting vodka called K. The only item that might stretch your

The chili bean and cheese omelet pauper's budget is the T-bone steak Diego, can't touch tiny businesses dinner, at \$10.75. Every other main course runs from about \$4 to \$6.50, with some side items (like a single egg) going for a stinky ol' \$1.25.

Lots of small restaurants have Screwdrivers, too. It serves them comparable or superior deals, of course; one City Heights venue asks a stinky ol' \$5 for a chicken pot pie the size of a flying saucer. But that place, and most others in San

like the Sun in an area that, to some, is the most compelling of all—the history the feeds it.

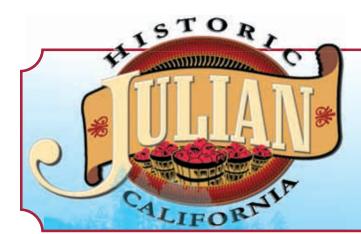
The building, at 421 Market St., was constructed in 1883 and was a shooting gallery and confectionery factory before becoming a restaurant about a century ago; the walls nod benignly to that past through a

And any number of production companies take to the funky signage and glass-and-mortar façade: The Sun was featured in the movie "Almost Famous" and has been the backdrop for a cluster of commercials and TV series, including "Veronica Mars," the recently defunct show that featured San number of ancient downtown-area Diego actor Duane Daniels.

You're welcome to happen by between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. every day but Tuesday. And leave your debit card at home; the Sun takes cash only.

You can call ahead for your stuff, too, at 619-239-9950.

Either way, you're setting yourself up for a brush with local history and a darn good cheap meal to celebrate it.



HOLIDAY GIFT & TOUR GUIDE

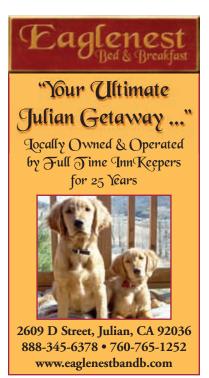
JULIAN IS AN HISTORIC GOLD MINING TOWN LOCATED APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR EAST OF SAN DIEGO. IT IS THE PREMIER MOUNTAIN RETREAT IN THE COUNTY AND IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT HAS FOUR SEASONS.

Eaglenest Bed & Breakfast

Perfectly nestled just a block above Main Street in the Historic District of Julian, California sits Eaglenest Bed & Breakfast. Your Victorian Bed & Breakfast Inn, Eaglenest B&B offers all the amenities of a four star resort in the privacy and comfort of your own home in this mountain hamlet in San Diego County, a one block walk to local shopping, fine dining, attractions and entertainment in historic Julian.

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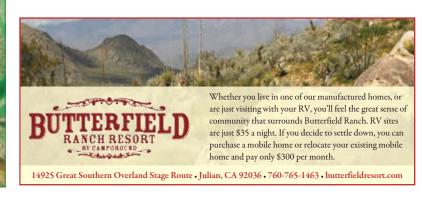






Country Carriages

The Holiday Season is here. Country Carriages is now accepting reservations for this busy time. Located in the historic Town of Julian, we proudly serve All of San Diego County. We not only offer street rides but provide horse drawn carriages for your Holiday Parties, Christmas Caroling, Engagements. Weddings and much more.











Red Bicyclette Makes A Great Holiday Merlot -- But Oh, That Label...

Somebody who shall remain man. nameless — mainly because he doesn't actually have a name thought he'd try Red Bicyclette's 2004 Merlot this time, for two reasons: 1. Merlot is an extremely versatile wine, which makes it perfect for the holidays, and 2. he took pity, because the label's a total cross-section of every abom-

schematic of a character straight out of The Beatles' "Yellow Submarine" — he's riding a bike, moth-eaten dog in tow, with an ominously oversize bag in his basket. The bag could be full of either wine or water, for all we know; such is the noncommittal nature inable graphic design known to of the whole miserable drawing.

Wow. But Red Bicyclette is and meats. It looks like a colored pencil French, after all, and France is the top per-capita wine producer stays with you a while, coloring in the world (until 2010, when we're expected to overtake it). Accordingly, this little number isn't half bad.

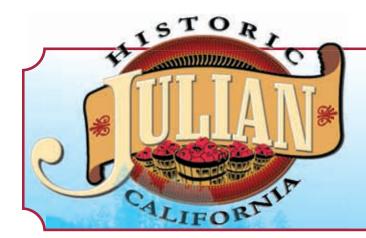
> It's a Merlot, for sure, all deep red and wet and fruity and crazy with that acidic aftertaste, the kind that pairs with select cheeses

The bonus is that that aftertaste your memory of holiday dinner and the Detroit Lions' usual loss in their annual Thanksgiving game. You sort of get to drown your sorrows by default amid the instant replay in your head, a phenomenon that defines the Lions most every year (and in 2008, they're

totally winless to boot).

Red Bicyclette's 2004 Merlot is a pretty good deal at \$7.99 wherever wine is sold. It's also a conversation piece because of the label alone.

Let us then propose a toast to the guy on the bike and to his would-be animators, who'd do well to place a sinkhole just ahead in the next frame.



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Tree Lighting Ceremony Kicks off Julian Country Christmas

hestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose, yuletide carols being sung by the fire and folks dressed up like Eskimos. At over 4500 feet elevation, Julian is one of the few places in San Diego County where "it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas" and the local weather forecast predicts snow next week in the mountains.

Julian's Country Christmas festivities began at 4:00pm on Saturday, November 29th with a Tree Lighting Celebration at 6:00pm of the town's huge living Christmas

tree. This popular annual event draws hundreds of visitors who gather at Pioneer Park to watch the tree lighting, drink hot cider, and visit with Santa. There will be warming stations throughout the town offering hot cider or cocoa, pastries, candies, and other holiday treats. The entire town has been decorated with Christmas wreaths and garlands and most businesses will be open until 9:00pm. Entertainment includes the Julian Wandering Carolers, a Living Nativity scene, Santa's arrival in a fire engine, and more.

"Julian offers holiday visitors the perfect

Norman Rockwell Christmas experience," according to Tracy Turner, President of the Julian Merchants Association, "with its nostalgic, small town atmosphere and cold temperatures."

Visitors to this historic mountain community during the holiday season can indulge in a Victorian Christmas tea, sip hot cider or hot chocolate, shop for one-of-a-kind gifts in the small boutiques, or sing Christmas carols with costumed holiday carolers. They can watch the annual Living Nativity tableau, cuddle under a blanket while riding down Main Street in a horse drawn carriage, take in a performance in historic Town Hall of "A Christmas Carol", stay in a cozy bed and breakfast that's all decked out in holiday finery or bundle up and take a stroll down a quiet country lane.

Other holiday activities include a holiday home tour, a gingerbread house contest, holiday crafts, breakfast with Santa, an open house at Santa's Village, sugar cookie decorating, musical performances, and much more. For a complete list of holiday events, visit www.julianevents.org.

Rong Branch Restaurant

Located in the heart of Julian California, our restaurant offers BBQ, steaks, seafood, burgers and home cooked country favorites, in a charming atmosphere. Enjoy dining al fresco during the lazy summer months, or rent out our function room for special occasions. Hope to see you soon!















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East Village J Dewers Custom Framing

If paintings are plays, then frames are their scene designs. At their best, they make a serious statement about the work of art (and, by extension, about its purchaser) – at their worst, they muddle your wall décor and devalue the enjoyment of your piece. That's where J Dewers Custom Framing comes in. The staff is in business to pick up where your knowledge and taste leave off, from the shape and color of the frame to suggestions on the best type of glass, mat and even picture hangers. They also frame mirrors, tapestries, diplomas and the like - and house conservator Sarah Murray can repair scratches, burns and holes in just about anything. Your precious artwork is in the very best of hands at J Dewers, located at 715 Eighth

Ave. in the East Village. The number is (619) 233-5888, or visit www.jdewers.com.

North Park Vintage Religion

The harder your giftee is to shop for, the better Vintage Religion seems to like it. This North Park venue is worth a long, long look as a place just to browse through but if you're planning on snagging a present, you and the one you're buying for had best be in the mood for authenticity and reflection. Rosaries, religious statuary, items from a killer Frida Kahlo collection. Day of the Dead memorabilia. locally designed jewelry, organic art: All things religious and cultural are under one roof here, and the shop is well-represented Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at North Park's uber-popular Ray at Night artfest.

You can find the articles indoors at 3821 32nd St. – and there's so much to choose from that you're smart to call ahead for advice at (619) 280-8408. By the by: The website, www.vintagereligion.com, is a work of art in itself. Simply too cool.

Gaslamp Quarter Tabule Restaurant + Bar

The Latin word "tabule" is pronounced "tab-yul," with the accent on the first syllable. Nothing profound about it; it simply means "tablet" or "list" – as in "menu," maybe, since Tabule is also the name for a great Gaslamp Quarter eatery/bar. And since the word is from the Latin, it only figures that Tabule would sport an international menu. Sashimi, Mandarin Cornish hen, Arrachera and mesquite duck tacos, Chilean white sea bass, martinis flavored with an array of exotic fruit: The tastes of

hip orange dining room and black glass bar. And it's hard to believe Tabule opened only a few short months ago-if there are any service or logistical kinks left to work out, you couldn't prove it by us. Tabule Restaurant and Bar has set up shop at 535 Fourth Ave.; learn more by calling 238-0048 orwww.tabulerestaurantbar.com.

South Park JUNC Boutique

nations and cultures clash under a that's OK. Junc is in funky little South Park, where you might expect a funky little fun with the alphabet, and that's all that matters. In fact, junc - er - junk is what this venue does best when it comes to its vintage stock of clothing. Comfortable secondhand shirts, jeans and vintage-cut dresses pepper the walls and aisles - and pay attention to the gallery of art as well, which features the work of several local women and serves as the bridge between the boutique and the neighborhood. Junc is located at 2205 Fern St.; the number is (619) 283-2611. There's more at www.myspace.com/-



Jeffrey Parish, owner of JUNC Boutique, with Jasmine Worth...the curator of the art shows hosted at JUNC Boutique in South Park.

Apparently, nobody at Junc Boutique got the memo about the company spelling class, which must have been less than a success – but juncboutique.

San Diego Bike Shop correction!

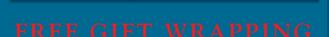
While you're hard at your holiday shopping, you should know that San Diego Bike Shop's correct web address is www.sdbikeshop.com. We didn't do so well in our attempt to relay that info last month - but rest assured that this venue, with or without the right address, is simply the greatest of its kind in the history of the universe.

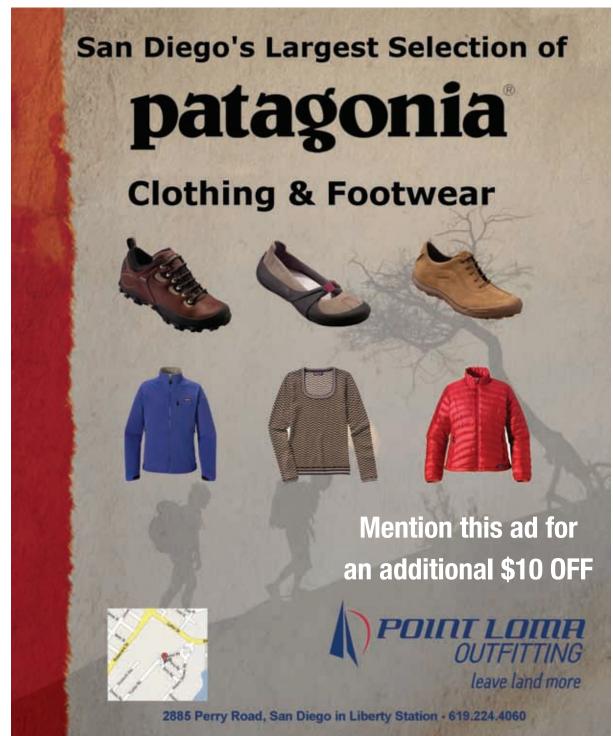
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Here's the definitive scoop on stuff to do this season

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This holiday season will feature a plethora of mem-vres. Tickets and information, (619) 549-0254. orable events downtown and, in some cases, beyond. Mark your calendar with some of these activities, which are sure to add fun to your holiday season. There should be something for everyone!

Through Dec. 24

• The world's largest LEGO Christmas tree lights up LEGOLAND California, featuring nightly tree lightings. Call (760) 918-LEGO or visit www.legoland.com.

Through Dec. 27

• Compass Theatre's "A Tuna Christmas," the sequel to "Greater Tuna." Tickets, (619) 688-9210; information, www.compasstheatre.com.

Through Dec. 28

• Cygnet Theatre Company presents "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," based on the Frank Capra film and adapted for the stage by Joe Landry. Cygnet also presents the opening of the renovated Old Town Theatre with its production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol, adapted and directed by artistic director Sean Murray. Tickets for both shows, Cygnet's Web site, www.cygnettheatre.com or (619) 337-1525.

Dec. 6

- The San Diego Women's Chorus' 21st annual holiday concert, "Wolfsong," will feature classical and contemporary songs written by women composers from various time periods, sung in English, German and Latin. Information and tickets, (619) 291-FEMM or www.sdwc.org.
- Sanctuary Gallery presents the Wonder Tree Haus Holiday Art event, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Assortment of fresh-cut Christmas trees available for purchase. Fine art, music, performances, cocktails and hors d'oeu-



The Christmas tree at the left is made from LEGO blocks. And since the picture was taken at Legoland in Carlsbad, that's only appropriate. Call (760) 918-LEGO for more information on the venue's holiday display.

Dec. 5-7, and 12-14

• City Ballet's "The Nutcracker" at the historic Spreckels Theatre in downtown San Diego. Ticket prices and showtimes, www.cityballet.org.

 Mingei International Museum and JAZZ 88.3 present "Caravan! - A Holiday Jazz Party," 5-8 p.m. Music by the Jazz 88 All-Stars, no-host wine and beer, hors d'oeuvres and the exhibition "Nomadic Legacy – Tent & Textiles from Central Asia & Iran." Information, (760) 735-3355 or www.mingei.org.

• Storyteller Harlynne Geisler shares Christmas legends and Hanukkah tales at the Timken Museum of Art. Morning story about Kwanzaa. The event starts at 11 a.m., free admission. Information, www.timkenmuseum.org.

- Irish Christmas at the Balboa Theatre with Irish music, song, dance and storytelling. Tickets, (619) 570-1100; information www.sandiegotheatres.org.
- The San Diego Model Railroad Museum's annual holiday season family day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants journey through various holiday cultures and traditions spanning the globe. Information, www.sdrm.org.
- Kids and adults alike invited to greet board shortwearing Santa when he arrives at Seaport Village around noon. Following a lively parade along the boardwalk, visitors can take photos surfing with Santa. Information, www.seaportvillage.com, or (619) 235-4014.

Dec. 14 and 21

• The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights begins at 5:30 p.m. both Sundays and starts out at the south end of Island. More information, www.sdparadeoflights.org/.

Dec. 15

• Winter Pops Special Concert with Chris Botti, 7:30 p.m., San Diego Symphony Hall. Tickets and information, (619) 235-0804.

Dec. 16 and 17

• Anthology jazz holiday concert featuring ninetime Grammy nominee Spyro Gyra performing from new CD "A Night Before Christmas." Call (619) 595-0300 or visit www.anthologysd.com.

Dec. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

• Holiday Pops concert with San Diego Master Chorale, San Diego Children's Choir, California Ballet Co., various times. Tickets and information, (619) 235-0804.

• Mercy Hospital Foundation presents a special evening with "The Nutcracker" to benefit Scripps Cancer Center. Exclusive VIP reception at the Westgate Hotel followed by the performance at the San Diego Civic Theatre. Tickets, (858) 678-6393.

• Big Bay Balloon Parade takes over Harbor Drive at 9 a.m. with more than 20 giant balloons, 16 marching bands and 22 specialty units. Information, http://www.thebigbay.com/index.html.

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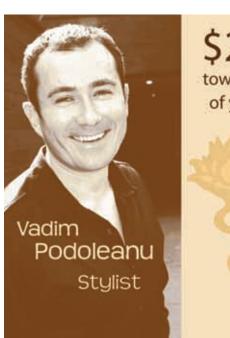


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The Gaslamp Quarter gets into the act this season with its first Gaslamp for the Holidays series of yule-specific events. One of them is Blue Christmas in the Gaslamp Quarter, which features music at no cover charge at various venues around the district, set for Thursday, Dec. 11, from 5 to 10 p.m. For more information on this and other programs, visit www.gaslamp.org or call (619) 233-5227.



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We encourage you to contact us if you would like to help us or donate much needed supplies. We are always seeking new foster families, volunteers for events or transport or donations, and short term weekend fosters. Please visit our website to learn how you can help dogs needing a Second Chance!

www.SecondChanceDogRescue.org



Pet Owners To Celebrate Holiday Season With Their Pets In The Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade

GASLAMP QUARTER – The first-annual Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade is a new event that will take place as a part of Gaslamp For The Holidays.

Scheduled for Sunday, December 14th, 2008 at 3:00 p.m., the Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade was designed to provide San Diego pet owners with a holiday event they can include their pets in.

Participants will be invited to dress up with their pet in their favorite costumes for a special promenade throughout the Gaslamp Quarter to celebrate the season. To encourage participation, an awards ceremony will be held after the parade which will include awards for "Best Pet Costume," "Best Owner Costume," and "Best of Show" for best pet and owner costumes.

The Parade will originate and conclude at the park next to the Hilton Hotel in the Gaslamp Quarter. Owners, accompanied by their dressed-up pets, will march up the decorated Fifth Avenue and under the famous Gaslamp Quarter Arch. The parade will then cross E Street, cruise back down Fourth Avenue, and conclude at the park next to the Hilton Hotel where it started.

At the finish line in Hilton Park, there will be a small community Pet Expo fea-

turing local celebrities and pet-related products and services, a photographer taking pictures of owners with their pets, and the awards ceremony.

In the Gaslamp Quarter, the celebrations never end, and this event is no exception with "after parties" at petfriendly venues throughout the Gaslamp Quarter. Parade participants and onlookers will be invited to spend some time with family, friends, and their pets at pet-friendly Gaslamp Quarter establishments that are happy to accommodate them after the Pet Parade and throughout the year.

Registration for the Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade is now available at www.gaslamp.org on the Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade event page. The registration fee will be \$10 per owner/pet duo, which will include participation in the parade, matching owner and pet collectors Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade dog tags, and a Pet Goodie Bag featuring animal treats, discounts, coupons, and other pet friendly gifts and offers.

More information about each of the Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade and other Gaslamp For The Holidays highlights will be released as they are coordinated through the fall of 2008. The Gaslamp Quarter Association staff will also be available for interviews or to answer any further questions.

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DECEMBER 7th

OCEAN BEACH TOWN COUNCIL DOG BEACH HOLIDAY BEACH PARTY

10am-1pm Ocean Beach Town Council presents Sandy Claws, a Holiday event for the whole family, back by Popular Demand. Bring your dog, your family, and your holiday spirit. Professional photographers will be on site to take your Holiday photo with Santa on the beach. Enter your dog in the Costume Contest. Show off your dog's best tricks and win a cool prize. This event features local vendors, food, family activities, and fun for all ages. Come let us show you a great time at the beach. **MORE INFO:** www.obtowncouncil.org

DECEMBER 12th

HOLIDAY DOGGIE CAFE

6-8 p.m COST:\$10 suggested donation Bring your friendly, on-leash dog to socialize with other dogs while you learn how to keep your pooch calm in a distracting, cafe setting. Winter holiday pictures will also be available for a \$5 donation.

MORE INFO:(619) 299-7012 x2230

DECEMBER 20th

SD HOUSE RABBIT SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY

1-4pm Cost: \$5.00 Donation children under 10 free. Please bring a vegetarian hors d'oeuvre or snack to share. Rabbits are welcome, on a leash or in a carrier. Loomis Auditorium - San Diego Humane Society 5500 Gaines St., SD 92110 MORE INFO: http://www.SanDiegoRabbit.org or email hrs@sandiegorabbits.org

DECEMBER 21th

"WALKIN'-IN-A-WIENER-WONDERLAND" WALK-IN-THE-PARK

1 pm. People rendezvous with their Dachshunds near the main fountain on the Prado up by the Science Center. Around 1:45 or so they will start to make their way down the Prado to the 'Spreckels Organ Pavilion' to participate in Carol Williams "Christmas Organ Concert and Sing-Along" scheduled for 2:00. The San Diego Dachshund Club also hosts a 'Dachshunds' Summer Picnic', 'The HalloWiener Picnic' in the Fall, and 'The Vernal EquiDox' walk-inthe-park in the spring. It has almost become a tradition to see the 'Dachshunds Dressed in their Holiday Attire' parading across the stage for their fifteen seconds of fame. MORE INFO: www.sddc.us

DECEMBER 29th

WIENERSCHNITZEL WIENER NATIONALS FINALS RACE AT THE BIG BAY BALLON PARADE AT HARBOR DRIVE

10am - FREE to watch - Dachshunds from all across the western U.S. will compete as one of the activities at the Big Ballon Parade for the Holiday Bowl.

MORE INFO: www.HolidayBowl.com



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City Dog, South Bark, Noah's Natural Pet and Original Pawpleasers. Additionally, Tess volunteers her Peticure service for many local rescue groups and in-home services that are available for dogs with special needs.

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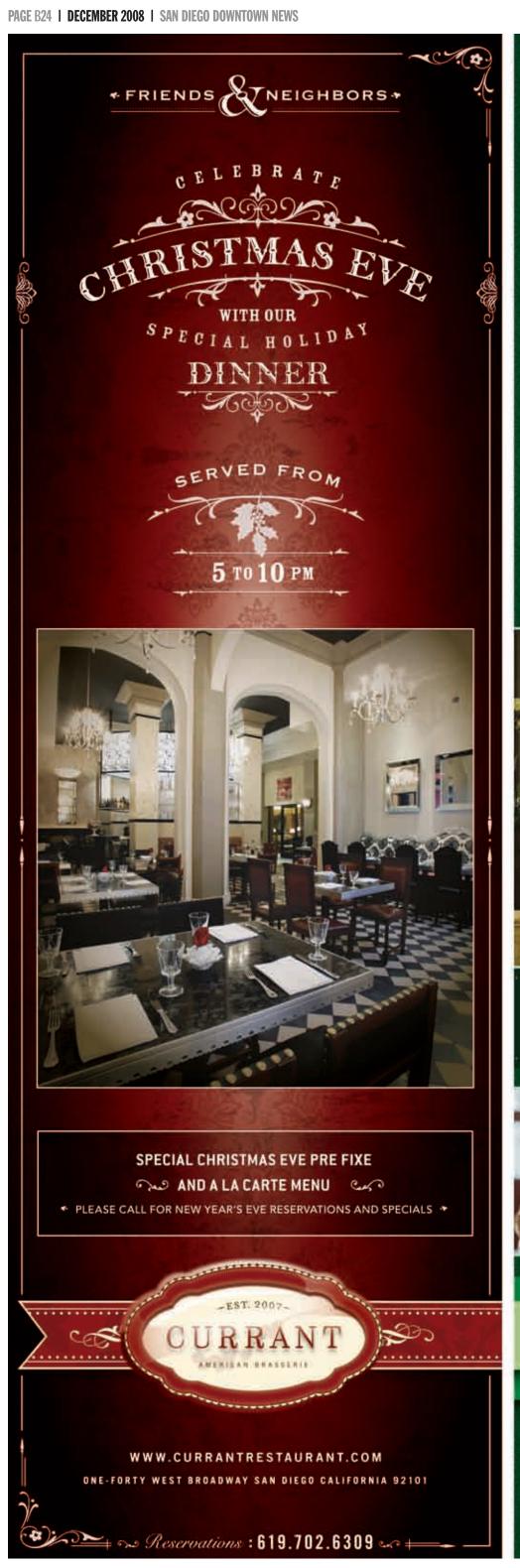
One exit south of the coronado bay bridge. Take the 28th st/national ave. Exit. Follow the sign which reads 28th st. South. Go 1 1/2 blocks to the second stop light, turn right at main st. We are on the left side of main st.

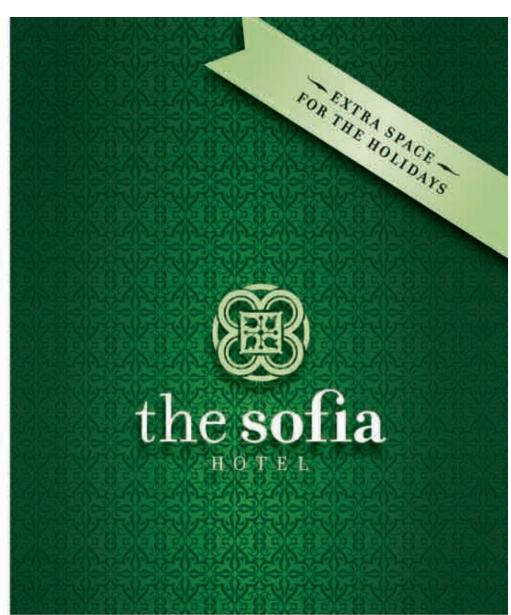
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