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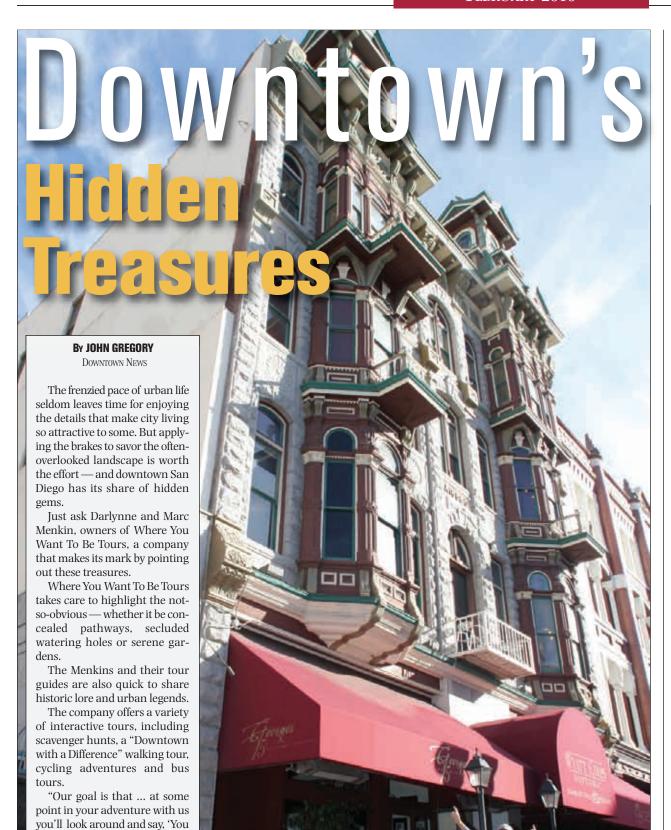
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Darlynne and Marc Menkin, owners of Where You Want To Be Tours, stand before Georges SEE HIDDEN, Page 9 on 5th restaurant, pointing to one of their favorite Victorian-style buildings. The building PAUL HANSEN | Downtown News used to be Wyatt Earp's gambling hall and saloon.



Horses of the San Diego Police Department's equestrian unit, based in Balboa Park stables, are being auctioned off this week.

# **Equestrian unit horses** go on the auction block

By JOHNNY McDONALD

DOWNTOWN NEWS

The San Diego Police Department's equestrian unit will no longer roam sprawling Balboa Park's canyons, walkways and streets. The team's members are being reined in by budget cuts after 15 years of service.

The cuts are part of a \$12.5 million trimming that includes the is part of Mayor Jerry Sanders' Harbor Police, some police automobiles, one-third of the canine unit and eventual layoffs of 84 office workers and investigators, according to assistant police chief Bob Kanaski

Seven horses, trailers, tack and saddles were scheduled to be sold at an online auction that began Feb. 1, and will run through Feb. 10. Viewing of the horses is scheduled for today, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. Pickup of horses sold is scheduled for Feb. 16-18 at the stables based in Balboa Park, according to a police press release.

"Average age of these horses is between nine and 12 years old." Kanaski said. "Horses can live from 25 to 35 years, so these are still juveniles. The buyer would get long usage with them.

"According to my sergeant, Bret Righthurst, we've had about 20 to spirited.

Righthurst was once a member of the unit.

"We have used the horses at the beach and for crowd control. They've done a pretty good job for mounted police enforcement units. duties in Balboa Park.

Boston had one of the longest-running horse units and they're eliminating that."

Seven officers and one sergeant

with the mounted unit will be placed on other duties. The main focus during these changes is to ensure that there are

enough officers out on the field, Kanaski said. The police department cutback

order to close an overall \$179 million city budget gap. Sanders formerly served as police chief. The removal of the horse patrol represents a saving of \$282,000

when one considers specialty pay, food, the veterinarian, saddles, tack, trailers and cars.

As for the Harbor Patrol boats, Kanaski said they belong to the state of California.

In addition, 12 dogs have been retired from the canine unit.

"That leaves me with 21 full units," Kanaski said. "Right now I have six sergeants who have dogs."

The cost of an effective police dog service team is expensive. The typical costs include the purchase of the dog, vehicle, handlers' pay and training, and the daily expenses food and veterinary care.

"We're doing everything to find a place for them, whether in retire-30 inquiries concerning the auc- ment, to another agency or return tion. The bidding should be pretty to the vendor," Kanaski said. They re not trained to be a regular family dog."

The dismissal of the workers is being negotiated with the Municipal Employees Assn.

The Central Division, which us but mostly for public relations also covers downtown San rather than enforcement," he said. Diego and Logan Heights, will "Most agencies are cutting the assume law enforcement

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# King-Chavez High School is giving its students a different look at the world

By ANTHONY GENTILE | DOWNTOWN NEWS

In its first year, King-Chavez High School (KCHS) is giving local high school students a different option downtown. The public charter school opened its doors to ninth-graders in August.

"We seek excellence in arts, academics and athletics through the foundation of love," said KCHS principal Jeb Hubbs. "It's all based on love - we love what we do, we love our students and we really believe that love makes the world go round."

KCHS is the seventh school in the high school in 2013. King-Chavez family, which opened its first school in 2000. As more and more students passed through the ranks of the King-Chavez schools, a high school became necessary.

"We really believe in what we're doing and we didn't want to turn our kids out to high schools that didn't necessarily follow the same mission that we have," Hubbs said.

The high school currently has 210 students in its freshman class. Each year it will add a grade until it becomes a full



"We wanted to give our kids an opportunity to stay in the school system and continue on through high school," Hubbs said.

KCHS is a dual-outcome school, with the aim of preparing students for both college and career. This means that in addition to taking required college prep courses, students are also required to take an internship as juniors and seniors to give them real-life experience prior to graduation.

'We want a well-rounded student. We

want these kids to have the knowledge to go to college and skills to be able to find employment," Hubbs said. "We know that in the demographic of kids that we're working with that some kids need to find work now. We need to prepare them for everything they need after they graduate high school."

Two things set KCHS apart from its local high school counterparts size and schedule. Hubbs said when the high school becomes all four grades it will have 800 students. and the school has a class schedule from 8:45 a.m. to 4:05 p.m., one thought to mimic the career work-

KCHS is currently enrolling students from around the county for ninth and 10th grades. Though the school is free, an application process is necessary for

"We always welcome people to come on down and check us out," Hubbs said.

King-Chavez High School is located at 201 A St. For more information, visit www.kingchavez.net or call (619) 704-1020.



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# Downtown will celebrate Year of the Tiger

By ANTHONY GENTILE | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Chinese culture will be on the prowl downtown later this month. The 28th annual San Diego Chinese New Year Fair will ring in the Year of the Tiger on Feb. 20 and 21 in downtown's Asian Pacific Thematic Historic District.

"If they want to come out and check out local culture, we have live performances and food and booths for families," said Linh Du, a volunteer with event coordinator San Diego Chinese

The Year of the Metal Tiger, year 4708 on the lunar calendar, officially begins Feb. 14. According to Online Chinese Astrology, the combined metal tiger signifies the energy to begin activity and the determination to follow it, and that events set in motion will gain steam in the new year.

Du said she expects about 25,000 people to attend the free two-day festival that will take place between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day. Entertainment at the event includes Chinese acrobats, local folk dance and music performances, local martial arts performers and an Asian story theater, in addition to various food and vendor booths.

"It's a family event, so bring the kids," Du said. "It's good for families because we have our children's center."

Activities in the children's area include Chinese crafts and calligraphy. There will also be a children's lantern

The nearby San Diego Chinese Historic Museum will also take part in the Chinese New Year festivities. The museum, located at 404 Third Ave., has prepared special exhibits for the fair, including an exhibition of Chinese New Year prints and a display case dedicated to the new year with firecrackers, lanterns and a lion's head.

We have about 60 to 70 copies from the Chinese Palace Museum (in the Forbidden City)," Alexander Chuang, executive director of the museum, said about the prints. "There are many categories."

Also on display in time for the fair is a new addition to the museum's permanent collection – eight Chinese opera masks. These masks convey specific posi-



The heads of Chinese dragon costumes are prepared for a previous year's Chinese New Year Fair in downtown's Asian Pacific Thematic Historic District.

tions and poses from the ancient tradition of Chinese opera.

"They are very real because they are made of clay and fired in low temperature," Chuang said. "It's hard to keep from the damage from shipping.'

The San Diego Chinese New Year Fair will be held at Third Avenue and I Street downtown. For more information, visit www.sdcny.org. The San Diego Chinese Historical Museum is online at www.sdchm.org.

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# San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary

# Club's members work for the betterment of the community

By LILLIAN COX | DOWNTOWN NEWS

The 102 members of the San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary get more things done by 9 a.m. on Wednesday than most people do all week.

The club meets between 7:30 and 9 a.m. at the University Club, located on the top floor of Symphony Towers at 750 B St.

Last year, the group contributed more than \$50,000 to local nonprofit organizations and schools. Members also provided more than 400 hours of direct community service.

In addition, the organization's annual Holes for Heroes golf event netted \$64,000 for military supporting charities and Rotary Foundation humanitarian projects.

Nonprofits benefitting from the club's efforts include the USO, Veterans Village and Catholic Charities.

"We don't just give money, we do hands-on work," said Downtown Breakfast Rotary President Karen Green. "For Catholic Charities we assembled Thanksgiving meal packages and distributed them to families ourselves.

Another of the club's major projects is the Polio Plus Foundation, a partnership between Microsoft founder Bill Gates and Rotary International to eradicate polio throughout the world. The Rotary Club has set as its goal matching a \$100 million grant by Gates over a three-year period.

"Even though the economy is bad, we are way ahead of our giving," Green said. "With our Polio Plus project, we doubled our goal in half the time.'

Last month the club didn't waste any

"What brings us together is that you want to help the local community. We're not a networking group, we're a service organization."

Karen Green

time coming to the aid of Haitian earthquake victims.

"We've already committed \$1,000 and our members are continuing to add more," she said. "We will be giving a total of approximately \$2,000."

Rotarians represent a wide variety of professions including judges, attorneys, retail owners and realtors like Green.

"What brings us together is that you want to help the local community," she said. "We're not a networking group, we're a service organization."

Prospective members must actively hold or be retired from a professional, proprietary, executive or managerial position. They must have the desire and ability to attend weekly meetings and live within the territorial limits of the club or adjoining club. To join they must have a sponsor, attend a minimum of three meetings and secure approval by the board of directors.

Green said members can expect to pay about \$1,000 a year to belong to the club. This includes the cost of weekly breakfasts. Guests and visiting Rotarians pay \$18 at the door to attend a breakfast meeting.

For more information, visit www.sdrotary.org or e-mail karengreen@cox.net.



Karen Green, Downtown Breakfast Rotary



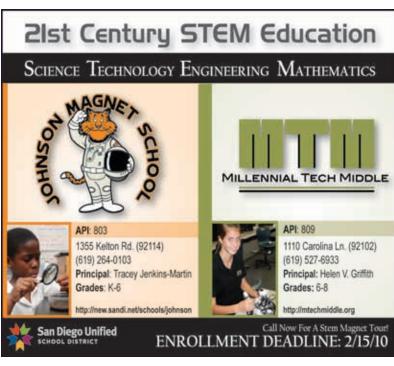
Fank DeFransco, a member of the San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary, serves breakfast Courtesy San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary at the Potiker Senior Center.

# Ace Hardware store owners paint Washington Elementary

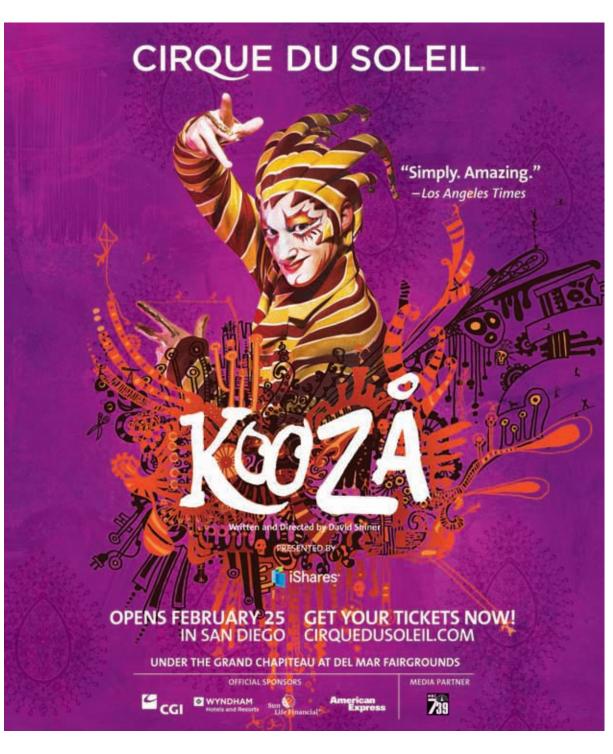
More than 75 Ace Hardware store owners from across the country came together Jan. 22 to give a fresh coat of paint to Washington Elementary, which is part of the San Diego Unified School District and located at 1789 State St. Led by Ace's Home Expert Lou Manfredini, the volunteers used Ace's Royal interior paint to brighten the walls of the school's library and several administrative offices, and all

of the paint and supplies were provided by siblings Pam and Harry Schwartz, owners of the Downtown Ace Hardware at 675 Sixth St. The paint project provided Ace an opportunity to give back to the San Diego community during its three-day annual conference dedicated to Ace store owners networking, learning new initiatives and sharing best practices on how to succeed at retail.









# Downtown-headquartered Census Bureau office gets ready for the 2010 count

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | DOWNTOWN NEWS

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring up to 20,000 staff employees at three San Diego County branch offices in Chula Vista, Escondido and El Cajon, this month to augment its downtown head-quarters at 1370 India St. Temporary positions ranging from clerk-level to supervisor positions pay from \$12.50 to \$18.50 an hour.

Some staff will also personally count residents starting in April depending on households returning the census survey or not returning them, said Robert Borboa, spokesman for the bureau.

"If you don't want anyone to come to your home, please fill out the questionnaire and return it," he said.

Residents should expect a letter in late February announcing the beginning of the count, which takes place every 10 years. Citizens can expect a 10-question form about a week later. The government asks residents to fill it out promptly and return it.

The survey asks for the number of people living at a residence and tracks information such as Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates. The form asks for type of residence, names, birthdays, telephone numbers and race. It does not include questions relating to citizenship.

The government uses the information to track population growth. Government officials also use the information while redrawing congressional districts, Borboa. Approximately \$400 billion a year is handed out through Congress to communities to augment social services, infrastructure and schools, Borboa said.

"(So) if we undercount by 1,000, that translates to a million (dollars) that that community has lost over the 10 years," Borboa said.

Since 1790, the count has taken place every 10 years as required by the U.S. Constitution. In between those counts, the government also sends out additional surveys every third and seventh year for a demographic "portrait" of the country, which is what residents may remember filling out in recent years, Borboa said.

Under federal law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share the information with other government agencies.

For more information about the U.S. Census, visit www.2010.census.gov.





FUN AT THE FESTIVAL The 12th annual San Diego Multicultural Festival brought out families and performers Jan. 16 to Martin Luther King Jr. Promenade. TOP LEFT: Black Star Eyed Eagle of the Tongva tribe, originally from Catalina Island, performs at the festival. TOP RIGHT: A family wearing sack hats strolls by the public art sculpture titled "Breaking the Chains of Hate." BELOW, RIGHT: An assortment of Mexican wrestling masks is displayed at a booth. BELOW, LEFT: A Native American group conducts a traditional dance.







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# **Tabule Restaurant + Bar**

Tabule is a cozy hidden gem. Tucked away on 4th Avenue between Market Street and Island Avenue is Tabule Restaurant + Wine Bar. Tabule's menu spans a wide variety of international cuisines including Italian, Thai, Middle Eastern, ceviches, sushi, seafood dishes and steaks. Tabule has also been voted as one of the "Top10 Restaurants in the Gaslamp Quarter" as well as "Most Romantic". In addition to their unique dishes, Tabule hosts a daily "Power Hour" from 5pm-6pm Monday through Friday. All drinks and appetizers are HALF PRICE and this includes their signature Pomegranate Martini. On Tuesday guests can enjoy and ALL NIGHT HAPPY HOUR from 5pm to close and another extended Happy Hour from 3pm-6pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

# Salazar's Taco Shop

Salazar's Taco Shop Began as a dream in 1945 and turned into a reality in 1972. The owner and founder, Frank Salazar, began working at the age of 14 in the kitchen of the La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe under the supervision of a German chef named Konrad. Today the "taste of home" quality of the food is enjoyed by many long-time customers and some of our new neighbors who are becoming our new regulars. The fine food at Salazar's can be enjoyed seven days a week, 6:30 am until 9 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as food to go are served all day. Bulk food orders with advance notice are available. The margaritas are real and the bottled beer is cold. The best thing I've ever been told by a customer is that "there's a genuine-ness about this place."

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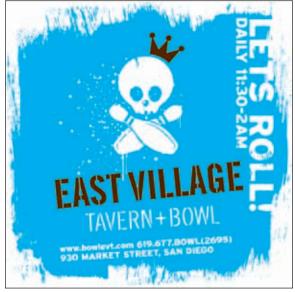
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# **NEWS***briefs*

# **CCDC** hosts informative 'coffee' meeting

Centre City Development Corporation discussion forum where the public can

fill up with information about downtown redevelopment, projects and plans. "Coffee with CCDC" will take place at 6 p.m. today, Feb. 4 at the Downtown Information Center, located at 193 Horton Plaza (above CVS/pharmacy). No (CCDC) is hosting "Coffee with CCDC," a reservation is required to attend this free meeting.



A family enjoys the setting during a previous TET Festival. This year's event wil be held Feb.

# TET Festival set for Balboa Park

culture and heritage, the Vietnamese putting together the fifth annual TET Festival at Balboa Park to celebrate the 2010 Lunar New Year.

"Huong Mua Xuan, Spring of Harmony" is the theme for this year's festidays: Friday, Feb. 19, 4-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The activities will be located at Balboa Park on the ration Lot and San Diego City College corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way.

Expanding on the Cultural Village area of the festival, this year's festival will feature events for all ages and more replica Vietnamese structures providing a nostalgic look at life in Vietnam. In

In an effort to preserve Vietnamese addition, this year's featured cultural entertainers include Minh Tuyet, My American Youth Alliance (VAYA) is Huyen, Phillip Huy, Mai Thiên Vân and Justin Nguyên. The festival will also showcase cultural and hip-hop dances from various youth organizations throughout San Diego.

In addition to the diverse entertainval that will run on three consecutive ment, the festival will host more than 100 vendors including more than 25 food vendors.

> Parking will be available at the Inspiparking lots at the corner of Russ Boulevard and 16th Street. Shuttles will be provided from various parking lots as well as various communities in San Diego, including Mira Mesa, Linda Vista and east San Diego. For more information visit www.sdtet.com.

# Airport offers flu shots to ticketed passengers

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority has announced a partnership with Pacifica Medical to offer H1N1, pneumonia and other CDC-recommended shots to ticketed passengers and employees at San Diego International Airport. The flu shots are being offered at four post-security locations in Terminals 1 and 2 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Vaccinations are expected to be available through early 2010. At each kiosk, travelers will have the option of receiving the H1N1 vaccine as well as a host of other travel-related vaccines, including hepatitis A, hepatitis B, pneumonia and typhoid. Seasonal flu shots will also be available. For all vaccines, there will be a discount for San Diego residents. For more information, call (619) 400-2884 or (619) 400-2881, or e-mail

kjones@san.org or sshultz@san.org.

# **City College wins** parade grand prize

San Diego City College earned top honors in the Jan. 16 San Diego Martin Luther King Parade. Although a parade float winner throughout its 25-plus years of participating in the MLK Parade, this is the first time City College has earned the Sweepstakes Overall Grand Prize. With "Living the Dream, Let Freedom Ring" as the theme of this year's 30th annual parade, San Diego City College students took inspiration from Dr. King's quote, "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." More than two dozen San Diego City College students, faculty and staff designed and assembled their 24-foot float titled, "Letting Freedom Ring Through Education, NOT Incarceration."

# **Bank of America Tower** receives TOBY Award

Downtown San Diego's Bank of America Tower at 450 B St. was awarded The Office Building of the Year (TOBY) Award under the Renovated Building category in late December 2009. The prestigious TOBY competition is held in conjunction with Building Owner's Management Association (BOMA) International. The TOBY Award is bestowed as the highest mark of excellence for office building management. The Bank of America Tower is owned by One San Diego Associates L.P. of New York, New York and is managed/leased by the San Diego, California office of Colliers International. Ware Malcomb's San Diego office provided architectural and interior design services for the renovation of a portion of the 277,351 square foot, 20-story office tower.



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# HIDDEN

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can be called for pick-up. They will deliver passengers to a number of destinations, including several restaurants along the ocean front.

"You don't have to own a boat to have a nautical adventure," Marc said.

Nearby, the Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place, provides spectacular views at the Top of the Hyatt lounge, 40 stories high. Tourists and locals alike can peek at an urban landscape, San Diego Bay or get a bird's-eye view of the USS Midway aircraft carrier museum.

Next door, the tropical setting of the swimming pool area at the Marriott Hotel & Marina, 333 W. Harbor Drive, complete with water falls, also features a tiki bar that is open to locals. Anyone can walk into the area, buy a cool drink and take in the scene. "It's a slice of paradise," Marc said.

Those who prefer a coffee drink may go inside to the Marriott's second floor Starbucks, order a cup and sit in the plentiful seating while looking down on the tropical view from above. It's definitely one of the most scenic Starbucks locations and it rarely has a line, Marc

Back on the ground level, a few steps east of the pool area reveals a mermaid wire sculpture on the side of the Convention Center — one piece of hidden public art the tour company delights in showing off.

"It's totally hidden and never gets mentioned," Marc said.

Between the Marriott and the Convention Center is a rarely seen tropical pathway with a variety of leafy plants. The opening of the path on the other side reveals another wire sculpture, this one titled "For the Benefit of Mr. Kite."

Parked nearby is a large vehicle used to shuttle Marriott guests. Mounted on its roof is a huge double-wide paddle board made from wood. Marc said he has tried to use the paddle board on a few occasions, and the hotel has been obliging, but the schedule hasn't worked out so far.

A glance at the Convention Center between the old and new structure offers a look at the many locals who use the steps as a workout course. But a closer look uncovers a little-used incline elevator that takes guests upward parallel to the stairway, and provides a great view. Anyone can hop on.

Marc mentioned that a pedestrian bridge under construction further to the east is scheduled to open this spring close to the Bayfront Hilton, allowing pedestrians to cross over Harbor Drive toward Petco Park. The new bridge will have a nautical look, he said.

Crossing Harbor Drive from the western edge of the Convention Center brings pedestrians to Martin Luther King Walkway and more public art in the form of a powerful sculpture called "Breaking the Chains of Hate."

Along the walkway an outdoor fireground floor of the Harbor Club Towers. Aside from a selection of fine wines hosts Dizzy's live jazz club.



HIDDEN TREASURES

A group takes in the view on the rooftop lounge called Altitude atop the Gaslamp Marriott during one of Where You Want To Be Tours' downtown scavenger hunts



A tranquil garden is situated between buildings just to the right of the Chinese Historical Museum. PAUL HANSEN | Downtown News

Walking up some stairs and through a gate, Marc leads the way into the deck outside the Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, 401 K St. Here, he provides details of all the many historic photos on display. He explains that, long before the Convention Center existed, a dock once came all the way up to where the hotel now stands, and that a metal overlook jutting from the deck of the Hilton was built to acknowledge the position of the old dock. He explained that some photos illustrate the old Stingaree district dotted with brothels, and that the name stingaree comes from the stingrays that inhabited the bay. Then he came to one of his favorite characters, Alonzo Horton. Marc explained that Horton came to the area in the late 1800s, bought land and promoted the area. "I see (Horton's) long beard and I think, 'Did ZZ Top get their inspiration from Alonzo Horton?"

Back to the subject of the Stingaree district, Marc said he is fascinated that some local bar and restaurant establishments are named after madams from that era. For instance, madam Cora's Marble Room Kitchen & Saloon, 535 Fifth Ave., is named for a madam whose brothel operated on a color scheme. If a patron chose a woman in a red dress, for instance, then he would be taken into the room with a red door at the entrance.

The Horton Grand Hotel, 311 Island Ave., has a restaurant named Ida Bailey's. Bailey once ran a high-end brothel where none of her workers were allowed to swear. While inside The Horplace signals the San Diego Culinary ton Grand, Marc was sure to point out Center, 200 Harbor Drive, housed on the the highly-detailed Victorian staircase, which is well preserved.

Nearby, at the Chinese Historical for sampling and purchase, the center Museum, 404 Third Ave., Marc unveiled a tranquil pathway and garden sand-

wiched between the museum building ton Plaza: Commissioned by jeweler and its neighboring structure. It's a place he and Darlynne have visited to share a peaceful moment, he said. Marc also detailed the efforts the city is undertaking to promote and establish an Asian cultural district in the area.

Then came a walk to Petco Park.

"Even locals are very captivated by what they see in Petco Park: special access areas, rooftop lounges, public art, colorful restaurants," Marc said.

He mentioned that Park at the Park is fairly substantial, open from sunrise to sunset. It's a dog-friendly park. He said he brings tours to the park to hit a bucket of tennis balls at the miniature ball field situated at one corner.

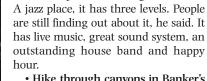
"When you're hitting a line drive at Park at the Park, you're really hitting the ball inside Petco Park," he said.

Here are a number of other treasures and tales throughout San Diego's downtown area that Marc mentioned:

• Jessop's clock in the middle of Hor-

Joseph Jessop, it began keeping time publicly in 1907. It only stopped running three times according to fable -1) the day that Joseph Jessop died, 2) When a horse and buggy ran into it, 3) when an earthquake struck.

- University Club Atop Symphony Towers, 750 B St. It is accessible to the public and you can schedule business meetings or hold weddings there, Marc said. The view from the bar is incredible: you can see the ocean and Petco Park, he said.
- The Courtyard Marriott, 530 Broadway. An old vault is used as a meeting
- Downtown's rooftop lounges: the Andaz San Diego (formerly The Ivy Luxury San Diego Hotel), 600 F St.; Se San Diego, 1047 Fifth Ave.; Hotel Solamar San Diego, 435 Sixth Ave.; the W San Diego Hotel, 421 W. B St.: Hotel Indigo San Diego, 509 Ninth Ave.
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- · Hike through canyons in Banker's Hill (with foot bridges): Maple Canyon and Kate Sessions Canyon.
- Palm Canyon in Balboa Park: 400 different palms. "A total sanctuary on a hot day," Marc said.
- World Beat Center in Balboa Park: It's colorful and exciting. Always something going on; music, even workout classes and healthy eating courses.
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Jessop's clock at Horton Plaza is said to have stopped only three times, once when jeweler Joseph Jessop died. PAUL HANSEN | Downtown News

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# FIT SAVVY

By Connie Cook | Guest Columnist

Is love really a many splendored thing? Well, if that includes drama, excitement, giddiness, heartbreak, lust, anger, happiness, fear, pleasure and worry, then I would say yes, it is.

It's been said that love makes the world go round, it's also been said love is blind. No matter what your take on love, one thing for sure is that everyone feels it, good or bad, in their heart.

The heart is an amazing organ. Not only is it your body's lifeline, it's the one organ where you can actually feel the emotions related to that crazy little thing called love. For its size, the heart does a tremendous job of keeping the blood flowing throughout the body. The average human heart, beating at 72 beats per minute, will beat approximately 2.5 billion times during an average 66 year lifespan. With that in mind, you should maximize the strength of every beat to make each stroke as strong as you possibly can.

Training your heart is as important as training the rest of your body. But sometimes the "out of sight out of mind" aspect comes into play. If we all truly wore our heart on our sleeve then we could see exactly what kind of shape it's in. Is it as buff as our biceps or as lean as our legs? The only way to get your heart in tip top shape is to train it with cardiovascular conditioning such as walking, jogging, biking, jumping rope, swimming, rowing or any other activity that elevates your heart rate for an extended one you enjoy the most and will do consistently. Here are three of my favorite cardio workouts:

Hopping on a bike in a cycling class is one of the quickest ways to get your heart pumping and have a great time in the process. You won't be popping wheelies, but you will be monitoring your heart rate and cadence along the way. My favorite cycling class is interval training. It alternates between high and low intervals of intense work followed by short rests. It is one of the most effective ways to increase your cycling speed and endurance while challenging your heart. Plus, you burn a ton of calories in the process and develop endurance and strength in the lower body along the

> "Training your heart is as important as training the rest of your body. But sometimes the "out of sight out of mind" aspect comes into play."

### Go for an indoor hike

Want to mimic the great outdoors with a challenging indoor hike? Hop on a treadmill and turn the incline UP. I'm amazed how many people don't realize how steep treadmills rise. Maintain a steady walking speed and increase vour incline every five minutes or so and you'll be surprised how the pitter patter of your heart gradually increases with the rise of the treadmill. Walking a steep incline requires considerably more effort than a leisurely stroll on flat terrain. It not only challenges your cardiovascular system but burns more fat and calories. You also get additional toning benperiod of time. Which one is best? The efits to your posterior thigh and calf

### Row, row, row

It's interesting to see some people tip toe around the rowing machines and not even give them a second thought when rowing is one of the best cardio workouts around. It's a full-body workout that is hard to beat. Apart from the cross trainer, this is the only cardio machine that fully engages the upper body. It can be a little tricky to establish your rhythm, but once you've got it down it's downright cool. By creating your own rhythmic style and rowing to your own groove you'll get a great heartpumping cardio workout that works your whole body.

Taking care of your heart should be your number one priority and the goal of any cardio workout should be to elevate your heart rate and get it pumping to make it stronger and more efficient. And you know, if you can't make it to the gym, you can always try fooling around. Your heart (and partner) will thank you for that too. Sex can give you a great workout. By some estimates, a vigorous "roll in the hay" can double a person's heart rate and burn up about 200 calories, or the equivalent of a brisk 15minute run. Think of it as preventive maintenance and put a little love in your



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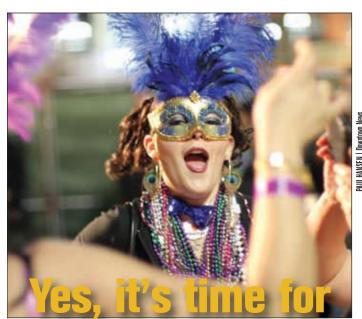


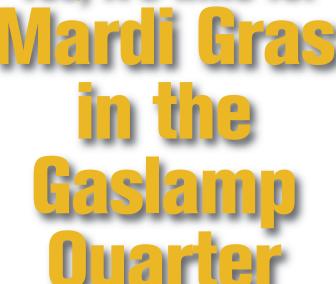
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The biggest party of the year comes to the Gaslamp Quarter on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 6 p.m. to midnight during the annual Mardis Gras in the Gaslamp celebration.

The event features two parades — one at 7:30 p.m. and another at 10 p.m. — live music, dancers, performers and bayou-themed live entertainers roaming up and down Market Street. Thousands are expected to fill the blocks from Broadway to K Street, across Fourth, Fifth and Sixth avenues.

"The celebration is Gaslampwide, and every business along there is actually involved. Many of them will waive cover charges and have drink specials," said Heather Ashby, marketing manager for the Gaslamp Quarter Association.

Tickets range from a \$15 presale and \$20 at the gates, to a variety of package deals for local restaurants and night spots. Gates are located at Fifth Avenue and Broadway; and Sixth Avenue and K Street.

This year's event, Ashby said, will feature approximately 40 to 50 floats parading down Fifth Avenue. Dancers, fire-breathers, beadwranglers and performers will walk up and down cross streets for the full Mardis Gras cause célèbre.

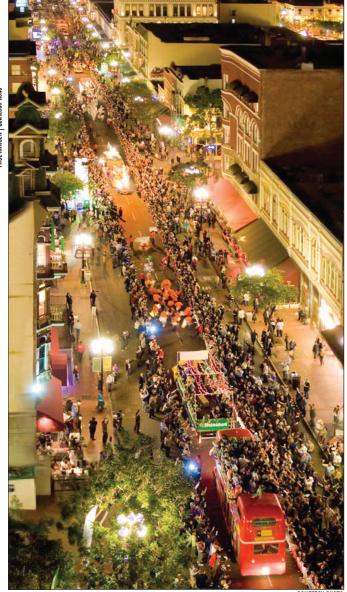
"The highlight of the event is the parades," Ashby said. "Usually we'll see about 40 and 50 floats. The 10 p.m. parade is a little more adult."

One tradition includes giving out bead necklaces to those risqué



economic boon to local businesses. Promoting the area is part of the local business association's responsibility. The Gaslamp Quarter Association, the area's Business Improvement District, uses part of local business fees to promote and drive traffic to

For more information, ticket sales and details, visit www.gaslamp.org.









Life-size replicas of a mammoth family, a ground sloth and a sabertoothed cat are on display at Elephant Odyssey for comparisons with their living counterparts.

# **Elephant Odyssey:** a trip through time

By JOHNNY McDONALD | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Journey by Skyfari or take an escalator ride from Cat Canyon to a plot of land atop the world-famous San Diego Zoo that depicts what animal life was like here 12,000 years ago.

This 7.5-acre, \$45 million Elephant Odyssey features living relatives — like elephants, lions and jaguars — of the species that once roamed Southern California.

Experience an active mock tar pit and fossil dig with interpretive volunteers. This exhibit offers the concept of what once lived here, establish their extinction and what may have happened to them.

See life-size statues of a mammoth family, a ground sloth and a saber-toothed cat for comparisons with their living counterparts.

Some of those counterparts might also be in danger of going the way of their Pleistocene ancestors. The California condor, once on the brink of extinction, did make a comeback.

"With the construction of Odyssey, we tried to bring to life a knowledge of what was here when humans first arrived," said project creator and coordinator Ed Lewins, who also serves as a paleontologist. "Everything there on exhibit has a counterpart to that period."

Fossil research suggests that Columbian mammoths and saber-toothed cats roamed the area, and teratorn birds with 12-foot wingspans soared above.

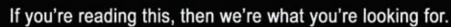
"Yes, fossils have been found in San Diego County," he said. "Our focus was on Southern California."

Lewins did his research at the Page Museum and LaBrea tar pits in Los Angeles, Anzo Borrego and the San

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The California condor was saved from extinction long after the mammoth disappeared.





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# At the Old Globe

Feb. 20-28, The Old Globe presents Joe Drymala's world premiere musical "Street Lights," with book by Jon Hartmere and direction by Kristin Henggi. The piece concerns three high school students who refuse to be marginalized by their society. Expect hip-hop, R&B and pop music along with strong language. It's part of the Globe's Southeastern San Diego Residency Project, which last year presented the astonishing new musical "Kingdom." For info and tickets go to www.theoldglobe.org or phone (619) 23-GLOBE.



Feb. 18, for one night only, San Diego Theatres presents the fabled Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo in ballet hijinks, 7:30 p.m., Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Ave. For tickets and info go to www.ticketmaster.com or phone (619) 570-1100.

# At Copley Symphony Hall

Feb. 12-14, renowned pianist Garrick Ohlsson plays music of Frédéric Chopin in San Diego Symphony's Jacobs' Masterworks Series. The con-

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cert includes the composer's "Andante Spaniato et Grande Polonaise brilliante" and Piano Concerto No. 2. The orchestra plays Jean Sibelius' Symphony No. 2. Copley Symphony Hall, Seventh at B St. For tickets and info go to www.sandiegosymphony.com or phone (619) 235-0804.

# At the Civic Theatre

Feb. 20-28, San Diego Opera presents Giuseppe Verdi's magnificent "Nabucco," based on the biblical story of Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians. Sylvie Valayre, last season's Tosca, returns to sing the role of the vengeful Abigaille. The continuing season takes place at San Diego Civic Theatre, Third and B St. Info and tickets at www.sdopera.com or (619) 533-7000.

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# **Nutrition Zone opens** new location in Downtown

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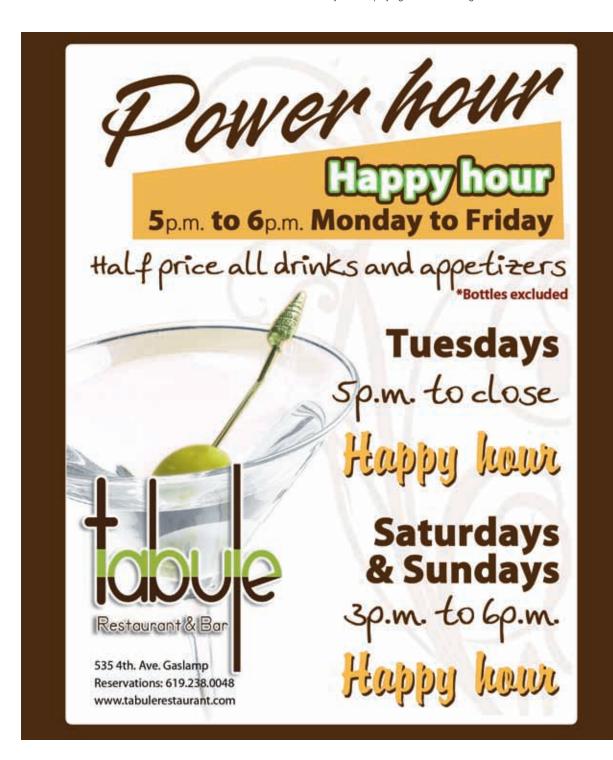
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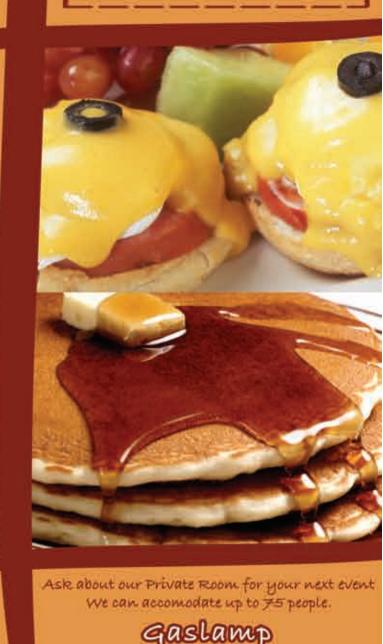
Feb. 18-March 7, San Diego Repertory Theatre presents "Culture Clash in America," starring Richard Montoya, Ricardo Salinas and Herbert Siguenza, who dig further into their exploration of cultural anthropology with comedic sketches featuring unforgettable characters of both genders, all played by the same three guys at the Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza. For tickets and info go to www.sdrep.org or phone (619) 544-1000.



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# Anthology starts a series of craft beer dinners

### AROUND THE KEG



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It's always nice to find a new place to drink, especially when they are pouring some really great beer. Better still is when you discover that a local favorite has had a change of heart and is "trading up" to local craft beer!

I was glad to hear recently that Anthology in Little Italy will be running a monthly craft beer dinner in 2010. Little Italy is a fantastic place to spend an evening, window shop, snack on delectable treats, enjoy a great meal or share a beautiful bottle of wine. Unfortunately, it isn't the easiest place to find a great pint of local beer, or craft beer for that matter. While this statement is slightly exaggerated, it isn't too far from reality. You can find some great beer in Little Italy, just not in a large selection or as a featured part of the menu. There is some draft beer, but not as much as you would expect to see in America's Craft Beer Capital.

However, it looks like Anthology may be trying to change that. Owner's Howard and Marsha Berkson, and executive chef Eric Bauer, are working on integrating a new passion for great local beer into their chic establishment. Beginning this past month, Anthology will be highlighting a different local brewer each month, serving, cooking and pairing their beers with a specially made

pairing menu. Chef Bauer and team will be taking the time to pull interesting flavors out of each beer and enhancing them on the dinner plate. The results are an eclectic and interesting a la carte dinner menu paired perfectly with fresh

For example, this past January, Anthology served an inspiring menu. Braised Pork Pastor Tostada with Vanilla Bean Scented Pineapple, Chipotle Crema, and Pickled Red Onion was a great start to the night along with the Chorizo Sausage & Saffron Risotto Bites and Ranchero Salsa. Just reading the description of those two dishes brings about a multitude of flavors and aromas that stimulate the appetite! And don't forget the beer; each dish was specifically made to pair with a full flavored craft

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Some of the entrées included Goat Cheese Polenta & Roasted Vegetable Ratatouille with Crispy Elephant Garlic and Tomato Sugo; and Beer Braised Chicken Enchiladas with Roasted Poblanos, Spanish Rice and Caramelized Pearl Onions. Chef Bauer's menu kept me on my toes, as the various flavors were both complementary and aggressively independent at the same time.

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# **ANTHOLOGY**

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With all of this great food and beer, it's easy to forget that Anthology is a fantastic live music venue. Not to be excluded, there is live music every night and I happened to enjoy The Long Run, an Eagles tribute band, with dinner.

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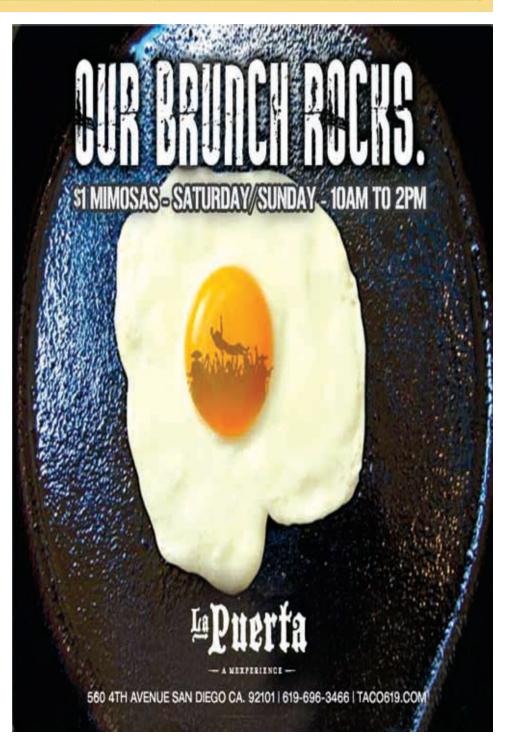


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# **FASHION**

# **Medavog Couture**

# This driven designer is passionate about his work

Francisco Medavog's Newspaper Dress, made out news-

papers from around the world.

**By DIANA CAVAGNARO** 

DOWNTOWN NEWS

Francisco Medavog is a passionate fashion designer, artist and collector of couture. He first thought of being a fashion designer when he was 13 years old. He said he was reading a GQ Magazine and was impressed by the men's suits.

The first thought that came to him was, how do you construct a think about being a fashion design-

ion Institute of Design & Merchandising) and at that time I started to celebrating the 500th anniversary collect couture and would study the clothes, look at the seams and see how they were sewn," Medavog said.

After 20 years of collecting couture, Medavog now owns more than

20,000 pieces, including gowns, handbags and jewelry.

In 1987, FIDM inherited 200 pieces from Rudi Gernreich who was a famous fashion designer in the '60s. Peggy Moffitt was his model and muse, and visited the college one day in 1988. She looked at Medavog's work and said, "If you keep working like this you are going to be an amazing designer.' Medavog said this was a huge comjacket? He said that inspired him to pliment from such a famous fashion model.

In 1992 the Summer Olympics "In 1988, I attended FIDM (Fash- was in Spain. In conjunction with the Olympics was the Expo Sevilla of Christopher Columbus. Medavog was picked to represent Mexico. Medavog said this was an incredible honor as he was picked out of

SEE **MEDAVOG**, Page 18



Francisco Medavog creates fashions with style, glamour and artistry. He has so much passion for his chosen field that he owns more than 20,000 pieces of couture, Aron Martinez Photography

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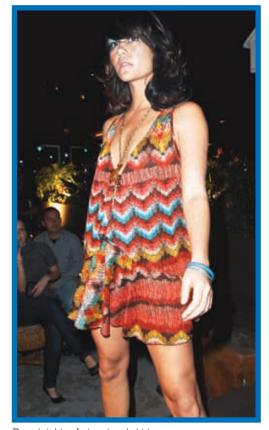
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# ot Design

ss10 collection. light flowing garments hit the runway. futuristic textiles and color palette.

M. Dot Design held its first fashion show at Beach Bar at the W Hotel on Jan. 28. "Futuristic Safari," the theme of the event, showcased M. Dot's spring/summer 2010 collection. Each garment on the runway was handcrafted, and a part of M. Dot's limited edition collection. The show consisted of a transition throughout the runway, from highbright neon African safari print garments, to easy earth tone safari outfits, ending with a bang of futuristic pieces.



Busy, bright safari vest and skirt.



SS10 Futuristic Safari. M. Dot grey knit Dress with futuristic scarf.





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# **FASHION**

# San Diego Style and 'Fisch Out of Water' exhibits bring fashion to Balboa Park

San Diego Style

San Diego Style celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Costume Council. The San Diego Historical Society presents this installation and focuses on high fashion worn by San Diegans to events while they lived here. Each mannequin in the show was accompanied by a picture and bio of the San Diegan who wore the ensemble along with Badgley Mishka gown with chinchilla information about the fashion designer. There are more than 100 years of fashion from the late 19th century to the present in this stunning exhibit.

One of my favorites was a 1953 blue suit that was a knock-off of a Christian Dior suit. Marston's department store would send their buyers to Europe and spend \$3,000 on a Dior Couture Suit, bring it back to San Diego, have their pattern makers knock-it off and sell them for \$25.

Some of the standouts were a handsigned dress by Italian designer Pucci, a taffeta cocktail dress worn by Lisa Casey to the 2009 Obama Inaugural Ball and a Chinese inspired hand painted Zandra Rhodes dress

More popular designs were Jeanne Jones's hand painted giraffe gown designed by Jordan, Janet Sutter's 1970s space-age couture by French designer



**FASHION FILES** By DIANA CAVAGNARO

trim. This impressive exhibit is well worth a visit.

Tim Long, curator of costumes at the Chicago History Museum, organized this exhibit. San Diego Style will be at the San Diego Historical Society in Balboa Park through April 1.

# Fisch Out of Water

San Diegan artist and jewelry maker Arline Fisch currently has her exhibit "Fisch Out of Water" at the Mingei International Museum in Balboa Park until May 16. This installation was originally commissioned by the Racine Art Museum and was titled "Arline Fisch: Creatures from the Deep."

Fisch is a pioneer in the field and has made groundbreaking techniques in weaving, knitting, crocheting and braiding of metals. She specializes in crocheting small-gauge copper wire.

In this exhibit, there are more than Pierre Cardin, and Lael Kovtun's silver 150 sea creatures such as jellyfish, sea

San Diego Style exhibit at the San Diego Historical Society.

DIANA CAVAGNARO | Downtown News

anemones and coral that have been crocheted with color-coated copper wire. There is a sea of florescent colors that float from the Cornell Rotunda Gallery. This truly breathtaking experience gives you the feeling you are underwater. In conjunction, the Collectors' Gallery features Fisch's jewelry and books. For those who would like to learn this art, she will hold a "Knit & Crochet with museum. For information, call (619) 239-0003, ext. 405.

The Mingei also has another extraor-

dinary collection called "Fifty-six Chinese Hatboxes and One Hat." This exhibit displays hatboxes made from wood, lacquer, bamboo, paper, leather and cloth. Some were adorned with Chinese symbols and are from the late Qing Dynasty. This exhibit will be at the museum through March 21.

### **Upcoming Events**

• ASR Access, Class@ASR and Cross-Wire" workshop on March 6 at the roads final day will be today, will be Feb. 4 at the San Diego Convention Center. The 2010 Fall/Holiday fashion show "A Royal Affair' will be a 3 p.m. today. For

more information, visit asrbiz.com.

- Feb. 12 will be "Hearts United" at the W Hotel San Diego at 6-9 p.m. This evening is presented by United Way and "Style Guy" Leonard Simpson, and will include a runway show, silent auction, hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres by the W San Diego. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased at uwsd.org.
- The Costume Council of the San Diego Historical Society presents San Diego Style curated by Timothy Long. This exhibit will be there until April 1. Call (619) 232-6203.
- Feb 24 is the day of the annual Nordstrom Designer Preview Runway Show to benefit The New Children's Museum, 200 West Island Ave. For ticket information, call (619) 233-8792,ext.

Diana Cavagnaro is a nationally recognized hat designer and milliner. She has operated a fashion business for 27 years, the last 17 years in downtown San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter. She has taught 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.

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Francisco Medavog works on his "MOOKS" DIANA CAVAGNARO I Downtown News

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1,000 people to show in Spain.

Medavog said he fell in love with the future. His current "Space Invaders" collection is inspired and designed through this love. The fabrics are imported from Rome and all the designs are hand sewn.

During the past summer, Medavog participated in the first San Diego Bikini Week, showing his "Space Invaders" Bikini Line at the Se Hotel Downtown.

Currently he is working on his Fall/Winter 2010 Collection named "Erte in the 21st Century." This elegant collection is inspired by Erte, the Russian-born French artist and designer, and will feature beautiful gowns with capes and opera coats.

"It would be nice to find someone who believes in me and would like to invest in my line to make it a big sensation," Medavog explained when asked about what his future goals are.

To see Medavog's work, visit his Web site: medavogcouture.com.

# Platt students have led a cultural resurgence with Art on Tuesday

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN | VILLAGE NEWS

Not everyone holds to the mainstream belief that Petco Park has anchored East Village's resurgence. The spring of 2000, when work on the San Diego Padres' home began, would soon mark the end for several small nearby art galleries and one big cultural mainstay the Art Academy of San Diego, whose rolls were decimated during four years of construction and would never again hit pre-Petco levels.

The galleries haven't returned to the area, and the Academy has since moved to North Park. But artistic expression has always found a way to navigate the obstacles - and thanks to an enterprising group at Platt College, it's accompanied by a fair share of beer and some decent pizza.

Basic Urban Kitchen + Bar, itself an example of applied art (it was converted from a 98-year-old warehouse, with the original brick intact), hosts "Art on Tuesday," an installment featuring design media creations by Platt students. Computer-intensive portraiture, logo designs and periodical covers are among the entries, generated from several electronic packages and courses in color theory, electronic code and typography.

Platt, a 300-student art and design media school in San Diego's Rolando neighborhood, has been serving up some of the most innovative artwork on the public's behalf for the last 30 years. Students' inspirations have their basis in the marketplace they one day hope to serve – their regimen includes field trips to museums, theaters, concerts and parks, and annual trips abroad. Greece and Italy are on the docket for 2010; a group of students visited Japan late last

Marketa Hancova, the school's dean of education, said these outings serve a far greater purpose than the obvious.

"I am getting here at the college students who are, unfortunately in many cases, (culturally) inept," Hancova told Downtown News in a 2009 interview. "And it's not their fault. (Elementary and secondary) school doesn't fulfill the role that it should, to sophisticate the students in every avenue. Each student has an inner story. If it stops at ninth grade and you don't cultivate it, you're just stuck on one level, and you never grow. I think that's a crime."

On Tuesday evenings, Basic is thus a place of absolution. It's located at 410 10th Ave. More information is available at (619) 531-8869.

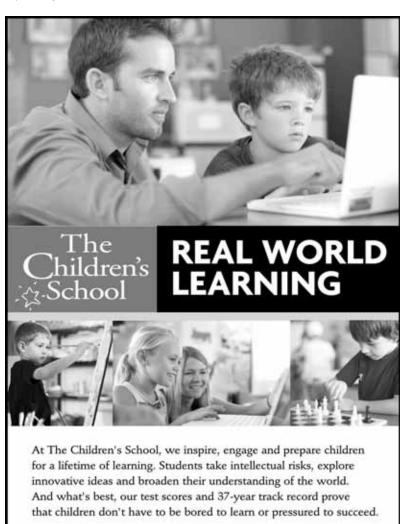
# **February is Museum Month**

individuals can pick up a free Museum Month Pass at Macy's to receive halfoff admission at 39 San Diego County museums all month long. Guests with a pass may bring up to three people with them to any participating museum to receive half-off, too.

Museum Month was created in 1989 to promote awareness of the region's museums, historical sites, educational institutions and cultural offerings. Since that time the promotion has grown to become a cultural tradition on a level witnessed by very few cities in the country. Last year more than 19,000 visitors used the Museum Month Pass to visit museums at half-price. Fore more information visit: www.sandiegomuseumcouncil.org/museum\_month/.



Audrey Hepburn (lower right) peers out from below a collection of artwork by Platt College students. The revolving exhibit is on tap at East Village's Basic Urban Kitchen + Bar every Tues-

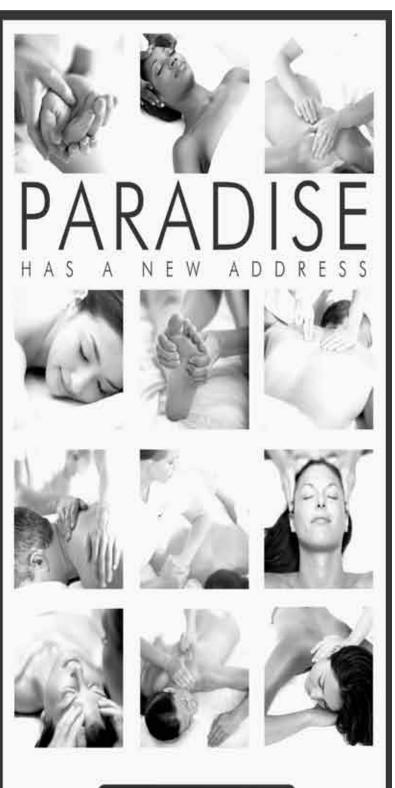


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# BALBOA PARK

# These beasts are carved art pieces on park's vintage carousel

By JOHNNY McDONALD

DOWNTOWN NEWS

There's a small herd of animals that circulate on the weekends not far from the entrance to the world famous San Diego Zoo, and not a single roar can be heard as they go round and round.

They are European hand-carved animals on a 100-year-old carousel, a park fixture for the small fry, put to music with military marches. Surrounding the upper portion are brilliant painted murals.

It's one of the few in the world still offering the brass ring game for everyone taking a five-minute ride.

In the summer, this historic ride operates daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays in the winter, Admission is \$2.

The Park Carousel is one of only a few built by Herschell-Spillman Co. of New York that is still operational. The factory started by carving and creating carousels in the old style and created some large park machines, generally

elaborate menagerie carousels. They Darwin's birthday and the 150th consist of 18 separate menagerie ani-

Herschell Spillman menageries can also be found in Ocean City, Md., Golden Gate Park in San Francisco and Greenfield Village near Detroit.

Balboa Park's version has certainly been around. Originally built in 1910 for Los Angeles' Luna Park, the carousel was moved to Coronado's Tent City and various locations within Balboa Park before finally settling at its current location along Park Boulevard.

Nearby, a miniature railroad offers a three-minute, seven-mile trip through four acres. The train is a model G16, now a rare antique with only 50

### Darwin celebrates 200

The most in-depth exhibition ever mounted on Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution by natural selection will continue its run at the Natural History Museum through February. The exhibition's appearance coincides with the celebration of the 200th anniversary of

anniversary of the publication of "On the Origin of Species," and features the broadest collection ever assembled of specimens, artifacts and original manuscripts.

### Oceanic artwork

Approximately 70 artworks that represent ancient oceanic traditions from Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia are featured at the San Diego Museum of Art. The works include a variety of three-dimensional objects: elaborate sculptures, jewelry, weapons and cooking tools.

### **Motion Mania**

Discover what makes the world go round with new hands-on exhibits with Motion Mania at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. It deals with about every kind of motion from the kind that underlies the solar system to pendulum motions, turbulent motion and motion illusions. Push, pull, lift, stop, go, drop and bounce your way to discovering more about how the world works.



European hand-carved animals adorn the 100-year-old carousel at Balboa Park. The park's carousel is one of only a few built by Herschell-Spillman Co. of New York that is still

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# Doggie Street Festival returns to Liberty Station Feb. 28

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON

SAN DIEGO PETS MAGAZINE

What's more typically American than a kid romping with a dog? Or, especially in San Diego, seeing a kid pal around with a rescue dog? Or a free festival celebrating dogs where friendly leashed dogs are actually encouraged

This year on Sun., Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 2nd Annual Doggie Street Festival returns to Liberty Station with a fun-filled, entertaining event designed to promote and celebrate adoption of shelter and rescue dogs and teach children about the importance of appropriate pet care and responsible pet parenting.

At least 35 breed-specific rescue groups and animal shelters will bring adoptable dogs to the festival at this year's site at the new Liberty Station park at Preble Field, located at 2600 Cushing Rd., between Dewey and Roosevelt Rds. Here families and individuals can interact with volunteers from rescue organizations, learn about the various breeds and meet dogs auditioning for the role of life-long best furry friend.

Nearby will be booths filled with dog-

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friendly merchandise and services, while other vendors will offer tempting pet-related products and services, edibles for both human and canines.

In addition, there will be an "Ask a Pet Professional" booth staffed by vets and other pet pros with perspectives varying from traditional veterinary approaches to the holistic. They will be able to answer questions about health and behavioral issues, training, nutrition, spaying and neutering and environmental concerns.

Entertainment will include the Paul Green School of Rock House Band featuring talented young rock musicians from 7 to 17 as well as a return engagement by the Koalas, a local rock cover band. San Diego Gymnastics will present a choreographed performance. The Monarch School's steel band is also expected to perform, while face-painters will adorn all comers.

In addition to silent auction items of she began researching a documentary museum and vineyard passes, restaurant meals, overnight stays and sports and theatre experiences, there will be an auction of original canine art donated by six area artists.

A newly developed sister-city relationship with Loreto in Baja California will benefit Loreto's rescue community with a "care package" to assist local volunteers with pet medical care and spaying and neutering services.

Festival organizer Jude Artenstein, a San Diego-based filmmaker, documentarian and screenwriter, was inspired by the faithful companionship of her golden retriever Scout, who stayed by her side, nurtured her and helped her heal after a devastating accident.

While recovering from her injuries

now in production entitled Rescue Me, which chronicles the stories of a group of dogs, some lost or abandoned, some at risk of euthanasia in shelters and others rescued and adopted, through five American cities, including San Diego.

While working on her film she delved into the daily tragedies experienced by people and pets resulting from the economic meltdown, foreclosures and hurricanes.

"While our nation is trying to pull itself out of the doghouse, millions of dogs are just trying to find one," Artenstein explained.

For more information and an up-todate list of rescue organization participants, food and pet product vendors and silent auction donors, please visit the website, www.doggiestreetfestival.org,



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# She sees sea suds at the seashore

Mochi, the petite pug, ponders the sea suds after the seasonal storm in Pacific Beach. PHOTO BY JOHN DOWD



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pregnant females and obese patients, marily to prevent infection by the besides those traditionally affected groups, the very young and the elderly patients. Alarmingly, it also has infected a number of young, otherwise healthy individuals. At this time there is still a shortage of vaccine due to the difficulties of production. Eventually, the Center of Disease Control (CDC) reports there will be enough vaccine for everyone who wants it. In the meantime, unless you live in a bubble, the flu vaccination is likely to benefit you. Come in today and get your H1N1 vaccination and start on your New Year's resolution health needs at Metro Comprehensive Medical Center here in Downtown.



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# Around Town



### A toast to Toast Enoteca and Cucina

Michael Lee (from left), Courtney Brockmeyer, Ruth Rankin and Francesca Albanese at the San Diego Downtown News Jan. 12 pre-grand opening event at Toast Enoteca and Cucina, 927 J St. at the base of DiamondView Tower in East Village. Officially open to the public Jan. 16, this authentic Italian wine bar brings the world's premier wines to San Diego. It features an Italian menu that complements a selection of 400 wines. BRENT ANDECK | www.sdphotofactory.com

# Six romantic downtown recommendations for Valentine's Day

Suggested by Darlynne and Marc Menkin of Where You Want To Be Tours

- 1. The view of the Embarcadero from the back side of the Convention Center (cool place to bring a picnic, cup of hot chocolate, etc.). You can get there by walking up the steps or taking the fun incline and then walking to the area with the view of the bay. You can also now catch the Ferry to Coronado at the new dock, located next to the Hilton Bayfront Hotel.
- 2. Hotel Solamar's Lounge Six (roof-top lounge): Nice ambience, especially at night when it's lit up. The fun bar is on the four th floor at Sixth and J.
- 3. For the "party animal couple," here's an idea: Everything's better when it comes in threes! On Friday, Feb. 11, W Hotel in San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angles are hosting their first multi-city W Happening, "Voulez Vous W?" All three parties will start simultaneously at 7 p.m. and won't stop until 10 p.m. All guests can enjoy benefits from Virgin America, cuddling up in "kissing" booths and sipping on hosted Pinky vodka from 7-8 p.m. 4. Go to Altitude, 660 K St., at 5 p.m. for the final 45 minutes of daylight/sunset. Chances are good there will be less than 30 people there. Find your own spot on the rooftop, overlooking the ball-
- park, Coronado and the setting sun. Very nice!

  5. A pedi cab ride from the area just outside the Manchester Grand Hyatt, through the Martin Luther King Promenade and down Fifth Avenue to the Se San Diego Hotel Bar or The House of Blues. The Manchester Grand Hyatt has a spectacular view, especially if you time it for sunset. Cool, romantic spot. The Top of the Hyatt opens at 3 p.m. It usually isn't crowded in the first hour, so you can wander around and see all the wonderful views. 6. Colorful, off-the-beaten path wine bars are a great way to paint the town: The Wine Bar Bacchus is doing themed tastings Friday from 4 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 8:30 p.m., and a wine and chocolate event from 1 to 5 p.m. on Valentine's Day. The cost is \$15 in advance. The Wine Bank on Fifth Avenue will also have tastings Friday and Saturday. Benny, Bruno or a local wine maker are usually adding color commentary to the tastings. Another option is live music at Dizzy's, which is part of the San Diego Wine and Culinary Center. On Sunday, Feb. 14, the music is 7to 9 p.m. You could combine one or two of these into a progressive tour and happening scene.

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Diego Natural History Museum.

"At the start, six years ago, there were just four of us sitting around a table," he said.

The ranks swelled as all the parts were put in place.

It is called Odyssey because it is literally an odyssey through time. During the Pleistocene epoch, North America was alive with a wealth of animals unmatched today on this continent.

Herbivores like the large-headed llama, dwarf pronghorn, ground sloth and the mammoth once grazed and browsed. Saber-toothed cats and American lions were carnivores that dominated their territories. Eagles and teratorns soared, scavenged and hunted through-

"The elephants (here) are a counterpart of the Colombian mammoth," Lewins said. "The woolly mammoth was further north. The jaguars are cousins to the saber tooth cats. But the big mystery is the mammoth being

"At the end of the ice age - one of the terminal periods — there were 34 mega species we lost.'

Scientists have different theories of what happened over a couple thousand years or a couple 100 years. Probably a combination of many things.

"Extinction is a natural occurrence. Species come and go," Lewins said. Yet, depending on a theory you subscribe to, it could be hunters, climate change or a comet explosion. But we

don't have a crater."

The flora and fauna here is basically the same, but they might have found Northern California, just below San Francisco, a cooler and wetter environ-

A recent "60 Minutes" TV segment featured DNA work being done with wooly mammoths for potential

"They were northern species and there are excellent remains that were frozen," said Lewins, who has been with the zoo 20 years. "There are full body parts.

'Recently they completed an entire DNA sequence of the woolly mammoth. The plan is to work with African elephants to create another woolly. Our elephants are not a whole lot differ-

Lewins was asked if cloning would



Elephants are not far-removed from the Columbian mammoth. The San Diego Zoo's Elephant Odyssey takes visitors on an odyssey through time.

be a method of correcting the problem of endangered animals.

"Where it goes is kind of debatable and would it be the wisest thing to do?" he replied. "How would it affect breeding and survival further on down the line. The general consensus is, 'Let's preserve what we have."



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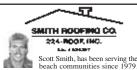
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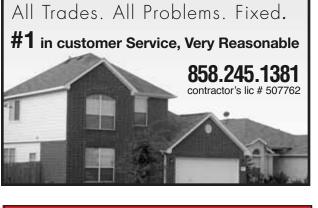
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