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## SUMMER IN THE CITY

Forget the beaches. Downtown San Diego is one of the places to be in the summer. Rooftop pool parties, live shows, parades and the world famous Comic-Con all converge to make America's Finest the most exciting place to see and be seen in the month of July. For a colorful listing of all the downtown happenings this month, turn to Page 9.



Comic enthusiasts strut their stuff at last year's Comic-Con International. Various superheroes, Ewoks, Sand People and other fantasy notables will take over downtown San Diego from July 20-24.

PAUL HANSEN | Downtown News

## COMIC-CON *invades* San Diego

By BART MENDOZA | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Now in its 42nd year, there is no question about it: in July, San Diego is all about Comic-Con International.

Nothing comes close to it for spectacle, crowd size or commerce. Between July 20 and July 24 more than 125,000 people will hit the San Diego Convention Center, transforming it into one of the most important pop culture gatherings in the world. The event is now so big it includes street closures and events in the surrounding areas and venues.

While there has been talk of some movie studios not attending this year, Comic-Con visitors won't notice any slack, since both booth spaces and tickets have been sold out for months.

Amongst the big guns expected this year are a preview of the upcoming "Captain America" movie with star Chris Evans, a live web broadcast with William Shatner and Avery Brooks moderated by Kevin Smith, and the cast and crews of shows such as "Dexter" and "Homeland." Meanwhile, Fox will bring the casts of "Glee" and "Bones," and director Jon Favreau will premiere his new film, "Cowboys and Aliens."

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. With hundred of writers, artists, actors, producers and more on hand, there is more to see and do than a person could possibly take in during the convention's four and a half days.

While much of the hoopla each year surrounds the visiting movie and television studios, Comic-Con is also crucial link to bigger things for San Diego's burgeoning comic's community.

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# Fourth of July on the BAY



For those looking for the best possible place to view fireworks on the Fourth of July, San Diego has myriad possibilities. Almost every beach community in the county offers some kind of Independence Day celebration, and they all promise to entertain. Downtown's bayfront community, however, offers the biggest show, with several viewing options.

Seaport Village provides front row seats to the annual Big Bay Boom, the Port of San Diego's fireworks extravaganza, which ignites explosives from five barges strategically placed in the bay, starting at 9 p.m. In addition to the fireworks display, the show will be set to live music broadcasted simultaneously from Walrus 105.7 FM, and San Diego Fox 5 will televise the show live from the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel. The show is anticipated to last 17 minutes.

Viewing locations for Big Bay Boom

include Shelter Island, Harbor Island, B Street Pier, Broadway Pier, Coronado Ferry Landing, Imperial Beach and more. For all viewing locations, barge placement, parking and public transit information, visit [www.thebigbay.com](http://www.thebigbay.com).

For other, less conventional viewing options, revelers may choose to visit the Maritime Museum, which offers several places from which to see the show, including the observation deck of the museum's historic 1898 steam ferry, the *Berkeley*.

To get closer to the action, the museum also has a fireworks cruise on board the schooner *Californian*. Leaving the museum at 6:30 p.m., passengers will experience an event like no other when the *Californian's* six-pound deck guns join the pyrotechnic presentation. Tickets are \$65. For the same price, viewers can experience a yacht cruise aboard the *Chere Amie*, but without the ear-blasting broadcast.

Another option is a ride on the 1914

*Pilot* at 7:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy the show from the water, a much different view than from land, for \$25.

For more information, visit [www.sd-maritime.org](http://www.sd-maritime.org).

— Kendra Hartmann

## Here's a look at July 4 fireworks displays around San Diego:

- Ocean Beach Pier: 9 p.m.; lasts roughly 20 minutes
- La Jolla Country Club: fireworks visible from Mount Soledad, approximately 8:20 p.m.
- La Jolla Cove: 9 p.m.
- Mission Bay Yacht Club: fireworks visible from Mission Bay, Mount Soledad and Pacific Beach, 9 p.m.
- San Diego Bay: "Big Bay Boom 2011," 9 p.m.
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# Doggie Street Festival



At last year's Doggie Street Festival, 130 dogs found new homes. Courtesy photos

plus information on topics concerning pet care, health, training and well-being.

Free to the public and to county rescue groups and shelters, the festival brings together breed-specific organizations with other professionals, including educators, veterinarians, vendors and entertainers for the event that lasts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also offered is the free "Ask a Pet Professional" booth, at which guests can have all their pressing pet queries addressed.

The third annual Doggie Street Festival will take place July 31 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, 1 Park Blvd.

Last year, 130 dogs found new homes at the festival, the largest of its kind in Southern California. Visitors will find a variety of activities,

## News

# San Diego LGBT Pride This year, celebration to include military in parade contingent

By KAI OLIVER-KURTIN | DOWNTOWN NEWS

A rainbow of color will hit the streets of Balboa Park and Hillcrest July 15-17 for the 37th annual San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride rally, parade and festival.

"It's a quintessential outdoor festival in an ideal venue," said Frank Sabatini Jr., media coordinator. "The performances, unique food vendors, exhibitors and merchandise, beer garden and dance areas combine to provide all the ingredients of a full-fledged outdoor festival."

An estimated 35,000 people are expected to attend the weekend event. Headlining the entertainment is fiercely blunt and provocative comedienne, Margaret Cho, as well as music sensation Salt-N-Pepa, known for the 1980s rap hit "Push It." Hollywood reporter and comedian Ross Mathews will lead the festivities as master of ceremonies.

Other performers slated for this year's lineup include singer Frenchie Davis, seen on "American Idol" and "The Voice;" Selene Luna, Cho's assistant on "The Cho Show;" Kristine W., a recording artist best known for her high-energy dance music; hip-hoppers God-Des & She recognized for their song "Lick It;" and local rock group Danielle Lopresti and the Masses.

To kick things off on July 15, the annual Spirit of Stonewall rally will be held at Marston Point in Balboa Park at 6:30 p.m. Marianne Williamson, best-selling author and founder of the Peace Alliance and Project Angel Food in Los Angeles will present the keynote address. Also speaking is Tucson, Ariz. hero and political activist Daniel Hernandez Jr., who came to the immediate aid of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords after she was shot during a meet-and-greet in January. Pride award recipients will also be recognized during the rally for their activism and support of the LGBT community.

"The rally is the real political arm of the weekend," said Sabatini. "Issues like gay marriage, school bullying and 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' are discussed. It keeps people up to date and active on the hot-button issues."

An unprecedented first for Pride festivals nationwide, 2011 San Diego LGBT Pride will include a parade contingent to recognize members of the military. On the heels of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal signed by President Obama in December, more than 100 out-of-uniform servicemen and women will be leading the parade, many having spent years in silence while carrying out their military service.

"We're not here to attack the process of repeal," said Sean Sala, organizer and recent veteran. "This is not a polit-

ical statement, we're just trying to do the right thing."

Specifically targeting active-duty military, Sala believes the contingent is a constitutional right, and hopes San Diego's large military installment will share in what will be a historical celebration.

"Members of the military should be able to receive recognition and it's disturbing that they haven't been able to be represented in the past," he said.

Beginning at 11 a.m. on July 16, the mile-long parade will start at University Avenue and Normal Street and continue down Sixth Avenue toward Upas Street. Actress Meredith Baxter will serve as the celebrity grand marshal, and will be joined by community grand marshal Chris Shaw, owner of multiple Hillcrest businesses.

"This is a fun outdoor event for the LGBT community and their supporters," said Sabatini. "We welcome the local community and encourage everyone to participate. This is not a closed event and we do not shut anyone out. The parade is a show of visibility reflective of the current struggles and milestones of the LGBT community," said Sabatini. "It's a very colorful event that combines festivity with a call for equality."

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.sdpride.org](http://www.sdpride.org).

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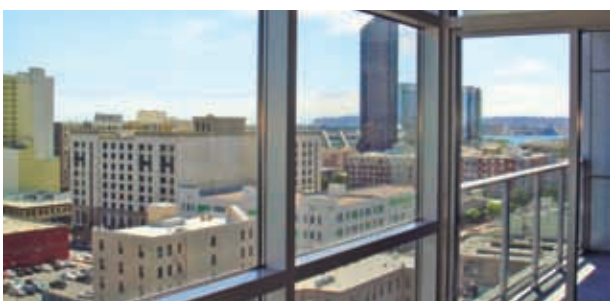
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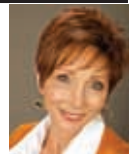
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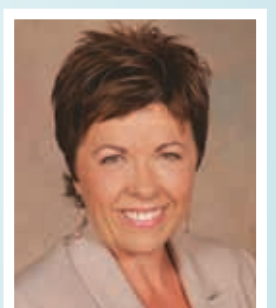


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# THEN AND NOW: the history of San Diego's first City Hall

**Editor's note:** This is the first of a new series of columns focusing on the stories behind downtown's historical buildings and landmarks. Each month, readers will learn the background of a different structure and how its use and appearance has changed over the years.

By **JOHNNY McDONALD** | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Holding a leash on a town of brothels, saloons and gambling halls — still flourishing despite a boomtown bust — wasn't an easy task for San Diego city government in the early 1900s.

A spectrum of order didn't get into motion until 1891, when the city's leaders moved into their fortress at the southwest corner of Fifth Avenue and G Street, hub of the Stingaree District now known as the Gaslamp Quarter.

The police department occupied the first two floors, including a jail. The city library's 8,000 volumes filled the third floor and the Council Chambers occupied the fourth.

Although the architecture stems from the Italian Renaissance, the design was influenced by the styles of the decade. Win-

dows were shaped in the form of Roman arches and pilasters contrasted with light-colored stucco walls.

The structure's first major occupant was the National Bank. It was named the Theater Building following completion in 1874, though historian Sherry Linden of the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation was not sure where the moniker originated.

In those days, San Diego, as some well know, was not entirely squeaky clean. The first mayor, Edwin Capp, became involved in a scandal over profit making on the purchase of a smallpox vaccine intended for public use.

Back then, city government was patterned by federal and state standards. The mayor was a powerful executive who could veto legislation passed by the Common Council. This charter, with modifications, was maintained until 1931.

The Common Council consisted of two houses: a Board of Aldermen and a Board of Delegates. In 1905, the two houses were consolidated into nine members (one from each ward).

To keep close to the action, prominent attorneys leased space on the second floor of a nearby building on Fourth Avenue, known as Lawyer's Block. In the 1940s, an enclosed bridge was built across the 10-foot alley to City Hall.

The building housed government offices for 35 years before moving to the Embarcadero. The police station also moved closer to the water, to a place called Dead Man's Point — a burial location for sailors. That old headquarters still stands near Seaport Village.

In 1995, this un-reinforced masonry building underwent major structural renovation and was completely retrofitted according to the seismic regulations of the then-applicable building code and city ordinance.

Today, the old City Hall is owned privately and is a mixed-use occupancy, with Jimmy Love's restaurant and bar on the first floor, retail on the second floor and live/work loft units on the third and fourth floors.



San Diego's first City Hall resided in this building at Fifth Avenue and G Street. In the photo above, courtesy of the Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation, the stucco that had been plastered to the facade of the building is being pulled off to reveal the original arched windows and Italian Renaissance design, left.

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## BALBOA PARK *news/events*

By **JOHNNY McDONALD** | DOWNTOWN NEWS

### Felder in concert

Actor, playwright and Steinway concert artist Hershey Felder will perform three shows at the Old Globe in the next two months.

In "Hershey Felder as George Gershwin Alone," he'll be on stage through July 10 playing some of Gershwin's best-known songs. Then, he'll lead audiences through a century of American music in "Hershey Felder in Concert: The Great American Songbook Sing-Along," July 11–17.

"Hershey Felder in Maestro: The Art of Leonard Bernstein," will be a Globe debut from July 22 to Aug. 28.

### Honoring Mrs. Seuss

The Old Globe will host its annual gala July 30, honoring San Diego philanthropist Audrey Geisel and her significant contributions to its theater. Darlene Shiley and Sheryl White serve as co-chairs.

The black-tie event will begin with a reception and silent auction in Balboa Park's Alcazar Garden at 6 p.m., followed

by a special performance by Felder in the Conrad Prebys Theatre Center. Dinner and dancing will take place on the Globe's Copple Plaza, featuring music by Impulse.

### High price tag for park anniversary

An ambitious \$75 million price tag has been placed on the projected budget for Balboa Park's 2015 100-year anniversary celebration.

The next step for coordinators will be to hire a chief operator to map out plans for the 12-month event.

### Hall's stars for May

San Diego Padres first baseman Brad Hawpe and UCSD softball pitcher Camille Gaito headlined a list of athletes honored as Stars of the Month for May by the Park's San Diego Hall of Champions.

Hawpe batted .303, had a .367 on-base percentage and .506 slugging average.

Gaito, a junior, pitched UCSD to the school's first NCAA Division II softball crown.

Serra High graduate Chris Horner, who captured the six-day Tour of California

cycling race, was joined on the pro list by former Rancho Bernardo High left-handed pitcher Cole Hamels of the Philadelphia Phillies and ex-Eastlake High standout Adrian Gonzalez of the Boston Red Sox.

Joining Gaito for amateur honors were Dodo Cheney, who captured her 381st USTA national tennis title with a doubles victory; the Indiana University baseball duo of senior Alex Dickerson and freshman Joey Denato; NCAA javelin champ Nick Howe of UCSD; Point Loma Nazarene track standout Victoria Anderson; and UCSD golfer Manav Shah.



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# Does Fat City still have soul?



Left, Jonathan Burns is dressed as his own creation, Nerdman, complete with an old computer motherboard around his neck, at last year's convention. **PAUL HANSEN | Downtown News**  
Below, the Joker gives convention-goers a sinister welcome. **DON BALCH | Downtown News**



## COMIC-CON

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There are a number of publishers in town, ranging from smaller imprints such as Top Cow, with books like "Witchblade," to major publishers like IDW, which issues the "Star Trek" series, among others. As might be expected with so much industry clout in town, many creators also reside locally, from "Blue Monday's" Chynna Clugston-Flores to "Amazing Spider-Man" colorist Jeromy Cox.

According to Exhibit A Press's Batton Lash, creator of the long-running "Supernatural Law" comic featuring the characters Wolff and Byrd, Counselors of the Macabre, when it comes to getting the word out about your work, nothing comes close to Comic-Con.

"It's very important," he said. "Because when the general public comes in to see what's coming up in movies or TV, they begin to wander around and look at independent comics and they see that it's more than just superheroes. Nine times out of ten they'll come back the next day and buy something."

Bloodfire Studios art director Lee Kohse, best known for his work on Star Wars trading cards and the forthcoming "Speed Racer" book, sees Comic-Con as a crucial step to establishing oneself.

"So much of our business is just from the contacts that we make there each year," he said. "The artists find new projects to work on and so forth. That's actually how we first funded Bloodfire. The work we would get at this one event would keep us going for a year."

He also pointed out that selling their work directly to the public enables the publishers to make a slightly higher profit.

Mary Fleener, creator of the "Slut-

burger" book and a renowned graphics artist who has done album covers for local notables like Buddy Blue and Cindy Lee Berryhill, agreed. While she sees the Internet as the best way to get word out about one's work, "Comic-Con is nice because the publishers are there and you can sign and meet your fans. But, as it becomes more popular, it gets crazier. It's a lot of work; it's four days of go, go, go."

Kohse also considers being able to meet fans face to face a major attraction at Comic-Con.

"The interaction with the fans is a lot of fun," he said. "You get instant feedback. It's much better to be able to look someone in the eye and ask them their opinion than reading the words of somebody who's flaming you on an Internet forum."

As important as the business side of things at the convention are, Lash considers people-watching is still one of the top things to do each year.

"I love watching the costumes," he said. "Something I've noticed over the past couple of years is whole families dressing up, as the Incredibles or the Fantastic Four and so on, so they make it a family outing. It's adorable."

Lash looks forward to making even more connections and meeting more fans this year, but said no matter what happens, there's a simple reason why Comic-Con continues to be such a popular gathering: It's fun.

"It's been commented on before, but this is a big, exciting event," he said. "It's sort of like Christmas, Halloween and Fourth of July all rolled into one."

By **MARIKO LAMB | Downtown News**

The Historical Resources Board granted a continuance on June 24 for a motion to designate the Fat City building, located at 2137 Pacific Coast Highway, as a historical building — a step away from the development of a \$90 million, 237-unit apartment complex proposed by architect-developer Jonathan Segal.

The peach-colored building enhanced with neon lights on the northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorn Street was built in 1941 in the Streamline Moderne style. It has since undergone numerous reconstructions — the dividing factor among the board members' decision to designate the building.

"Over the past 70 years, the destruction and remodeling has resulted in only 32 percent of the prominent facade remaining," Segal said, arguing that it does not have sufficient original properties to be designated as historical.

"The soul of that building no longer exists. It is no longer recognizable," he said.

Collin Fat spoke on behalf of Tom Fat, who owned the building from 1978 until his death in 2007. He said the integrity of the building has been lost and should not be considered historical.

"When we took over the building, we removed all existing buildings on the site that were unusable and unsuitable for the purposes of operating a restaurant, and we demolished the interior and street facades of the restaurant-building, essentially retaining only part of its shell," he said. "It is very different today than when we took it over in 1978. There are a lot of personal feelings about our building, but I can tell you that we did not buy the building because of its historical significance."

In a video presentation, Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) argued that Tom Fat did in fact salvage original Streamline Moderne characteristics of the building, including horizontal raking, the streamline curved linear design, stacked Art Deco glass cubes and the shape of the building's original iconic tower.

According to the SOHO video, "Tom Fat implemented a plan for the adaptive reuse and rehabilitation to an existing structure long before such standards



Above:  
A rendering of a new apartment complex represents what architect-developer Jonathan Segal hopes to create at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorn Street. **Courtesy of Jonathan Segal.**  
Some residents object to the development and are in the process of trying to obtain a historical designation for the current structure at the location, the Fat City building, left. **Photo courtesy of Daniel Soderberg**

existed. Clearly, the idea was not to damage the character of the building. In fact, he installed nearly a mile of neon to accentuate the building's streamline character."

According to the Historical Resources Board guidelines, three criteria are used when determining whether or not a site should be deemed historic. The property must embody characteristics that are significant to the city or neighborhood's development, are associated with persons of significance or that exemplify a distinctive style of architectural construction.

Despite the city staff's recommendation that the building fails to meet all criteria and should not be designated, some board members thought the building did meet one or more of the criteria. Others — including Board Chairman John Lemmo — admitted to "sitting on the fence" with the decision.

In the 1940s, the building housed Top's Nightclub, an entertainment venue that featured artists such as Nat King Cole, Shelly Winters and Nelson Eddy.

Community members attested to the building's significance for a variety of reasons.

"Top's/Fat City is one of the most

important and probably one of the very, very best Art Deco buildings that we have left," said Bruce Kuhns.

"This particular building is instantly recognizable when you see the old photographs and now. Eighty percent, we believe, of the character-defining features are still present," he said.

Resident Jim Bigante said he met his wife at Top's Nightclub many years ago.

"Claims that the building lacks historical integrity is a misnomer. Historical integrity is in the hearts, minds and experiences," he said. "Top's is a historical place for me, for the neighborhood, for all the good people who grew up in my family's era and for the city of San Diego."

Following resident testimonies, board member Priscilla Ann Berge motioned that the building embodies distinctive characteristics of the Streamline Moderne architectural style with modified Art Deco stylistic enhancements and should be designated as historical under the third criterion exemplifying distinctive architectural style.

Maria Lia, Segal's historical consultant and attorney, argued that despite sentiment attached to the building, it only passes one of the seven universally recognized integrity tests used to designate historical buildings. She requested a continuance of the decision until the board's next meeting.

The Historical Resources Board will revisit the motion at their next meeting on Thursday, July 28 in the Council Committee Room, 12th floor, City Hall.



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With eight Sunday pool parties planned at the

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"There is nothing like a rooftop pool party to capture the essence of summer with great food and drinks, socializing and relaxation," said Rachael Giannecchini, marketing manager of Andaz.

The first of the Sunday pool parties, a Fortune Industries event, was on May 29. Fortune will also be hosting three more such parties, on July 3, Aug. 14 and Sept. 4.

The other parties will provide a relaxing poolside haven for sun-hungry partiers.

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Up to 750 pooches will take over Petco Park as the Padres take on the Arizona Diamondbacks at 7:05 p.m.

A pre-game tail gate party and an on-field pet parade and costume contest will take place before the game. Canines and their humans can then cheer on the Padres from Park in the Park.

Local shelter representatives will be in attendance to educate the public on the importance of pet adoption.

For more information, visit [www.petco.com/petcopark](http://www.petco.com/petcopark).

### East Village calls upon snapshot superstars

The East Village Association has announced its 2011 photo contest aimed at showcasing the uniqueness of the neighborhood. The competition is open to all amateur and professional photographers in San Diego County who are at least 21 years of age.

Entries must be received by Aug. 15 at midnight and winners will be announced at the East Village Association board meeting on Sept. 1. There is no entry fee for the contest, and the top prize will be \$500 cash.

For rules and more information, email [info@eastvillagesandiego.com](mailto:info@eastvillagesandiego.com). Submissions can be sent to [photo@eastvillagesandiego.com](mailto:photo@eastvillagesandiego.com).

### Harbor Bridge wins prestigious awards

The 550-foot Harbor Drive Pedestrian Bridge, one of the world's longest self-anchored pedestrian suspension bridges, was honored with three prestigious awards recently.

The bridge took second place in the bridge category by the American Road and Transportation Association, Project of the Year in the transportation category by the American Public Works Association and the Award of Excellence by Urban Land Institute.

The bridge was constructed as a requirement of the Public Utilities Commission due to the reconfiguration of streets to accommodate construction of Petco Park and reconstructing a vehicular intersection at Park Boulevard and Harbor Drive. It was designed by Ty Lin International and Safdie Rabines Architects and constructed by Reyes Construction, Inc.

### Hiatus for Balboa Park overhaul

After a vote of nonsupport from the City Council Rules Committee, Qualcomm co-founder Irwin Jacobs has put a hold on his \$40 million Plaza de Panama redesign project.

The project, a source of contention between supporters and park preservationists, called for the construction of a bypass off the Cabrillo Bridge, diverting traffic around the plaza to a roughly 800-space parking garage to be built behind the Spreckels Organ Pavilion.

The Rules Committee voted 4-1 to send the issue to the full City Council without a recommendation. The committee determined that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlining the plan for a proposed \$14 million bond for the parking garage violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the plan called for entering into the MOU in advance of the environmental impact report. CEQA calls for an environmental review to take place before approval of a project.



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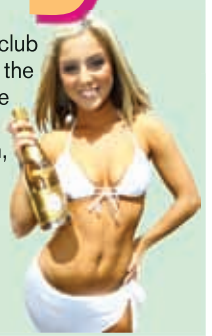
**30 Tower After Hours: Cuba**, 6 p.m., Museum of Man, 1350 El Prado, celebrate Cuban dance, music and food, (619) 239-2001, [www.museumofman.org](http://www.museumofman.org), \$10 members, \$15 students and military, \$20 nonmembers

**1 "A Year with Frog and Toad,"** 7 p.m., San Diego Junior Theatre, 1650 El Prado #208, (619) 239-8355, [juniortheatre.com](http://juniortheatre.com), \$8-\$14

**2 Gaslamp guided walking tour**, 11 a.m., William Heath Davis Historical House Museum, 410 Island Ave., every Saturday led by a guide from the Gaslamp Historical Foundation, (619) 233-4692, [www.gaslamp-quarter.org/tours](http://www.gaslamp-quarter.org/tours), \$10, \$8 seniors/stud-ents/military

**3 Fortune Industries' Pool Party**, noon to 8 p.m., Ivy Nightclub at Andaz Hotel, 600 F St., see and be seen six stories up at the rooftop pool of the Andaz while partying with DJs and Fortune 421, who will be screen printing T-shirts and introducing the company's new line of swimwear, [www.fortune421.com](http://www.fortune421.com), [www.ivyentertainmentsandiego.com](http://www.ivyentertainmentsandiego.com), \$15 cover

**New Orleans-style Jazz Barbeque**, 3 to 6 p.m., Dizzy's at the San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive, (858) 270-7467, \$5 entrance, \$5 food, \$5 drinks



**4 Eleventh annual Big Bay Boom Fireworks Show**, 9 p.m., show lasts 17 minutes, [www.thebigbay.com](http://www.thebigbay.com), free

**Fourth of July Fun on San Diego Bay**, 6:30 p.m., the Maritime Museum, 1492 North Harbor Drive, [www.sd-maritime.org](http://www.sd-maritime.org), \$25-\$65 for cruise viewing

**5 D o w n t o w n Sound Bites**, 1 p.m., 193 Horton Plaza, featuring Joe Terzi, president and CEO of the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, [www.ccdc.com](http://www.ccdc.com), free

**Balboa Park free Tuesdays**, four museums offer free admission for San Diego city and county residents and active military, (619) 239-0512, [www.balboapark.org](http://www.balboapark.org)

**6 "It's Your Estate"**, 9 a.m., USS Midway Museum, 910 North Harbor Drive, first in a series of estate planning workshops, [www.itsyour-estate.org](http://www.itsyour-estate.org), free

**Foster the People with Gardens and Villa**, 7 p.m., House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Ave., live concert presented by 91X and Casbah, (619) 299-2583, \$20.50

**7 CD release event for album "Dearly Beloved"** by bassist Grant Clarkson featuring Sky Ladd, Richard Sellers, Mikan Zlatkovich and Lori Bell, 7:30 p.m., Dizzy's, 200 Harbor Drive, (858) 270-7467, \$15, \$10 students

**8 Tour de Cuisine wine tasting**, 6 p.m., 200 Harbor Drive, kicking off Bastille Week (July 11-17), (619) 544-1445, [www.france-sandiego.org](http://www.france-sandiego.org), \$30 members, \$35 members

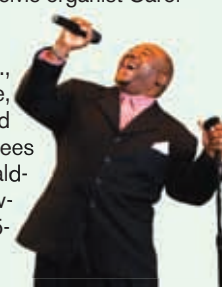
**Kettner Nights, Littly Italy North**, 6 to 9 p.m., Kettner Boulevard and India Street between Grape and Laurel streets, art, design and antiques, (619) 358-9512, free

**9 Jarabe de Palo**, 8 p.m., 4th and B, 345 B St., Latin rock from Barcelona, (619) 231-4343, [www.4thandb-events.com](http://www.4thandb-events.com), \$30-\$40

**From El Greco to Dali**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, opening of Spanish Masters exhibit that continues through Nov. 6, (619) 232-7931, [www.sdmart.org](http://www.sdmart.org), \$12 adults, \$9 military/seniors, \$8 students

**10 Free organ concert**, Spreckels Organ Pavilion Balboa Park, 2 p.m., featuring civic organist Carol Williams

**Gospel on the Midway**, 7 to 9 p.m., USS Midway, 910 North Harbor Drive, featuring San Diego gospel singers and the Stellar Gospel Music Award Nominees Malcolm Williams and Chester D.T. Baldwin, (619) 253-9818, <http://www.wix.com/gmwasandiego/sd-gmwa>, \$35-\$75

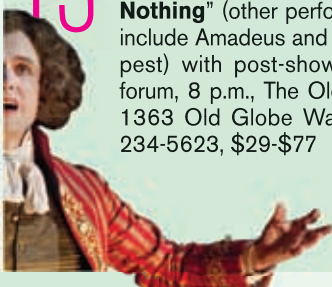


**11 Summer Sailor's Days**, 9 a.m., Maritime Museum, 1492 North Harbor Drive, through Aug. 29 learn how to tie sailor's knots, raise and lower sails, make rope and more, (619) 234-9153 ext. 101, [www.sdmari-time.org](http://www.sdmari-time.org), \$14 adults, \$8 children

**12 Board commissioners meeting of the Port of San Diego**, 1 p.m., 3165 Pacific Highway, [www.portofsandiego.org](http://www.portofsandiego.org)

**Little Italy Board of Directors meeting**, 8:30 to 10 a.m., Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, 1654 State St., [chris@littleitaly-sd.com](mailto:chris@littleitaly-sd.com)

**13 Shakespeare Summer Festival: "Much Ado About Nothing"** (other performances include Amadeus and the Tempest) with post-show actor's forum, 8 p.m., The Old Globe, 1363 Old Globe Way, (619) 234-5623, \$29-\$77



**14 Butterbeer is back!** In honor of the release of the final Harry Potter film, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2" Proper Gastropub, 795 J St., is serving up alcoholic and non-alcoholic butterbeer from July 14-17 for \$5 per tankard, (619) 255-7452, [www.proper-gastropub.com](http://www.proper-gastropub.com)



**15 Independence from Hunger rooftop party and food drive**, 6 p.m., W San Diego, 421 West B St., bring three non-perishable food items, [www.mamas-kitchen.org](http://www.mamas-kitchen.org), \$15

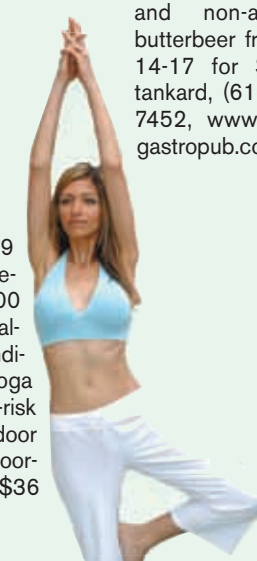
**Hornblower Full Moon Dinner Cruise**, 6:30 p.m., 1800 North Harbor Drive, champagne and a three-course dinner, [www.hornblower.com](http://www.hornblower.com), \$69.95



**16 Arturo Rios trunk show** in conjunction with The Village Hat Shop, noon, 3821 Fourth Ave., [www.villagehat-shop.com](http://www.villagehat-shop.com), free

**San Diego LGBT Pride Parade**, 11 a.m., starts at University Avenue and Normal Street, this year's theme is "Pride Around the World" for the country's fifth largest pride parade followed by festival at Marston Point in Balboa Park, [www.sdpride.org](http://www.sdpride.org), free

**17 Yoga for Youth**, 9 a.m., Coronado Tidelands Park, 2000 Mullinex Drive, specialty clinics and 300 individuals practicing yoga to raise funds for at-risk youth served by Outdoor Outreach, [www.outdoor-outreach.org/yoga/](http://www.outdoor-outreach.org/yoga/), \$36 donation



**18 Stickley and Friends**, 10 a.m., Marston House, 3525 Seventh Ave., American Arts and Crafts Movement, (619) 297-9327, \$10 adults, \$7 seniors

**"The Tempest,"** 8 p.m., The Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way, runs through Sept. 25, (619) 234-5623, [tickets@theoldglobe.org](http://tickets@theoldglobe.org), \$29-\$75



**19 Twilight in the Park**, 6:15 p.m., Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park, concerts are held Monday through Thursday until Aug. 30 with today's performance by Ron Jermain playing music from the 1940s and 1950s, [www.balboa-park.org](http://www.balboa-park.org), free

**20 11th annual Little Italy State of the Neighborhood Dinner Reception**, 6 p.m., Nelson Photo Supplies, 1909 India St., dinner celebrating the neighborhood featuring a silent auction, [www.littleitaly-sd.com](http://www.littleitaly-sd.com), \$25



**21 Comic-Con International 2011**, San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive, opening day of the four-day world-famous festival, all passes are sold out, but there are still plenty of opportunities for people-watching, [www.comic-con.org](http://www.comic-con.org)



**22 ARTivities**, 1:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, design and build a miniature chair using various art materials, (619) 232-7931, [families@sdmart.com](mailto:families@sdmart.com), free with museum admission

**Boingo Dance Party** featuring former members of Oingo Boingo, 8 p.m., 4th and B, 345 B St., (619) 231-4343, \$25-\$30

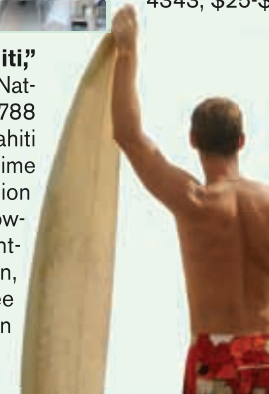
**23 World Famous Super Hero Pub Crawl**, noon, starts at Taste/Thirst on Fourth, 715 Fourth Ave., dress up as your favorite superhero for drink specials in honor of Comic-Con, (323) 604-6030, [californianightlife.com](http://californianightlife.com), tickets start at \$8



**Art in Bloom and annual open house**, 10 a.m., Spanish village Art Center, 1770 Village Place, horticulture and art, [www.spanish-village-art.com](http://www.spanish-village-art.com), free

**24 Historic Seventh Avenue Tour**, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Marston House Museum, 3525 Seventh Ave., tour the historic 3500 block of Seventh Avenue and learn about the architecture, history and the connection of all the homes to the fabled Marston Family, (619) 297-9327, [www.soho-sandiego.org/marston/](http://www.soho-sandiego.org/marston/), \$10

**25 "Ultimate Wave Tahiti,"** 4:45 p.m., San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado, filmed in Tahiti and featuring nine-time world surfing champion Kelly Slater, the film showcases dramatic giant-screen surfing action, (619) 232-3821, free with museum admission (\$17 adults)



**26 Hotel del Coronado Historic Walking Tour**, 10:30 a.m., Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Ave., (619) 437-8788, \$15 adults, children 12 and under free



**27 Dog Days of Summer, Petco Park**, help set a Guinness world record for the most dogs at a professional sporting event during the 7:05 game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, [www.petco.com/petcopark](http://www.petco.com/petcopark), free for those who register and bring a dog



**28 Playboy Golf Tour VIP Players Party**, 7 p.m., Ivy Nightclub at the Andaz, 600 F St., kick-off event featuring the Playboy Playmates and the San Diego Girls of Playboy Golf, [www.playboygolf.com](http://www.playboygolf.com), \$475 per player

**29 East Bay Soul featuring Greg Adams**, followed by Mike Zito, 7:30 p.m., Anthology, 1337 India St., (619) 595-0300, [www.anthologysd.com](http://www.anthologysd.com), \$10-\$39

**30 Mr. Big with Dirty Leslie**, 8 p.m., 4th and B, 345 B St., (619) 231-4343, \$20-\$30

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**31 Annual conference of the California Resource Recovery Association**, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Lowes Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, [www.crra.com](http://www.crra.com), registration starts at \$599

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# Libation Education:

## Downtown's drink shrinks

Downtown News' newest column, Drink Shrinks, brings you **Jeff Josenhans** and **Adam Stemmler** as your go-to guys for all things swillable.

Both active members of the U.S. Bartenders Guild, Josenhans and Stemmler will be sharing history and trends in cocktails, wine and beer in San Diego's downtown core.

A certified sommelier, Josenhans has worked for two years as director of outlets and sommelier for The U.S. Grant Hotel.

Taking the kitchen's "farm to table" philosophy to the bar, Josenhans (an award-winning mixologist who won the Gold Key Award for Best Food and Beverage Hotel Manager) created a seasonal cocktail program that highlights ingredients being used in the kitchen in innovative cocktails.

Also a sommelier, Stemmler has worked his way up through various San Diego dining institutions, including Bertrand at Mr. A's and the Firehouse Eatery in Pacific Beach. Currently at Vin de Syrah

in the Gaslamp, Stemmler creates unique cocktails and consults the beverage program using his knowledge of wine and spirits.

Stemmler won the U.S. Bartenders Guild regional competition in April, and went on to compete at the national competition in May.

Look for future guest columnists as Stemmler and Josenhans comb downtown for drink experts willing to share their wealth of knowledge.

— Kendra Hartmann, editor



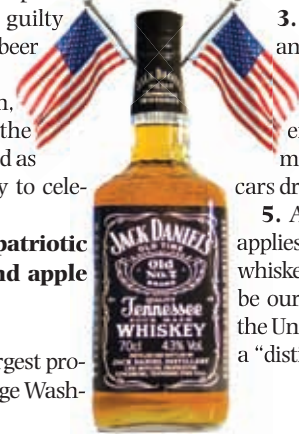
Jeff Josenhans and Adam Stemmler, downtown's drink shrinks

With the Fourth of July just around the corner, many are already masterminding their plans for a holiday that is as American as baseball and apple pie. It's a special day when Americans get to engage in the guilty pleasures of barbecuing, beach cruising and beer drinking, not to mention the fireworks.

But before you reach for a beer this Fourth, take a minute to consider that whiskey is the more patriotic choice. With a history as storied as our nation itself, whiskey is the perfect way to celebrate all things American.

**Here are five reasons why to it's your patriotic duty to love whiskey. Keep baseball and apple pie, I'll take bourbon and rye.**

1. Before his death in 1799, the single largest producer of rye whiskey in the country was George Washington.



2. The first domestically produced item that was ever taxed by the U.S. government was whiskey, and it is still a heavily taxed commodity today.

3. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant was a known lover of whiskey and even drank it in battle during the Civil War.

4. The process of illegally running moonshine into major cities, or "bootlegging," directly influenced the birth of NASCAR. Bootleggers constantly modified and upgraded their cars to out perform the cars driven by lawmen.

5. Although the word whiskey is a broad term that applies to many styles of aged grain distillate, bourbon whiskey is uniquely American. It is considered by many to be our gift to the world of spirits and on May 4, 1964, the United States Congress recognized bourbon whiskey as a "distinctive product of the United States."

— Adam Stemmler



## Downtown Uncovered:

### The Lincoln Room: Honest Abe's Gaslamp eatery

By ALEXANDRA ROSA | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Nestled on Fourth Avenue in the heart of the Gaslamp is a new restaurant that transports you to a log cabin and a time when a man could get great grub and good drink for a fair price. The Lincoln Room, 901 Fourth Ave. is so unique it is a "must see" for locals and tourists.

Honest Abe can be found presiding from above the downstairs bar in the form of a gigantic painting adjacent to the lighted sign that, for those who flunked the "are you smarter than a fifth-grader challenge?" reads: LINCOLN.

The 16th president's visage adorns the \$5 bill and the penny — ergo, happy hour is every day from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and costs, well, \$5. Everyone reacts to the décor as the tables are inlaid with Lincoln head pennies, apparently coming out to some 65,000 coins!

Left Coast Partners, with co-owners Darren Moore and Merritt Powell, have a strong local following and offer lots of low-cost specials, brunch and even a vegan and gluten-free menu. The happy hour menu is aptly named "Eatin' and Drinkin' with Lincoln."

Before I sat down for a chat with Moore, I was treated to a delicious cocktail called The Mary Todd (Mrs. Lincoln for those not in the know) made with Grey Goose pear vodka and pear puree. It went down nicely and I am sure it would have made for a "proud Mary." I followed it with the deconstructed pizza consisting of roasted garlic, tomato chutney and warm goat cheese, which can be spread on the homemade crust. I could not resist the fontina mac and cheese (crispy smoked bacon and toasted bread crumbs).

Alexandra Rosa: So Darren, after years of success with Confidential Lounge here in this space why make a change if things were going good?

Darren Moore: The market changed and it was just not sustainable anymore. Serving locals and our neighborhood-driven lounge is at the heart. Marketing with a handshake is what we have always been about.

AR: What spurred the concept of the Lincoln Room?

DM: We wanted to bring honest, straightforward food and drink and offer value, hence good ol' Abe. People that work and live in downtown

know that we are open all the time and we have become extensions of people's homes.

AR: What's your favorite haunt?

DM: I would head over to Neighborhood or Craft & Commerce, though I wish I had more chill time.

AR: What is your idea of perfect happiness?

DM: When I am going into Point Loma and look at the water. I get happiness everyday at that sunset.

AR: Boxers or briefs?

DM: No boxers and no tightie-whities. Whatever in the middle is, I guess it's a hybrid.

AR: What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

DM: Stubbornness. But that's not always a bad thing.

AR: I think Abe and I would both agree on that one.



The Lincoln Room's co-owner, Darren Moore, above with columnist Alexandra Rosa. Moore said he and business partner Merritt Powell like to practice "marketing with a handshake."



## Arts and drafts



Above, Jessica Fielder takes part in the Arts 'n' Drafts event on June 22 at Quality Social, 789 Sixth Ave.

The event featured a communal artist studio and libation lounge where zodiac-themed beverages, art and charity converged for a one-of-a-kind social gathering. The event will be re-creating itself in various places all over San Diego in the coming months. For more information, visit the organizers' Facebook page at [www.arts-n-drafts.com](http://www.arts-n-drafts.com).

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# East Village eatery taps into a winning formula

BASIC Urban Kitchen and Bar was honored by San Diego's Business Improvement District (BID) Council by being named the 2011 BID Business of the Year at the Small Business Awards on June 9.

BASIC excelled in all the criteria businesses were judged on, including business staying power, growth, financials, innovations and BID support.

Led by hospitality veteran Jon Mangini, BASIC has thrived at its location in the East Village, 410 10th Ave., since it opened in 2006. Mangini helped launch a restaurant at the W Hotel in 2003 before branching off to open BASIC on his own. Since then, the restaurant has received numerous awards, including an honor for "Design Excellence" by *San Diego Home and Garden Magazine*, "Best Pizza in San Diego" by NBC's *Golden Local* and a "Silver Fork" award by *Riviera Magazine*. Mangini recently expanded to open BASIC's sister restaurant, URBN Coal Fired Pizza in North Park.

"Everyone said I was crazy when I opened doors in the East Village five years ago because there was absolutely nothing



Jon Mangini, above, said everyone thought he was crazy when he opened BASIC Urban Kitchen and Bar in the East Village in 2006. Mangini showed critics how wrong they were when BASIC was named the 2011 BID Business of the Year.

Courtesy photos

down in the neighborhood at that time," Mangini said in a recent statement. "We're thrilled with the way the East Village has flourished throughout the past few years, and our local clientele is what has really allowed our business to succeed and continue to grow."

—Kendra Hartmann

## Local chef wins top honor



**Michael McDonald**, executive chef for Top of the Market, 750 North Harbor Drive, was named Chef of the Year by the California Restaurant Association, San Diego County chapter.

McDonald, who was nominated by his peers and industry leaders, took the helm at Top of the Market in 2009. Before he came to San Diego, he led culinary efforts at Brix@1601 in Hermosa Beach and was the executive chef at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

McDonald has been featuring on local TV stations and spends time volunteering at local high schools teaching culinary classes as part of the CRA's Regional Occupation Program (ROP) Culinary Arts Program.

"Because these winners are nominated, and then voted upon by their colleagues in the restaurant industry, the Gold Medallion Awards are considered a huge honor by those who receive them," said Fred Glick, president of the CRA San Diego County chapter.

## 'Bastille Week' promises *joie de vivre*



In honor of Bastille Day, July 14, the San Diego French-American Chamber of Commerce is bringing French food and culture stateside with "Bastille Week," a week-long celebration, July 11-17.

Kicking off with a wine tasting event on July 8 at the San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, 200 Harbor Drive, Suite 120, the main event will take place at

French restaurants throughout the city.

Hexagone in Bankers Hill will be participating along with La Bastide in Scripps Ranch, Savory in Encinitas, Vagabond in South Park, The French Gourmet in La Jolla and Bernard'O and French Market Grille in Rancho Bernardo.

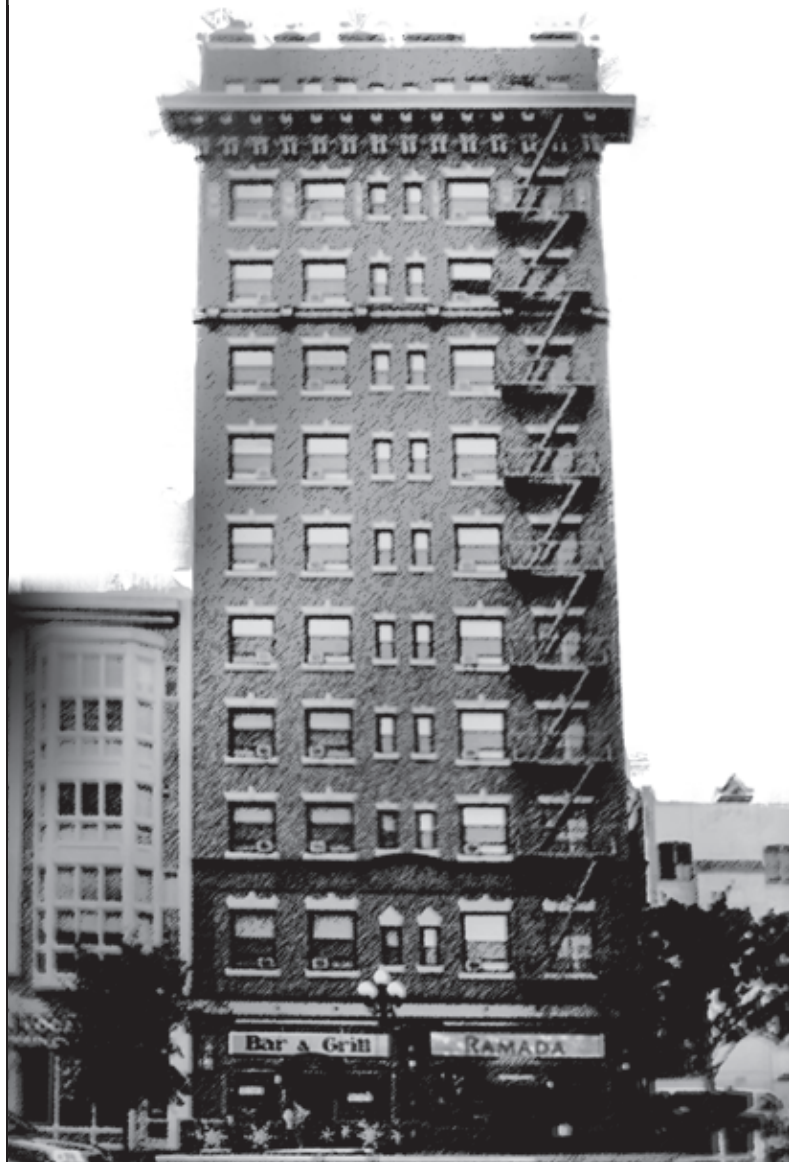
All restaurants will offer a *prix fixe* menu consisting of a three-course meal for \$30 or three courses plus a wine pairing for \$40.

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Above:

JSix's seared albacore tuna with fingerling potatoes, avocado puree, quail eggs and picholine olives is paired with Lost Abbey's Red Barn Ale. Right, Bice's trio of tartare – fresh ahi tuna and avocado topped with seaweed salad; salmon with chives and large green capers; sea bass flavored with citrus, and lightly fried risotto cakes – makes the perfect starter. Below, Quality Social pairs an eight-ounce strip steak with grilled turnips over blue cheese polenta, topped with garlic-parsley butter with a side dish of grilled squash with lemon, parmesan and chili flakes and a beet and Burrata (cheese) salad.



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left: Bice Restaurant's pan-seared Chilean sea bass with french string beans and potatoes drizzled with pesto and served with a celery root sauce is paired with a salad of organic multi-color cherry tomatoes and Burrata (cheese), seasoned with basil. The meal goes perfectly with cabernet. Above, Bice's comprehensive cheese bar entices guests to give a new cheese a try, complete with an explanation from the restaurant's formaggio (cheese expert). Bottom right, Jsix's stawberry shortcake brings together fresh strawberries, pound cake, whipped cream and mint leaves.



By KAI OLIVER-KURTIN | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Since the Gaslamp is often a prime destination for tourist dining, the restaurants they choose to frequent can tend to have a somewhat transient customer base. To appeal to local downtown residents and combat their tourist destination reputations, many restaurants have created specials specifically catered toward downtown residents. So, leave the car in the garage and take a stroll to these neighborhood restaurants offering deals without the hassle of coupon clipping.

**Bice Ristorante**, 425 Island Ave., recently lowered half of their menu items by \$2 to \$6. The price reduction makes their upscale Italian food — with starters such as a trio of tartare or cherry tomato salad with Burrata cheese, second courses including baked eggplant Parmesan and homemade ravioli, or main entrees ranging from pan-seared Chilean sea bass to beef tenderloin — more attainable.

"Many vendors have raised their prices because of the rise in gas

prices," said Mark Spears, general manager of Bice. "Other restaurants have an excused reason to raise their prices, but unlike them, we wanted to show our loyalty and support to customers by lowering our prices."

The focal points of Bice's main dining room are a comprehensive cheese bar and prominent wine cellar. Upon selecting three, five or seven cheeses, a formaggio (cheese expert) presents them on a board with explanations of origin and texture. Every Monday, Bice's "Milano flight nights" offer customers progressive wine and cheese pairings starting at \$19.

Bice holds a daily happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. with \$5 food and drink specials. Their menu of traditional dishes, with both classic and contemporary preparations, changes weekly according to what local and seasonal ingredients are readily available.

Their customers come from all over the region, from La Jolla to Mexico, but Bice relies on downtown residents

for their steady business — especially during baseball season when commuters don't feel like fighting the crowds and paying a premium for parking.

For more information, visit [www.bicesandiego.com](http://www.bicesandiego.com).

With  
tourists often  
taking over down-  
town's culinary scene,  
some restaurants are  
vying for the local  
vote

**Quality Social**, 789 Sixth Ave., may commonly be thought of as a neighborhood bar, but those who are unaware of their exceptional culinary program are missing out. Their

motto, "a bar, with food," is a classic example of their laidback approach to the downtown scene.

Quality Social stays connected to the downtown community by playing host to various mixers, happy hours and networking events. Its "locals only" event in February invited 92101 residents to mingle over free food and drinks with fellow high-rise dwellers.

The restaurant takes the simplistic concept of serving blue-collar fare that's both approachable and affordable (all entrees cost under \$16), and elevates it by providing the freshest high quality ingredients available (everything served is made in-house). Hot dogs, beef jerky and soft pretzels are paired with homemade ketchup, Worcestershire and mustard.

"Farm-to-table cuisine should actually be less expensive," said chef Sam Burman. "When you're given the opportunity to talk to farmers and see what they have a surplus of, less food goes to waste and the savings are then passed on to customers."

Quality Social changes its daily specials according to what ingredients are in season. Its local and sustainable menu is bolstered by sourcing local farms such as Suzie's and Crows Pass, and by grocery shopping at places like the Hillcrest Farmers Market.

For more information, visit [www.qualitysocial.com](http://www.qualitysocial.com).

**At Jsix**, the locals rule. Located at 616 J St., Jsix extends a 10 percent discount to 92101 residents with valid ID. They also offer a free lunch club to reward their faithful patrons — after six visits, club members receive a *gratis* lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Members are also given free valet parking during lunch hours.

"We cater to locals because although we love the transient guest, we truly love developing relationships with people," said Christian Graves, executive chef. "This goes for farmers, purveyors and especially guests. We love finding out things about people and then being able to execute those things to make a great experience."



## EATS

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Jsix hosts "Tapas Tuesday" every week, offering \$3 tapas like empanadas, ceviche and gnocchi. Live flamenco music adds to the Spanish-themed evening beginning at 9 p.m. Half-size portions of everything on the menu are available daily for half the price between 5 and 5:30

p.m. and 9 and 9:30 p.m.

Jsix works hard to maintain its reputation for being a locals' spot, rather than a hotel restaurant. Its focus on local, organic produce, sustainable seafood and slow food-style cooking makes them an environmentally conscious and responsible restaurant — even incorporating menus and carryout containers into its green initiative.

Making changes to its seasonal menu every few weeks, Jsix utilizes

"We cater to locals because although we love the transient guest, we truly love developing relationships with people."

CHRISTIAN GRAVES  
Executive chef, Jsix

the ample sunshine on their rooftop for the kitchen's very own garden. Growing fresh herbs and produce in-house saves money that can then be passed on to customers.

For more information, visit [www.jsixrestaurant.com](http://www.jsixrestaurant.com).

**Additionally**, for those who may not live downtown but spend their workweek in 92101, The Lincoln Room at 901 Fourth Ave. offers a special discount to people who live

or work downtown. Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., diners who present a valid ID or business card receive 25 percent off their bill. Stop in and enjoy the Southern California-inspired American cuisine at this "casual but elegant" eatery.

To read Downtown News columnist Alexandra Rosa's interview with Lincoln Room co-owner Darren Moore, turn to Page 11.



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In addition, on Saturday the state park will present the performance "How the West Was Spun: A Comic Adventure." This 45-minute performance is full of laughs and is about a dime novel author who comes to San Diego in search of new material. Admission for adults is \$5 and admission for children is \$1.

On Sunday, July 3, guests of the park will get to enjoy free concerts featuring patriotic music from Dixie Jazz Katz at 2 p.m. and the Navy Band Southwest at 4:30 p.m. The Dixie Jazz Katz will play many patriotic songs including "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Yankee Doodle Boy" and "When the Saints Go Marching In" with a New Orleans-style twist. The Navy Band Southwest will be entertaining the crowd with some of its famous patriotic tunes such as "America the



Pie eating contests will be one of the activities featured at Old Town's Historic Fourth of July celebration.

Beautiful" and "God Bless America" until 6 p.m.

On Monday, July 4, Old Town State Historic Park is hosting an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration. Guests will be able to come and relive the excitement of an old-fashioned 1800s Independence Day celebration. Townsfolk in period attire will be conducting children's games, demonstrations, activities, contests and more. Attendees will get to test their skills at pie-eating contests, three-legged races, bucket races, a children's historic hat contest and more. Monday's event starts at 11 a.m. with activities until 4 p.m. This event is in cooperation with the Boosters of Old Town which benefits educational programs in the park.

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## SUMMER IN DOWNTOWN: Ice cream cocktails and pirates on the bay

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• At **Se San Diego Hotel**, it's all about satisfying your sweet-tooth cravings. Throughout the month of July (aka National Ice Cream month), the Se will launch an Ice Cream Mixology program at Siren, its rooftop pool bar and lounge.

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• If you've ever dreamed of channeling Tom Cruise in "Cocktail," here's your chance.

Every first Thursday of the month, **Side Bar**, 536 Market St., holds two one-hour mixology classes at 7 and 8 p.m. The classes get to have a maximum of 12 students per class so it fills up quickly.

"It's a lot of fun because students not only learn the history of cocktails, they step behind the bar and build some classic cocktails so it's interactive," said Isaac Krejci, bar manager. "We get married couples, single people and even people who have no bar knowledge, but it's always fun," said Krejci. \$30 per person and \$50 per couple, [www.sidebarsd.com](http://www.sidebarsd.com)

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Arrit McPherson, who runs Pirate Ship Adventures, calls it a dream come true: "This is something I've always wanted to do and it just seemed like the right time to do it."

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# Less is more: The colorful art of Jacqueline Lavenu

By WILL BOWEN | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Under the roar of the jet path to Lindbergh Field and within earshot of the hoot of the trolley train, but off the beaten path of Little Italy's restaurant row, the transformed former industrial neighborhood of Little Italy North, which was modeled after SoHo in New York, is a hidden gem waiting to be discovered.

Here, closely clustered, are some of the most important art galleries in all of San Diego — Noel Baza, Scott White, Perry Meyer, and Jacqueline Lavenu — all within walking distance of each other.

Jacqueline Lavenu Studio and Gallery, at 2400 Kettner Blvd. Suite 103, is a special treat. Tastefully decorated with her trademark colorful and simple paintings, the space also includes some fine antique furniture, such as Chinese dressers, benches, tables and concubine chairs.

You will also find the dynamic abstract works of Paula Des Jardins and the intriguing wood cuts of Igor Kosenko, plus a few small sculptures by Albert Ultsch.

Lavenu was born in Cherbourg, France, and educated in Le Mans and Nuremberg,

Germany. He father was a wood-working teacher in a technical college, which may account for her love of wood furnishings, found throughout her gallery.

Her paintings could be included in the abstract expressionist genre. They are often very large and very colorful with a leaning toward blue and purple. The proper use of color is the most important thing for Lavenu.

"Painting is color," she said. "Color is the key. No color, no painting. Blue is my favorite color because it is so peaceful."

Lavenu's work is also very minimalist. She said she tries to strip away all that is unnecessary, leaving only the essence of the subject. Deriving from Milton Avery — a painter who emphasized the bare essence of a landscape, leaving only a pattern of bold colors — she describes the technique as, "to take back."

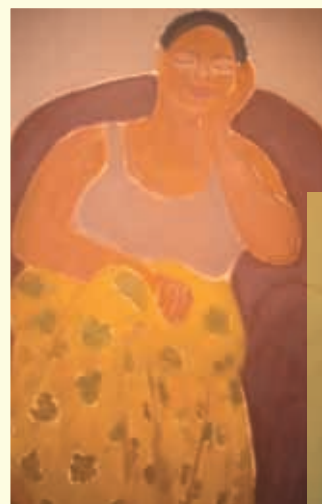
Despite their simplicity, Lavenu's paintings are filled with emotion and feeling. They are soothing, peaceful and tranquil — an escape from a hectic crazy world.

Lavenu bases all her work on sketches. Unlike many painters, she never uses photographs as a guide. When she was in

school in Germany, the use of photographs for painting was "verboten." In her sketches, Lavenu said she tries to capture the feeling of a place.

Lavenu's husband, Hans Parge, said their aim as a gallery is "Not to sell things, but to help people find things they want to put in their home." Parge thinks it is important to first buy the painting and then to decorate your house around the painting.

The gallery will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. on July 8 for Kettner Nights in Little Italy North. For more information, visit [www.lavenustudio.com](http://www.lavenustudio.com), call (619) 702-6270 or email [hans.parge@yahoo.com](mailto:hans.parge@yahoo.com).



Above: Jacqueline Lavenu's "Petite Dejeuner" shows the artist's minimalist technique. Left, "Mrs. Freeman" demonstrates Lavenu's use of bold color.

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## Fashion Files Diana Cavagnaro

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Models wear White House Black Market and Designer Millinery hats.  
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### Dream 'IT'

Alterna, presented by the Art Institute of California, San Diego, was the 2011 "IT" fashion show. The theme for the evening was "Dream IT" and guests enjoyed cocktails overlooking the breathtaking view at Loews Coronado Bay. Charity presentations were given to City of Hope and Jeans 4 Justice. Gretchen Productions produced this high-energy runway show that highlighted the student collections in swimwear, ready-to-wear, evening and avant-garde. After the finale, awards were given and Elina Sheripova received the "IT" Design Award (best in show) for her avant-garde collection. Additional awards were the Atelier Design Award, which went to Tiffany Reese for the most technical and best construction of eveningwear. Reese's Chateau of Serpent Wine line showcased beautiful wine-colored eveningwear. The Innovator Design Award went to Tea Ninkovic's swimwear line, Wild Rococo, for the most cre-



Castle Warrior by Elina Sheripova won the Best in Show at the "IT" fashion show.

Diana Cavagnaro | Downtown News

collection, called Polished Metal, showed off beautiful eveningwear with touches of gold. The Art Institute has provided programs in design, media arts, fashion and culinary for more than 35 years. For more information visit, [www.artinstitutes.edu/san-diego](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/san-diego).

### Soiree at FLUXX

The Junior League of San Diego presented the Summer Style Soiree at the trendy FLUXX Club downtown on May 26. This was the second annual signature fashion show. Emcees Liz Edwards and Downtown Rob announced all the fun silent auction items. The crowd sipped on pomegranate martinis and shopped the colorful styles of Lilly Pulitzer, the stylish jewelry of Stella & Dot and the new trendy ties from Hugh Simms. Dominique Meinke, Laura Desisto, and Kylie Fletcher chaired this event.

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## THE LIVELY ARTS Charlene Baldrige

July is high summer for the performing arts, marking the beginning of two extended outdoor events, San Diego Symphony's Bridgepoint Education Summer Pops and The Old Globe's annual Shakespeare Festival. The Pops opens with Independence Day weekend festivities highlighted by principal Pops conductor Marvin Hamlisch conducting "Star-Spangled Pops" and lasts until Labor Day weekend's "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" with concerts weekly in between.

**Summer Pops** — most performed under the baton of resident summer Pops conductor Matthew Garbutt — takes place in a gorgeous, waterfront setting at Embarcadero Marina Park on San Diego Bay across from the ballpark. Food is available for purchase or you may take your own food for picnics (some restrictions apply, such as no outside alcohol and no glass containers). A few highlights: Motown's greatest hits, Friday, Saturday, July 8-9; Michael Feinstein sings Gershwin, Porter ... and more, Friday, Saturday, July 15-16; "Super Diamond: a Tribute to Neil Diamond," Friday, Saturday, July 29-30; "Rhapsody in Blue with Jazz Pianist Elder Djangirov," Sunday, July 31; "Burt Bacharach: That's What Friends Are For," Sunday, Aug. 7; Dennis DeYoung "Music of Styx," Friday, Saturday, Aug. 12-13; "Ozomatli," Sunday, Aug. 21; and "Wynonna," Saturday, Aug. 21. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. For a complete schedule go to [www.sandiegosymphony.org](http://www.sandiegosymphony.org) or phone (619) 235-0804.

**The Old Globe Shakespeare Festival**, already begun in previews, continues through Sept. 25 and includes Shakespeare's sparkling comedy "Much Ado About Nothing," starring real-life



Ben Diskant plays Ariel in Shakespeare's "The Tempest," which opened June 5 and runs through Sept. 25 at the Old Globe Theatre. The production is part of the theatre's annual Shakespeare Festival.  
Courtesy photo

husband and wife Jonno Roberts and Georgia Hatzis; Shakespeare's valedictory romantic comedy "The Tempest," starring the award-winning Miles Anderson (last year's King George) as Prospero; and Peter Shaffer's Broadway hit, later a film, "Amadeus," starring Anderson as Salieri and San Diego Theatre Critics Circle award-winning actor Jay Whittaker as Mozart. The plays are seen in rotating repertory nightly, except Monday, in the Globe's Lowell Davies Festival Theatre. Each actor appears in more than one play.

More information at [www.oldglobe.org](http://www.oldglobe.org)

and [www.sandiegosymphony.org](http://www.sandiegosymphony.org) or phone the Old Globe at (619) 235-GLOBE or San Diego Symphony at (619) 235-0804.

**"The Who's Tommy,"** produced by San Diego Repertory Theatre in partnership with the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, July 13-Aug. 14. Sam Woodhouse directs the Pete Townshend/Des McAnuff musical about a blind, deaf and mute boy who achieves fame with his prodigious talent for pinball. Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, [www.sdrep.org](http://www.sdrep.org) or (619) 544-1000.



The next Little Italy Section runs August 4, 2011. The deadline for submission is July 28, so call today!  
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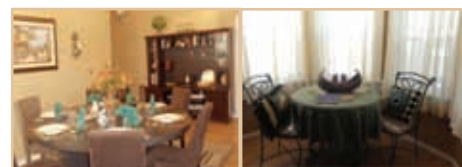


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## Spirits Festival unites drinkers, mixologists



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Cocktail lovers united during the third annual San Diego Spirits Festival June 25 and 26, featuring more than 60 local and international spirits – from vodka and tequila to gin and rum – for attendees to sample.

With unlimited cocktail tastings, liquor demonstrations, bartender battles, live music, art installations and performances from acrobats and burlesque dancers, every sense was satiated during the two-day bash overlooking the San Diego Bay on Broadway Pier. Food trucks were on site to offer up alcohol antidotes in the form of chicken potstickers and firecracker shrimp.

For those still standing after imbibing the concoctions of various tasting booths, a VIP after-party transformed the Port Pavilion into the early days of prohibition with a speakeasy ambience. Benefiting The American Institute of Wine and Food, a silent auction served as a necessary breather for festival guests. Many local restaurants joined in the festivities during the week leading up the festival by offering discounted drinks and special cocktails.

For more information, visit [www.sandiegospiritsfestival.com](http://www.sandiegospiritsfestival.com).

—Kai Oliver-Kurtin

## FASHION

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The fashion show was in two parts, starting with prêt-à-porter. White House Black Market's stylish collection lit up the catwalk with racetrack-ready hats by Designer Millinery. The second segment featured couture designs from Drea Hull, Little Pink Elephant and finished with the elegant designs of "Project Runway" star Gordana "Goga" Gehlhausen. Julie Fought produced this upbeat show.

The Junior League of San Diego is an international nonprofit organization of women that is committed to voluntarism. Proceeds for the event go to reducing childhood obesity. For more information, visit: [www.jlsd.org](http://www.jlsd.org)

### Moonlight Shangri-La

A black tie gala at the San Diego Zoo took place under the stars on June 18.

The 28th anniversary of the R•I•T•Z (Rendezvous in the Zoo) brought out San Diego's best dressed. Couture designs made their way down the runway — surrounded by animals. Fashion with an Asian flair was out in full force, in keeping with the Moonlight Shangri-La theme. Many chose to wear designs from Animal Fashions by Jordan, including the honorary chairwoman, Audrey Geisel. Jordan is known for her artistry and hand painted garments.

Conservation ambassador Joan Embery was on hand with her animal friends. Embery brought out animals and shared her knowledge and stories of her up-close encounters. Embery has appeared numerous times on the "Johnny Carson Show" and the "Jay Leno Show."

Colorful murals were designed by artist Christina Walker and created by Liz Smith and her team. Chairwomen were Clarice Perkins and Debbie Turner. This

year will benefit the new Sumatran tiger habitat at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. Audrey Geisel made a RITZ Challenge match, which will match every dollar, donated up to \$1 million for the habitat. For more information, visit [www.sandiegozoo.org](http://www.sandiegozoo.org).

### Upcoming events

- **July 14:** Globe Guilder's Luncheon & Naeem Khan fashion show, presented by Neiman Marcus at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, 10:30 a.m. (858) 454-0014 or [jdholmes@san.rr.com](mailto:jdholmes@san.rr.com)
- **July 29-30:** La Jolla Fashion Film Festival at the Museum of Contemporary Art La Jolla. [www.ljfff.com](http://www.ljfff.com)
- **July 31:** Summer Bridal Bazaar with three fashion shows at the San Diego Convention Center. (760) 334-5500

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By Connie Cook | Guest Columnist

**No gain  
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More may be better when it comes to money, time off, good luck or good looks, but regularly working out more than your body needs is counterproductive. Overtraining happens when muscles are not given the necessary recovery time they need to “regroup” after an intense workout. You have to rest in order to progress.

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Think of it this way, if you cut your finger and each day the wound breaks open again, it will take a longer time to heal. It’s the same for your muscles. They have to have time to heal after a strenuous workout, otherwise

regeneration cannot occur, performance plateaus and your risk for injury increases. In this case, if there is pain there may be no gain!

Of course, you are going to be tired and somewhat sore after a great workout, but the extent of tiredness and soreness over a period of time can be a good indicator you are overtraining. If you consistently feel an overall lack of energy and your soreness doesn’t go away for a few days, you’ve definitely overdone it. You’ll need to back off and give your body a little “R and R” in order to recoup and recover.

Sometimes the desire to improve performance or lose weight is so strong that you may push yourself too hard to hit your goal. If you’ve never been good at pacing yourself, now is the time to learn. It’s like the difference between one tequila shot and three! (Need I say more?) You have to work out smarter not harder. I understand the craving for that endorphin high you get with a really intense workout and it’s ok to go balls-to-the-wall on occasion, but not every day.

You can also overtrain your body doing the same workout over and over again. You put your body at risk for injury repeating the same exercises each time you workout. Expecting to achieve new results with the same exercises each time you workout is just crazy. Always doing the same exercises is boring, boring, boring and possibly dangerous as well. It’s like the hamster running on its wheel, always moving diligently but not getting anywhere. You’ll give the word dumbbell a whole new meaning with this approach to your workout!

Become your own fitness mix master and change it up each week by incorporating all kinds of exercises into your regimen. Keep it fresh and interesting by challenging your body with new movements, intensities or classes. Hire a personal trainer, rent a workout video for new ideas or pick up a fitness magazine and learn the newest trends in the industry to keep you out of the exercise rut of “the same old thing”.

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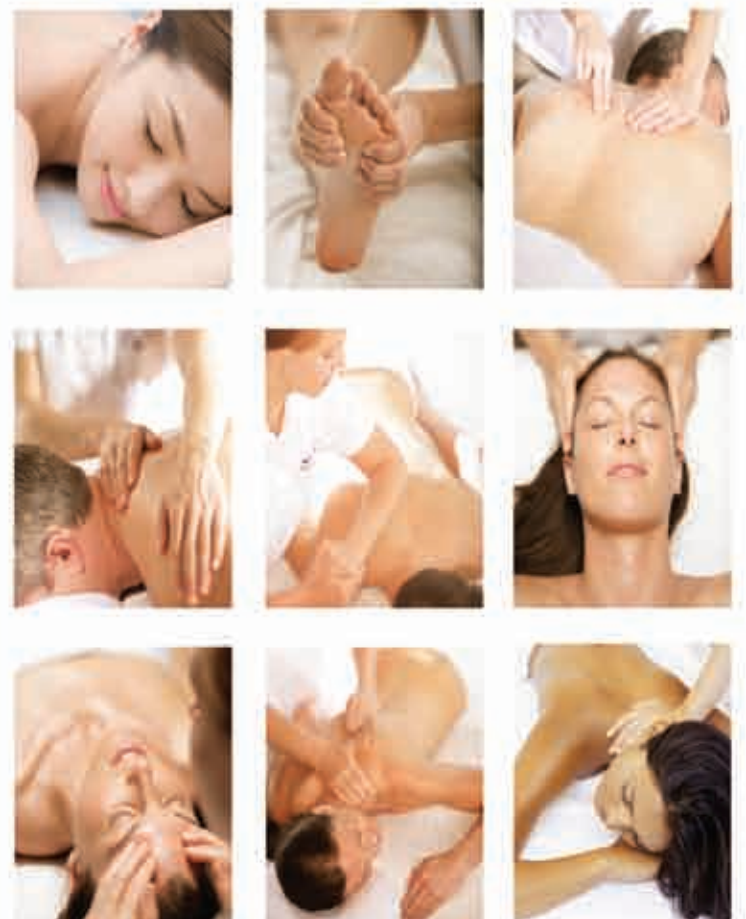


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