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The holidays have arrived

‘Wings of Freedom’: San Diego’s new icon or a blight on the bay?

By **MARIKO LAMB** | DOWNTOWN NEWS

The USS Midway Museum held the first of three town hall sessions on Nov. 29 at the Port of San Diego to vet public opinions about a vision to convert the Navy Pier into a dual-level facility with a parking lot on the lower level and five-acre Veterans Park on the upper level.

The \$68 million project, as currently proposed, would include demolishing the existing four-story Navy building on Harbor Drive to create an enhanced view corridor of the bay, transforming the Navy Pier into a gently sloping park with a 500-car parking lot beneath, and putting aside 1 percent of the total construction cost for local artists to provide art for the park.

The park’s slope would gradually rise from the Embarcadero to a 20-foot viewing point, then slope gently back down to

14 feet at the end of the pier in order to accommodate trucks, buses and other large vehicles in the parking structure beneath.

Although the entire project was to be discussed at the meeting, the conversation typically returned to one component of the proposal — a dramatic architectural element dubbed the “Wings of Freedom” that would be located at the head of the pier.

As currently conceptualized, the defining structure would consist of a pair of steel and titanium sails — one 400 feet in height, the other 500 feet — that would tower above the bay at the end of the proposed Veterans Park. Beneath the structure would be a 4,000- to 5,000-seat amphitheater for concerts and special events.

Mac McLaughlin, USS Midway Museum

president and CEO, said the board embraced the idea to “build an iconic symbol that comes to represent San Diego for future generations,” as proposed by real estate developer Malin Burnham, architect Hal Sadler and philanthropist Denny Sanford — the latter of whom has agreed to fund the structure, estimated at \$35 million.

Greg Mueller, CEO of Tucker Sadler Architects, said the firm came up with the idea for the structure after studying iconic elements in other cities, including the Sydney Opera House, Seattle’s Space Needle and the St. Louis arch.

“We started looking at architectural structures that people easily recognize across the world,” he said. “We took some of those elements — looking at the



A conceptual view of the Veterans Park and “Wings of Freedom” sculpture shows what the skyline view would look like from Coronado. Courtesy of the USS Midway Museum

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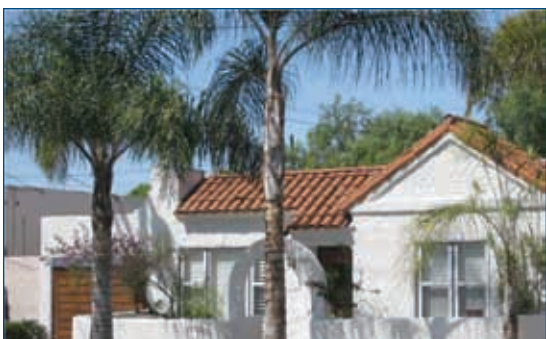
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Spithill leads U.S. to victory in America's Cup World Series tour on SD Bay

By JOHNNY McDONALD | DOWNTOWN NEWS

There's something to be said for a "home port" advantage. Jimmy Spithill, who spent his younger years charting San Diego's waters, skippered a U.S.A 45-foot Oracle catamaran to victory over the French team in the America's Cup World Series tour this month on San Diego Bay.

It had figured to be a sail-off final with the internationally-experienced New Zealanders. Instead, the kiwis settled for third place after beating Sweden.

Then, Spithill closed the final weekend by taking the full-force Fleet race.

The Oracle team might be remembered, too, for snapping New Zealand's string of three wins with a breakthrough triumph in the America's Cup for 72-footers in 2010. It appears they're still on a roll.

The World Cup was a spectacle, unlike other weekends when billowing white sails are prevalent in varied competitions on the waters of San Diego Bay.

For the average shoreline spectator witnessing this event for the first time, a rule book and assistance from a learned observer might have been necessary.

Tactical turns, errors and penalties imposed along the course might have been beyond novice comprehension. The seamanship of those scrambling, acrobatic helmeted sailors keeping things in balance was entertaining theater.

The AC45 boat was designed by the Oracle racing design and engineering team. At task was designing a boat that would not only meet the racing criteria, but could also fit inside a 50-foot container, which is the shipping vessel for the racing world series.

Although dangerous, promoters of the AC World Series and the America's Cup could not have orchestrated a more effective promotional stunt. The AC45s will compete in locations around the globe.



In fleet racing on Nov. 13, above, USA's Oracle Racing Spithill is neck and neck with Emirates Team New Zealand. Nov. 18 saw match racing (pitting two teams against each other, as opposed to fleet racing, which involves all teams at once) with Emirates Team NZ in the lead rounding the mark against Oracle Racing Spithill, right.

PAUL HANSEN | Downtown News



"I think this series is critical to the future of the (major) America's Cup," said Australian Iain Murray, regatta director and CEO of America's Cup race management.

"Sailing in the best of times is not an easy sport to understand," he said. "For us to succeed, we must present an understandable and exciting sport on TV. We've got to look at how we bring the race courses into the public arena." The nine days of time trials, eliminations and fleet maneuvers were pleasing to the eye as a capsuled introduction to what it will be like when the 72-foot boats compete on San Francisco's bay for the major-league America's Cup in 2013.

The curious came to Broadway pier to get a close-up view of all the activity, watching these skeleton-like boats drift close by.

Decisions will be made this month whether the World Series will return to San Diego next year, according to a racing

spokesperson.

Organizers said there is a need for more international racing interest, possibly from Australia and Italy. Korea, China and Spain remain in a learning curve.

Even winning a preliminary race was a step in the right direction for a Chinese team that had no Chinese nationals aboard. They plan to compete in the America's Cup in the future with "Chinese sailors on a Chinese-built boat."

The hard-wing catamarans being sailed in the world series tour are high-tech, high-performance beasts to handle. By the time the actual America's Cup comes around, the event will be sailed in even more demanding 72-foot catamarans.

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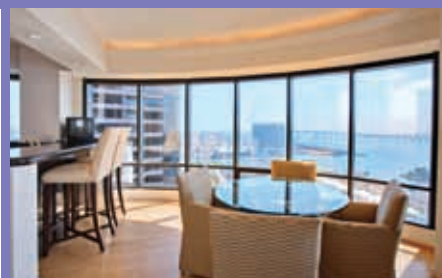
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heights, what the structure and makeup is, what the materials are — and we started using them as ideas for how to create something iconic to San Diego. Not to try to represent those things out there, but do something different.”

He emphasized the importance of the Navy Pier's location as central to San Diego.

“Whatever we do on there, it's going to be seen. It's going to be seen by those who come in and take off by airport. It'll be seen by those who live in Point Loma, Coronado, downtown and those who come to the bay,” he said. “It's centered in a spot that really has an opportunity to capture the heart of San Diego.”

He said the structure is a loose interpretation of sails to symbolize San Diego as a home for sailing, but that the structure could be interpreted in many ways.

“The idea is coming up with something

that could be expressed as a sail but doesn't just represent sailing. It could be aviation. Aviation is also something that San Diego is known for,” he said. “It can be something that is interpreted in a different way by whoever is looking at it.”

The individual interpretation of the structure was precisely the source of mixed reviews that incited debate at the November meeting.

One woman at the meeting interpreted the structure as “Playboy bunny ears” and said the structure would be the laughing-stock of the city. Another said the structure is a “monstrosity” that belongs in a science fiction movie.

Others were more receptive, calling the structure “fantastic,” a potential money-maker for the city and a structure that may not be appreciated now, but will be long into the future.

Another concern brought up at the meeting was that the structure would block the view of the bay and dwarf the already iconic Midway Museum and per-

haps even San Diego itself.

Mueller said the sails would be separated so as not to impede the view, but said he would consider a suggestion to change material to a reflective glass that is transparent on one side.

“They are parallel with the ship, so you can look between them,” he said. “You can see the bay at an elevated level that is not currently available to anyone.”

One resident at the meeting said the structure wouldn't block the view. It would be the view — the focal point of the city that people will be proud of in years to come.

McLaughlin said he and the board at the USS Midway Museum are taking all of the public's concerns and suggestions seriously.

“We have a responsibility to do something that San Diego is proud of. I'm taking all of this in personally, and I know the architectural partners are,” he said. “This is a grand plan, and this is a great rollout to begin the conversation with. I want to



A conceptual aerial view of the Veterans Park and Wings of Freedom sculpture.

Courtesy of the USS Midway Museum

hear more. This is not Tucker Sadler's plan and this is not the San Diego Symphony's plan. This has got to be San Diego's plan, and not everybody's going to agree with it, but we're taking this input very seriously.”

Two more public meetings will take

place before the Midway board presents its plan to the San Diego Unified Port District on Jan. 10. The next meetings will take place at the Port of San Diego, located at 3165 Pacific Highway, on Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 9 a.m.

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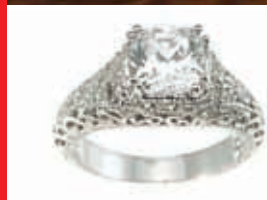
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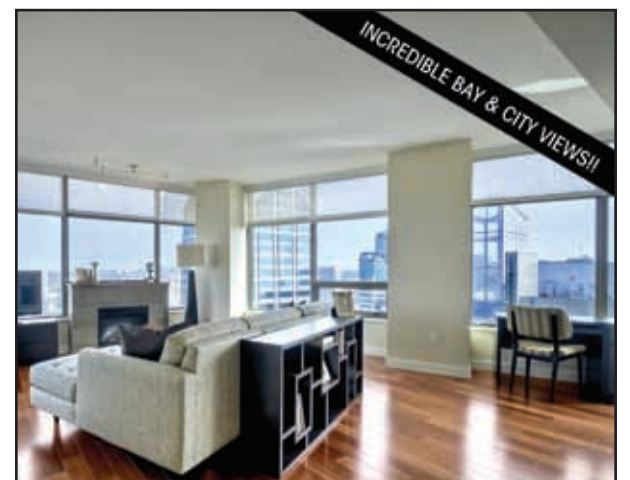


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The Santa Fe Depot was originally built to accommodate the influx of visitors to San Diego during the 1915 Panama California Exposition. It took nearly a year to build at a cost of \$300,000. It opened on March 8, 1915.

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By **JOHNNY McDONALD** DOWNTOWN NEWS

So much revolved around the opening of the Panama California Exposition in 1915 that there became a definite need for a multiple train station to accommodate the influx of San Diego visitors.

To meet these urgent needs, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway built an ornate Spanish Colonial Revival-style structure. Construction began on a site just east of the old depot on Jan. 15, 1914 and was completed Dec. 31 at a total cost of \$300,000. The new station opened on March 8, 1915.

The magnificent complex was designed by San Francisco architects Bakewell and Brown as a “monumental reminder” of California’s Spanish heritage. Intended to harmonize with the Spanish Colonial Revival-style buildings of the exposition, the size and grandeur far surpassed anything the Santa Fe had ever built in the



West. So stylish, in fact, was the building that it is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The massive arch of the front entrance is flanked by twin campaniles, each topped by a colorful tile-covered dome and displaying Santa Fe’s blue cross emblem on all four

sides. Drawing more heavily from the architecturally distinctive Spanish, Moorish and Mexican lines exhibited by the Mission San Luis Rey de Francia located in Oceanside than it does from the nearby Mission San Diego de Alcalá nine miles away, the interior of the depot features natural redwood beam ceilings highlighted by walls covered with brightly colored ceramic tiles.

The station replaced the small Victorian-style structure erected in 1879 for the California Southern Railroad Company, and became a busy place with in-and-out Electric Railway trolleys with stops also by the San Diego and Arizona train system. It officially changed to San Diego Union Station in 1919 in response to its multiple-use and continental service, and a Fred Harvey Company lunch counter and dining room were soon incorporated into the floor plan.

During the exposition, nine scheduled trains ran during the week. Twelve trains operated on weekends.

Because of the heavy rail traffic from the east and north, optimistic city fathers sought to make this the West Coast terminus of the Santa Fe system’s transcontinental railroad — but the city of Los Angeles would win that battle.

The Santa Fe took over solo operation of the station in January 1951 when the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway discontinued passenger service.

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Naval Base opens holiday lights tour to public



The Navy will open its annual holiday lights event to the public this year on Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The event will include a driving route along the waterfront. Courtesy photo of the U.S. Navy

By KAI OLIVER-KURTIN | THE BEACON

The large gray warships navigating through the thick marine layer at the city's coastline are a constant reminder of San Diego's longstanding association with the U.S. Navy. To spotlight the fleet — literally — Naval Base San Diego (NBSD) will hold a Navy holiday lights event on Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., opening the event to the general public for the first time.

Located off of Harbor Drive and 32nd Street downtown, the base will establish a driving route for motorists to navigate along the waterfront to view ships moored at the various piers, lighting up the night with their holiday embellishments. At the tour's end, guests will have the option to park their car and take a walking tour of a ship.

"We are truly delighted to invite the

public to see their Navy," said Capt. Winton Smith, NBSD's commanding officer. "The deployable units stationed here are the same units that keep our shipping lanes open by combating pirates off the coast of Africa, serve as ambassadors of goodwill in developing countries and provide humanitarian assistance to those impacted in Japan [by the recent earthquake and tsunami]."

San Diego is the principal home port of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet, with more than 50 ships calling this city home — and pre-commissioned units (PCU) San Diego and Coronado among the next to join its ranks.

"We look forward to showing off our great ship and crew to the waterfront, as well as the local community," said command Master Chief Sean Snyder, the senior enlisted person aboard the guided-missile

destroyer USS Benfold. "Benfold's crew is planning on a red, white and blue holiday lighting theme that captures how deeply proud we are to serve this great nation."

Navy Band Southwest will provide entertainment and guests can enjoy hot cocoa and cookies during the event.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for us to give back just a little to our families, friends and the local community here in San Diego who support us throughout the year," said Snyder.

Admission is free and guests can enter NBSD at gate two, located on Harbor Drive at Belt Street. All adults are required to show a valid form of ID to enter the base. To drive a vehicle onto base, a driver's license, current registration and proof of insurance must be presented.

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HOLIDAY *events*

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The lobby of the hotel will be filled

with holiday treats and décor, and one lucky hotel manager will don a Santa Claus suit to pose with neighborhood and out-of-town pets over the weekend from 2 to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the San Diego Animal Support Foundation — a nonprofit group dedicated to improving the welfare of animals in shelters and rescue facilities in San Diego.

“Whether you’re a guest staying in our hotel or a neighborhood friend popping into our restaurant, there’s always an element of fun and a sense of playfulness around,” said Hotel Solamar’s general manager

Mark Dibella. “We think Santa Paws adds an unexpected element of holiday cheer to see so many beloved family pets all groomed and excited and ready for their picture with Santa.”

Although Santa Paws generally gets holiday visitors of the canine variety, the hotel invites pets of all sorts to take part in the holiday photo opportunity.

• **San Diego Self Storage (SDSS)** facilities across San Diego are serving the community’s families in need this holiday season with a series of toy drive events to benefit the **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.**

SDSS will collect new, unwrapped toys for the program until Dec. 19 at all of its locations, and the storage facility will also conduct raffles for a \$100 credit toward a tenant’s new or existing storage rental.

The Marine kickoff event will take place aboard the **USS Midway on Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** with raffles,

refreshments and prizes. Admission to the event is free with the donation of a new, unwrapped toy, which will be distributed as Christmas gifts to children in the community who may not otherwise receive gifts.

“We’re proud to sponsor this effort on behalf of the children within the communities we serve, and this drive marks our 13th consecutive year of participation,” said SDSS managing partner J. Terry Aston. “Our network of neighborhood self storage facilities makes it convenient for all San Diegans to get involved by dropping off toys at any of our locations located within close proximity to work or home.”

The Toys for Tots programs hopes to spread the message of giving to children at a young age to motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

To participate in the effort, simply stop by any of SDSS’s locations

throughout the county, bring in a new, unwrapped toy to drop off, and leave knowing a child in need will receive a gift even greater than what was contained in the holiday wrapper.

• **The San Diego Floral Society will make Balboa Park sparkle with 20 beautifully decorated trees** contributed by garden clubs and societies throughout the county. All of the trees are decorated based on this year’s “Through the Eyes of the Children” theme and will later be donated to retirement and assisted-living facilities to spread holiday cheer for others’ enjoyment. The trees will be lit up and available for viewing on **Dec. 2 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.** Free refreshments will be provided in Room 101 in the Casa del Prado building, located at 1650 El Prado Ave., and floral designs, Protea stems and gingerbread cookies will be on sale to benefit the San Diego Floral Society’s projects.



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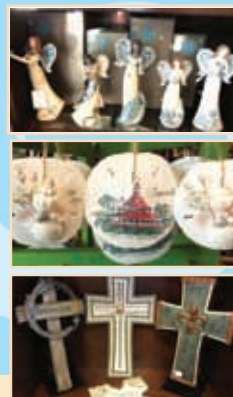

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Tax dollars should help grow jobs, not red tape

Kevin L. Faulconer



less time navigating city bureaucracy so they can focus on running a successful business, strengthening our local economy and hiring more San Diegans.

I promoted a recent regulatory relief workshop around the question, "How can City Hall help a business create a job?" Dozens shared red-tape horror stories and recommendations to improve city customer service, including:

- eliminating annual permits for home businesses;
- creating a "starter kit" for new businesses and contract bidders;
- clarifying regulations to avoid different interpretations by different bureau-

Our tax dollars must be used to support our neighborhoods, businesses and local jobs, not block the way to progress with unnecessary red tape.

Here is an example. You may have noticed the restrooms on one of our local beaches [Brighton Street in Ocean Beach] have been closed for over two years, replaced with unsightly portable toilets on the sand. Why has it taken the city so long to fix a facility used by countless residents and tourists visiting Ocean Beach? It's not due to budget cuts, environmental regulations or neighborhood controversy. It's because the city's contracting department stumbled through three construction bidding rounds — once rejecting a bid because it was not properly submitted in a three-ring binder.

I've been a leader in the campaign to bring "regulatory relief" to City Hall. The Ocean Beach [Brighton Street] restroom project illustrates what happens when red tape gets in the way: regulations overrule common sense, jobs are put on hold — and San Diegans' time is wasted.

My goal is for businesses to spend

crats; and

- expanding online permitting.

The workshop is just the beginning. I will be releasing an action plan to reform the most burdensome city business regulations that are needlessly hurting San Diego's economic recovery — and the jobs that come with it.

So what about the Ocean Beach restrooms? A local construction company was ultimately selected and the restrooms are scheduled to open in time for the summer. As for the city contracting department, I asked for a full performance audit of their operations and there is currently an opportunity for new management at the department.

What regulatory relief do you need to succeed? Tell me on the Regulatory Relief San Diego Facebook page, @RegReliefSD on Twitter or at kevinfaulconer@sandiego.gov.

— Kevin Faulconer represents District 2 of the San Diego City Council, which includes Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach, Point Loma, downtown San Diego and part of La Jolla.

Winter homeless shelter opens

The city's emergency winter shelter for homeless adults, administered by the San Diego Housing Commission and operated by the Alpha Project, opened on Nov. 21, at 16th Street and Newton Avenue.

"Alpha Project and the San Diego Housing Commission share the same mission, serving those who have no place to call home," said Richard C. Gentry, president and CEO of the Housing Commission. "They have assembled a devoted team of non-profit providers that will offer medical care, mental health screenings, drug and alcohol referrals and job counseling for shelter residents."

The winter tent can provide shelter for up to 220 single, adult men and women each night. Priority will be given to seniors and individuals with disabilities. Last year, more than 700 homeless men and women were served during four months of operation.

The winter shelter program will have 24-hour private security, as well as increased San Diego police patrols in and around the facility for the duration of shelter operations through April 1.

The budget for this year is projected to be almost \$620,000, with \$442,000 coming from the Housing Commission and city funding sources and the rest from Alpha Project.

The Housing Commission administers a second winter shelter contract, which serves homeless veterans. It will open the first week in December in the Midway District. The pre-fabricated structure will be located at the Navy's SPAWAR property, 2801 ½ Sports Arena Blvd., a partnership that has continued for several years. Veterans Village of San Diego (VVSD) operates the Midway facility, which will also have security.

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Building the economy, one sporting event at a time

Sports Commission and Hall of Champions join to promote San Diego tourism through sports

By JOHNNY McDONALD | DOWNTOWN NEWS

With a multifaceted sports and business development program, the San Diego Sports Commission and Hall of Champions have merged their efforts to enhance the quality of life through sports.

Geared toward the youth in the area, the program is also directed toward a broad marketing campaign to bring in major events that will generate economic strength.

The commission's forerunner, known as the Sports Council, was partially responsible for bringing major sports teams (Padres and Chargers) here and for spearheading the construction of Qualcomm Stadium.

Al Kidd, president of both organizations and leader of the program, said it's important to incorporate efforts from different businesses to make a difference in San Diego.

"We went to the city and asked them to help us streamline this program," he said. "Anything to win an event for San Diego."

He said the project is partially funded from the tourism and marketing district's hotel money.

"Our goal this year was to bring in visitors for 20,000 hotel rooms," he

said. "We'll have had 30 events this year."

The organization, for example, raised money and helped market the recent America's Cup World Series, conducted in San Diego Bay. It also handled many running events like marathons and triathlons.

"We have received extremely good support from the mayor's office, county supervisors, port commissioners and the tourism and marketing district," Kidd said. "We're at a high point of relevancy and as a contributor. We're touching so many aspects in our part with tourism."

Kidd said the efforts are a continuation of what the old sports council was able to accomplish.

An internship program has been established as a method of building a foundation in marketing. Offering some 70 to 80 interns practical work experience, the program will group the interns in teams, promoting specific events. Four sessions will be conducted each year, coinciding with each calendar season, with the next class set to start Jan. 13.

The duration of internships — which are offered in five departments: business development, marketing and communications, youth sports/education, events and sports development — is 12

to 16 weeks.

"We feel the Hall of Champions offers the recognition factor with its Stars of the Month and Hall of Famers," Kidd said. "It's a preservation of sports history. But we were devoid in the educational areas."

The hall has been conducting free youth clinics for many different sports, and some professional athletes will even take part in the activities.

"We cover the cost and that's kinda cool," said Kidd. "And it's always great to have these sit-down chats, particularly dealing with sportsmanship. We also teach them to become leaders."

As for amassing income, Kidd said 30 people are involved in production efforts to build foundations for major sporting events for the city.

"What's different is that there were only three or four people in the council to do an event," he said. "Today, I have a marketing department, graphic artists for logos and printed material, sponsor acquisition programmers, project managers and a logistics department to seek permits. Our project managers will go to national conventions. They become very active in our event recruitment program."

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Port looks to improvements in 2012

By **JOHNNY McDONALD** | DOWNTOWN NEWS

In search of ordinance regulation solutions for tenants, vendors and entertainers along the waterfront, another public meeting will be conducted Dec. 13 at the San Diego Unified Port District office.

This is the third meeting in which the public can voice opinions on how to handle permits.

In early 2012, the ordinances will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for its review. The ordinances would take effect 30 days after approval by the Board.

Some members of the public want the port to limit the number of permits. Others want to know the specific areas where entertainers and vendors will be allowed. Many just want to know what the rules are.

Jim Hutzelman, manager of community services in the port's Business Development and Marketing Department, said a number of changes have occurred along the waterfront and adjacent land, and the regulations need to be updated to

reflect the activities that take place.

Adjustments are needed because of the opening of the USS Midway Museum and the Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier. In addition, San Diego's downtown has seen an increase in new residents.

Hutzelman said one of the key goals of the update is to clarify the ordinances so they specify the types of activities that are allowed and the locations where those activities can occur. He said the goal of the ordinances is to support an active, vibrant and safe waterfront in a fair and equitable manner. Drafts of the ordinances have been readied for review.

The port will post the draft ordinances on its website, www.portofsandiego.org, and copies will be available for review in the Port District clerk's office at 3165 Pacific Highway.

Meanwhile, a little-used concrete plaza and a shuttered restaurant will soon be a place for quiet waterside contemplation.

The port — with the help of a number of officials from local cities, county and federal governments — officially broke ground on for the port's 18th public park,

to be called Ruocco Park for Lloyd and Ilse Ruocco, the late San Diego couple who provided funding to help build the bayfront green space.

"This is another great addition to our waterfront and the downtown," said Congressman Bob Filner, who was among those offering congratulations to the port for the project and thanking the Ruoccos for the donation.

Filner said the port, with the addition of Ruocco Park, is helping to make the city a "more sustainable, livable and beautiful city."

Lloyd Ruocco was an architect and his wife was a designer and art professor at San Diego State. More than 25 years ago, the couple wanted to present a gift to the community — a downtown park that would be a quiet place for reflection. They established a trust fund that is helping fund the 3.3-acre park located on the southwest corner of Harbor Drive and Pacific Highway.

Ruocco Park was designed by Dennis Otsuji of ONA and Associates, Inc., a San Diego firm.

Little Italy becomes a winter wonderland for the holidays

By **MARIKO LAMB** | DOWNTOWN NEWS

The Little Italy Association is transforming two of its city blocks into a Christmas village on Dec. 3 for a warm-hearted community celebration complete with a classic tree-lighting ceremony involving local elected officials, complimentary cider and cookies for guests, and a festive array of Little Italy Mercato merchants selling their handmade wares and artisan crafts.

"The streets are decorated with holiday cheer, and it really looks like a Christmas village has come to life, complete with a main street, families bundled up to visit with Santa, shopping from merchants, [and] music," said Little Italy resident Marianna Brunetto. "We look forward to it every year."

The free holiday festival will take place at Date and India streets adjacent to the Piazza Natale from 4 to 8 p.m. for Little Italy families and neighbors to come out and enjoy each others company during the intimate evening event.

Jolly ole Saint Nick will, of course, visit the village from the North Pole for a photo opportunity atop Little Italy Fire Engine 3.

Adding to the holiday cheer will be the



Crowds gather in Little Italy for the annual Christmas Village and tree lighting.

Courtesy photo

musical talents of the Pizarro Brothers, the Washington Elementary School's choir and ballroom dancing troupe, and Modern Glee club of San Diego with performances throughout the evening event.

"The event is a terrific example of the community coming together to enjoy the

winter season and Christmas celebration," said Marco Li Mandri, chief executive administrator of the Little Italy Association.

For more information, visit www.littleitalysd.com/events/little-italy-tree-lighting.

Traditions bring holiday cheer to sailors

Holidays are a particularly trying time for deployed U.S. Navy sailors and their families at home. Social media sites like Facebook and Skype have increased communication and helped ease the transition for these families, but it's the familiar holiday rituals on board that give sailors a sense of normalcy around the holidays.

The USS Makin Island left San Diego on its maiden deployment just 10 days before Thanksgiving, but had ordered all the ingredients for a traditional holiday feast two months ahead of time for the more than 2,000 service members on board. While at sea in the Pacific, several sailors gathered around TVs to watch NFL football games, just like they would at home.

Carrying out another Thanksgiving ritual, the USS Essex hosted a turkey trot 5K run around the ship's flight deck, similar to the races taking place in cities across the U.S. Deployed from its homeport of Sasebo, Japan, the Essex was in the Indian Ocean during turkey day.

In homeport at Naval Base San Diego, the USS Boxer served Thanksgiving meals to about 175 sailors who were on duty that day, in addition to several of their family members.

Community programs like Adopt-A-Sailor also provide opportunities for local families to host sailors for a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal. After all, because of the nature of their jobs, active duty military



Navy culinary specialists and Marine Corps cooks started preparations at 2 a.m. for 80 turkeys, 600 pounds of ham, 2,000 pounds of beef and 5,000 dinner rolls for the crew of the USS Makin Island.

Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

are very familiar with the concept of home away from home.

— Kai Oliver-Kurtin

Students get into the spirit of giving

Students kicked off the holiday season with the spirit of building and giving, as approximately 195 students from downtown's Monarch School, Barrio Logan's Perkins Elementary School and Southeast San Diego's Kimbrough Elementary volunteered at the Manchester Grand Hyatt to create the fourth annual "Toys for Tots Gingerbread Village." The village includes dozens of gingerbread houses surrounding a 6-foot gingerbread replica of the Hyatt, an official Toys for Tots drop-off location. Parents can take the kids and an unwrapped gift to the festive village and vote for your favorite house; Hyatt will make a cash donation to the local Make-A-Wish Foundation in the names of the winning students. Dec. 1-26, 5 a.m.-1 a.m. in the Grand Lobby, 1 Market Place, (619) 232-1234.

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"Something's Afoot," 8 p.m., Industry Showroom, 345 Sixth Ave., art exhibit reception, www.hifructose.com, free

Foundation for Women holiday bazaar, 11 a.m., Co-Merge, 330 A St., (858) 483-0400, cory@foundtaionforwomen.org, free, \$10 for lunch (RSVP required)

Riverdance, 7:30 p.m., San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third St., (619) 570-1100, www.broadway-sd.com, \$20-\$79



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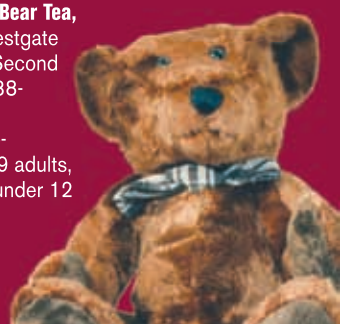
"Yule Tube" holiday concert by San Diego Gay Men's Chorus, 8 p.m., Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Ave., www.sdgmcc.org, (877) 296-7664, \$26-\$43

Classic Movie Night, 8 p.m., Greystone Steakhouse/Rivoli Theater, 658 Fifth Ave., showing "Miracle on 34th Street," www.greystone-steakhouse.com, (619) 232-0225, \$40 pre-set menu, 5-cent glasses of champagne



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Holiday Teddy Bear Tea, 2:30 p.m., Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Ave., (619) 238-1818, www.westgate-hotel.com, \$39 adults, \$26 children under 12



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Senior Scam Prevention Seminar, 2 p.m., Gary & Mary West Senior Wellness Center, 1525 Fourth Ave., (619) 645-3133, free

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Improv Comedy Night, 7 p.m., National Comedy Theatre, 3717 India St., (858) 362-1348, www.sdcjc.com, \$20 Jewish Community Center members, \$24 non-members

6 Degrees holiday party, 6 p.m., FLUXX, 500 Fourth Ave., to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation San Diego, www.sd6degrees.com, \$10 members, \$20-\$30 nonmembers

Surface Navy Holiday Lights, 6:30 p.m., Naval Base San Diego, 3455 Senn Road, (619) 556-7359, www.cnic.navy.mil/sandiego, free

Christmas music of Mannheim Steamroller, 7:30 p.m., Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Ave., (619) 564-3004, www.broadwaysd.com, \$32-\$90



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Legal Business Conference with San Diego French American Chamber of Commerce, 6:30 p.m., Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 1155 Island Ave., www.france-sandiego.org, (619) 544-1445, \$15-\$25

Sue Palmer Quintet, 7:30 p.m., Croce's, 802 Fifth Ave., (619) 233-4355, www.croces.com



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Bonenkai/Holiday Party, 6 p.m., Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado, (858) 467-1727, keiko@japan-society.org, \$30 Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana members, \$40 general

Blue Collar Holiday Recruiting Career Fair, 11 a.m., Malcolm X Library & Performing Arts Center, 5148 Market St., (619) 277-9099, www.diversitysolutions.us, free

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Holiday LEGO Train Exhibit, 11 a.m., San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado, Suite 4, www.sdmrm.org, (619) 696-0199, \$4-\$8

Walking Brewery Tour, 6 p.m., starts from Santa Fe Amtrak Depot, 1050 Kettner Blvd., www.sandiego-brewtours.com, (619) 232-5040, \$40



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91X Wrex the Halls after party, 10 p.m., Westfield Horton Plaza, 324 Horton Plaza, (610) 277-4542, www.westcoast-clublife.com, \$15-\$45

"Straight no Chaser," 8 p.m., Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Ave., male a capella group, (619) 570-1100, www.sandiegotheatres.org, \$32-\$42.50



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Sophie 103.7 Holiday of Miracles Benefit Concert featuring Lenny Kravitz, 7 p.m., House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Ave., (619) 299-2583, www.houseofblues.com, \$50 (\$135 VIP)



Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade, 3 p.m., Gaslamp Hilton Park, Fourth Avenue and K Street, gaslamp.org, (619) 233-5227, \$10 entry fee to be considered for costume contest

The Nutcracker Tea, 12:30 p.m., Casa del Prado, 1650 El Prado, (619) 233-3060, www.sdcyb.org, \$15



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Santa Paws, 2 p.m., Hotel Solamar, 435 Sixth Ave., pet photo opportunity, (619) 819-9500, free



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Native American Women Artists, noon to 4 p.m., Women's Museum of California, 2323 Broadway, Suite 107, (619) 233-6327, info@womensmuseumca.org, \$3-\$5



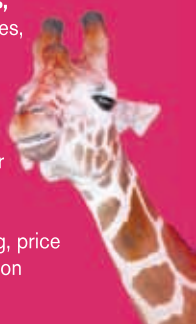
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Black Cherry X-mas Party, 8 p.m., 4th & B, 345 B St., www.4thand-Bevents.com, (619) 231-4343, \$10-\$15



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Jungle Bells, various times, San Diego Zoo, holiday-themed events and activities throughout December (starts Dec. 9), (619) 231-1515, www.sandiegozoo.org, price included with admission



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"An Irish Christmas," 7 p.m., Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Ave., featuring the Wonder Morton Organ to benefit Operation Caregiver, (619) 570-1100, www.sandiegotheatres.org, \$25-\$50

Light display and visit from Santa, 5 p.m., The Forward House, 108 Ivy St., (619) 503-7904, free



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Hillcrest Wind Ensemble's "Classical Holidays," 7 p.m., Joan B. Kroc Theater, 6845 University Ave., (619) 692-2077, hillcrestwindensemble.com, \$15

Chris Cornell, 8 p.m., Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Ave., (619) 570-1100, www.sandiegotheatres.org, \$47



"The Nutcracker," 2:30 and 7 p.m., Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Ave., runs through Dec. 23, (858) 560-5676, www.californiaballet.org, \$25-\$80



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San Diego Bay Parade of Lights, 5:30 p.m., Embarcadero, www.sdp Parade-offlights.org, (619) 224-2240, free



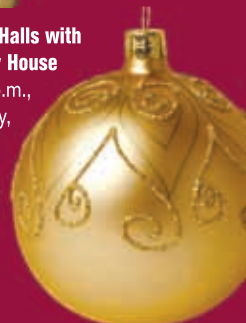
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Poinsettia Bowl Gaslamp March, 6 p.m., starts at each end of Fifth Avenue meeting at Market Street, www.poinsettiabowl.com, free



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Deck the Halls with Anthology House Band, 7 p.m., Anthology, 1337 India St., family-friendly show, (619) 595-0300, www.anthology-sd.com, \$5-\$10



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San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl, 5 p.m., Qualcomm Stadium, www.poinsettiabowl.com, (619) 285-5039, \$75



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Canine Cocktails, 5:30 p.m., Hotel Indigo Level 9, 509 Ninth Ave., happy hour with pets, www.hotelinsd.com, (619) 727-4000, free



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Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour, 8 p.m., Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Ave., (619) 570-1100, www.sandiegotheatres.org, \$65-\$85

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Christmas Eve buffet dinner cruise, 4:30 p.m., Hornblower Cruises, Grape Street Pier, 1800 North Harbor Drive, www.hornblower.com, 1-888-467-6256, \$79.95



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Christmas Day Concert, 2 p.m., Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park, www.sosorgan.org, (619) 702-8138, free



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IMAX: Rocky Mountain Express, 2 and 6 p.m., Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, www.balboapark.org, (619) 238-1233, \$12.75-\$15.75

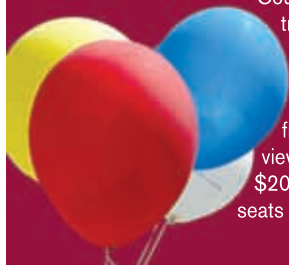


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Residents free Tuesday, various hours, Balboa Park museums: Air & Space Museum, Automotive Museum, Hall of Champions, select House of Pacific Relations International Cottages, (619) 235-0512, www.balboapark.org

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Port of San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade, 10 a.m., starts at North Harbor Drive in front of County Administration Building, www.holiday-bowl.com, free streetside viewing, \$15-\$20 grandstand seats



Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl, 6 p.m., Qualcomm Stadium, (619) 283-5808, www.holiday-bowl.com, \$70-\$85



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Hatha Yoga class, 5 p.m., Japanese Friendship Garden, 2215 Pan American Place, www.balboapark.org, (619) 232-2721, \$8-\$10

San Diego International Auto Show, 10 a.m., San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive, runs through Jan. 1, www.sdauto show.com, (858) 550-0080, \$8-\$12

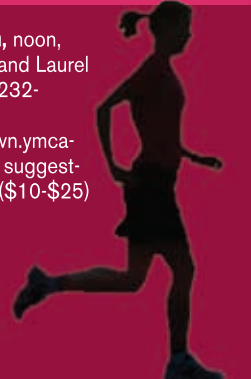


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FLUXX Nightclub Sweet Shoppe with DJ Craig Smoove, 500 Fourth Ave., (619) 232-8100, www.fluxxsd.com, \$20 and up



Resolution Run, noon, Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street, (619) 232-7451, www.downtown.ymca.org, free with suggested donations (\$10-\$25)



Holiday cocktails bring family and friends together

If the words "holiday season" conjure up stressful thoughts that revolve around fighting the crowds on Black Friday to save an extra buck or going into massive amounts of debt in an attempt to buy the love of those you care for, there's good news: this year, you can relax. Believe it or not, people all over the country are beginning to remember the true essence of the holidays is about sharing love and joy, and here at the Blind Tiger Cocktail Company, we believe the best way to share love and joy is over delicious food and drink. So before you go out and buy the newest animal-print Snuggie or another Shake Weight, think about planning that perfect holiday gathering for those you care for.

Here is the Blind Tiger Cocktail Company guide to holiday punch. As always, please drink responsibly.

Essentials for amazing holiday punch

- Punchbowl large enough to accommodate your party (matching holiday cups is a huge bonus)
- Large ice mold (using large mixing bowl slightly smaller than your punchbowl for minimal dilution)
- Simple syrup (a simple mixture of one part hot water and one part sugar, allowing sugar to dissolve entirely)
- Fresh citrus juice (buy a citrus press and use fresh juice whenever possible)
- Artisanal-quality base spirits (go to a specialty liquor store that sells boutique spirits)

Autumn spiced cider

- 10 oz Buffalo Trace bourbon
- 10 oz Snap liqueur
- 10 oz apple cider
- 7 oz lemon juice
- 5 oz apple gastrique

Apple gastrique: caramelize 2 cups of sugar in the bottom of a saucepan with 1/2 cup of water. Once mixture begins to caramelize, add 1 cup of apple cider vinegar and 1 whole diced apple. Simmer on low heat for 5 minutes, cool and strain.

Black strap eggnog

- 20 oz Crusoe spiced organic rum
- 15 oz eggnog
- 5 oz cinnamon infused simple syrup
- 2 oz Angostura bitters
- Cinnamon simple syrup: allow 2 broken cinnamon sticks to simmer in 5 ounces of simple syrup for 5 minutes on low heat. Cool and strain.

Cherries and Chocolate

- 15 oz clove-infused vodka
- 5 oz Godiva chocolate liqueur
- 14 oz cherry reduction
- 8 oz lemon juice
- Clove vodka: allow 12 clove pods to infuse in 750 ml of vodka for 5 days
- Cherry reduction: allow 1 large can of dark pitted cherries, 4 cups of water,

1 cup of sugar, 1 tablespoon of nutmeg and 1 tablespoon of cinnamon to simmer on low heat for 20 minutes. Cool and strain. Save cherries for garnish.

— Adam Stemmler is a sommelier and mixologist at Vin de Syrah downtown. He is the winner of numerous awards, including the U.S. Bartenders Guild regional competition.



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Wine & Food Fest makes San Diego a foodie haven for a few days in November



The San Diego Wine & Food Festival took place in America's Finest City from Nov. 16 through Nov. 20. The festival drew thousands of foodies and wine lovers to San Diego, turning the city into a culinary haven for a few days.

LORALEE OLEJNIK | Downtown News

By LORALEE OLEJNIK | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Downtown was a little slice of foodie heaven as the eighth annual San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival returned Nov. 16-20. About 10,000 people were expected to participate in the week-long culinary celebration that included cooking classes, wine tastings and festival events starring some of the top hospitality talent from around the country.

"The quality of cuisine and caliber of wineries at this year's festival was truly outstanding," said Michelle Metter, event co-producer. "I am always happily surprised each and every year with the creativity and innovation that chefs bring to the table and the amount of hard work and dedication that goes into each dish."

Classes were held at the San Diego Wine and Culinary Center and the Macy's School of Cooking in Mission Valley, and topics and instructors spanned from mak-

ing brunch with Chef Gale Gand to "Makin' Bacon" with The Food Network's Hearty Boys.

"Cooking is marrying a bunch of flavors together to be one," said Billy Strykowski, executive chef for *Cooking Light* magazine, in his class, "A Taste of the Middle East," held at the Culinary Center.

New-Jersey based Strykowski, a festi-

val veteran, taught his crowd of eager students how to make Persian street vendor kebabs and Middle Eastern eggplant salad, among other dishes. He also peppered the presentation with other tricks of the trade such as how to mix perfect meatloaf ("Don't mix angrily. Angry chef equals angry food").

Closer to home, chef Rich Sweeney of R Gang Eatery in Hillcrest held a class on making gourmet mac-and-cheese, the haute version of the down-home comfort food.

"It's like potato salad: everybody has their own idea of what makes great mac-and-cheese," said Sweeney, a former contestant on Bravo's "Top Chef." Sweeney made three versions of the classic including savory sweet, with bacon, apples and provolone cheese, and a sweet mac-and-cheese with peaches, crème, bourbon and brown sugar.

"Food doesn't have to be boring. It can be fun," said Sweeney.

The dishes were paired with wines from Anglim Winery in central California's Paso Robles region and vineyard owner Steffanie Anglim was on hand to discuss her selections — a 2008 pinot noir from the Fiddlestix Vineyard in Santa Rita Hills and a 2008 pinot noir from Jack Ranch in Edna Valley.

Wine enjoyed a certain celebrity at the event, with several tastings and wine events, including a "Winerave" at Eden Restaurant in Hillcrest and a reserve and

new release tasting at the San Diego Air & Space Museum at Balboa Park.

Not to be outshined by the vino, bubbly also made an appearance. Master sommeliers Joseph Spellman and Robert Smith and sommelier Bonnie Graves hosted the class "Talking Terroir: France's Champagne Region," exploring the varieties of authentic champagnes from the

Champagne region of France.

The trio, a powerhouse of vino know-how, covered subtle differences in Champagnes from color and bubble size to optimum temperature and glass shape.

"It's fireworks in a glass," said Spellman, who represents Justin Vineyards and

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December Nights lit by holiday cheer



By **MARIKO LAMB** | DOWNTOWN NEWS

As long winter nights begin to take hold in San Diego, Balboa Park will light up the city with its 34th annual December Nights holiday celebration, complete with endless amounts of fun, food and entertainment that are sure to pick up anybody's spirits this winter.

The free, two-day festival will take place Dec. 2 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Dec. 3 from noon to 10 p.m. with free admission to participating museums from 5 to 9 p.m. on both evenings.

Balboa Park will come alight with the sound of carol singers, San Diego Junior Theatre musical numbers and a variety of hourly jazz, hip-hop, tap and modern

dance performances that will spread holiday cheer to every corner of the park.

Holiday-themed theater performances will curb any cultural appetite with glowing performances of Christmas classics, like "The Nutcracker Ballet" by the San Diego Youth Ballet, "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at the Old Globe Theatre and a puppet version of "A Christmas Carol" at Marie Hitchcock's Puppet Theatre.

A sampling of some of the kid-friendly fun this year includes a carousel ride at the San Diego Zoo, a Santa's Express miniature railroad and Skyfari experience, a display of the Southern California LEGO Train Club's latest creations at the San Diego Model Railroad Museum and many more exhibits and holiday activities at participating museums.

And what would December Nights be without its wide variety of delectable food and drink specials to indulge in?

The Cascades Holiday Marketplace, Palisades Midway and House of Pacific Relations International Cottages will host a variety of food fare and spirits from around the world and the Plaza de Panama will host pub fare, wine, beer and specialty cocktails at Prado Pub in the Square.

For those who can't miss out on a minute of the holiday activities around the park, pick up some unique cuisine on the go at one of Chef Deborah Scott's two gourmet food trucks — Chop Sooy, which will be serving up her famous Asian-fusion barbeque cuisine, and her new Ms. Patty Melt & Wilbur the Weiner Dog truck dishing out every variety of patty melt and hot dog imaginable.

To get to the park during the event, visitors can take advantage of free shuttle service from PETCO Park's Tailgate Park, the County Administration Building's north lot or the City College lots between 16th and B streets. Parking in the zoo lot is free, but is extremely limited and likely to fill up early. Parking in all other lots along Park Boulevard require a permit, \$20 preferred parking or handicap designated parking only with the exception of the Inspiration Point parking lot, where \$10 preferred parking is available until the lot fills up.

To ensure a bright future for the annual event, Balboa Park has launched a Support December Nights website — www.supportdecembernights.com — to secure funding so the free, magical event can carry on for generations to come.

For additional information about December Nights or to download a map of festival areas, visit www.balboapark.org/decembernights.

One of the biggest draws to December Nights is, of course, the decorations. The park's already-beautiful landscape will be decked out in holiday decor galore, complete with Santa and his reindeer.

Courtesy photo



December Nights will once again light up Balboa Park on Dec. 2 and 3. After fighting the traffic and parking issues, visitors will be rewarded with endless free fun, like the RB Chorale on Dec. 3, below, and a performance by dancers from the House of China, left.

Courtesy photos



Misti and Brumby Broussard, owners of Mixture Art & Design, have included a broad mix of artistic pieces in their store, located at 2210 Kettner Blvd.

WILL BOWEN | Downtown News

Little Italy shop offers eclectic mix

Mixture celebrates eighth year selling everything under the sun

By **WILL BOWEN** | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Need a sofa, chair, divan, mirror or a work of modern art? How about a bowl, a belt buckle, a bag, a book or a piggy bank? What about a life-size black stalion that is also a lamp? All of these and more are part of the mixture of things available at Mixture Art & Design, located in Little Italy North at 2210 Kettner Boulevard.

Mixture will be celebrating its eighth anniversary on Friday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Co-owner Brumby Broussard, a certified chef, will be cooking up Cajun and Creole food like jambalaya, red beans and rice, and pulled pork for the occasion, which will include libations, music, a giveaway and special dis-

counts.

Mixture has gained notoriety for being a unique, highly interesting and often surprising store, that mixes hard-to-find contemporary furniture from award-winning European companies like e15, Artifort, De La Espada, Cor and Moooi with high quality art from local San Diego artists like Stephanie Paige, Monica Hoover and Ronald Allen Wickersham.

Mixture also carries personal items, things to wear, novelty gifts, jewelry, books, candles and greeting cards. A

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MISTI BROUSSARD
Co-owner, Mixture Art & Design

relief from the uniformity of shopping malls, it's a place where one might find a gift for the hard-to-please or the person who already has everything.

Housed in a red brick industrial building built in 1946 — last used as a woodshop and sawdust factory for snowboard and skateboard manufacture — the shop has retained many of the original features of the building like the pipes, ducts and

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Musical legends of every genre grace venues in December

Jazz, reggae and rock make appearances throughout the month

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By **BART MENDOZA** | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Reggae legend hits up 4th & B

One of the most influential reggae artists of all time, Lee “Scratch” Perry, performs at 4th & B on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. Perry been a mainstay of reggae music for more than five decades, producing not only dozens of albums of his own work, but also significant recordings for the likes of Bob Marley, Junior Murvin and the Heptones. Now in his 70s, Perry hasn’t slowed down a bit, releasing 12 albums in the last four years, in addition to collaborations with the likes of Moby. If you are a fan of island sounds or world music, you shouldn’t pass up this chance to catch a set form one of reggae’s founding fathers.

Lee Scratch Perry: Friday Dec. 9 at **4th & B**, 345 B St. 8 p.m. 21 and up. \$30. www.4thandbevents.com

Holiday favorites at Dizzy’s

Dizzy’s continues to be one of the area’s best places to catch jazz, specializing in performances you won’t see elsewhere. Such is the case with Jingle Bell Jazz, a holiday presentation taking place at Dizzy’s on Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. Music will be provided by the Mesa College Big Band under the direction of James Romeo, professor and musical director at the school, as well as San Diego symphony member. While there will be few

musical surprises in the set list of seasonal favorites, you can expect intricate arrangements and rhythms from this mix of Mesa College’s top music students and seasoned veterans. This show is the perfect way to kick off the week before Christmas in festive style.

Jingle Bell Jazz: Sunday, Dec. 11 at **Dizzy’s**, 200 Harbor Drive. 6 p.m. All ages. \$15. www.dizzysjazz.com

Jazz icon to play Croce’s

Local jazz icon Daniel Jackson appears at Croce’s on Dec. 18 at 11:30 a.m. Jackson’s saxophone and piano have been part of San Diego’s musical landscape since the 1950s, with several generations of locals being mentored by him, including the likes of trumpeter Gilbert Castellanos and A.J. Croce. Jackson has worked with a multitude of big names, including a touring stint with Ray Charles, but largely performs in solo mode today. If you haven’t experienced Jackson’s musical magic yet, this mix of Croce’s great food and Jackson’s great music is the perfect opportunity to do so.

Daniel Jackson: Sunday, Dec. 18 at **Croce’s Jazz Bar**, 802 Fifth Ave. 11:30 a.m. 21 and up. www.croces.com

Rocking out at Anthology

One of the lynchpins of the 1960s and 1970s British rock scene, guitarist Dave Mason, who appears at Anthology on Dec. 28 and 29, may not be quite a household name, but he’s worked with just about everyone of note. A founding member of Traffic, Mason penned the

bands mega hit “Feelin’ Alright,” since covered by everyone from Tom Jones to Paul Weller. His own biggest recording was 1977’s “We Just Disagree,” but he’s also on tracks by Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac and many more. He’s only released one album in the last 24 years. With a set list full of radio staples, however, Mason’s show should still be a real crowd pleaser.

Dave Mason: Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 28 and 29 at **Anthology**, 1337 India St.. 7:30 p.m. 21 and up. \$19-\$79. www.anthologysd.com

Van Roth rocks weekly at The Stage

Classic rock aficionados will want to check out Van Roth, a Van Halen tribute band performing at the Stage every Thursday, 8:30 p.m., in December. Specializing in the quartet’s early years, when manic singer David Lee Roth fronted the band, Van Roth gets the music right with a set full of favorites such as “Ain’t Talkin’ ‘Bout Love” and “Runnin’ with the Devil.” However, what really sells the whole thing is the musicians’ attempt to get the look and feel of the group, from a Roth dopelganger singing to repros of the famous Eddie Van Halen axes.

Van Roth ignores the Sammy Hagar era of Van Halen, but with all the best songs on the group’s first four albums anyway, no one’s complaining.

Van Roth: Thursdays at **The Stage**, 762 Fifth Avenue. 8:30 p.m. 21 and up. www.stage-saloon.com



Local jazz great Daniel Jackson plays at Croce’s on Dec. 18, 11:30 a.m. Courtesy photo

MUSTHEAR

There are many great Christmas traditions in San Diego, but for music fans, nothing is quite as fun as the annual rock ‘n’ roll blast of Exile on Kettner Blvd. Held each year at the Casbah on Christmas Eve, the free event revolves around the music of the Rolling Stones, with former Dragons front man Mario Escovedo and musical friends performing a mix of classic tracks. This is no tribute band, but rather a gathering of San Diego’s best musicians, having a good time playing the songs of one of their favorite groups. Part of the excitement of this show is never knowing who might join in. Past events have had everyone from Steve Poltz to El Vez pop up for a tune or two. The focus is on the 1970s, with tunes such as “Tumbling Dice” and “Happy,” but with more than two hours of material to run through, there will be plenty on offer to please any Stones or rock fan.



Mario Escovedo, photo by Sandra Castillo

Exile on Kettner Blvd.: Saturday, Dec. 24 at The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Blvd. 9 p.m. 21 and up. Free. www.casbahmusic.com

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Downtown holiday shopping with a personal touch

Industry Showroom offers boutique shopping in one place for the bohemian in all of us

By **BART MENDOZA** | DOWNTOWN NEWS

With the economy moving along in less-than-spectacular fashion, it has become harder and harder for small merchants and designers to set up shop — which is where Rex Ehdlund comes in. An entrepreneur by definition, Ehdlund is actually harder to pin down than that. A graphic artist, designer, publisher and mainstay of the local arts community, Ehdlund is nothing short of a blur of activity.

A former publisher of such collectable pop culture publications as *Hypno* and the owner of the Popular Naughty clothing line, his latest endeavor is the Industry Showroom, a unique small business incubator space that focuses on art, fashion and design. Opened in 2010, the location makes it possible for small businesses to launch,

grow and flourish in a vibrant community environment for a fraction of the normal startup costs.

“I got the idea from the farmers markets in town,” Ehdlund said. “I realized that there are people with large unrented spaces, as well as people who might not have enough merchandise to fill an entire space, or the budget to do so. This is a solution to both of those problems.”

Featuring a common area retail floor that constantly changes as it plays host to local designers and creative entrepreneurs, the Industry Showroom has something for just about everybody. The space includes an art gallery that presents First Friday opening nights to meet-and-mix with the artists, Urban Yogi yoga studio, an event facility, a photo studio, DCompress Downtown Massage and So

Diego Tours. It’s a testament to the location’s success that many clothing lines, including Consuul Clothing, Stacie May, BritBoy Fashions, Jojo Electro, Touch of Shine, Melt Boutique and Flex Watches consider this location their base.

On Dec. 10, the Industry Showcase hosts Bohemian Market, a one-day shopping event, complete with a DJ, bringing together more than 20 local designers in one place for holiday shopping ease. Among those on hand will be Nate Stodghill of MTV’s “Real World San Diego.”

“It’s one of those events where if you show up with 20 bucks, you’ll leave happily carrying something you can’t find anywhere else,” Ehdlund said. “Being located downtown, we get a mix of locals and tourists, so we weren’t sure what to expect last year,

but I think people were excited to be able to find exclusive clothing and gift items.”

He said small items seemed to move the best.

“We do get a lot of tourists, so things like a flower for your hair or a purse seem to be particularly popular,” he said. “Either way, last December’s showcase was probably the biggest event we had all year.”

While Ehdlund said he is happy with the current state of affairs, he would like to find the backing to expand.

“Because it is entrepreneurship, small business and creative stuff, I’d love to get more sponsors for it,” he said, “whether it be schools or banks or whatever makes sense, in a ‘pay it forward’ way.”

Ehdlund said he hopes the location can grow, but he’s clear he would never

change his favorite thing about the Industry Showroom: the human touch missing from online transactions.

“I like the exposure that people get for cool items they designed themselves,” he said. “But also when people sell things just online, they don’t get that one-on-one interaction with the public. They don’t see people’s eyes light up when they find something they didn’t know they were looking for.”

For this reason, he said he’s surprised more artists and designers haven’t joined forces similarly.

“It’s like the cheapest test marketing you can do,” he said. “Finding out what people gasp at, finding out what they love.”

Bohemian Market: Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Industry Showroom, 345 6th Avenue. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. www.industryshowroom.com.

Restaurant review:

Fleming’s offers festive holiday deals

By **DAVID ROTTENBERG**
SPECIAL TO THE DOWNTOWN NEWS

The holiday season is here, together with the melodic sounds of Christmas music and the blaze of twinkling lights outlining homes. The cultural directive is to shop, shop, shop. Our economy needs it! And, it seems to be working. “Black Friday” spending hit new records, helped by many stores, which opened actually on Thursday — no doubt after their staffs feasted on turkey.

It takes strength to shop, to compete for the best deals and bargains. One recent TV ad depicts a woman exercising and training so she can rub and grab with the best of them. Well, there is a restaurant close to shopping, where one may stop, dine and rejuvenate. Or, when simply delighting in the joys of the season, this restaurant is one of the best to kick back and savor good food.



Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse is offering holiday specials at both San Diego locations, in La Jolla and the Gaslamp Quarter. *Courtesy photo*

vor to the meat in the cooking process, so that each morsel is more stimulating to the taste buds.

All steaks are prepared in super hot, 1,600-degree ovens that sear in the juices. Then, when the steaks emerge, butter is melted on top. Plates are so hot that the arms of the waiters must be insulated with piles of thick napkins to carry them.

The interior décor combines a contemporary feeling with the dark, woody, clubby feeling that is so popular in upscale steakhouses, with spacious and comfortable seating areas.

The menu is concise, with dishes described in clear, short sentences. Choices of appetizers, salads and sides are available to accompany the red and white meat (chicken) and the good selection of seafood listed. Everything comes a la carte.

My favorite dish is the “bone in rib eye” — a large, beautifully marbled slab of meat that is prepared perfectly to order. It is the “sizzle” that sells this steak — the wonderful smells that start my salivary juices flowing propel me to pick up my knife and fork to dig in.

Smaller appetites can enjoy tender and juicy filet mignon in a range of sizes or can feast on double breast of chicken or a veal chop. Alaskan sole and Scottish salmon are among the seafood offerings.

Desserts include chocolate lava cake, a rich chocolate cake with a molten chocolate center, served with vanilla ice cream

and chopped pistachios; and crème brûlée, creamy tahitian vanilla bean custard served with fresh seasonal berries.

Fleming’s also boasts a wine bar and extensive wine list. Wines are stored in a temperature-controlled room that holds hundreds of bottles of very expensive wines, maintained at optimum temperature. Wines are arranged progressively, from light to heavy in descending scale. More than 100 wines are available by the glass — a lovely way to be able to sample a selection of wines at a single sitting.

Fleming’s is offering a special deal for the holidays: dine as many times as you wish at Fleming’s by Dec. 30 and, on each occasion that you spend more than \$50 (easy to do), receive a \$25 dining credit to spend on anything in the main dining room. And there’s more. Use the \$25 dining credit by Dec. 30 and receive up to \$25 in bonus cards to use in the new year — a sweet deal! Reservations must be made through the company website, www.flemingssteakhouse.com.

The La Jolla location is at 8970 University Center Lane, (858) 535-0078. The Gaslamp location is at 380 K St., (619) 237-1155.

— David Rottenberg is a travel writer and restaurant reviewer who travels the world in search of exciting stories and new flavors. He is the former vice president of North America Travel Journalists Association and a member of Southern California Restaurant Writers Association.

DINING**briefs**

The American Culinary Federation and the San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival announced the winners of this year’s Chef of the Fest competition, an annual competition that brings chefs head-to-head in a culinary competition judged by the San Diego Chapter for the American Culinary Federation. Top honors and the title of “Chef of the Fest” went to **Daniel Barron, executive chef of Blue Point Coastal Cuisine** for his crispy laughing bird shrimp, curry-glazed sous vide pork belly, cauliflower espuma, roasted ginger and kaffir lime air. Winners were announced on Nov. 20 during the Wine Spectator Celebrity Chef Luncheon & Big Bottle Auction, the official culmination of the weeklong food and wine festival.

The Chef of the Fest competition is judged by the San Diego chapter of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), a professional organization of chefs and culinarians. Judges consisted of members of the ACF, celebrity chef judges and members of the wine and food media.

WINNERS:

- **First place:** Daniel Barron, Blue Point Coastal Cuisine
- **Second place:** Chris Kurth, Grant Grill
- **Third place:** Andy Huynh, Nobu
- **Fourth place:** Javier Placentia, Romesco Baja Med Bistro
- **Fifth place:** Rich Sweeney, R-Gang Eatery
- **Sixth place:** Patrick Dahms, Vela Restaurant
- **Seventh place:** Jeff Rossman, Terra American Bistro & Catering
- **Eighth place:** Jason Rivas, South Coast Winery & Resort Vineyard Rose Restaurant
- **Ninth place:** Jon Sloan, Roy’s
- **10th place:** Chad White, Sea Rocket Bistro
- **Vegetarian/raw:** Jag Kambo, Royal India
- **Meat:** Javier Placentia, Romesco Baja Med Bistro
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Those looking for unusual theatrical fare will find it downtown in December. In addition to the usual "Nutcracker" ballet performances look for the following:

SD Repertory Theatre

• Through Dec. 11, Ion Theatre presents Tony Kushner's not-to-be-missed Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning drama "Angels in America," an epic in two parts — "Millennium Approaches" and "Perestroika." Lyceum Space, 79 Horton Plaza, \$36, www.lyceum-events.org or (619) 544-1000.

• Teatro Mascara Magica presents the newest in its award-winning series titled "La Pastorela de Valor," Mexican-

inspired Christmas musicals, which follow the shepherds' trek to Bethlehem, pitting them against Lucifer's evil minions, saved by Michael the Archangel. Dec. 15-24, \$15, www.lyceum-events.org or (619) 544-1000.

Copley Symphony Hall

• San Diego Symphony presents Ludwig van Beethoven's fabulous Ninth (Choral) Symphony with its magnificent "Ode to Joy." Jahja Ling conducts orchestra and chorus 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11.

• Conducted by Matthew Garbutt with special guests Mariachi Champana Nevin, San Diego Master Chorale, and San Diego Children's Choir, San Diego Symphony plays "Holiday Pops" at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

Copley Symphony Hall, 1245 Seventh Ave., \$20-\$85, www.sandiego-symphony.org or (619) 239-0804

Civic Theatre

For five performances only, Broadway San Diego presents "Riverdance," the amazing Irish dance show, Dec. 2-4, San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C St., ticket prices vary, www.ticketmaster.com

Old Globe

Through Dec. 31, The Old Globe presents the classic "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," directed by James Vasquez and back for its 14th year at The Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way, Balboa Park, \$24-\$57, www.theoldglobe.org or (619) 23-GLOBE.

The Old Globe's "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"



Gaslamp Pet Parade gets fido and fluffy in the holiday spirit



Chopper the Biker Dog and Spike Taylor won "Best of Show" at last year's Gaslamp Pet Parade, earning them the honor of returning this year as grand marshals. Photo courtesy of Michael Trimble

By KENDRA HARTMANN | DOWNTOWN NEWS

Just like in the world of humans, dogs have friends and acquaintances. And just like us, they gravitate toward those with similar interests and hobbies. That's how Spike and Chopper came to be buds: a shared interest in doing good and helping others.

Spike and Chopper, however, are not the most likely of friends. Spike, a tiny papillon who was abused for much of his early life, is quiet and small and enjoys spending an afternoon curled up on his human mother's lap. At the other end of the spectrum is two-year-old Boston terrier Chopper, whose idea of a good time is riding high on his remote-controlled Harley Davidson.

Yet Spike and Chopper have one very important thing in common: they are

members of an elite group of San Diego canines that use their talent and good looks for charity — a club that seems to thrive here in Southern California.

Spike and Chopper first met almost exactly one year ago, when Mark Shaffer, Chopper's human father and fellow Harley rider, noticed a post on Spike's Facebook page that made mention of a tiny wagon. In possession of a small wagon himself, he decided to get in touch with Spike and his owner, Jocelyn Taylor, on the chance they'd go for a joint Harley/wagon-towing adventure.

Taylor, it turned out, was more than game, and the group met up at the 2010 Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade for a trial run. Chopper, as usual, helmed the bike while Spike rode in the wagon, both resplendent in their signature sunglasses. Taylor and

Shaffer figured they'd give the arrangement a try, and if Spike jumped out or otherwise rejected the wagon, they'd just walk alongside each other in the parade.

Neither dog so much as hinted at resistance to the arrangement — Spike, in fact, loved his wagon so much that after the parade was over and Taylor and Shaffer were packing things up, Taylor looked around for Spike only to find him sitting back in it, waiting for another round. The pair were a smash hit — so much so, they've been invited back this year as grand marshals.

The Gaslamp Holiday Pet Parade takes place on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1 to 5 p.m., starting from the Gaslamp Hilton Park, corner of Fourth Avenue and K Street. Viewing the parade is free, and entry to participate in the parade is \$10 per pet/handler duo. Register at www.gaslamp.org/pet-parade.

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Winery in addition to his wine consultant work. Spellman also discussed the history of how glassmaking technology in England significantly impacted the early Champagnes almost as much as the vineyards and agriculture did.

Graves discussed how marketing has influenced Champagne, citing, as an example, how hip-hop culture promoted Champagne almost as an accessory, and how vineyard labels adopted this new status. She also stressed that Champagne is not just for special occasions.

"Don't just save them," she said. "Champagne can truly be an everyday enjoyment."

The culminating event of the festival was the Grand Tasting, this year held Nov. 19 at the Embarcadero Park North behind Seaport Village. Though last year's Grand Tasting went on despite pouring rain, guests this year were treated to picture perfect weather and wine — hundreds of wines, to be more precise.

The live chef showdown competition, an annual highlight of the Grand Tasting event, featured culinary talent competing for cash and prizes. This year's winner was chef Daniel Barron of Blue Point Coastal Cuisine, who won for his crispy laughing bird shrimp and curry-glazed sous vide pork belly.

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Quick tips to stay fit during the holidays

FIT SAVVY

By *Connie Cook* | Guest Columnist

I get it. You're short on time and your to-do list is longer than Santa's. You have gifts to buy, people to see and parties to attend. As you dash about town spreading your good tidings and good will while sipping cider and adding sparkle to everyone's day, just remember an overdose of holiday cheer can lead to extra pounds if you fill your belly like a bowl full of jelly.

'Tis the season of giving. So give thanks. Give presents. Give your body a break from the stress of the go-go-go by being creative when it comes to sneaking in a holiday workout and watching your diet.

Avoid overindulging in libations. When it's time for that cup of holiday cheer or two, go easy. You may not remember how much you consumed, but your derriere will get bigger anyway. In an average four-ounce glass, there are 96 calories in champagne, 83 calories in most red or white wines and beer can

range from 95 calories for light beers to upwards of 300 calories for some of your bocks. Mixed drinks can have almost twice the number of calories as these. Moderation is the key. Have a glass of calorie-free water in between cocktails to keep things in perspective.

Walk more. Make that mad dash to the mall count! Park as far away from the entrance as you can each time you go shopping. That extra hike will help you burn more calories throughout the day. Moderately paced walking can burn up to 300 calories an hour.

Pucker up. Hang out under the mistletoe or just take your own stash around with you where ever you go. It's been said you can burn about 6.4 calories with each minute of kissing. Of course, if the kissing leads to a little holiday "hanky panky," then you can expect to burn about 144 calories per half hour (hey, we're a little short on time here.)

Enlist a friend. Come on, even Santa needs helpers. Besides, it's more fun to train with someone else than doing it alone. If you commit to meet someone for a workout, you're more likely to show up for it. Why not get together for a

cycling class? You can burn up to 800 calories in an hour and have fun while doing it.

Take it to the ice. Change it up a little. Instead of eggnog and caroling why not try something new like an ice skating party? Even here in San Diego (thanks to modern technology) you can strap on your skates and give it a whirl and burn about 400-500 calories per hour, even as a novice. Head down to Horton Square, Hotel Del Coronado or the Viejas Outlet Center. Release your inner Michelle Kwan and free skate your way into a calorie burning holiday frenzy.

This year, why not make a commitment to really enjoy your holidays and all the activities they bring? Keep your workouts in check so you can keep your stress levels under control. Yes, there are things to do, people to see and places to



Connie Cook "C2"
Fitness Director
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go; but if you keep it all in perspective, manage your stress load with planned workouts and occasionally refer to tip number three, it should be a very happy "Kwan-Hanu-mas" for all.



Popular Ocean Beach Newbreak Cafe Opens Downtown

Established in 1993, Newbreak has remained a well-known brand in Ocean Beach. With two thriving locations in the heart of Ocean Beach, Newbreak serves a delicious full flavor fare paired with amicable customer service and enthusiasm. For years, Newbreak has been the local cafe for Obecians, tourists, and other San Diegans. Its family orientated and homey feel gives customers a reason to continually patronize Newbreak.

It serves delicious breakfasts, bagels and homemade spreads, healthy options, sandwiches, wraps, smoothies, espresso drinks and much more!

For breakfast, enjoy hearty menu items such

as the well-known favorite, the Sunrise Sandwich, which is compiled of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and cheddar cheese on a bagel. The breakfast burrito is another delectable item, which includes eggs, bacon, onions, roasted chilies, and potatoes, served in a wheat or flour tortilla with homemade salsa and/or sour cream on the side. Birchirmuesli our yogurt and fresh fruit recipe has been named as one of the "25 things you must have before you die" by the Union Tribune.

Savory lunch selections include the Pesto Melt, which is a vegetarian's delight. Recommended on a Ciabatta, it includes pesto tapenade, vine ripe tomato slices, cucumbers, onions marinated in balsamic vinegar, with melted mozzarella cheese and sprouts. 'The Rockin' Turkey Wrap aims to please any hungry person! A flavorful wrap is filled with roasted turkey, bacon,

avocado, red onion, tomato, swiss or pepper jack cheese and lettuce. The Waldrof Wrap is another tasty homemade sensation made up of diced chicken, granny smith apples, red grapes, walnuts in a light curried dressing served with shredded lettuce.

Newbreak continues to pride itself in serving only the freshest products along with smiles and friendly service. Newbreak has many regulars who frequent the cafe daily, but always welcomes to any new additions that come into town. With all of these delicious menu offerings, rich coffee, and premier espresso to serve the coffee connoisseur quite the flavorful latte, mocha, or macchiato, Newbreak maintains its mission...

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shafts to create a sense of nostalgia and artistic atmosphere.

The brainchild of husband and wife Brumby and Misti Broussard, Mixture came to be after the pair left the film industry (they met and fell in love on the set of the film "America's Sweethearts," when Brumby was a personal assistant to Julia Roberts and Misti an assistant to a costume designer).

The couple's diverse backgrounds echo the eclectic nature of their store. Misti, originally from Corpus Christi, Texas, has a degree in media and communications and came to Los Angeles after college to seek her fortune. Brumby, meanwhile, hails from Cajun-country — New Iberia, La., home of Tabasco hot sauce. His ancestry traces back to Nova Scotia and France, and he is trained as a culinary chef.

The Broussards eventually decided to leave the hustle and bustle of Hollywood and move to San Diego, their favorite getaway. They knew they wanted to open a business or a store because each had grown up in small-business atmosphere. They wanted a business that was



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"fun, friendly, and creative," Misti said. "We didn't want anything to do with the stuffiness and elitism you find in some stores. Brumby and I believe in small business. We think everyone should shop and support small businesses."

Brumby's business philosophy echoes that throwback to times gone by.

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Downtown News fashion columnist earns lifetime achievement award

Diana Cavagnaro was presented with the Armond Award for Lifetime Achievement at the 17th annual Lamplighters Awards at the Omni San Diego Hotel by the Gaslamp Quarter Association (GQA) on Nov. 7. This award was presented to Cavagnaro by District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer. The award is given to Cavagnaro for her countless hours of dedication to improving the downtown area, including owning and operating her business, Designer Millinery, for 20 years in the Gaslamp Quarter, as well as for

photographing and reporting fashion stories, for her 13 years administering the Easter Parade & Hat Contest for children with cancer at UCSD, and for her work as regional director of the Fashion Group International. Cavagnaro is also a teacher in the fashion department at San Diego Mesa College and has devoted many hours of her time to committee projects for the GQA.

"I was totally surprised and it was such an honor," Cavagnaro said.

The award is named for Armond Viora, who began working in the Gaslamp Quarter at his father's locksmith shop in 1927. Viora continued to thrive in the neighborhood, and operated the shop for

68 years. He was recognized for his commitment to the neighborhood in 1995 with the GQA's first lifetime achievement award. The GQA periodically honors individuals with the Armond Award for their work to make the Gaslamp Quarter a special place.



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Throughout the month, the State Historic Park is adorned with holiday decorations that include a live tree in the Seeley Stable, lantern-lit museums, living history activities, carolers, horse-drawn wagon rides and gatherings around a bonfire with free S'mores and live entertainment. Many handcrafted original gingerbread houses are also on display. Tours are offered daily in the State Park at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm from the Robinson Rose building. Museums are open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm including the 1830's adobe La Casa de Estudillo, La Casa de Machado y Silvas, Wells Fargo History Museum, San Diego's earliest newspaper office, the McCoy House Interpretive Center, a blacksmith shop and one of the finest wagon and carriage collections in the Seeley Stables. What a great opportunity to include entertainment, shopping and family fun together!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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DEC. 10th & Dec. 26th to 30th
Bonfire Nights

Enjoy an old-fashion gathering around the fire pit with live music, carolers and free S'mores for all. Every night from Dec. 26th to the 30th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Old Town State Historic Park plaza. Call 619-220-5422 for information (Free)

DEC. 10th
Holiday In The Park

Historically interpreted merchants in the Old Town State Park offer up music, treats, and beautifully decorated shops starting at 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. The event includes wagon rides, festive music and living history activities. Call 619-220-5422 for more information (Free)

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DEC. 10th & 17th
Breakfast With Santa

Kids enjoy a delicious breakfast with Santa along with facepainting, photo op and a free gift at the Cafe Coyote. Every table even gets a plate of Buñuelos! \$9.95 for kids and \$12.95 for adults. From 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Make your reservations by calling 619-291-4695

DECEMBER 9-11 & 16-23
Christmas Spirit Tour

Hop on the Old Town Trolley at 7:00 pm for a unique local look at the holidays. Experience the sights, lights and sounds of Christmas along with storytelling, sharing traditions and hearing fun facts of the season. Call 619-298-8687 for reservations

DEC. 11th
61st Annual Las Posadas

Reinactment of Mary & Joseph's search for Christ's birthplace. Activities begin at 1:00 pm. Join the candlelit procession starting at 4:30 pm, sing songs as actors move "from inn to inn, asking for lodging." Concludes with a piñata party. In the State Historic Park Call 619-297-3100 (Free)

DEC. 13th & 14th
Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"

A timeless ghost story in the haunted, historic Whaley House. Performances at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 and 9:00 pm. Cost is \$8 per person. Space is limited, so advance tickets are encouraged. Call 619-297-7511

DEC. 17th
Breakfast With Santa

Kids enjoy a delicious breakfast with Santa at 10:00 am in the Old Town Mexican Cafe. Make your reservations by calling 619-297-4330

DEC. 19th
Guitar Through The Ages

Spanish Guitar Del Mar presents a holiday concert at 3:00 pm in the Junipero Serra Museum. Tickets are \$10-\$15. Call 619-232-6203 ext. #129 for reservations

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There's no question San Diego is a unique city every day of the year, but during the holiday season, America's Finest City really comes alive. Whether you've got friends in town or you're simply looking for something new to do, the 92101 ZIP code is packed with all sorts of exciting possibilities.

Get your sweet on

Got a sweet tooth craving? Then head over to FLUXX and check out its new Sweet Shoppe theme, which runs through December. Decked out in colorful, larger-than-life candy canes and other whimsical confections, FLUXX looks like something out of Willy Wonka — talk about being a kid in a candy store! The theme's inspiration comes largely from childhood favorites like Hansel and Gretel, Willy Wonka and the board game Candyland. If that doesn't bring back memories, make sure you check out the FLUXX waitresses. They'll be the girls dressed in cute costumes peddling candy bracelets and cigarette candy. Remember those? But perhaps the

biggest eye candy is the 12-foot Gumball Machine, complete with a FLUXX go-go dancer inside. FLUXX changes its theme about every eight weeks, so if sweet treats aren't your thing, sit tight. There's always next time.

Not your mamma mia's pizza

Little Italy boasts a smorgasbord of award-winning Italian restaurants but now, foodies can add one more delicious eatery to their list. Davanti Enoteca is a charming new rustic Italian restaurant and wine bar located on India Street. If you're looking for a place that has good food and an eclectic vibe, this is a great choice. The ambience is inviting and very relaxing, and the heated outdoor patio ensures guests never have to worry about being cold during the winter months. While the menu is extensive and there's plenty to choose from, you can't go wrong with any of the pizza choices. For vegetarians, there's the pizza con funghi e taleggio featuring mushrooms, braised leeks, taleggio and truffle oil. Meat lovers may want to try the pizza con saliccia e rapini, which has Italian mild sausage, broccoli rabe, garlic, chili oil and fresh mozzarella and tomato. Other popular dishes include mascarpone polenta and ragu of the day, Ligurian-style baked focaccia, seared octopus and oven-roasted

wagyu tri tip. Chef Scott Harris said his inspiration for the menu was Italian farmhouses and fishing villages. Davanti Enoteca is the first of three restaurants Harris plans to open in San Diego. His two other restaurants will open later this month in Del Mar.



Davanti Enoteca offers a gourmet take on pizza, sangria and other specialties. The new eatery is located at 1655 India St. Courtesy photos



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Las Posadas Holiday Event Celebrates its 61st Year

Dec. 11 will mark the 61st annual Las Posadas event in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

The Las Posadas procession is a walking reenactment of the biblical story of Mary and Joseph's search for a birthplace for the Christ child. Everyone is invited to join the candlelit procession and sing traditional holiday songs in both Spanish and English as the players go from inn to inn, asking for symbolic lodging. The procession culminates with a live nativity scene in from of Casa de Estudillo as well as a piñata party.

"This event combines the Anglo custom of caroling with the Hispanic tradition of the procession and the breaking of the piñata," said Chuck Ross, owner and operator at Fiesta de Reyes.

"Las Posadas is a long-standing tradition in many Latin cultures and we hope to recreate the same kind of celebratory day that everyone can enjoy."

The Las Posadas procession will be lead by professional actors in period costume, including Willie, the acting donkey.

Before the procession that takes place at 5 p.m., this event will also feature a daytime celebration and preshow with live music, performances and activities for children from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A variety of local music and performing arts groups will perform from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For children's entertainment, there will be free craft activities that include making pioneer-style cloth dolls, as well as corn-husk dolls and paper holiday flowers. Hot cider, pastries, Mexican baked goods,

tamales, hot soup and more will be available for purchase in the park.

At end of the festival, a bonfire will be lit in the middle of the state park and there will be a piñata-breaking party following the Las Posadas procession at 6 p.m. Stores and museums within the state park will have extended hours until 8 p.m. that evening.

This is the second year that the Las Posadas procession is produced by the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park concessionaires. They expanded the procession to feature an entire festival that includes family-friendly seasonal activities.

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Fashion Files Diana Cavagnaro

Melero Fashion Show and Cocktails

The Westgate Hotel presented the Melero Fashion Show and Cocktails, an exclusive event that showcased designs from Melero Boutique & Gallery in the hotel's Grand Lobby on Nov. 18, featuring Ruth Melero as Mistress of Ceremonies for the two-segment fashion show.

The show began with models cascading down a gorgeous spiral staircase, their trendy styles narrated by Melero as they descended onto the Grand Lobby floor before they went from table to table showing off the garments. Guests sipped on cocktails and nibbled hors d'oeuvres while listening to Richard A. James on the piano. After a short break, the second segment began with more glamorous designs. Raphael Alvarez from CUT Hair-dressing created the fashion forward hairstyles.

Melero opened her boutique and gallery two years ago in Little Italy, 1918

Models show off designs from Melero Boutique and Gallery. DIANA CAVAGNARO | Downtown News



India St. The store features apparel and accessories by European and American designers plus contemporary art, carrying only one of each accessory and just three sizes in each style and is located in the historically designated "Pray House" built in 1888. A personal shopping service is a specialty and Melero will make house calls for a wardrobe assessment. She recently announced she will be opening at a new

location in La Jolla in March 2012. For more information, visit www.melero-bog.com.

An explosion of color

Roopal Patel, senior fashion accessories editor for Neiman Marcus, was on hand for a personal appearance with The Fashion Group International of San Diego on Nov. 17, hosted by Neiman Marcus. Patel, in from New York, reported on accessories, shoes and jewelry with a fashion show demonstrating the season's must-have items.

"An explosion of color is the upcoming trend for resort-wear and will segue into spring," Patel said. Color blocking, the term used to describe this new trend, incorporates this blast of color with fashions that mix, for example, neon colors

like an orange dress, an electric blue jacket and a pink handbag with yellow shoes. Designers are using happy colors and yellow, it turns out, is the new neutral.

Patel said people should stop thinking about using the same jewelry designer when they get dressed but should start mixing and matching their jewelry. In the handbag area, the clutch is the new "it" bag. Floral prints are an upcoming direction in fashion and examples by Cavalli, Dolce & Gabbana and Liberty Fabrics were shown at the event. The holidays will see a tendency toward bronze, gold and glittery dresses, shoes and clutches.

Boutique de Marcus

Boutique de Marcus held the grand opening of its second store on Nov. 12, joining the first boutique at 685 Second Ave., which includes a full service salon (Salon de Marcus) and a boutique (Boutique de Marcus) with men's and women's contemporary fashions. Owner Marcus Hanish is a collector of vintage and couture garments, and the boutique also carries Bash Couture designed by Hanish, who has a seamstress and workshop above the store to make his glamorous dresses.

After four years in the downtown location, Hanish decided to open a second boutique in Del Mar at 2648 Del Mar Heights Road. In celebration of this second store, Hanish put on a red-carpet fashion show with three different segments. The first portion featured women's casual wear and models showed off the latest trends on the catwalk. The second section showed men's casual chic fashions, while mystique was added to the finale with the creative use of intricate masks concluding with the fabulous designs of Hanish.

An explosion of color at the Neiman Marcus Fashion Group International event. DIANA CAVAGNARO | Downtown News



Upcoming events

• **Dec. 2 – M. Dot Design Studio & W San Diego presents "The Siren, The Muse and the Goddess,"** 8 p.m., W San Diego, 421 W.B Street. Pre-sale tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.wantickets.com

• **Dec. 3 – Dolcetti Boutique & A Style Concierge Winter Showcase,** 7 p.m., 635 Fifth Ave.

• **Dec. 5 – The fourth annual Best Dressed & Fashion Show** by Leonard Simpson of Fashion Forward, 7 p.m., Ramin Porteymours Estate, La Jolla, by invitation only

• **Dec. 6 – FGI San Diego presents the Spring/Summer 2012 Trend show** at Neiman Marcus, 5:30 p.m., 7027 Friars Road, Fashion Week trends, panel discussion from beauty professionals, demonstrations from Neiman Marcus, RSVP to fgisandiego@yahoo.com.

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Holiday Safety Tips for pets

Dr. Raffy Dorian

Holidays are a special time of year for you and your pets. Each year during the holidays, thousands of pets are seriously injured or become ill. Here are some helpful tips to keep your pet happy and healthy during this holiday season.

While the holidays are a time for giving, there are some foods you should not share with your furry friends. Chocolate, alcoholic beverages, coffee, onions, fatty foods, yeast dough and macadamia nuts can all lead to stomach upset, diarrhea or serious illness.

One of the more common holiday-related emergencies is the consumption of human medications. Make sure all your medications are securely locked away. Crowds of people and holiday festivities can frighten animals. If you plan to entertain, you must plan ahead on your pets' behalf. Make sure they have a "safe haven" where they can retreat.

Christmas trees and their decorations can create hazards for pets. Holiday decorations such as breakable ornaments, tinsel, string and ribbons should be kept out of paws' reach! These traditional decorations can cause choking or severe intestinal problems if swallowed. Decorate with animal-safe items such as dried flowers, pine cones or fabric and wood ornaments. Cats often see trees as fabulous climbing posts. Be sure to secure-

ly anchor your tree so it doesn't tip and fall. Also keep in mind that tree water may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset if ingested. Cover the stand with a tree skirt or use other means to prevent access to the water.

Electrocution is a serious risk when pets are exposed to holiday light strands and electric cords. Make sure to supervise all candles since many pets are attracted to the bright "lights" in a darkened room. When you leave the room, put the candles out!

Many of the plants we have in our homes during the holidays can be poisonous to pets. Lilies can cause kidney failure in cats. Common Yuletide plants such as mistletoe and holly berries can be potentially toxic to pets. Poinsettias have an irritating sap that can cause stomach upset. Make sure to place these plants well out of your pet's reach. Safe alternatives include artificial flowers made from silk or plastic.

As you celebrate this holiday season, it's important to keep your companion animals safe and stress-free. By taking proper precautions, you and your pet can enjoy this special time of year.



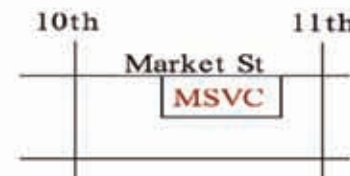
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One of the preferred floor plans at downtown's one-of-a-kind luxury community, this 22nd-floor, south-facing beauty enjoys gleaming wood floors and a den area in addition to approximately 1550 square feet, dual bedrooms and baths, & sweeping views!
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Downtown • “Renaissance”

Boasting soaring 20+ foot ceiling in the living/dining area, this elegant town home features 2 or 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, street access + access from the interior of the community, dual parking, and over 2300 square feet of upgrades. Stunning!
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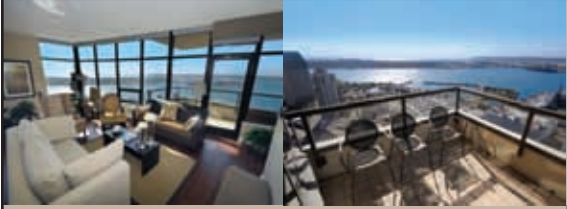
Downtown • “Harbor Club”

This spectacular 'bubble unit' on the 33rd floor of the Marina District's premier, resort-style residential high-rise boasts a completely remodeled interior with the finest of finishes and phenomenal, 180-degree water views!
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Downtown • “Pinnacle”

This incredible 20th-floor residence with panoramic water views has been remodeled from top-to-bottom in a warm Moroccan-style theme. Super special with dual terraces and parking, plus pitted Venetian textured walls, gesso-finish doors, and Byzantine lighting!
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Downtown • “Electra”

Situated near the top of San Diego's tallest residential high-rise, this expansive 1850 square-foot beauty on the 41st floor will knock your socks off! The touch of a button operates the window shades and lights & the interior is upgraded beyond belief!
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Downtown • “Watermark”

Elegant and spacious, this premium Northwest corner residence in the Marina District's landmark residential community boasts an expansive terrace, stunning views directly into Pantoja Park, 2 bedrooms PLUS a full-size den/office, and 2.5 baths! Two secured parking, too!
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Downtown • “CityFront Terrace”

There is nothing comparable! Situated in the Marina District's only brick community, this street-level town home is reminiscent of a European chateau! Totally remodeled and re-crafted, it enjoys top-quality everything + dual terraces and dual parking.
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Downtown • “City Walk”

You'll love life in this pristine town home in popular mid-rise community in the heart of the Marina District! Enjoy relaxing or entertaining on one of your two private terraces and descend only a few stairs to the street level-no elevator necessary to walk the dog! Low HOA fees, too!
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Downtown • “Harbor Club”

Featuring over 2000 square feet of over-the-top remodel, this stunning residence with high 38th-floor water & Coronado Bridge views is one-of-a-kind and will knock your socks off! Amazingly re-crafted, the discerning buyer can't help but be impressed!
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Downtown • “The Grande”

Stop here for the ideal first-time buyer or second home opportunity in one of Downtown's most desirable residential communities! Across from the Waterfront, this beautifully presented one-bedroom has it all for a bargain price!
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call 1-800-709-1995, Ext. 5589



Downtown • “Palermo”

Short-sale priced to sell, this West-facing 1-bedroom enjoys banks of sunny windows, granite countertops in the kitchen and bath, & a large walk-in closet! Walk to numerous restaurants and shops in the Village of Little Italy!
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call 1-800-709-1995, Ext. 5229



Downtown • “Electra”

Life is good at Downtown's tallest luxury highrise at this split bedroom, west-facing residence with oversize terrace! Electra features it's own little bit of history, built around the historic SDG&E Station B!
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Downtown • “Watermark”

This top-floor penthouse beauty enjoys a sunny interior, a gleaming remodeled granite and stainless kitchen, lovely urban views, and almost 1800 square feet! How about 3 full bedrooms, all with walk-in closets (2 in the master!) and two and a-half baths?
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Downtown • “Union Square”

Call to see this rare, 3-BR/ 2-BA in impeccable condition complete with granite kitchen and bath countertops, a private terrace, and dual parking spaces. Located in an FHA/VA approved community!
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Downtown • “Discovery”

Welcome to this well-priced two-bedroom in the sunny Northwest corner of the community! Super clean, it features a slate gas fireplace, a private terrace, and secured parking and storage!
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Downtown • “Palermo”

Facing the lush and quiet interior courtyard, this 1-bedroom is priced way below market for a quick sale! It includes a private balcony overlooking the courtyard and granite countertops in the kitchen!
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Downtown • “Watermark”

This well-priced residence in recently renovated community enjoys a west-facing orientation, a private terrace looking toward the Old Police Quarters, and dual parking spaces!
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Downtown • “Electra”

Take advantage of this super short-sale at one of Downtown's most unique and desirable luxury communities! Active city views, a split master suite design, and a spacious private terrace complete this pretty picture!
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Downtown • “ParkLoft”

You will love this classic, street level loft complete with approximately 1500 square feet, high ceilings, sunny corner location, recently remodeled baths & exposed ductwork and cement ceilings! Dual parking + storage, too, with dual entrances, one off the street-ideal for dog-walking!
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Downtown • “Pacific Terrace”

This fabulous new listing is a great opportunity to own a 2-BR residence in the heart of the Marina District with low HOA fee, dual side-by-side parking spaces, and upgrades that include stone & hardwood flooring! Priced to sell!
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Downtown • “The Grande North”

The lowest price for this floor plan in the community, you'll want to see this 2-BR/ 2-BA beauty with lovely city and bay views, an ambient fireplace, and oversize private view terrace! Sweet!
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Downtown • “Acqua Vista”

Absolutely pristine, this adorable 1-BR in the heart of Little Italy features a massive wall of windows looking onto the city streets, a resort-style community & a price under \$170,000!
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Downtown • “CityMark”

Priced to sell, this fabulous 2-bedroom row home is unlike no other! It features an oversize patio, 2-car parking with direct access, a warming fireplace, & gleaming granite kitchen. Hardwood floors, too!
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Downtown • “Gaslamp City Square”

Sold for \$186,000. It features a unique, courtyard-level terrace, new carpet and paint, stone flooring, new stainless appliances, and granite surfaces in kitchen and bath!
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Downtown • “La Vita”

Sold for \$427,000. You'll want to see this super 2-bedroom in popular Little Italy community, featuring two decks for a total sq. footage of almost 400!!! Dual parking spaces and an ambient fireplace, too!
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Downtown • “Sam Fox”

Sold for \$340,000. Owned by the developer of this historically-significant community, this 'true' loft enjoys windows to the vibrant city, cement floor, and exposed ductwork!
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Downtown • “City Front”

Sold for \$485,000. Take advantage of this street-level town home in classic brownstone-style community with access from the street as well as the common areas! Do some upgrading and take advantage of great pricing for over 1500 square feet and dual parking spaces!
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Downtown • “Atria”

Sold for \$165,000. Take advantage of this amazingly low-priced studio in the heart of the Marina District! This hip, urban residence is ideal for first-time buyers looking to begin their homeownership journey!
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Downtown • “Park Place”

Sold for \$825,000. Amazing 21st-floor residence with spectacular Southwest water views to Coronado and Point Loma! This popular split bedroom/ bath design enjoys a 2-sided fireplace, view terrace, dual parking, & upgrades galore! Furnishings negotiable!
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Downtown • “Palermo”

Don't delay on this corner unit residence with lots of sunny windows and dual parking, short-sale priced to sell! Dual bedrooms and baths, too!
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