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NEW LANDMARK
Waterfront
Park

Ten-plus years in the making, the new waterfront park is 14 acres of wide-open turf, progressive play structures, and the piece de resistance, an 830-foot-long fountain split on either side of the County Admin building. Kids love the 31 jets and parents love the 24/7 security and the showers where the kiddos can rinse off. Meet your new waterfront icon, San Diego.

→ 1600 Pacific Highway, downtown

LIFESAVER
San Diego
Project Heart
Beat

Managed by the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, this program is on a mission to make automated external defibrillators (AEDs) as familiar and accessible as fire extinguishers in San Diego. It's installed close to 800 AEDs throughout the county so far, and strives to add more with the help of monetary donations.

→ sdprojectheartbeat.com

NEWS ROUNDUP
Voice of
San Diego

The nonprofit news outfit's daily email news roundup called The Morning Report is a no-brainer. It links to the most essential and interesting San Diego stuff that day: news reports, research studies, tweets, blogs, videos, investigations, and anything else smart and legit that matters to San Diego. And it's mercifully annotated and easy to read. If our phones are the first thing we look at in the morning, we might as well have something substantive on there to read, eh? We swear you'll feel like a better citizen.

→ voiceofsandiego.org

UP-AND-COMING
BEACH TOWN
Oceanside

Been to downtown Oceanside lately? You might have noticed its beachy boulevards west of I-5 are dotted with the kinds of breweries, bistros, and breakfast spots we're used to seeing in the higher-rent nabes to the south. Throw in the emerging wave of designers and artists opening galleries and lofts and the fact that it's still patchy enough to be affordable, relatively, and you've got a bona fide gem on your hands.

BRIDGE
MODIFICATION
Pedestrian Tube

Seen the plans for the pedestrian tube suspended underneath the Coronado Bridge? Google it! Considering the masses that will bike the bridge during the annual Bike the Bay event this month, we think a permanent pedestrian modification to the bridge is most definitely a good idea. Not sure how the Islanders will feel about welcoming a new wave of wanderers on an everyday basis, but we sure think it would be neat.

BRIDGE
Otay Border
Crossing

Park in America, fly out of Tijuana? Yes, please. The revolutionary new bridge between the Tijuana airport and an Otay parking lot is set to open next year. Logistics, work yourselves out, because we've got places to go and international tourists to welcome.

BIG IDEA
Port-to-Park
Sky Tram

High fives to Ron Roberts' big idea of an aerial tram climbing from the waterfront up to Balboa Park. We'd ride it! From the sound of things, the county might actually study how to do it. And if San Diego is good at one thing, it's studying stuff. Let's hope this one makes it past the paper.

REINVIGORATED
SPORT
Tennis

We thought the Davis Cup match in Petco Park was pretty cool. Then we heard the city was getting a new pro tennis team called the San Diego Aviators, with the Bryan Brothers as members. Oh, and Andy Roddick came to town for the first match. We've always been a racket-wielding town, but it seems tennis is having a moment again.