The Concierge Advantage

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Meet Your Lead Concierge, Nate Rossi

Nate Rossi grew up in Woodside, CA. A sportsman by nature, he swam competitively for 12 years. Nate graduated from UCSD majoring in communications. Nate has held esteemed hospitality posts at The Stanford Park Hotel, La Valencia Hotel, and The Lodge at Torrey Pines where he had the opportunity to work aside some of the most accomplished hotel managers and supervisors in the business. Additionally, he was Director of Public Relations for the brand new, independent minor league baseball team, the San Diego Surf Dawgs. In his time off as a Lead Concierge for Concierge At Large, Inc., Nate swims for UCSD Masters, enjoys hiking and camping all over San Diego and is a dedicated sports and music enthusiast. He would one day like to have his own radio show where he could talk about athletics, academics, music and current events. If you see Nate at the Concierge Desk, please stop by and say hello!

Rock n' Roll Marathon, June 3

Approximately 20,000 runners will participate in this year's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon coming Sunday, June 3. Billed as 26 miles of rock 'n' roll, this is one of America's fastest and most scenic courses, racing through the park and by the harbor. The marathon, which debuted a new course in 2005 to minimize interference with the trolley lines, starts at historic Balboa Park, snakes through the Gaslamp Quarter and circles Petco Park before heading west to Harbor Drive and looping counterclockwise through Mission Bay, ending in Point Loma. Keep in mind freeways, trolley lines, bus routes and other modes of transport will be affected during the race. Your Concierge has the details on how our building will be affected.

Taste of the Gaslamp, June 16 - 23

This Father's Day weekend, treat Dad to a little bit of everything. Get tickets early for this annual dining event. Start the summer off right by experiencing all that downtown has to offer. More than 20 downtown restaurants will offer samples of their favorite dishes at the 14th annual Taste of Gaslamp. Tickets are priced at \$30 per person each day. Father's Day weekend tickets are \$25. With downtown's wide variety of worldly eats, foodies are sure to find something worthwhile. The Gaslamp has it all: Thai, Indian, Mexican, California cuisine ... you name it. Also at the event, the 21-and-older crowd can enjoy the Samuel Adams' Beer Garden. Tickets are now available at the Gaslamp's website www.gaslamp.org. They can be picked up at the will-call booth on the day of the event on the corner of Fifth and Island Avenues. Contact your Concierge soon to assist with ticket purchase. This event will sell out fast!



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Your Concierge Will Assist With:

- -Travel planning
- -Dining reservations
- -Theater & event tickets
- -Golf tee times
- -Hotel reservations
- -Spa services
- -Dry cleaning pickup and delivery
- -Pet care services

and much more!

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Fiery Balloon Glow After Sundown

Pinnacle Concierges helped out in May!

- Several taxi requests
- Restaurant reservations
- A lot of flower orders for Mother's Day
- Canadian Rockies vacation information
- Dinner cruise reservations
- Harbor excursion tickets
- Hotel reservations in La Mesa
- Manicure/Pedicure referral
- Driving Directions
- Pedi-cab tour
- Scheduled DMV driving test
- House cleaner referral
- DJ Referral for upcoming party
- Tickets to Gaslamp Jazz Festival
- Printed airline boarding passes
- Hotel availability and rates in Ensenada
- -Issued tickets to PETCO PARK
- -Information on sports bar showing UFC match



Temecula Valley Balloon and Wine Festival

The bright blue skies of Southern California are a welcome backdrop for the annual spring Temecula Valley Balloon and Wine Festival. During the casual three-day fest, visitors sample local wineries, check out a smattering of vendors, listen to live music and watch the horizon for colorful hot-air balloons in flight. This year's event takes place **June 1-3** at Lake Skinner. Opening night features a fiery balloon glow after sundown, when colorful tethered crafts are lighted from within. Saturday and Sunday begin with an early-morning balloon launch (weather permitting). The balloon glow, which also takes place Saturday night, is orchestrated to music broadcast from the Main Stage. Wine tastings are offered at an additional cost and happen daily in the Wine Garden, with samples from more than 20 Temecula Valley and South Coast appellations. The Wine Garden is open from 5 to 9 pm on Friday, 11 am to 9 pm on Saturday and 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Tastings cost \$15 for seven tastes plus a souvenir glass. Gates open at 5 pm Friday, and 6 am Saturday and Sunday. For more information on this year's festival, contact your Concierge!

Australian Wine Week

Wine Australia, an organization of Australian wineries and importers, hosts a week of wine tastings and dinners across San Diego County from **June 6 - 12**. More and more Americans are discovering the diversity of Australia's 63 wine regions. These regions are located across the country with 103 "defined geographic indications" for wine growing districts covering zones, regions and sub-regions. Highlights of the week include dinners at local hot spots such as Bondi, Wine Vault Bistro, tastings at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center, competitions, an Australian BBQ and seminars. Contact your Concierge for more information.

San Diego County Fair

"Salute to Heros" is the theme of 2007's San Diego County Fair **June 8 – July 4**. The annual event will celebrate international, national and local heroes, both human and animal. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6 to 12 (free for kids 5 and younger) and \$6 for seniors 62 and older. On Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 8 pm, you can pay \$25 for a wristband that allows unlimited rides, if your stomach can handle it. Parking fees are \$9 per vehicle (\$14 for preferred parking by the gate, as available). Free off-site parking and shuttles usually are available at the Del Mar Horsepark, east of I-5, and at additional locations on weekends and July 4. The fair is closed on Mondays and closing day is Tuesday, July 4 with a fireworks display at 9 pm. Gates open at 10 am daily and the fair closes at 10 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Don't miss the usually free headliner entertainment at the fair. Contact your Concierge for the line up!

Twilight In The Park at Spreckels Organ Pavilion

Balboa Park's annual concert series provides a unique summertime happy hour locale. The free Twilight in the Park Concert Series **begins June 19** and grooves its way **to August 8**. This popular, casual outdoor concert series invites San Diegans and visitors alike to enjoy open-air melodies — big band to barbershop, jazz to rock 'n' roll — in the heart of the city's finest park. Shows generally run 6:15 to 7:15 pm Tuesdays through Thursdays at Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. June entertainers include: Cat-illacs (rock 'n' roll classics), Jazz Xpress (big-band jazz), Dixie Express, Navy Band, JCC Klezmer (Brooklyn-style Klezmer), and Bayou Brothers (Cajun/Zydeco). Contact your Concierge for the full summer line up. Twilight in the Park makes a great after-work rendezvous or happy hour, *alfresco*!