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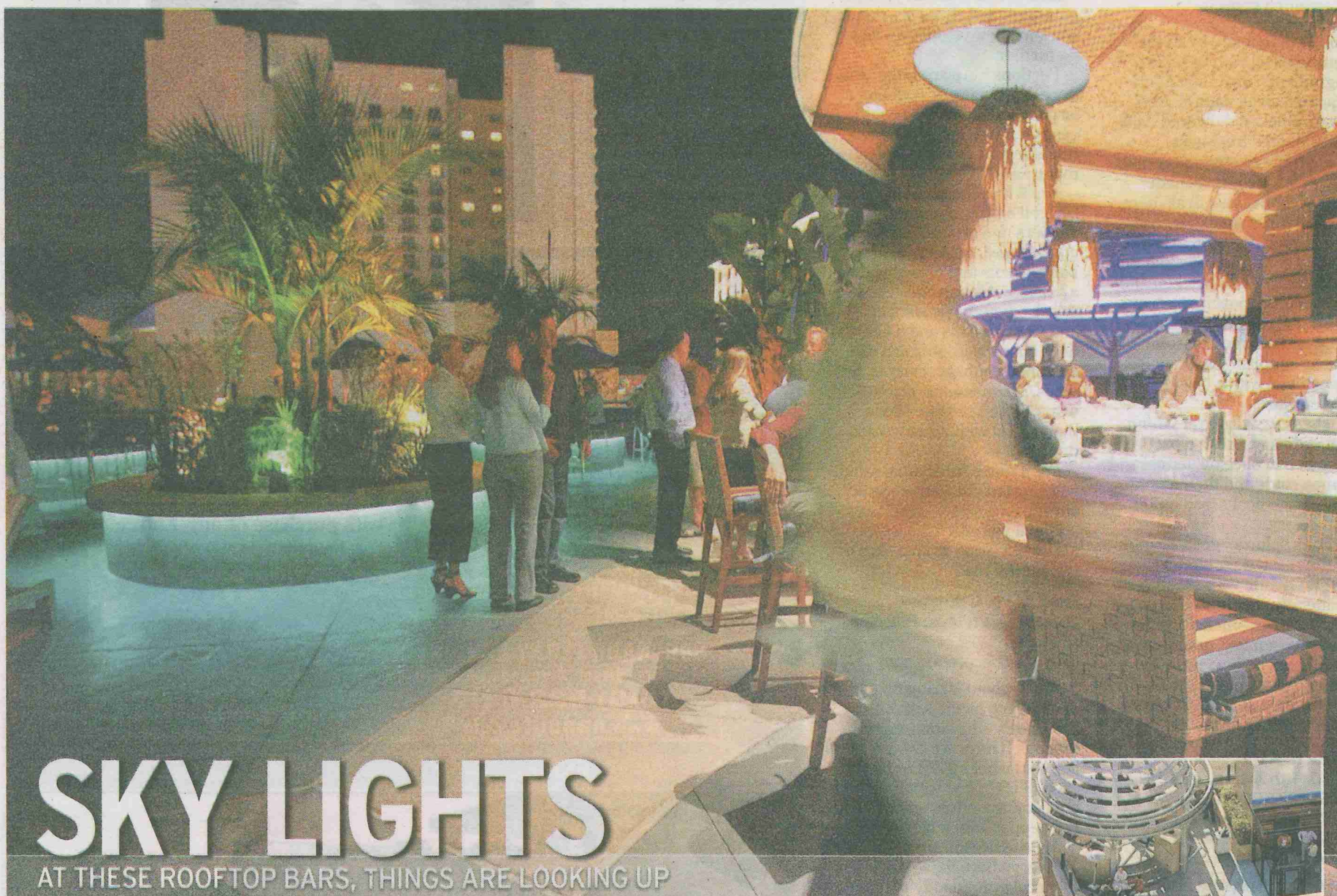
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SKY LIGHTS

AT THESE ROOFTOP BARS, THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

What better way to cool off after a hot summer day than soaking in the scene at one of downtown San Diego's sultry rooftop bars?

Here are some on our heat-o'-meter:

ALTITUDE SKY LOUNGE

At the Marriott San Diego Gaslamp Quarter hotel, 660 K St.; (619) 677-6723

It's one thing to lounge in cabanas 40 feet above the street; it's quite another to line up shots on the 22nd floor in the open air. Altitude is so high up that not only can you peer out upon the ocean and much of downtown, you can see straight into Petco Park. Unfortunately, they don't serve Cracker Jack.

FLOAT

207 Fifth Ave.; (619) 702-3000

Formerly Moonstone Lounge, the Hard Rock Hotel's sky-high club comes equipped with all the rooftop essentials. You know, fire pit, skinny pool, cur-

es: zebra-print upholstery, a never-ending serenade of pop chart toppers and cocktail waitresses so blond, browned and bouncy they make you feel like you're in some VH1 reality show.

LOUNGE SIX

616 J St.; (619) 531-8744

Boutique hotel Solamar has decked out its fourth-floor roof with enough tropical teak furniture, hanging lanterns, fire pits and potted palms to be the next best thing to a tropical getaway. But tell Gilligan to find another party. Lounge Six fuses an exotic motif with modern design, resulting in a glamour so upscale, it's dangerous.

SIREN

1047 Fifth Ave.; (619) 515-3000

Sè Hotel's rooftop landing pad lounge comes equipped with all the perks: an infinity pool, deep benches fat with overstuffed pillows, small (and surprisingly affordable) bites like lobster medallions

and plenty of strips of space for strutting.

BEACH

421 W. B St.; (619) 398-3100

It's not often you can roam barefoot at a swanky hotel bar and not swiftly be shown the door. But with three tons of heated sand covering the W hotel's third-floor rooftop, toes of every size and shape are invited to get hot and join the party.

IVY ROOFTOP

At the Ivy Hotel, 600 F St.; (619) 814-2000

It's a sparsely elegant rooftop of concrete, white and bamboo planters complete with a pool and cabanas. Look around at all the surrounding buildings and you'll think you're in L.A., but that could also be designer and film industry veterans Dayna Lee and Ted Berner's intention. Formerly called Eden, it's one of downtown's most spacious rooftop spaces.



Night (top) and day (inset), Lounge Six offers romantic views of downtown San Diego from its perch above the Hotel Solamar.

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Enjoying a beverage in the West Coast's tallest waterfront building is as easygoing as it gets. From 40 floors up, you can look down on all the other sissy rooftop bars of the city. The indoor bar is cozy and quiet and boasts western