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tempting to ignore. Just \$38 gets you a whole rotisserie chicken with seven sauces, two chicken egg rolls, cucumber salad, Cambodian salad and rice. Return the basket and containers and save 10 percent next time. 619-574-7737; saffronsandiego.com.

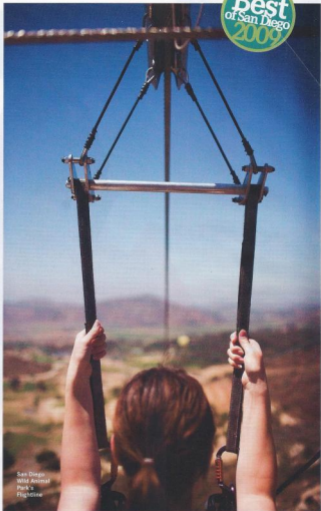
BOTTLED ALTRUISM Created, funded and bottled in San Diego, Nika is a new brand of water that pours 100 percent of its profits into efforts to bring water and sanitation into underdeveloped countries. Nika's owners offset the company's carbon footprint by funding the planting of trees in Nicaragua. nikawater.org.

MOLTEN DESSERT It seems no other place goes to so much trouble to make sweets so luxurious, and Extraordinary Desserts' chocolate lava bun tops them all. From gold leaf to real flower petals, the desserter in Little Italy and Bankers Hill keeps wowing our city with its indulgent sweets after all these years. 619-294-7001, 619-294-2132; extraordinarydesserts.com.

TEA ROOM Sitting inside Tea-Up-on-Chatsworth in Point Loma, you'll feel transported to a kinder, gentler era, where people spent leisurely afternoons sipping tea and nibbling finger sandwiches. Various fine teas (poured into porcelain teacups, of course) are complemented by a menu of sweet and savory items: gourmet tea sandwiches, scones, tarts, tea cakes and more. 619-858-2848; cu4t.com.

Fun

REASON TO PLAY HOOKY Seventy years and still going strong, opening day at Del Mar is a San Diego tradition unlike any other. The crowd ranges from crass to classy; dress as you want—or who you want to be—for the day, but hats are a must. 858-755-1141; dmfc.com.



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WAY TO SEE THE WILD THINGS The San Diego Wild Animal Park's Flightline lets visitors soar through the sky—up to 160 feet—above the animal exhibits. The two-thirds-mile zip line affords bird's-eye views of park and wildlife with a substantial adrenaline rush to boot. 760-747-8702; sandiegozoo.org/wap.