

GIFT GUIDE



Honey, I'm Home

For the ultimate hostess gift, stop by Cow Hollow's new cheese shop, Spuntino di Ottimista, for a wedge of sweet, nutty **Hirtenkäse**—a mountain cheese from the Allgäuer Alps in Germany, along with a **Lagule cheese knife** and a **jar of organic Sicilian lemon-blossom honey**. Hirtenkäse, \$17/pound; Lagule knife, \$7.50; honey, \$9.50/jar, 1957 Union St., 415-931-6410, spuntinosf.com



Drink Up

When you pair this **chocolatière**—a hot-chocolate chuner that gets your hot chocolate nice and frothy—and some of Schoggi's delicious **hot-cocoa mixes**, all that's missing is the milk and marshmallows. Chocolatière, \$30; hot-cocoa mix and cup, \$10; 87 Yerba Buena Ln., 415-243-4444, schoggi.us

EAT+DRINK

Trust us, Santa would prefer a glass of spiced-pear vodka over a glass of milk any Christmas eve.



"Three, two, one ... Happy 1935!" A festive NYE party at the Palace Hotel proves that ringing in the new year with good food and bottomless champagne is a time-honored tradition. This year's dinner at the hotel's Maxfield's restaurant features a chocolate "Ding Dong" for dessert.



Pop Life

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accommodate. Demonstrate you're ahead of the curve by giving this **charming teapot, cup and saucer** from Crown & Crumpet in Ghirardelli Square. Scones and a jar of lemon curd optional. Teapot, \$28; cup and saucer, \$18; 900 North Point St., 415-771-4252, crownandcrumpet.com

