

# Special REPORT

# Conventions



Local meetings professionals begin to mingle as an industry event gets under way at the El Cortez Hotel late last month. Shown in the photo at top right, chef Bobbie Maciewaki and TK&A Custom Catering's event coordinator Susan Shapiro give the final touches to their area. In the photo below right, the party progresses as sales managers Cyndie Olson and Laura Dreon of local destination management firm Access California talk to Brenda Nielson, director of banquets and catering for Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter.