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Fire rings and public safety positions are among items facing cuts after City Council approves budget plan. **Page 6**

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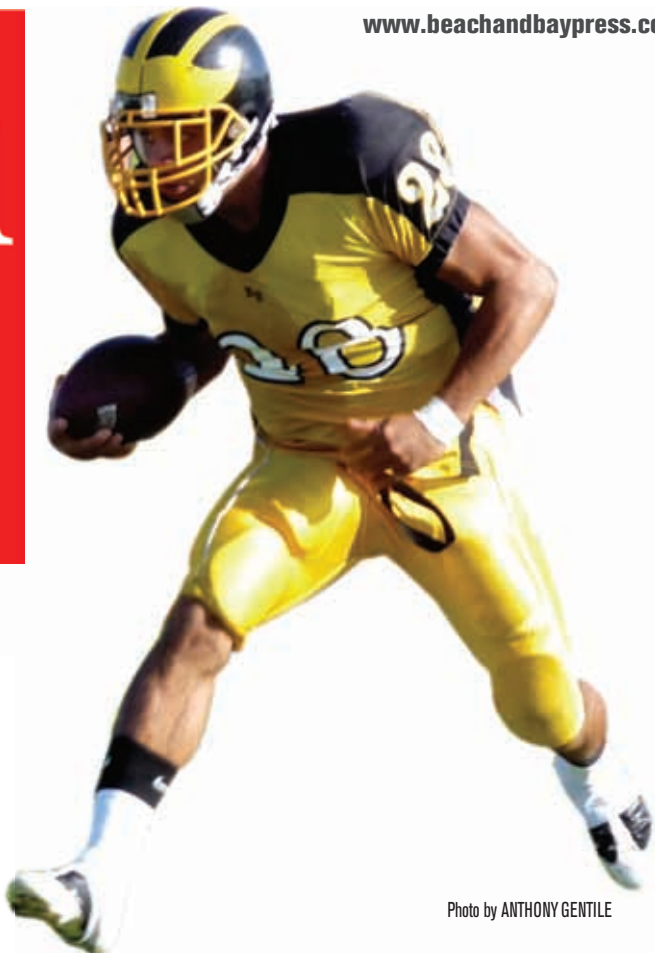


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CHAMPIONS!

Undefeated Mission Bay High School captures the CIF Division IV Championship. **Page 10**

Celebrating the season near the beach

Those wanting to avoid the crowded malls might take a look at beach area businesses

A whimsical reindeer admires the warm, colorful atmosphere created by a seasonal display at Green Gardens Nursery, 4910 Cass St.

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Look locally for those last minute gifts

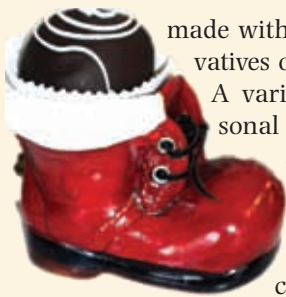
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Christmas shopping procrastinators who loathe crowds at the mall have happy tidings coming their way – there's something for everyone right here in the beach area. Many hot department store items can be found in local shops, as well as specialty items that shopping centers don't offer.

Here are a few highlights, selected by the owners of some local stores:

The 3G Venice beach cruiser, one of Pacific Coast Bicycle's most popular models, features pedals that are placed farther forward for full leg extension and less stress on knees. A soft, cushiony seat and groove-less tires provide a smooth ride. \$180. **Pacific Coast Bicycle**, 1637 Garnet Ave.

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Original and un-reproduced abstract oil paintings by local artist Eliza Tolley are on display at the Gallery at Land's End. Usually working in larger formats, Tol-



ley created several smaller pieces at Gallery owner Thayne Yungman's request, and at a fraction of her normal prices. All works on display are by local artists. \$60. **Gallery at Land's End**, 984 Cass St.

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Siblings Mitchell, 9, Maddie, 5, and Margo, 7, run among the trees offered at the XMAS Tree Country lot. PAUL HANSEN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Selling trees means a lot more than making money

By ADRIANE TILLMAN
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One of Doug Irwin's most rewarding moments recently was when three young boys came into his pumpkin patch at the corner of Garnet Avenue and Bayard Street dressed like him in a flannel shirt, red cap and

sporting a charcoal beard. "The service sucks but I guarantee it," the boys chanted, mimicking Irwin who jokingly gives customers that same line but, in truth, is focused ardently on creating a warm holiday feeling at his

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Residents, businesses weather mid-December storms

Rain fell throughout San Diego County over the weekend and Pacific Beach received 0.67 inches of rainfall Friday through Sunday. The weekend weather activity capped a week of rainstorms that started with a record-setting storm on Monday, Dec. 7.

Record rainfall coupled with wind gusts of up to 50 mph combined for a not so pleasant day on Dec. 7. With their proximity to the ocean, Pacific Beach and Mission Beach were among the hardest hit communities in San Diego.

Around Mission and Pacific beaches, most street corners were flooded and by mid-afternoon some roads looked more like rivers. But, as is usual when a sizable storm rolls in, South Mission Beach got hit the worst, with feet of standing water along Mission Boulevard making it hard to get around.

Mike Yousif, owner of Mission Market, 2885 Mission Blvd., between Deal Court and San Gabriel Place, was prepared for the storm with sandbags stacked outside of his business.

“No matter what, when we get the high tide and the rain at the same time we get the flood,” Yousif said. “The high tide is what kills us most of the time. If it’s high tide and rain at the same time, forget it.”

Yousif said the front portion of



Water from rains flooded Pacific Beach Drive as it rushed past Mission Boulevard toward the ocean during a windy, wet storm on Dec. 7.

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his store was flooded during the storm, made worse by passing cars. He has owned Mission Market since 1982, and storms such as the one on Dec. 6, while hurting his business, simply don’t faze him.

“It’s the same stuff,” Yousif said. “We’re always ready to go.”

Among the peculiar modes of transport Yousif saw on Mission Boulevard during the flooding were a kayak and a surfboard. He hopes the city fixes the situation before the rainy season arrives in January.

“We need them to fix the sewage – that’s the only thing we need,” Yousif said. “They fixed the north Mission sewage but not down here.”

According to San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E), a total of 92,000 homes and businesses were without power during the

first 24 hours of the storm. SDG&E spokeswoman Sabra Moallem said they had between 60 to 65 crews working all night to restore power in various parts of the county.

“This is the biggest storm that we’ve had in a few years,” Moallem said. “But we’ve done everything we can and we were prepared. We’re going to continue to be prepared for any future storms.”

SDG&E also reported that as many as 44,000 of their customers were without power at the height of the storm. Moallem said that when the storm initially hit, SDG&E crews were ready for the impact.

“When we expected the storm, we had already cancelled all the routine maintenance and made sure we had enough staff on,” Moallem said.



Santa Claus and his entourage lead a huge crowd of admirers down the middle of Crystal Pier to the Christmas tree near the end during the start of the Christmas at Crystal Pier tree lighting event held Dec. 13.

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Window decorating winners announced

The Discover Pacific Beach/Beach & Bay Press holiday window decorating contest winners are: 1st Place – Surf Club Surf Shop; 2nd Place – Games On; 3rd Place (tie) – Riviera Property Management and Tavern at The Beach. The Surf Club Surf Shop window is pictured here.



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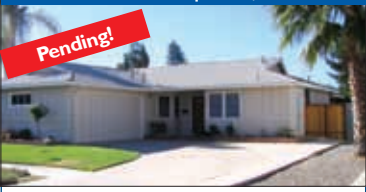


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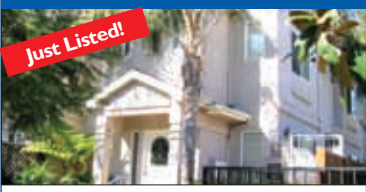
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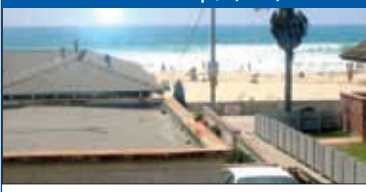
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SCHOOL BUDGET FORUM

Public weighs-in on district financial crisis

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | BEACH&BAY PRESS

One by one, parents, teachers and a couple students approached the microphone during a forum Dec. 9 at Mission Bay High School to voice ideas and possible solutions to the school district's impending budget worries. Interim Superintendent Bill Kowba painted a bleak picture and said the San Diego Unified School District faces an estimated \$147 million to \$203 million budget deficit in 2010-11.

Tapping into dollars set aside for special programs, offering health insurance trade-offs, work furloughs, an unlikely parcel tax and staff pay reductions backed by IOUs, were some ideas speakers and San Diego Unified School District administrators brought forward to help close the projected budget gap which SDUSD Board Trustee John de Beck called "cataclysmic."

Drawing about 150 parents and community members, last week's meeting is the latest in a series of public forums over school budget constraints district administrators blame on increasing costs combined with less and less money from state coffers over recent years.

"Only way I see out of this is to cut pay with vouchers and

the furloughs," de Beck said.

de Beck admitted that potential savings in the ballpark of \$63 million to \$100 million through furloughs alone would not cover the projected deficit. de Beck unsuccessfully floated the furlough idea last year which, he said, would have lessened the blow on this year's budget deficit.

He added that cutting staff pay while offering "vouchers" to make up the difference and paid at a later date could also help. Though he couldn't offer details on a voucher program, he said other California districts, including Los Angeles, have successfully run a similar program.

The idea of a school district-wide "parcel tax," ranging from \$20 to \$750, also surfaced. Though unlikely, de Beck said such a tax could raise tens of millions of dollars.

A group of parents also pointed toward healthcare benefits cuts as a way to save money. Offering incentives, like cash, to employees covered under their spouses' healthcare program could help save some money. However, no details on such a program were offered.

And any changes to employee pay and benefits would have to be negotiated with unions.

One parent, Darlene Tuulik, said the school should cut administrative pay.

"(The district) should start at the top and stay away from the kids," said Tuulik, a Clairemont resident and mother of a student at La Jolla High School.

Several disliked the idea of cutting pay, school hours through furloughs or cutting benefits.

Mission Bay High School teacher Matt Moody runs the Mission Bay High School newspaper program. He said the school already froze the school's newspaper budget and that cutting more programs or, potentially, class time, sends the wrong message to parents and students.

"I find it unconscionable that an underperforming school district ... would want to cut additional days from their students' academic schedule," Moody said.

His comments were met with applause.

As the community gathers to brainstorm, voice their opinion and concerns, district board trustee de Beck said now is the time to address school district board members concerning parents' priorities before important milestones next year.

California Gov. Schwarzenegger is set to offer his state budget proposal in January which would give the San Diego Unified a clearer picture of what to expect from the state, officials said. This is the third year in a row the state faces funding reductions to education, school district officials said.

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Explore other options before getting behind the wheel this New Year's Eve

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

For those who plan on enjoying more than a single flute of bubbly this New Year's Eve, driving home should not be considered an option. Here is a brief guide for those who want to ditch driving this New Year's Eve:

Call a cab: Two of the biggest cab companies in San Diego are Orange Cab and Yellow Cab. Orange Cab can be reached at (619) 233-5555. Yellow Cab dispatchers can be contacted from any of the three local area codes by dialing 444-4444 or by texting a complete address 777222.

Board the bus: San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is offering free service after 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve. In addition, each of its three trolley lines and three of its bus routes (7, 11, 929) will continue limited service all night long. Buses will run on a half-hour to hourly schedule and trolleys will run every half hour. Sycuan Casino and Mothers Against Drunk Driving's sponsorship of MTS made the additional transit service possible.

Take a tow: The Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA) is offering its free Topsy Tow service from 6 p.m. New Year's Eve to 6 a.m. New Year's Day. Drivers can call 1 (800)-400-4AAA and receive a free ride and tow home for up to seven miles.

"Topsy Tow provides motorists with a safe ride home for themselves and their vehicles instead of driving while intoxicated," said AAA traffic safety researcher Steve Bloch.

Roll out in style: Two local businesses that offer limo services are Premier Limousine and Top Dog Limo Bus.

"The great part about New Year's Eve is that a lot of people like to get together with everybody else," said Albert Allison, operations manager for Premier Limousine. "We like to take care of the people that want a more private experience."

Premier Limousine rents out vehicles for six hours on New Year's Eve, ranging from \$360 to \$900 for the evening. They also have the only bubble gum pink Cadillac Escalade limo on the West Coast.

Top Dog in Pacific Beach offers limo buses and extended Hummers that range from \$150 to \$180 per hour. Company President Russell Van Huizum said he has already had a few inquiries about New Year's Eve.

"With limo buses, half the fun is being on the bus because you can stand up, you can dance," Van Huizum said.

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Beach fire rings land on City Council's chopping block

By **SEBASTIAN RUIZ** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

As the City Council voted this week 7-1 to close the estimated \$179 million city budget shortfall, the city's fire pit program could go up in smoke by next summer should the city fail to raise about \$173,000 by Dec. 31 to save the program that is hailed as a cornerstone of local beach culture.

City Park and Recreation Department officials said removal of the fire pits could begin by the end of June if funding is not found. The issue may also not be as cut and dried as a budget matter. Deborah Lee, district manager for the California Coastal Commission's San Diego coast area, said the city needs a permit to remove the 186 fire rings in parks and beaches or it could potentially face stiff penalties — possibly as much as \$6,000 per day for violations.

The city can apply for a permit at no charge but the process could take six to eight weeks, Lee said.

"If the city does want to pursue it, we're hoping they've looked at a number of alternatives," Lee said. Such alternatives could include relocating the fire pits to locations cheaper to service, Lee said. As an example, Lee said the city of Coronado applied years ago to remove fire pits because of an "over concentration" in some areas, but ended up simply relocating them.

The fire pit program, which requires a full-time staff of two and a front loading tractor, was placed on the chopping block a year ago before an anonymous donor stepped up and contributed nearly \$260,000 to keep the program running through June 2010. As the city's staff works to cobble together a plan to close next year's estimated \$179 million budget shortfall — largely driven by the recession — the city could snuff the program and dispose of the concrete fire pits, said Rachel Laing, spokeswoman for Mayor Jerry Sanders' office.

The city's current fire pit donor program fund, established to save the fire pits through private, individual donations, sits at a little more than \$1,200. Vavi Sports and Social Club donated the largest sum of \$250, according to the city documents.

"We'll keep them (fire pits) if our economy recovers and ... if we could get into a position where we could replace them," Laing said.

Cutting the program would save about \$105,000 in salary expenses, with additional savings by cutting associated benefits, Laing said. Though the positions would be eliminated, employees working the program may "not necessarily" be laid off, Laing said. However, the positions are but two of 530 full-time equivalent positions Sanders proposed to eliminate across city departments. Cuts to Fire depart-

ment and civilian public safety positions should save about \$82.6 million, according to city officials. About 200 of the positions are currently filled, according to a statement by the mayor's office. Along with the fire pits, the Park and Recreation Department faces cutting additional positions after City Council approved the mayor's proposed 18-month budget reductions Monday, Dec. 14, to take effect in

January, according to Park and Recreation Department Director Stacy LoMedico.

"They (fire pits) are on the reduction list," LoMedico said. "If the reduction is taken, we'll be working with the California Coastal Commission staff to determine if any permits are required (before removal)."

Some in the community are organizing to save the fire pit program. A

Facebook webpage and a website, www.savethefirepits.com, has sparked a small movement. The website includes an online petition to "save the fire pits." Though site administrators could not be reached, the website reads: "... Fire Pits on the beaches have survived for decades, through prosperous and lean times. Let's not let the city use these tight times as the excuse to eliminate them forever."

2010 budget is approved to close deficit

By **SEBASTIAN RUIZ** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The San Diego City Council on Monday approved midyear budget amendments to help close an estimated \$179 million budget deficit projected for 2011. Part of the mayor's 18-month plan adopted by the council includes cutting administrative positions, reducing library hours at all branches, cutting civilian positions in public safety services, as well as shifting about \$4.3 million in Mission Bay Park revenue to the general fund, effectively putting off maintenance projects.

Council also reduced K-9 and mounted police units.

City Council approved the bud-

get recommendations 7-1 on Dec. 14, with District-5 Councilman Carl DeMaio reiterating his vote against the mayor's recommendations because it is "not structurally balanced," he said.

"It relies on one time monies ... one-time fixes that will fall apart in ... 2012," DeMaio said. "It also intentionally underfunds our retiree healthcare benefits to the tune of \$60 million."

Though council voted to approve the changes, the city would still face an estimated \$77 million deficit next year, he said.

Council initially approved recommendations on Dec. 9, and reaffirmed their positions this week with final approval Monday.

Community service cuts:


- Reduction of Library hours to 36 hours a week and elimination of 15 "Fulltime Equivalent" (FTE) positions
- Reduction of Balboa Park parking lot sweeping service and 1 FTE position.
- Winter restroom closures in Park and Recreation Department.
- Implement rolling "brown outs" by a reduction of eight engines from fire stations.
- Elimination of services at Torrey Pines State Beach for nine months
- Reduction of a Lifeguard II at Wind & Sea
- Reduction of 41 police department civilian positions
- An estimated \$4.3 million in Mission Bay Park improvement deferred maintenance

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Christmas Day Buffet

Friday, December 25th from 10 a.m to 2:30 p.m.
Savor Gulf Rock Shrimp Chowder, Glazed Iowa Ham, Short Rib Mac & Cheese, an Egg & Pasta Station, Pecan-Amaretto Cheesecake, Lemon Bars, and a Children's Station.
\$41 adults. \$18.95 children 7 to 12.
\$3 per year, children 6 and under.

Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 25th from 5 to 9 p.m.
Enjoy your favorite item from the a la carte dinner menu or be adventurous and try a seasonal dish from the chef's specials.

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31st from 5 to 10 p.m.
Celebrate the New Year with a four-course menu that features a selection of items including: Olive Oil Poached Baja Shrimp, Midwestern Filet Mignon, and Kona Kahlua Crème Brûlée. You will also enjoy party favors and live entertainment until 12:30 a.m.
\$65 per person.
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December Savor & Sip Lobster Wine Pairing Menu

Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 10 p.m. (not available on holidays)
Enjoy a three-course tasting menu featuring fresh lobster. Choose from Pistachio Butter Basted Lobster Tail or Lobster Blue Crab Risotto for your main course.
\$30 per person or \$40 per person with wine tastings.

Holiday Cocktail Specials

Available through January 2nd
Start your evening with a Holly-tini with vodka, apple cider and allspice syrup, warm up after a sunset walk on the beach with an Eggnog Latte or end your dinner with one of our signature dessert cocktails like the Pumpkin Cheesecake or Cranberry Cobbler.

Build Your Own Bubbly

Available through December 31st
\$12 per person
Create your own signature sparkling cocktail. Select one liqueur, one sparkling wine and one dessert wine. Your custom made creation will be served with your choice of garnish.

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Now & Then
John Fry

VINCE BARRORD says he's cancelled his Union-Tribune Subscription and Ande McCarren says she's going to. Carole Millay says we must have the same delivery person and she's getting her paper later than me. She says she's had several conversations with the route manager, who may have been a student of mine at Hale Junior High School. Uh-oh. I hope we're not all suffering because of some long ago slight. Wait a minute — she actually got a hold of the route manager!! I haven't got that far.

Sometimes my papers come early and sometimes they come late. I guess I've abandoned all hope.

I WAS FREEZING my camshaft off last week, waiting at the light on Ingraham and PB Drive, when a guy pulled up in a convertible — with the top down. I noticed, when the light turned green, that he was sporting plates from British Columbia. Guess his blood hasn't thinned out yet.



A 1976 shot of the staff at Cliff's House of Poultry, 1837 Garnet Ave. Cliff and Mary Lou are in the middle of the six people shown.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE of the Pacific Beach Historical Society newsletter features Cliff's House of Poultry, where beach area residents bought their holiday birds for nearly half a century. If you'd like a copy let me know. The issue contains a black and white photo of the 1967 Cliff's Poultry House Little League team. If you were on that team and/or are interested in a color copy of the team portrait, contact me at the numbers below.

GOOD NEWS: I called Arcadia Publishing to reorder copies of my "Images of America: Pacific Beach" book. Bad News: Arcadia said they were out of print. Good News: They will print more. Bad News: They're raising the price. Good News: They should have arrived by the time you read this. Contact me if you'd like a copy or would like me to mail a copy to a friend. The "new" price, which covers sales tax and shipping, is \$26.35.

John Fry may be reached at 272-6655 or mail@johnfry.com

GUEST COMMENTARY

2009 was both hectic and successful for PBTC

Staying involved: Town Council held forums, community events, mixers and helped keep PB clean

The Pacific Beach Town Council had a busy yet successful 2009.

The Pacific Beach Town Council is highly engaged with current issues that affect our community. We work closely with the San Diego City Council and the San Diego Police Department and other local, state and federal representatives and agencies to ensure we receive the latest information and that our members' views are heard.

The Pacific Beach Town Council takes a proactive role in promoting and sponsoring special events that are planned, developed and executed by our members and directors. We also collaborate with other local organizations to promote our beachside community and businesses.

The Town Council is dedicated to enhancing, improving and protecting our unique community; this volunteer-based, non-profit organization was founded in 1951 and has been serving as the community's voice for 58 years. This year the PBTC continued to provide and/or partner with area organizations such as

the PB Planning Group, The business improvement district Discover Pacific Beach, the Community Foundation and others to present many of the established traditional events as well as bring new events and programs to the community.

The council held its monthly general membership meetings to report on community work, and receive community feedback. We worked on the preservation of the Rose Creek Cottage, the wine tasting fundraiser in which the proceeds were donated to the PB Library, PB Middle School, Mission Bay High "Key Club and Interact Club."

Our annual Police and Emergency Service Appreciation Night, "PAESAN," is held to give thanks to our public servants. The Sundowner community mixers, Concerts on the Green with five summer concerts this year are other council events. The PBTC partnered with Discover Pacific Beach on the BeachFest, our Clean and Beautiful subcommittee launched the CleanPB.com

litter awareness educational campaign. Graffiti day volunteers removed and/or painted over graffiti tags, we held monthly clean ups on the first Saturday of each month resulting in literally tons of trash being removed from our streets and gutters. PBTC representatives attended meetings pertaining to street sweeping, litter removal, the proliferation of marijuana dispensaries in our community and the city at large, as well as participated with the Special Events committee which hears and makes recommendations on community events. PBTC appointed two representatives to work with the PB Planning Group on the Alcohol Advisory panel subcommittee. As you can see, all of this work is in line with the PBTC mission statement as follows:

The purposes of this association is to provide for the discussion of community issues; to communicate the views of the community to the appropriate governmental agencies; and to take action on community

issues, specifically but not limited to:

A. The general betterment and beautification of the community of Pacific Beach, and the promotion of the welfare of the residents of the community;

B. The fostering of the cooperative efforts among the business people and residents of the community for the mutual benefit;

The continued preservation and enhancement of Mission Bay Park and our coastal and natural resources.

I hope that 2010 provides each of our residents and businesses with joy and success, and I hope that more of you will become involved in working with the PBTC and the various community groups to continue to make PB a great place to live and work.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the PBTC.

**—Rick Oldham,
Pacific Beach
Town Council president,
and the entire
PBTC Board**

Letters to the Editor

Recent Tree Lighting was sooo PB!

Thank you to all the people involved in making the tree lighting on the pier such a festive event!

If you missed it, mark your calendar for next year! Lovely wreaths along the walk out the pier, our local school children singing and playing music as well as other musicians!

Kono's graciously supplied great hot cocoa for all!

Santa was seated at the far end of the pier for photo shoots — that is soooo Pacific Beach!

The resurgence of families in the beach is ever present when one strolls around the beach

area. There were kids from 2 months up at the tree lighting and the event was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all that contributed to this fun community event!

**Karen Lee
Broker
Riviera Property
Management,
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Thanks for making Tree Lighting a success

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to all who made the recent Christmas at Crystal Pier Tree Lighting event possible. It was great to see so many in the community come out to launch the holiday season in such a festive manner.

Specifically, I would like to thank The Crystal Pier Hotel and

Doug Irwin with XMAS Tree Country for providing PB with a community tree that will remain lit throughout the holiday season. I would also like to acknowledge the work our Tree Lighting Committee, led by Monica Green and including Barbara Williams, Meggan Buscho, Kathy Evans, Rose Galliher, Karolyn Estrada and Suzi Horn-Sosna, for all of their hard work in putting it all together.

Thanks also to our local schools that provided us with terrific holiday cheer during the tree lighting program, including PB Elementary and PB Middle School; and thanks also to Susan Thorning for her wonderful entertainment.

This was truly a community effort and we appreciate all of the local schools that decorated the stockings and the 20 PB commu-

nity organizations that decorated wreaths that now hang for all to enjoy along Crystal Pier.

Special thanks also to PB's Kono's Restaurant for providing the hundreds of delicious hot cocoas!

The Tree and Pier lighting was made possible by the generous support of many in the community including Councilman Kevin Faulconer, County Supervisor Pam Slater Price, The Pacific Beach Town Council, Tassinari Physical Therapy, RT Longboards, Dirty Birds and The PB Shore Club. To all of these businesses, groups and individuals we are grateful for making it all happen.

Wishing all of PB a happy and safe holiday season!

**Andy Hanshaw
Discover Pacific Beach**

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MBHS linebacker C.J. Todd raises four fingers on each hand as the Bucs enter the fourth quarter.



The jubilant Mission Bay High School football team poses for a championship photo following its CIF Division IV 48-17 title victory over Valley Center on Dec. 12 on a muddy field at Southwestern College.

photos by ANTHONY GENTILE



Quarterback Dillon Baxter ran for 384 yards and 7 TDs in the Bucs' victory.

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UNDEFEATED! MBHS blasts Valley Center 48-17

By ROB STONE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The top-seeded Mission Bay High School football team out-duelled second-seeded Valley Center Jaguars 48-17, to win the CIF Division IV Championship at Southwestern College last Saturday, Dec. 12.

The Buccaneers wrapped up a perfect 13-0 season with the victory in the championship game.

"This is a real, true blessing," said Bucs quarterback Dillon Baxter, who finished the game with 26 carries, 384 yards and 7 TDs. "It brings tears to my eyes."

The USC-bound Baxter brought tears to Valley Center's eyes when he scored a 6-yard touchdown on the Buccaneers' opening drive of the game. That got Mission Bay on the scoreboard first and the extra point was good.

After a Jaguar field goal cut the gap to 7-3 at the end of the first period, Baxter went back to work. On Mission Bay's second possession of

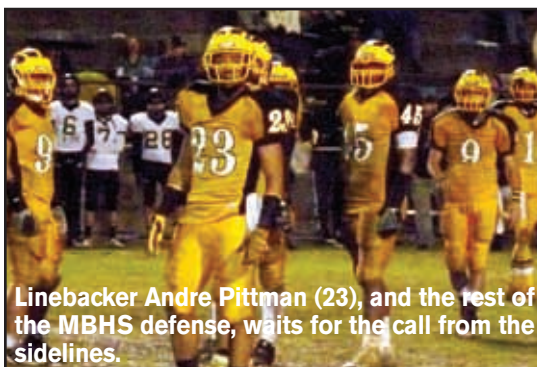
the game, Baxter ran one in from 21 yards out to advance the Buccaneer advantage to 14-3 early in the second quarter.

"We've been waiting for this moment," Baxter said after the victory. "We all knew this was a big game."

Baxter came up big on Mission Bay's third drive of the game as the senior scored on a 9-yard touchdown run to extend the Buccaneers' edge to 21-3.

The turning point in the game may have come on Valley Center's next possession. Trailing 21-3, the Jaguars had matriculated the ball down to the Mission Bay 4-yard line before losing it on a fumble.

The Buccaneers quickly capitalized on the



Linebacker Andre Pittman (23), and the rest of the MBHS defense, waits for the call from the sidelines.

er room at halftime.

After the intermission, it was more of the same as Baxter ran one in for an 87-yard touchdown just 17 seconds into the second half. That made the score 35-3 in favor of Mission Bay with 11:43 left in the third quarter.

"Ever since August, Coach (Willie) Matson has been telling us how much of a memory this would be," Baxter said.

turnover as Baxter took it to the house for a 92-yard touchdown run on the next play. So, instead of trimming the margin to 21-10, Valley Center now found itself down 28-3 heading into the locker

Baxter continued to make memories on a 1-yard touchdown run to pad the Buccaneer cushion at 41-3 with 7:55 remaining in the third period.

The Jaguars showed their competitive side as junior wide receiver Travis Bernard (21 yards in the third quarter) and senior tight end Patrick Preston (6 yards in the fourth quarter) reeled in touchdown passes from junior quarterback Beau Reilly.

Unfortunately for Valley Center, that's as close as they would get as Baxter would add a 46-yard touchdown run with 7:55 remaining in the fourth period to seal the victory for Mission Bay.

"I could care less about all of the individual accolades," Baxter said. "I'm just glad we got our win."

"The monkey is off my back," said a jubilant Matson of his first CIF title in four tries and the first for the Buccaneers since 2001.

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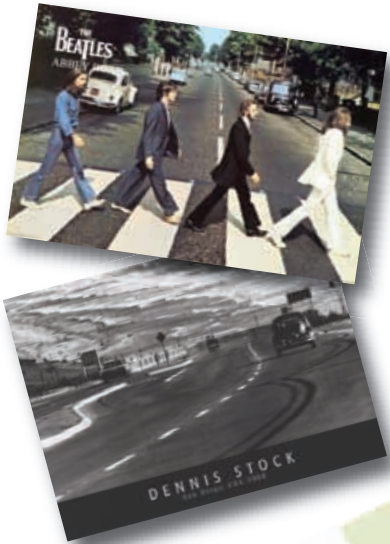
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Although rain forced organizers to officially cancel this year's Mission Bay Parade of Lights scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12, four brightly-decorated vessels and their crews braved the foul weather and held their own small parade. This participant was seen Saturday night near Vacation Island.
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Help for those last minute party planners

Planning a New year's Eve party at your home and looking for decorations and party accessories? G Whiz party store sells all the pomp and flair to ring in a new decade. "If you're using it; we've got it," said owner Nicole Gerle. G Whiz recently moved to the Bird Rock neighborhood at 5687 La Jolla Blvd. after 14 years on Turquoise Street. G Whiz sells horns to toot, streamers to fly, confetti to throw and a choice of sparkling hats: plain, musical or light-up. Decorative bags for gift bottles of Champagne or wine hang from the walls, and "Happy New Year" balloons float near the ceiling. Napkins can also be customized with a commemorative message. G Whiz will be open on New Year's Eve from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (858) 488-5616.



GIFTS

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O'Neill's "Heat" series 3/2mm wetsuit is one staple for the year-round surfer that is best to buy at the beach. Featuring taped exterior seams, the suit has greater elasticity and durability for a great value with a one-year guarantee. \$235. **Surf Club Surf Shop**, 952 Garnet Ave.



Sector 9's "Off the Wall" skateboard, named for the Hawaiian surf spot pictured on its underside, rides like a sidewalk surfboard. Sidewinder trucks with double bushing give it greater maneuverability for smoother and sharper turns. Grab it at Soul Grind before the end of December and get 10 percent off. \$169. **Soul Grind**, 4627 Mission Blvd.



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TREE LOT

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tree lot "forest" with complimentary hot cider and candy canes. Irwin and his business partner have run the pumpkin patch in the fall and Christmas tree lot in the winter for 18 years in Pacific Beach. Last winter, Irwin dressed as Santa Claus, but he hardly needs the red coat and white beard. He already sports the jolliness and enthusiasm for selling Christmas trees to customers who he more-often-than-not knows by name. For Irwin, selecting a pine tree for the holidays is less about making a purchase and more about fostering a special moment between families or friends. "It's what Christmas is supposed to be about – enjoying a moment together," Irwin said. For those who need reminding, Irwin guides them through the tree branches to stand beneath the 16-foot tree. He instructs them to, "Look up!" and customers crane their necks to feel completely dwarfed by the size of the tree, just as they did when they were children, Irwin explained. "They get the same look in their eye as a child looking up at their first Christmas tree because they

have to look up," Irwin said. Last year, Irwin's crowning moment occurred when 50 children visited from St. Vincent De Paul School and he made the 25 customers in the lot wait. He later received thank-you letters from both the children and a few customers who said the experience taught them to remember the more important reasons for the holiday. Irwin chuckled when he recalled one child's letter: "Thank you for the walk in the woods. Your beard is cool." Irwin moved to Oliver Avenue in Pacific Beach from New Jersey 30 years ago. He worked in advertising for a decade before he began selling pine trees and pumpkins, a former part-time job he held while attending Rutgers University back home. When Irwin is not selling Christmas trees or pumpkins, he works for the PGA Tour at Torrey Pines Golf Course. After the mulch, straw, pine trees and garlands are gone, the lot returns to its usual state as a pay parking lot.



Doug Irwin

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TREE
Doug Irwin at the Tree Country pine tree lot on the corner of Garnet Avenue and Bayard Street sells four varieties of pine trees grown in Oregon and Washington State: **GRAND FIR** is a beauty with long pine needles that are more delicate than even the Douglas Fir, which give off a citrus aroma. Costs \$70 for a 6- to 7-foot tree. **DOUGLAS FIR** is the most common variety with its classic evergreen fragrance but its needles are thin, handle less weight and shed more often than the Noble Fir and Nordman. Costs \$40 for a 6- to 7-foot tree. **NOBLE FIR** is best for large ornaments because of its sturdy branches, plus its needles are strong and shed less often, which makes it a more expensive tree than the ubiquitous Douglas Fir. Costs \$80 for a 6- to 7-foot tree. **NORDMAN** offers the most durable branches with strong pine needles for heavy decorating. Costs \$80 for a 6- to 7-foot tree.



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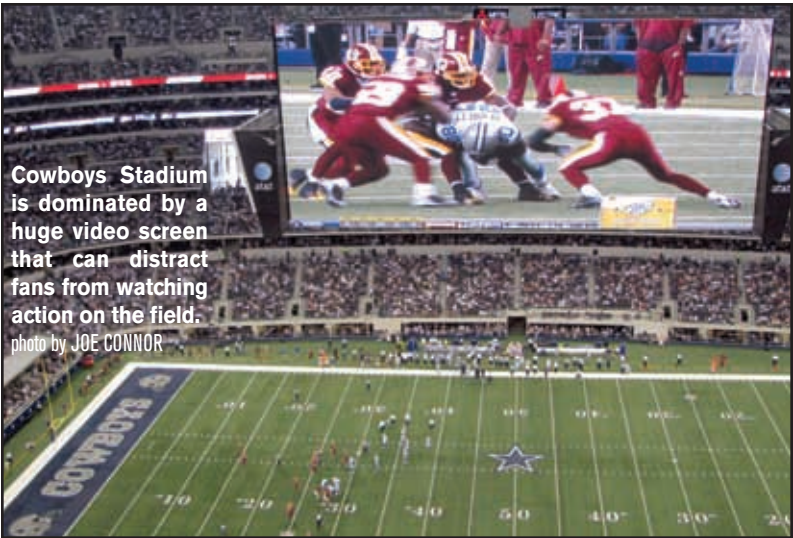
CHARGERS GAME PREVIEW

Bengals pose a telling challenge for San Diego

By BOB HURST

This game might not turn out as wild as the teams' last meeting three years ago, when the Bolts rallied with 42 points in the second-half, but you never know. San Diego has an edge in the passing game while Cincinnati has the edge on the ground, unless LaDainian Tomlinson pulls through with a solid effort. Look for an entertaining contest with turnovers possibly being the key to victory.

Week 15
Cincinnati at San Diego
Sunday Dec. 20
1:05 p.m.
Qualcomm Stadium
• TV: CBS
• All-time Series: Chargers lead 18-10.
• Last meeting: San Diego won 49-41 at Cincinnati in 2006.
• Key Stats: Cincinnati's defense ranked fourth through Week 13, with the lowest points-per-game allowed at 15.6 and fewest rushing yards allowed at 81.8. Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers ranked third in passer rating through Week 13 with a mark of 104.9, right behind Brett Favre and Drew Brees. Tight end Antonio Gates was seventh with 994 receiving yards.
• Noteworthy: The Bengals will finish the season with a winning record for only the second time in 19 years.
• Prediction: Chargers 33, Bengals 31



Cowboys Stadium is dominated by a huge video screen that can distract fans from watching action on the field.
photo by JOE CONNOR

Texas Stadium is fan friendly and big, vey big

By JOE CONNOR

When the Chargers sought an instant replay during their game Dec. 13 at Cowboys Stadium, they didn't have to look far – just up. Way up.

Proving that everything is big in Texas, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones built the largest high-definition television screen in the world, so says the Guinness Book of World Records. King Jerry even has a certificate for the record, as does Mitsubishi Electric, which built the 160-by-72-foot scoreboard that hovers 90 feet above the famous blue-star logo.

I caught the Cowboys' Nov. 22 game against division-rival Washington and "JerryVision" left me with mixed feelings on the \$1.3 billion edifice. And the roof was closed, too, on a sunny Texas Sunday. What's up with that, Jerry?

On the one hand, the scoreboard offers the greatest replays you'll ever see anywhere, with the intense feeling of a television literally right in front of your eyes. On the flip side, when the scoreboard was in my field of vision, it had a psychological effect of distracting me from watching the plays on the field. Instead, I'd just watch the play as it happened on the scoreboard, which begged this question: wouldn't I have just been better off staying at home watching the game on TV?

As someone who has been lucky enough to visit every NFL stadium, I'd still put Cowboys Stadium in my top three of game day experiences, right after Lambeau Field in Green Bay and Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. The fan atmosphere is terrific, the tailgating superb and the stadium, as a whole, very fan-friendly. Oh, and it's big. Very big.



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Chargers defense a key to success

By BOB HURST

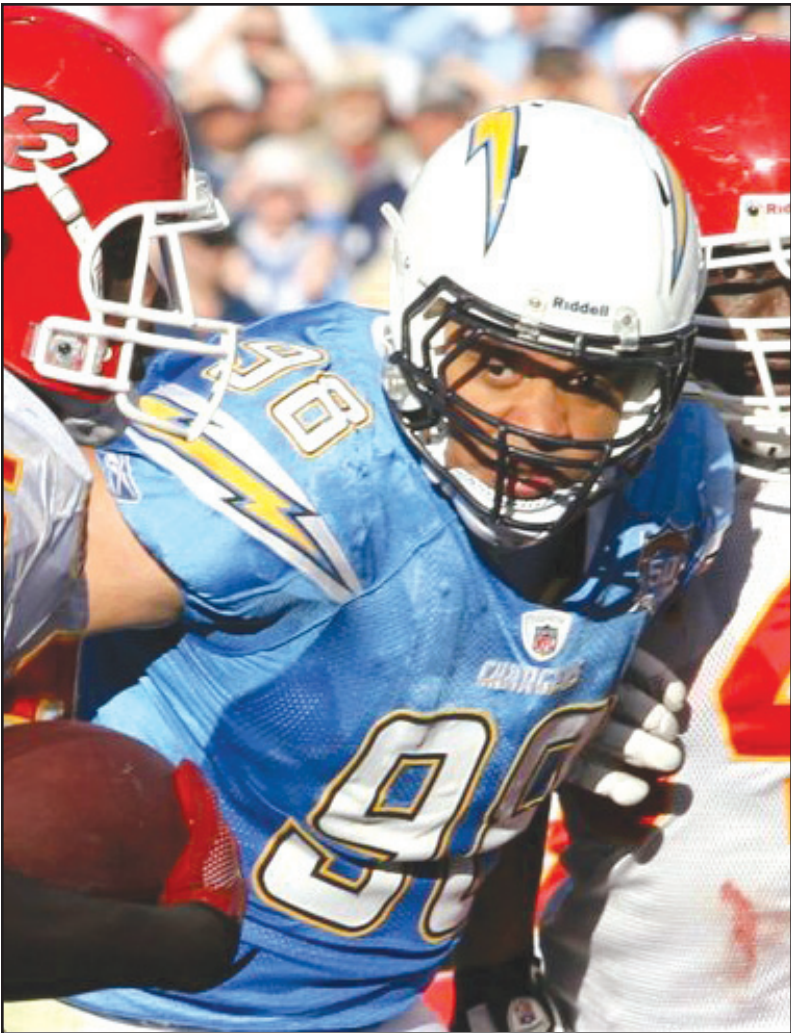
San Diego's offense gets the headlines, but the Chargers defense has played a big role in the team's success too.

Before the Bolts' winning streak, they had allowed 38 and 34 points to Pittsburgh and Denver. But in the next seven games, no team scored more than 23 points against the defense and the Chargers allowed 20 or fewer points in five contests.

San Diego limited opponents to less than 300 total yards in four games during a seven-game stretch. The Chargers recorded 14 total sacks in games against Kansas City, Oakland and the New York Giants in Weeks 7 to 9.

Linebacker Shaun Phillips has been a royal pain to opponents, notching seven sacks and seven tackles for a loss through the first 12 games of the season. Outside linebacker Shawne Merriman collected four sacks in that time while cornerback Antonio Cromartie had three interceptions.

In the Chargers 32-3 win over Denver in Week 11, the defense forced three turnovers, including two fumbles. Against the Chiefs the following week, San Diego converted four turnovers into scores in a 43-14 rout, including cornerback Paul Oliver's 40-yard return of a fumble recovery for a touchdown. And in Week 13 at Cleveland, the Chargers took control in the third quarter,



Chargers defensive tackle Ian Scott closes in on a Kansas City runner during a San Diego victory earlier this season. San Diego's defense has made its mark this year, especially with an awesome goal line stand against Dallas last week.

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holding the Browns offense to just 10 yards in a 30-23 victory. When the playoffs arrive, how far the Chargers advance will likely depend on their defense making some news by making big plays.

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Holiday week brings Nitzer Ebb, 321 Stereo, Middle Earth Ensemble and jazz Party Jam

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Though often compared to other bands with roots in the 1980s, Nitzer Ebb, who will appear at Brick by Brick on Dec. 17, has always had a darker edge than label mates such as Depeche Mode. It's that dark tinge in their music, complete with pulsating rhythms, that has kept the band in the media spotlight nearly three decades after their 1982 beginnings in England. Indeed, recent soundtrack placements for their hard driving, electronic dance music include an episode of TV's crime drama "NCIS" and the horror film "Saw IV." Just as vital an electronica group as ever, anyone who takes "bpm" (beats per minute) into consideration whenever they go dancing, won't want to miss this concert. **Nitzer Ebb:** Thursday, Dec. 17, 8:30 p.m. at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 21 and up. \$20.

There are seemingly a zillion



Nitzer Ebb brings its hard driving, electronic dance music to Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 17.

bands releasing music in San Diego at the moment, but it's unlikely that 2009 has yielded a more radio-friendly song than 321 Stereo's "Take Me Up." The band wears its influences — eighties new wave tinged rock and dance music — on its collective sleeve. The end result is a fun, modern sound with electronic flourishes that bring out every

ounce of melody. What's most impressive is 321 Stereo's strong songwriting, with just about every tune a potential Top 40 single. **321 Stereo:** Friday, Dec. 18, 11 p.m. at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. Cover TBD. Although the Middle Earth Ensemble, who perform at Turquoise Café Bar Europa on Dec. 19 are

noted as a band performing Middle Eastern music, specifically Arabic, Turkish and Persian sounds, their music is actually far more expansive. Mixing in influences as varied as gypsy guitar and jazz, folk and rock, the five piece band combines the best of traditional music with new melodic possibilities. Their sound is wonderfully showcased on their newest of three albums, "Passage," but for their music's full effect, it's best to see them in a live setting, where the mix of five musicians and two belly dancers can be intoxicating. **Middle-Earth Ensemble:** Saturday Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at Café Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise St. 21 and up. While San Diego Jazz Musicians Guild's weekly concert series celebrates the music of a select local performer, on Dec. 20, the focus will be much broader. Doubling as the official SDJMG Holiday Party, the concert will be a free jazz jam session, open to all ages and all levels of playing. "We are trying to encourage creativity and give everyone an

opportunity to play," said SDJMG President Karin Carson. "Someone told me once, that the best way to grow is to play with more experienced cats, so you can push your limits," she said. With its mix of seasoned music vets and up and coming talent, this night should offer up plenty of listening pleasure for jazz fans of all types. **SDJMG Holiday Party & Jam Session:** Sunday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey St. Free. All ages. Largely keyboard-based and played with often fragile understatement, the songs of Masked Monster Beast, who perform at O'Connell's on Dec. 27 are the epitome of the word "quirky." Based around the music of Bibi Duran, their songs somehow cross nursery rhyme simplicity with indie rock experimental sounds for a mix that's compelling and bears repeated listens. **Masked Monster Beast:** Sunday, Dec. 27, 9 p.m. at O'Connell's, 1310 Morena Blvd. 21 and up. Cover TBD.

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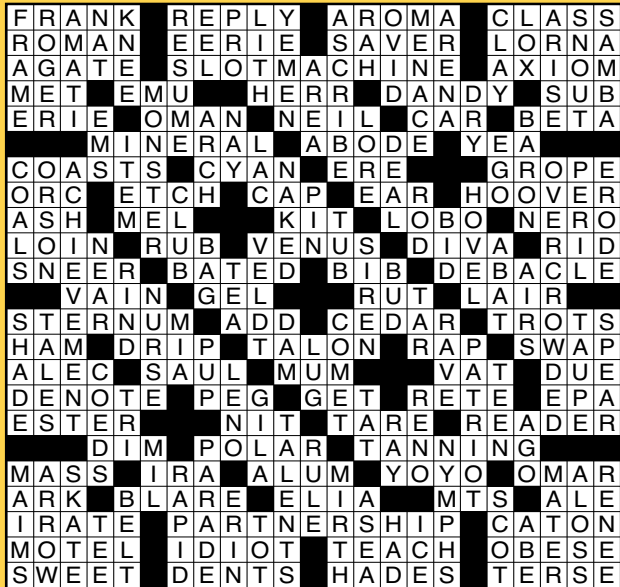
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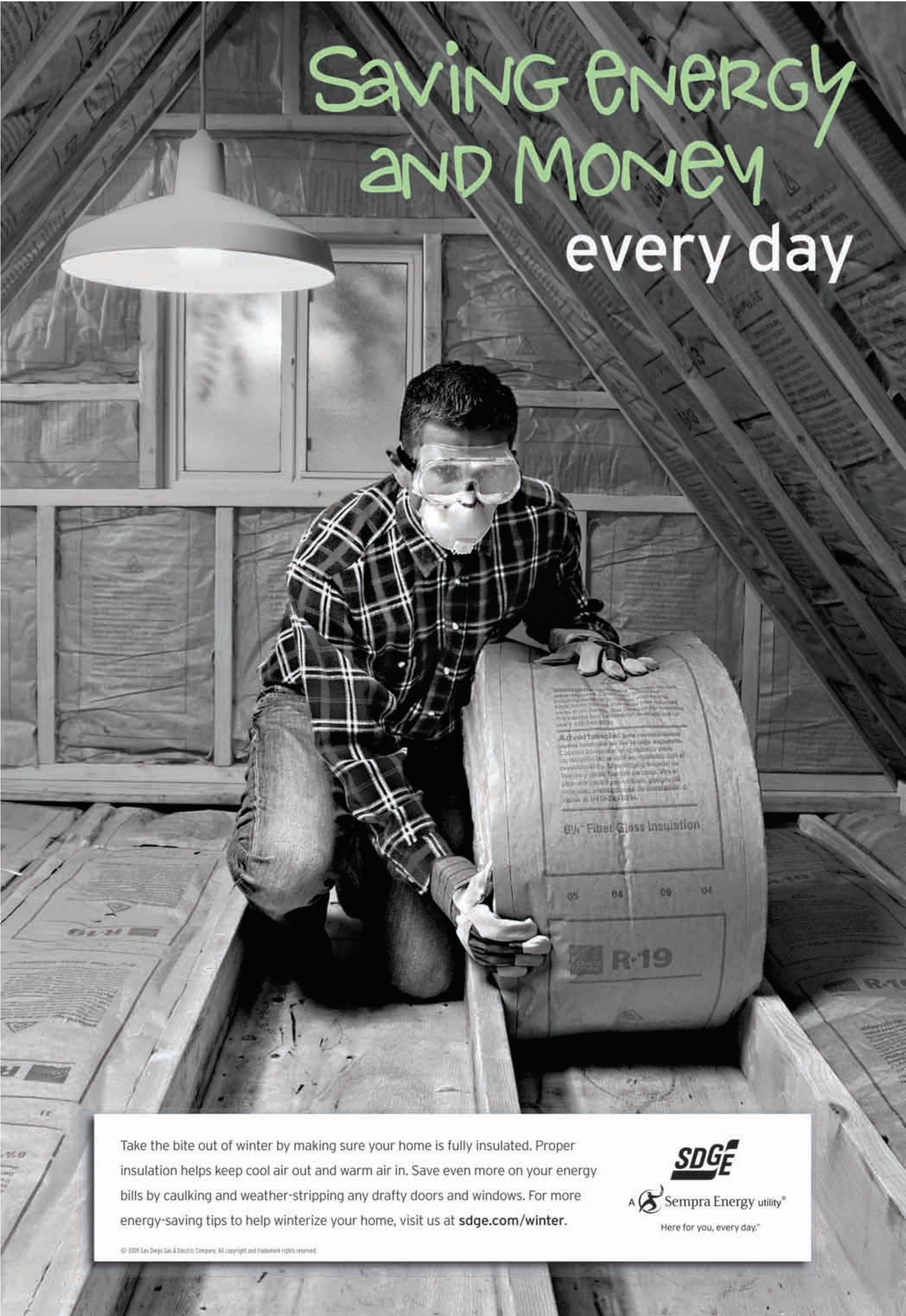
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