The Concierge Advantage

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Neighborhood Picks for the Pinnacle

If you're craving pizza, **Ciro's** is the place to go (they also deliver). At lunch, the N.Y.C.-style pizzeria offers two slices and a soda for \$6. And if you are a night owl, Ciro's is open till 3 am! Slices at Ciro's are big and oozing with cheesy goodness. They also offer a menu beyond pizza pie serving appetizers, salads. calzones and desserts.

Richard Walker's Pancake House, an upscale fusion of traditional and gourmet breakfast favorites, is now open in the Marina District downtown. Serving classic-style griddlecakes, crepes, omelets and other specialties, this pancake house is certain to become the 'premier' breakfast destination for San Diego's residents!

High Rise Pet Sitting is a great choice for local pet sitting services. The owner, Gary Peschken, serves the marina district of downtown San Diego and is bonded, insured and city licensed. He is very reliable!

Stop by the Concierge desk for contact information for these nearby establishments!

Three Easy Steps to Hanging Artwork

You might be getting your home ready for visitors over the holidays. The art on our walls reflects our personalities and so it makes good sense to take a little time to hang it right. When hanging a new piece of art or regrouping existing artwork, keep several principles in mind. Choose The Wall: Select art that works with the color and the size of the

walls. Dark walls do well with dark pictures that are matted to offset them, while light-colored walls can handle more subtle Three: Hanging pictures

them on the floor or a table and decide how they best interact with each other. Hang Them Low: A common mistake is to hang artwork too high on the wall. Decide where you want the top of frame to be -- and then drop it by two inches. You will be surprised what a difference this makes.

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in groups of three, or if you have more than three, try to keep the number odd: groups of five or seven, perhaps. Before you hang the pictures, lay

Run For the Hungry and Father Joe's Thanksgiving 5K

Find a new way to give thanks by running to benefit the city's homeless. The annual Run For The Hungry race benefits San Diego Food Bank and Foodmobile. The event starts at 8 am on Thanksgiving Day and features a run/walk through the Gaslamp and along the waterfront, plus a post-race party with entertainment. refreshments and a canned food drive.

Father Joe's Thanksgiving Day 5K benefits St. Vincent de Paul Village, the city's largest homeless charity. Last year over 2,500 people participated. This year's event starts at 8 am on Thanksgiving Day at the Museum of Man in Balboa Park.

So pick your favorite scenic run. Your nominal race fee includes a t-shirt and you are supporting a very worthy cause, getting food to those who need it. Contact your concierge for race entry information.



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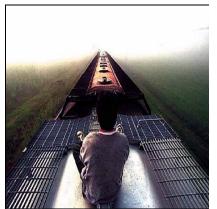
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'Bound to El Norte' by Don Bartletti

Pinnacle Concierges tackle all of those out-ofthe-ordinary requests!

- Researched ideas for a skiing vacation
- Found an RV Park in Julian
- Researched a car sound system install company
- Found a Grandfather clock repair
- Found a local tailor
- Reserved a Cinderella Carriage
- Researched Christmas
 Buffets for a family dinner
- Helped move a TV from San Diego to Arizona

Vintage Glass from "Vetro" in Little Italy



The Roads Most Traveled: Photographs of Migration by Don Bartletti

Don Bartletti provides the vivid particulars in many of the 90-plus images at the MoPA. The subject is migration, both in this region and as far away as Tibet, Afghanistan and Kenya. It's photography that goes by different names. Some prefer the term documentary; others, photojournalism. But labels aside, when this kind of picture works best, it gives flesh and blood, joy and anguish, to issues that could otherwise remain abstract. He made his reputation on pictures about people crossing the border from Mexico to the United States, illegally or legally. The earliest pictures are from the late 1980s and early 1990s, when the situation began attracting national attention. Enjoy Mr. Bartletti's work at the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park, now through January 14, 2007. See your Concierge for gallery hours and ticket cost.

Star of India's 143rd Birthday Party

Maritime Museum visitors can help celebrate the Star of India's 143rd birthday on Saturday, November 4 from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be cake and live music, and kids can make their own festive party hats. Guests can explore the ship and get an idea of what life was like in the 19th century aboard a real sailing ship. Admission to the Star of India's birthday party is included with the price of a ticket to the Museum.

On November 11 and 12, the Star of India and HMS Surprise (a replica of an 18th century Royal Navy frigate featured in the film "Master and Commander") will leave their berths to sail along the coast. The ships will leave at 9 am and return at 5 pm. Boat owners are invited to join the flotilla that traditionally escorts the Star of India back into the harbor. You can book passage aboard the state tall ship *Californian* as she accompanies the Star of India and HMS Surprise. Proceeds benefit the Maritime Museum of San Diego. Your Concierge will have ticket pricing and information.

The Star of India was launched in Britain on November 12, 1863, just one week before Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. Launched under the name *Euterpe* — look for the original name on the ship's bell; it's bad luck to change that — she was one of the first iron-hulled vessels ever to set sail. In her 142-year career, the Star of India has been an immigrant ship, a lumber transport, and a member of the Alaska Packers' "Star Fleet." Now she serves as a museum and a training ship for the Maritime Museum's crew, who sail her each year to keep her spirits alive. Your Concierge will have ticket pricing and information.

Little Italy's "Kettner Nights", November 10

San Diego's Art & Design District is a grouping of retail shops, service establishments and art galleries dedicated in bringing the latest in design, home furnishings, accessories, fashion, jewelry, food and art to San Diego. The Art & Design District was established in December 2004 in the burgeoning section of Little Italy. Kettner Nights is a progressive evening event featuring art and design exhibitions by members of TADD. Come spend Friday, November 10, in Little Italy! Kettner Nights is a unique event celebrating the finest in art, urban living, home furnishings and accessories, and the latest design ideas that San Diego has to offer. We invite you to find inspiration and take a walk through the hottest district in San Diego. TADD members include, Airport Lounge, Antiques on Kettner, Che Bella, Perry L. Meyer Fine Art, Scott White Contemporary Art, Simply Italian and Vetro... to name a few! The evening will start at 6:00 pm and conclude at 9:00 pm.