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### **TOPICS COVERED BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

### **PERTENANT ISSUES AND PROGRAMMING:**

Many families won't be able to travel this year due to the difficult economy. But technology is making it easier and more affordable to see your loved ones over the holidays. Instead of seeing their families, they will rely on phone calls to connect. A recent survey from Logitech showed that at 67% of Americans will call their loved ones during the winter holidays. But to make up for not being there in person, people should try video calling - at little to no cost.

More than two-hundred home fires start each year from a Christmas tree. They cause an average of 16 deaths a year. Here are some tips to make sure this a safe holiday:

Every week here on southern California life, we shine the spotlight on a different city in the southland. Tonight, we take you back to corona, a place where kids can learn music, form groups and even record together. David Wylie takes us to a real school of rock in corona.

You might have seen the movie of the same title...the school of rock...well that was imaginary...this is the real school of rock. Welcome to the fender museum and school of the performing arts. With giant posters of rock legends like Eric Clapton and jimmy Hendrix lining the walls...the fender museum and center for the performing arts seeks to inspire hundreds of young people to pursue the love of music through a unique outreach program.

The original idea for a fender museum by in the 90's expanded as schools began cutting music programs. In fact it's estimated that only 32 percent of elementary schools are still offering music

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education. By the time it opened its doors in 1998 the fender center was offering free lessons in piano, guitar and drums.

In 2002...the fender center moved to its current facility...a beautiful 32,000 square foot building along corona's main street. It features numerous classrooms where group lessons are given and a state of the art 48-track digital recording studio. In addition ...students are also encouraged to perform and often get to do so with some big name talent. The fender center also features a museum which is currently displaying items from the life and career of the legendary Johnny cash. Everything from guitars, hand written lyrics and stage costumes can be found on display. A chance to get an up close look at the man in black. The fender center is a non profit organization and regularly holds outdoor concerts and festivals...for a schedule of events or to get more information on the music program...go to their website at fender museum dot com or call them at (909) 735-2440

According to the national highway traffic safety administration, over 112,000 pedestrians and cyclists were injured and nearly 5,800 killed in traffic crashes in 2006. With new technology, the automotive industry hopes to help reduce those numbers. Here's more from general motors:

For the fifth straight year, dhl is donating its services to deliver hundreds of holiday trees, decorations and messages of support to U.S. Troops in the Middle East through dhl's annual trees for troop's charitable program. Since 2004, dhl has collected and shipped thousands of live holiday trees, lights, ornaments, menorahs and letters of support from children to the brave soldiers serving overseas.

If you have a daughter, you probably know about the American girl dolls. With the holiday's right around the corner, a trip to the new American girl store in Los Angeles could very well be on Santa's list. We sent our summer intern Michelle to explore what makes this doll franchise so popular:

A Puerto Rican family living in Chicago face what may be their last Christmas together is this season's heartwarming comedy for the holidays. Our very own Ron Jacobson was at the premiere to find out more about the stars' Christmas traditions:

The international Olympic committee announced the host city for the winter youth Olympic Games in 2012. The competition schedule will be based on the seven sports included in the Vancouver 2010 winter Olympics. Approximately 1,000 athletes, aged 14 to 18 will participate in the games.

Holiday calendar



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