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THE EXERCISE WITH YOUR KIDS ISSUE

SMMUSD students beat county, state on fitness test

Kids still have a long way to go to be physically fit

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students outperformed their peers in Los Angeles County and across California in most categories on a statewide fitness test, but many children still fall short of the standards, according to results released this week.

The Physical Fitness Test, which will be administered between Feb. 1 and May 31 in 2012, looks at the aerobic capacity, body composition, abdominal strength, trunk extension strength, upper body strength and

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Alcohol use spikes during holidays

Those in need can find help during a difficult time

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The holiday season twinkles like a Thomas Kinkade painting with its promise of cheer, good tidings and togetherness.

It's the time of year that families and friends celebrate each other with outpourings of gifts and love, and toast to old happenings and bright beginnings.

But every ray of light casts a shadow.

That picture-perfect holiday season is an image few can live up to, and those with preexisting dependencies on alcohol and other substances sometimes choose to escape the pressures of the season by embracing old, destructive habits.

"You often see in the recovery rooms that people's anniversary dates are after Thanksgiving, after Christmas and after New

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Worth every penny

Survey: SM expensive for businesses, but companies flock anyway

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN With his own architectural design firm and asset management company, Sheldon D. Liber knows what it costs to do business in Santa Monica, and it isn't cheap.

From increased fees and taxes to high rents, expensive restaurants and the proverbial red tape at City Hall, it can be difficult to open up shop in the city by the sea, Liber said. And he isn't the only one.

A recent survey of over 400 cities across the U.S. by Claremont McKenna College's Rose Institute and Kosmont Companies

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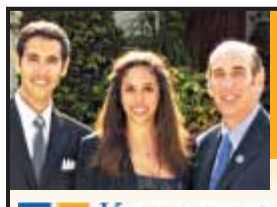


HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Santa Claus waves to drivers Friday while Taylor Graham (right) draws a chalk mural in front of T. Heritage Art Gallery and Custom Frame Shop during the Pico Winter Holiday Art Walk. The event showcases Pico's growing arts district.




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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011

Christmas ham
Malibu High School
30215 Morningview Dr., 1 p.m.
The Malibu High School Theater Department will perform "Charlotte's Web," an E. B.. White classic. The timeless tale of love, friendship and loyalty intersects as a pig named Wilbur becomes great friends with a spider named Charlotte. There will be a special kid matinee complete with backyard barbecue, games and a petting zoo at 11:30 a.m. Ticket prices are $20 for adults and $15 for students and seniors. For more information, visit www.malibuhigh.org.

Mainly merry
Main Street
6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Main Street invites friends, families and neighbors alike to join the Party Extravaganza in order to celebrate the holiday season. Over 30 businesses will be having parties featuring holiday beverages, snacks, sweets, door prizes and more. Most parties will last from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The traditional Main Street tree lighting will begin at 6 p.m. on the lawn of the California Heritage Museum. For more information, visit www.mainstreetsm.com.

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011

Catch up on your caroling
First United Methodist Church
1008 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
"An Evening of Carols, Etc." includes members from the Chancel Choir as they gather around to show some holiday spirit. This Christmas concert will feature a variety of brass ensemble, harp, choir and spoken word. A suggested donation of $10 for adults and $5 for seniors and children under 12 is accepted. All are welcome and free parking is readily available. For more information, call (310) 393-8258.

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Monday, Dec. 5, 2011

Swing, swing, swing
Annenberg Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy.,
8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Learn the Lindyhop with local legend Sara Lerner, as you dance the night away at the Annenberg's Swing Night, a celebration of 1920s and '30s Beach House history featuring live music by The Swingsations and Wendy Rea. Cost: free. No experience or dance partners are necessary, but reservations are required. Please visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture or call (310) 458-4904 for more information.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Homeless shelter program open

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has announced that its Winter Shelter Program is open.

The program, which is funded by the city of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County, is deployed during the coldest months of the year.

Over 1,400 beds at 16 locations in Los Angeles, as well as Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley and South Bay, are made available for temporary overnight shelter. Meals and access to a variety of supportive services are also provided.

LAHSA works with local nonprofit organizations to provide transportation and services. The community service organization First to Serve is offering 160 beds to the West Los Angeles area.

Transportation to First to Serve will be provided by LAHSA on Market Street at Ocean Front Walk on the Venice Beach boardwalk, at 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Walk-in clients will not be accepted at this shelter.

On the first night of the program, First to Serve had 90 beds occupied, said Peter Griffith, communications director at LAHSA. "We expect those numbers to go up during the season."

Access to shelters in the program is available to individuals on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, families seeking shelter should call 211 to be connected with service providers that specialize in delivering services specifically for families.

The program will be open until March 14, 2012. For more information, including shelter schedules and pick-up points, call (800) 548-6047 or visit www.lahsa.org.

COLIN NEWTON

BROADWAY

Planet Raw certified kosher

Since 2000, Planet Raw on Broadway has been offering up organic, vegan dishes that are never cooked above 120 degrees.

And since October, they have been certified kashruth year round, excluding Passover.

The decision to get certified was a way to expand the restaurant's clientele, said Taylor Smith, general manager of Planet Raw.

"We had some kosher customers come in, and we were really disappointed we had to turn them away," she said.

Going kosher was a simple transition for Planet Raw.

"Because we offer no meat or dairy, it was [easy] for us to become kosher," Smith said.

There was no major upheaval in the menu, and the only real change was the way the restaurant washed its vegetables, she said.

Now, the only thing on the menu that's not kosher is the wine.

"We can open up to a whole new community," Smith said.

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THE AFTERMATH: **Workers with the Resource Recovery and Recycling Division quickly pick up fallen palm fronds on Marguerita Avenue on Friday. Crews were sent to different parts of the city, collecting fallen debris due to the high winds from Wednesday.**

SoCal cleans up after windstorm

NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

PASADENA As the hurricane-force winds that pummeled the West eased Friday, Diane Johnson stood knee high in leaves and branches, surveying a fallen tree trunk at eye-level and trying to decide just how to begin the big cleanup.

A near century-old eucalyptus tree toppled over in the middle of the night, crushing all three of the family's cars, landing at the doorstep of their Southern California home and blocking any view from their windows.

Trapped inside for hours, they were able to get out when the fire department cut them a small pathway.

"I have no idea what to do," she said. "I don't know. I don't know."

Like hundreds of thousands of people in Southern California on Friday, Johnson was without electricity. And just like Johnson, residents and crews struggled to clean up smashed trees, toppled power lines and debris-strewn roadways.

Several cities in the region, the hardest hit from Wednesday night's windstorms, were still in a state of emergency.

In Temple City, the Los Angeles suburb where Johnson lives, a row of toppled power poles with wires attached blocked a street. The city's main street remained a shuttered ghost town as cars inched past darkened stop lights and shop signs in Chinese.

Seventy-five percent of the city remained without power Friday. As residents in some parts were being advised to boil water or use bottled water, others began tossing out the food in their increasingly pungent refrigerators. As many as 200 trees fell in the storms.

As the night loomed, police increased patrols and the city handed out free flashlights.

During the day, residents began cleaning up, filling trash bags with leaves and branches. Streets with older, larger trees suffered the worst damage as top-heavy trunks fell over. But many homes were spared, including that of Johnson's next-door neighbor, Margaret Mushinskie.

The trimmed lawn at Mushinskie's house was pristine because her husband won a years-long battle with city hall to

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Districtwide financing smells bad

Editor:

I am shocked and dismayed at the SMMUSD Board of Education's decision to pursue districtwide funding ("Board passes districtwide fundraising policy," Dec. 1). As our elected board, they are meant to represent us the people who voted and put them in that office. What I find alarming is the unanimous nature of this decision. How is it possible to have a unanimous decision on an issue of such importance when at least 50 percent of your constituents are against it – no matter what the issue? It just smells funny! Who does our board represent?

At a time when our neighbors in the LAUSD have changed course and are pursuing progressive policies and are decentralizing their decision making systems, we choose to do the opposite! As has been the pattern lately with this board, decisions are made hastily and without due thought or adequate details provided to us. Our own Santa Monica-based RAND Corp., which is internationally respected, came out against this policy. This board is acting as if they have an agenda and do not care what evidence there is against their stance!

As previously pointed out, there has been no study/breakdown of the management cost of this endeavor. Is it 5, 10 or 20 percent? Who and what are the players? Are they elected or appointed? What is their budget? Many of our parents have professional fundraising expertise. Were they consulted? Or for that matter was anyone outside of the boards' circle? Why did the board feel as if this decision had to be so rushed?

Shame on you, SMMUSD board, for this "activist" decision that can potentially fracture off the Malibu schools, whose parents have contributed more than their fair share with essentially little say. Shame on you for taking the local PTA's role in governing, providing for and protecting our own schools and throwing it out the window. Shame on you for thinking that equality in education is something that has to be legislated rather than achieved! Shame on this board, which chose the "nuclear" option at the expense of other more "reasonable" options that would be much less likely to fail miserably!

Yes, I and most other parents in SMMUSD do care about every child and the quality of education they are getting. What most of us parents understand is that money is only one component in what makes a quality education. We also give of our time, our heart, our expertise and convenience to educate our kids. Sad that the board has basically boiled down the formula to an issue of just money without addressing any other factors!

Morris Salem
Santa Monica

Stand up

Editor:

It's good to see someone like Chris Harding, who along with his developer clients is part of the 1 percent, standing up in front of the school board for the civil rights of those of us in the 99 percent. It would be even better if he and his developer clients would stand up for us more often.

Graciella Flores
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Mike Boyd — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

When it rains, it pours

Q: WITH WINTER FAST APPROACHING US, can you give me some tips for driving in rainy weather?

A: Southern California just experienced a few days of rain and there's no way of knowing exactly how much more we'll see during the winter. Rain in this region has been sporadic, and there are a few things we all need to consider before we operate our vehicles during wet weather conditions.

First and foremost, we all need to slow down when it rains. Speed is one of the most common contributing factors that cause traffic collisions on wet roadways. Always plan ahead by checking your local weather forecast at least a day in advance. There are several sources for you to check the weather. The Internet, your local newspaper, your local television news station, or local news radio station are a few sources you can access for daily weather forecasts. If there are any predictions for rain, be smart and leave early. You'll be glad you did.

Now is a good time to check the operation of your windshield wipers on your vehicle. Try not to wait until it rains to see if they function properly. Most cars are equipped with a windshield cleaning function. Activate it and see if your windshield wipers are creating streaks in the washer fluid which makes it difficult for you to see clearly. Are they squeaking? If this is the case, you may need to clean the wiper blades and/or the windshield. Dirt or wax build up are two common factors which cause wiper blades to squeak or create streaks on your windshield. Use a towel or rag and clean the blades (the rubber portion that actually glides across the windshield) along with your windshield. Once you've cleaned them, try the windshield wiper cleaning function again. If you get the same results, you may need to have your wiper blades replaced.

Once you've checked your windshield wipers, make sure to check your tires. California law requires vehicles to have at least 1/32 of an inch in tire tread depth. This is the minimum requirement. You can use a penny to check your tire tread depth. Place a penny in between your tire tread with President Lincoln facing you. Roll the penny until President Lincoln's head is upside down. If your tire tread covers any part of the top of President Lincoln's head, you'll know that you have more than the minimum requirement of tire tread depth. The treads on your tires are very important for traction on wet roadways. When your tires run over water, the water is displaced and it needs somewhere to go quickly. The best place is between the treads of your tires. If your tires are bald, the water has no place to go and you end up riding on a layer of water, like a boat. This is commonly referred to as hydroplaning.

There are a lot of factors involved in causing a vehicle to hydroplane. Vehicle speed, tire tread depth, tire pressure, water depth and roadway surface are just to name a few. If you find yourself in this situation (hydroplaning), do not slam on your brakes or turn abruptly! This could throw your vehicle into an uncontrollable skid. Hold the steering wheel firmly and don't steer in any other direction. Ease your foot off the gas until the vehicle slows and your steering returns to normal. If you need to brake, do it gently with light pumping actions. If your car has anti-lock brakes, then brake normally; the vehicle's computer will mimic a pumping action, when necessary. If your vehicle's tires are still in partial contact with the road surface, you should be able to regain control of the vehicle.

CHECK YOUR WINDSHIELD WIPER BLADES BEFORE IT RAINS.

Driving in the rain or on wet roadways can present extra hazards to your normal commute. If you maintain your vehicle's equipment (tires, wiper blades, lighting, etc.) and plan ahead, you can be a safer driver during inclement weather. Following these guidelines will increase your safety while commuting or driving in the rain:

- Slow down. It takes longer to stop on wet roadways.
- Maintain a proper following distance from the vehicle in front of you.
- Drive in the middle lanes. Water tends to pool in the outside lines.
- Drive in the tracks of the vehicle in front of you.
- Avoid following large trucks or buses closely. Their large tires create a spray that can reduce your vision.
- When possible, let your foot off of the gas pedal to slow down rather than using your brakes.
- Stay alert to the road. Put away any and all distractions.
- Check your windshield wiper blades before it rains.
- Do not drive through a puddle or pool of water that is deeper than the bottom of your door.

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The Q Line

DIGGING DEEP

The Daily Press recently wrote an article that discovered that local nonprofits are actively seeking donations during this holiday season.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks: Will you donate to charity despite the tough economy, or are things too tight to give?

Here are your responses:

"SORT OF A CATCH-22 SITUATION. MORE and more people need the services, less and less give. Maybe the 1 percent folks can make up the difference."

"THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A JOB and those depending on unemployment insurance have been so hard pressed that necessities have become luxuries. Lincoln's wisdom reminded us that charity begins at home. Some folks earning what they clearly don't deserve ought to increase their giving. In Santa Monica, we are already being bilked for an extra one-half percent in sales tax, paying for shopping bags, increased fares on the BBB and the schools are forever in need. Perhaps six-term Councilmember Robert Holbrook and his colleague Bobby Shriver ought to take up a charitable collection from their multi-millionaire friends in the Shangri-La area of Santa Monica above Montana. There is no evidence anyone is hurting up there."

"YES, THE ECONOMY IS VERY BAD. However, if I know of someone who really needs help financially, I will try to give them something. I will not give to a charity, because I think that sometimes the money does not go directly to the people; that there's a lot of overhead, and that some of the money goes there instead of to where it's intended. A few years ago I did give quite a bit to someone I saw that was on the street. It was a woman, and didn't look like she was a panhandler, but I could see that she was in a state where she needed money. So I did give her money, and just gave it to her. And I gave it to her in such a way that nobody else knew she was getting the money. I hope she used the money for a good cause, for herself. And that's the way I like to do that, is to give it to somebody that I know needs it and it's going to help. I believe that charity, some charities, a lot of the money goes to the overhead or to the people that are working for the charity."

"I RECEIVED SEVEN TO 10 SOLICITATIONS each week for worthwhile causes, and lots more during the holiday season. I can't possibly give to all of them, so I give one time to each. I write a note on the request slip saying that I'll only give once, and asking them to save paper by taking my name off of their list. They ignore my message of course, but that's their choice. My choice is to give one time only to each."

"YES, EVEN THOUGH I'M ON LIMITED funds, and an ex-landlord in this lovely town of Santa Monica, of course I'll donate to charity, because some charities are worth it no matter what, like particularly for the poor children, and of course let's not forget the poor animals that are abused."

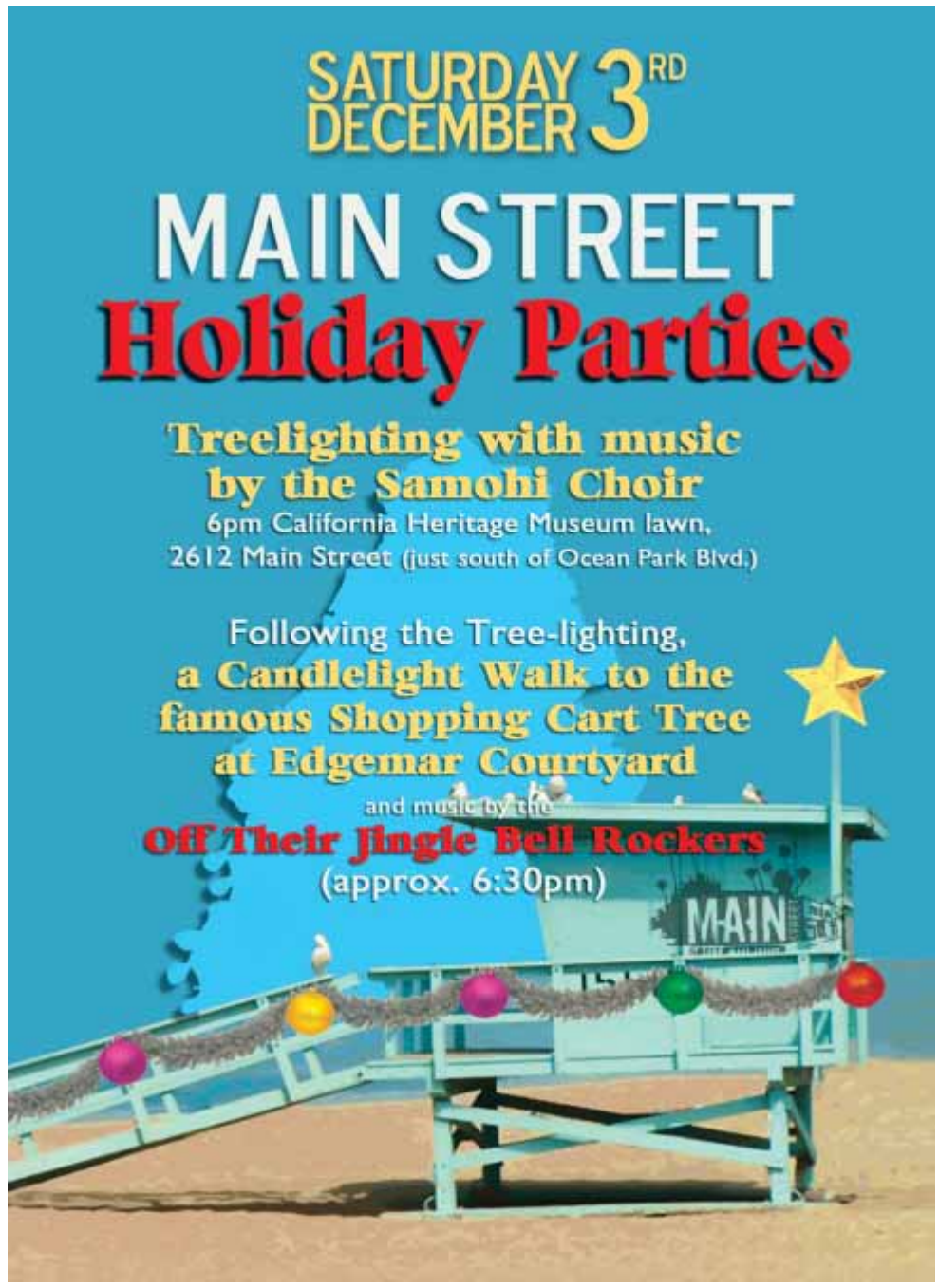
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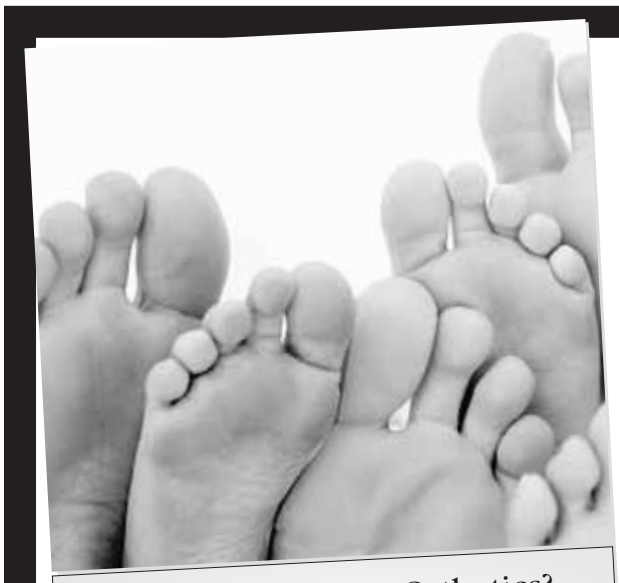






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More chefs getting inked up

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For The Associated Press

Stephanie Izard looks like the girl next door, all T-shirt and curly pony tail. Until she wipes the sweat from her forehead with the back of her hand. And then you see it.

The fish tattoo.

"Cooking is an art and tattoos are another form of art," says the chef-owner of Chicago's acclaimed Girl and the Goat restaurant, showing off the delicate drawing on the inside of her wrist. Roll up her pants and a pea tendril struggles up her calf, a tiny plant becoming strong. A bright green gecko sits on one hip. A dolphin resides somewhere unshowable. And across her back, the piece de resistance — a blossoming basil plant encircled by cartoonish flying pigs.

"People come into our restaurant and say 'Do you only hire line chefs with tattoos?'" says Izard, the first and only woman to win Bravo's "Top Chef." ''No, we just happen to have lot of them covered in them."

Once considered the province of sailors, bikers, ex-cons and, of course, college hipsters, tattoos have become standard attire in professional kitchens, a symbol of culinary culture as surely as a toque. Whether the drawings are egg beaters, lemon meringue pies or ancient tribal motifs, body art in the kitchen is now so mainstream that everyone from lowly kitchen rats to celebrity chefs proudly display their work on television, magazine covers, high-end catalogues and in the pages of their cookbooks, making culinistas ever more like rock stars.

"It used to be those cockamamie chef hats that denoted an expertise with a spatula," says Rocky Rakovic, editor of Inked magazine, a publication dedicated to tattoo culture and that has featured several chefs. "But now time in many kitchens is represented by the amount of tattoos one has."

Meat cutting diagrams — the different cuts of a pig or cow denoted by dotted lines — and kitchen knives done like daggers are popular with chefs, tattoo artists say. Cupcakes, hot dogs, pies, equipment — a stand mixer showing a reflection in the stainless steel bowl receives raves from tattoo connoisseurs — are standard when you're talking food tattoos. Food Network chef Duff Goldman, also known as The Ace of Cakes, has a whisk.

Hugh Acheson, chef-partner of three acclaimed Georgia restaurants, who has four tattoos himself, including the names of his wife and children, as well as a Mayan god he got during a trip to the Yucatan peninsula when he was 16 (he swears he was sober). His favorite is the radish on the inside of his left forearm, which commemorates the first plant he grew at his house more than a decade ago, and which gets the spotlight in his new cookbook's food photos.

But lots of chefs make little or no reference to their profession. In those cases, the ink — and the reasons for getting it — are as individual as the chef.

Bryan Voltaggio, the 35-year-old chef-owner of Volt Restaurant in Frederick, Md., and a finalist (along with brother Michael) on season 6 of "Top Chef," has six tattoos, including a nautical star to guide him. The names of his children and their Chinese zodiac signs celebrate their births. And his lightening bolt — a tattoo he shares with even more heavily tattooed Michael — celebrates their friendship with childhood buddies (who also have the same tattoo).

Marc Forgione's eight tattoos represent turning points in his life or career: the Navajo art that inspired him to open his own restaurant; the "1621" on both biceps documenting his recreation of the first Thanksgiving, the meal that cinched his 2010 win on the Food Network's "The Next Iron Chef"; the tribal infinity symbol his parents gave him on his 18th birthday.

"I use them almost like a roadmap of my life," says the 32-year-old chef-owner of Restaurant Marc Forgione. "They all have their own little story. It's a badge of memory."

Chefs with tattoos are nothing new, Rakovic says. What is new is their emergence from the bowels of restaurant life onto television and into the spotlight. But industry watchers like Dana Cowin, editor-in-chief of Food & Wine magazine, say the volume of ink has definitely increased during the past five years or so — and it should be no surprise.

"If you look at a chef with beautiful tatts you might also be looking at a chef that presents very beautifully plated food," says Cowin, whose July 2009 cover featured the elaborately inscribed arms of chefs Nate Appleman and Vinny Dotolo and drew fire from a few readers who thought it was in poor taste. "So the opposite conclusion can be drawn: not 'They're heathens,' but, 'They must be appreciators of art.'"

Which is exactly why chefs like them. "Chefs are artistic people who get inspired by things and that has a lot to do with tattoos," Forgione says. "We're kind of artistic, rebellious, a little crazy."

Tattoos also fit nicely into the late night lifestyle chefs lead, with the blazing lights of tattoo parlors offering diversion when other places are closed. And for those who enjoy being adorned, tattoos are earrings and bracelets. "It's an accessory," Izard says. "You can't wear jewelry in the kitchen, but you can wear tattoos."

The current trend also may be partly generational. Over the years, kitchen culture in general has relaxed, chefs say. As the strict French model of the "brigade" became dated, Voltaggio says, toques came off and sleeves were rolled up showing off tattoos that already were there. By the early 2000s, more ink than ever was exposed, inspiring others to get tattoos and reinforcing body art's place in the kitchen culture.

But tattoos aren't for everyone. "I'm tattooed on the inside," jokes Spike Mendelsohn, owner of two Washington eateries. He's known not for his tattoos — he doesn't have any — but for the fedora he wore when he competed in Season 4 of "Top Chef." "I wanted to stand out, so I became 'that fedora-wearing chef,'" he says. "But it comes time to evolve and that's the great thing about having signatures that aren't permanent."

Cowin says she sees things swinging back in Mendelsohn's direction. "I think we're going to see it ebb," she says. "There's been an increasing amount of ink over time, and chefs, who always want to be at the vanguard, will feel like, 'Oh that's something everybody does'. And they don't want to be one of everybody."

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CAREFUL CONCOCTION: **Joe Matlock, a bartender at Locanda del Lago, crafts a specialty cocktail called The Prada, a spiced pumpkin vanilla martini.**

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With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts and our own personal dilemmas, a few drinks come as a welcome respite for many. But before you have that extra glass of wine at dinner, make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI, here are 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a DUI checkpoint this year.

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests were administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drive!: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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Hidden cellphone software creates privacy concerns

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SAN FRANCISCO Technology bloggers are asking if our cellphones are spying on us after a security researcher said a piece of software hidden on millions of phones was recording virtually everything people do with them.

Amid a broad outcry, Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) is calling for an investigation. A class-action lawsuit has been filed against the software's maker, Carrier IQ Inc. of Mountain View, Calif.

The software, which Carrier IQ says is used on some 150 million mobile devices, appears relatively innocuous. It does watch what owners of Sprint Nextel Corp. and AT&T Inc. smartphones do with them, including what people type and the numbers they dial. But it doesn't seem to transmit every keystroke to the company. Instead, it kicks into action when there's a problem, like a call that doesn't go through, and it lets the phone company know.

"It is software that is developed in partnership with carriers with the intent to improve network performance. As far as we can tell, it meets this description in execution," said Tim Wyatt, principal engineer at Lookout, a cellphone security company.

"In line with our privacy policy, we solely use CIQ software data to improve wireless network and service performance," AT&T said in a statement.

Carrier IQ says the data its software gathers is stored by the phone companies or at Carrier IQ's facilities. It doesn't sell the data to third parties. Phone companies, of course, already are custodians of a wealth of private information, including whom you call, where you surf and what your text messages say.

The brouhaha started a few weeks ago, when a programmer named Trevor Eckhart documented Carrier IQ's workings with videos on his blog. The software company threatened him with a lawsuit if he didn't take the information down. The Electronic Frontier Foundation took on Eckhart's case, and the company backed down.

Eckhart posted another video this week, showing Carrier IQ's software logging keystrokes on an HTC EVO 3D from Sprint.

A central privacy worry is what kind of data Carrier IQ is retaining.

Andrew Coward, a Carrier IQ vice president, said the software doesn't record every keystroke or send information about all of them back to the company. The only keystrokes it cares about are specific administrative commands, including those instructing the software to phone "home." The rest it discards, Coward said.

"We never expected to need the content of SMS messages, so we didn't code for it," Coward told The Associated Press in an interview.

Apple Inc. has said it has stopped supporting Carrier IQ in most of its products. Separately, the company came under fire last year over location-tracking features of the iPhone and made a software change to keep data on users' movements for less time.

For now, there's no easy way to uninstall the Carrier IQ software without unsanctioned third-party software. Coward said it is "too early to tell" whether the company will make any substantial changes to the software because of the uproar.

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ALCOHOL
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Years," said Nicholas Vrataric, executive director of the CLARE Foundation.

CLARE is an alcoholism and substance abuse recovery center that offers a clean and sober living environment for those in need as well as classes and group counseling.

The center on Pico Boulevard in Santa Monica sees an uptick in both incoming clients seeking help during the holiday season.

It can be particularly difficult time for those struggling with addiction because many people drink and use a way to quash painful feelings or trauma.

"It's like a child being set on fire and jumping into water to save themselves, and then they find out they can't swim," Vrataric said.

It can also be a time of temptation, with holiday parties flush with spiked punches and champagne to ring in the new year. Individuals who leave care to join old circles in an attempt to be with people they know can find themselves struggling to avoid a drink, according to literature from Alcoholics Anonymous.

CLARE lost seven men from its facility over Thanksgiving, a large departure given the center's 100-bed capacity.

"It's a usual time for people to seek treatment because all of the pain comes up again, and all of the drinking and using comes up again and wake up disorders that have never been successful for them in the past," Vrataric said.

The cold weather can also impact the in-and-out rate, when addicts living on the street seek shelter only to find that they don't want to work the program required of those that live at CLARE.

As the holidays come into full swing, support organizations like CLARE, the Alano Club and Alcoholics Anonymous ramp up their efforts to help people stay clean and sober.

Groups like the Alano Club offer meetings 24-hours a day for those who find themselves struck by temptation at an odd hour, and meetings abound throughout Santa Monica.

Those seeking support should visit www.aa.org for meeting locations.

Alcoholic or not, studies by the Center for Disease Control spell out the costs of excessive drinking, a practice which spikes during the holidays, both in terms of lives and dollars.

According to the CDC, two to three times as many people are predicted to die in the holidays due to crashes caused by alcohol.

On top of that, excessive alcohol consumption costs the United States $223.5 billion in 2006, or roughly $746 per person.

Approximately 76 percent of the costs of alcohol come as a result of binge drinking, defined as consuming four or more alcoholic beverages per occasion for women and five or more for men.

Binge drinking is most common among whites, men, those aged 18 to 34 and those making $75,000 or more. Most are not considered alcohol-dependent, according to the CDC.

Although holidays are a time of increased excess, it should not be a moment for guilt or shame, but one to access services if they're needed.

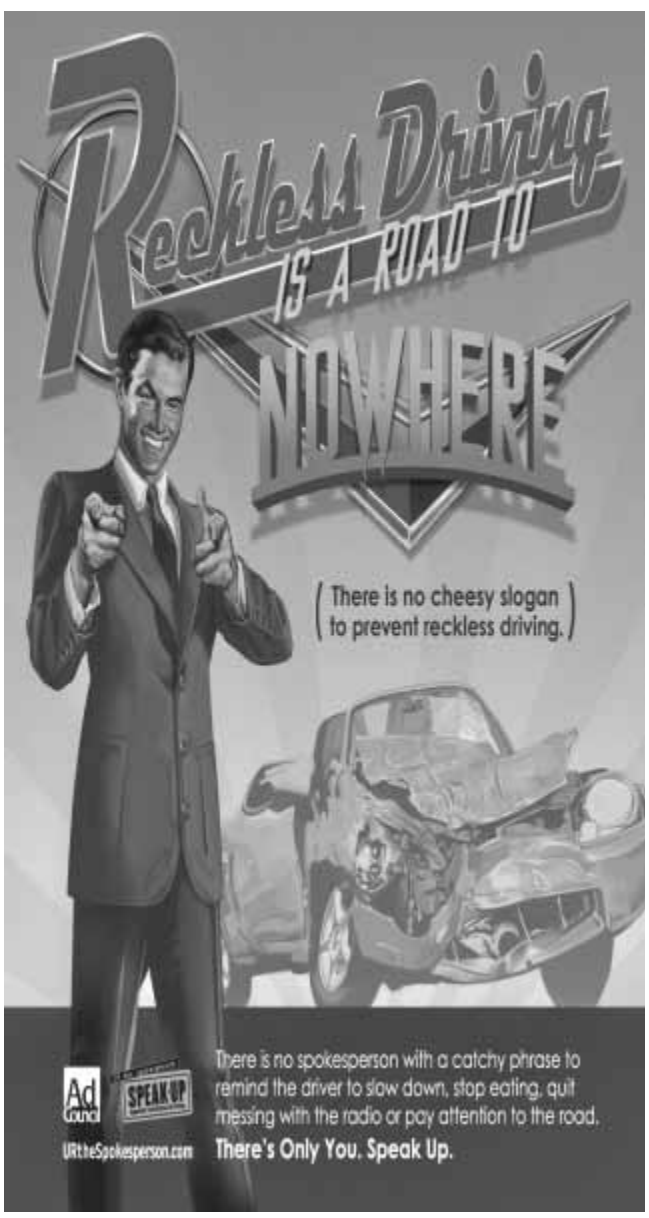
"We need to remember that we're just human beings, and we all have issues and they can reach out for help," Vrataric said.

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flexibility of students in the fifth, seventh and ninth grades.

To be declared physically fit, a student has to test within the "Healthy Fitness Zone" in all six of the criteria.

Only 31 percent of the 1.34 million students tested in California met that mark. Santa Monica-Malibu beat that dismal statistic, but not by much, with 39.3 percent passing all six health standards.

"Today's results are clear: when only 31 percent of children are physically fit, that's a public health challenge we can't wait to address," said State Superintendent Tom Torlakson.

The test classifies kids as being either within the Healthy Fitness Zone, not in the zone or both not in the zone and "high risk."

That means students may have a higher potential for future health problems, like metabolic syndrome, said Linda Hooper, a consultant for the Department of Education.

According to test results, SMMUSD's fifth and seventh graders had a higher percentage of success in all categories except flexibility than the statewide figures, while ninth graders performed better in all categories except for trunk extension and upper body strength.

That still leaves almost one-fifth of fifth and seventh graders unable to pass an upper body strength test, and a quarter of ninth graders lagging in their aerobic capacity.

While all indicators are important, the state looks most closely at body composition figures, meaning the ratio of fat to muscle and other tissues in the body.

Body composition is the most important indicator of who will develop future health problems, according to a press release by the Department of Education.

By that token, 34 percent of fifth graders, 30.3 percent of seventh graders and 25 percent of ninth graders in the state of California are considered "high risk" in terms of body composition.

In SMMUSD, 19.9 percent of fifth graders, 20.4 percent of seventh graders and 16.3 percent of ninth graders fall into the same category.

More students failed the body composition test this year than in years past because of a change in standards that made the test harder to pass, Hooper said.

The new standards had a greater impact on children of lower socioeconomic status and students of color, according to the results.

It held true in SMMUSD as well, with greater percentages of African American and Latino students in the high risk category than white students in every case except for fifth grade, where 13.9 percent of white students were classified high risk compared to 13.2 percent African American students.

It's a problem, said Bertha Ramon, the teacher on special assignment with the physical education department.

The school district is trying to take extra steps to promote physical fitness, like Bike It! Day, which is why, on average, SMMUSD has healthier kids, Ramon said.

Changing the body composition figures amongst minority students remains a challenge.

"We do try to target those populations," Ramon said. "In our schools that have greater minorities, we have programs like healthy eating programs where we provide food for them to promote a healthier lifestyle."

To suggest that the differences between the populations is purely racial would be an oversimplification, said Dr. Dennis Woo, an associate professor of pediatrics at the Geffen School of Medicine and former chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Santa Monica-UCLA Hospital.

Socioeconomics play a large role, particularly in the kinds of food that families can afford and how much the parents are in the home to make sure children eat healthfully and get out from in front of computers, televisions and other sedentary pastimes.

"I really think it's something we need to emphasize that kids should be more physically active. The biggest struggle we fight with is that and good eating habits," Woo said.

Breaking those cycles can save kids from future medical conditions like diabetes and heart disease, he said.

After school programs like those at the Boys & Girls Club in Santa Monica help keep kids active and occupied when parents aren't at home.

There's a new sport activity every hour, from competitive games like flag football to the less-threatening bandana tag, said Tish Murry, vice president of operations at the club.

"They're not in front of a TV, and they're not playing video games. For the most part, they're encouraged to join in at the gym, or outside on the playground," Murry said.

In response to the growing obesity rates amongst children, the Boys & Girls Club adopted a Healthy Habits program, which teaches children to make better food selections, particularly when their parents aren't around.

"We can't change the house menu," Murry said, "but we can teach kids to make healthy choices."

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Actress Izabella Miko enjoying hot food menu items at IM IN food tasting at Fred Segal Santa Monica. The event was held to draw awareness to the LAUSD's new, healthier lunch menu and a campaign to fight childhood obesity. The LAUSD's menu meets and exceeds the USDA guidelines. The district serves 650,000 meals daily at over 700 schools throughout L.A.

WINDS

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cut down the two eucalyptus trees in front of their home.

"They need to come down," she said, expressing concern for Johnson's son who worked two jobs for his red sports car that now sat crushed under a pile of leaves. "Those poor people. He was so proud of his car. Bless his heart."

In the adjacent city of Arcadia, Aubreann Loving stood in the front yard of her home, watching one car after another turn onto her tiny cul-de-sac, unable to continue down a major cross street that had been blocked by a gigantic fallen tree.

Another tree crashed into her backyard, demolishing the yard's back wall.

The 15-year-old high school sophomore was at home with her family in a house with no heat or light and a refrigerator filled with spoiling food after the city's school district canceled classes at all 10 of its campuses for a second day.

Loving, who passed time Friday watching videos on a portable DVD player she had recharged at a friend's home, is no stranger to school furloughs, having taken her share of snow days off in her native Iowa.

But this, she complained, was far more monotonous.

"If the power would go off, it would come back on within a few hours," she said of elementary school days in Iowa. "But the power isn't coming back on right away here, so it's like there's nothing to do."

About 200,000 people in Southern California and thousands more in Utah — where Thursday winds topped 100 mph — remained without electricity. Authorities said some areas might not have power restored until Sunday.

In Pasadena, among the hardest hit cities in the region, inspectors were checking more than 100 damaged buildings to see if they should be red-tagged as being too dangerous to inhabit.

One 42-unit apartment building and other structures were red-tagged Thursday and two dozen more were yellow-tagged, allowing only limited access, said Lisa Derderian, the city's emergency management coordinator.

"Every street in Pasadena was impacted in one way or another," she said, adding that the city's cleanup would be expeditious. "We have the (Tournament of Roses) parade every year here so we are experts in cleanup and debris removal."

In Northern California, crews battled wildfires Friday that were sparked by power lines blown down by the wind. The winds were blamed for the destruction of at least four homes.

Aiding firefighters and those involved in the cleanup was the fact that the high winds, which had been expected to return overnight, never materialized. Around the state, the 60- to 80-mph wind gusts of the previous day had become mere breezes.

The low-pressure system that had spawned the winds was moving eastward so quickly that the National Weather Service canceled red flag warnings that predicted extreme fire danger from the gusty, dry weather.

A new system was expected to move into Arizona on Friday night, bringing a chance of more winds over the weekend but the winds will not be as strong, weather service meteorologist Eric Boldt said.

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found that Santa Monica is one of the most expensive cities in the nation in which to do business. Santa Monica, which has been dubbed Silicon Beach for its collection of high-tech start-ups, was ranked 19 out of 20 on the Cost of Doing Business Survey, sandwiched between San Francisco and Toledo, Ohio. Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Culver City were also on the list.

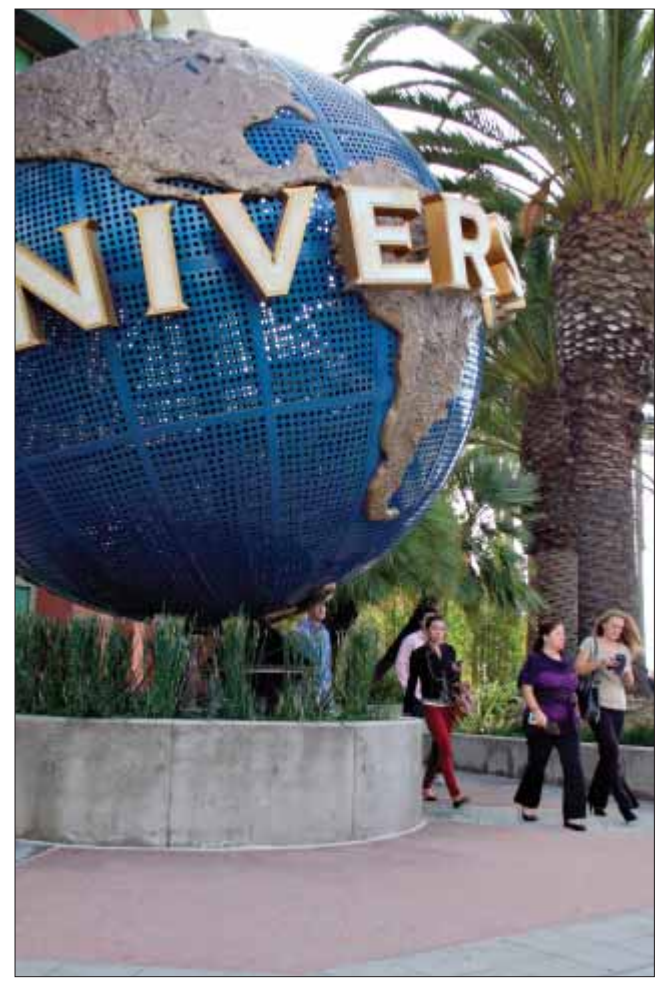
The survey looked solely at sales taxes, fees and incentives offered and did not take into account rents for commercial and retail space. If so, Santa Monica may have been higher on the list.

"I think Santa Monica is a more expensive place to live and work because the taxes are higher and they keep increasing them," said Liber, who mentioned the half-cent sales tax increase approved by voters last year and parcel taxes to fund public schools, all of which take their toll on the pocketbook.

But it's those taxes and bonds that help fund the amenities — bike lanes, clean streets, reliable public transit — that make Santa Monica so attractive to CEOs like Liber, who has lived in Santa Monica for 30 years and has no plans to relocate. Other enticements are a talented labor pool, recreational opportunities and popular retail stores.

"Managers want to live in places that are clean, safe, attractive and fun. Santa Monica ranks high in all of those criteria," said City Manager Rod Gould, who has worked in cities that have ranked both high and low on the Cost of Doing Business Survey, which he called a "blunt instrument" that does not take into account other critical factors.

"To remain competitive in all those categories, we need to provide the highest level of services and to provide those services we need to pay for them through things like taxes and fees," Gould added. "We are not going to beat someone in the Inland Empire when it comes to the tax rate, but you are going to come to Santa Monica because you want to tap into the market that is here and be part of a vibrant local economy and have that high level of services that residents and businesses both expect and deserve."



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BREAK TIME: A group of workers Thursday walk by Universal Music on Coloroado Avenue, which is also home to MTV Networks.

When video game developer Activision was contemplating a move to El Segundo, Gould said an important factor that kept the creators of the wildly-popular "Call of Duty" franchise was the level of services offered by City Hall, including faster response times by police and fire fighters, and a connection to City Hall's dark fiber network that promises faster Internet speeds at a lower cost.

HIPSTERS

It also helps that Santa Monica has the "cool factor" going for it, Liber said. Santa Monica is home to the Third Street Promenade and the iconic Santa Monica Pier, as well as some of the nation's key creative businesses, including the Grammy Foundation, Jerry Bruckheimer Studios, MTV Networks, Universal Music and Yahoo.

"I call it the party principle," Liber said. "If you call someone and invite them to a party at your house … the first thing that comes out of your friend's mouth isn't 'Thank you, that's really nice of you.' It's most likely going to be, 'Who's going to be there?'"

The same thing happens when entrepreneurs are searching for a home base for their operations. They want to be where the big names in their particular industry are, and Santa Monica happens to be home to some of Hollywood's most notable, as well as some of the brightest minds in software engineering and social media.

"Santa Monica has created the best party, and they've done it accidentally," said Liber, who serves on the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs and Land Use committees. "It started with people moving out of Hollywood and into Malibu and the Westside and looking at Santa Monica to open their offices. They wanted to avoid all that noise and traffic, and it's just cooler to be by the beach."

But being cool often fades with time. Traffic congestion has increased over the last decade and there's growing concern that demand for commercial and retail space will further drive up rents, enticing companies to look elsewhere. With strict building codes and a reputation for being cumbersome, City Hall has contributed to a lack of new office space available as developers are hesitant to invest if they won't see a relatively quick return.

That paves the way for property owners to command rents as high as $3.50 per square foot, on average, for commercial spaces. Liber, who co-owns his own commercial building on Colorado Avenue said he has heard of some premium commercial space charging as much as $8 per square foot, while retail spaces on the Third Street Promenade can command rents in the $15 range.

"It's hard to stay in Santa Monica unless you are one of those larger companies that take in a lot of revenue. The

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only way you can, really, is to own your own property," said John Bourget of Bourget Bros., a Santa Monica staple that supplies contractors with building materials. "Santa Monica is very expensive compared to other areas and you can't expand in Santa Monica because there's very little land available. In other areas you can buy your neighbor out for a decent price. But in Santa Monica a decent price is three times that.

"But we've been here for so many years we've gotten used to it," he said of the increased fees and taxes. "I had a lot of chances to move to Malibu or the valley where land is much cheaper, but Santa Monica is our home. I was born and raised here and I love it. That doesn't mean I love everything about it."

MAKING CHANGES

One area that could be improved is the relationship merchants have with City Hall. In a meeting with the City Council in November, representatives from the city's business improvement districts said they would like restrictions on outdoor signage removed to help with advertising so they can draw more customers in. Others said the development process can be streamlined or some steps eliminated altogether to accelerate construction, therefore decreasing costs for property owners.

Just having the meeting was progress. It was the first time in recent memory that representatives from all of the business improvement districts organized and presented their suggestions to the council and city manager in a public forum.

Pat Barrett of Barrett's Appliances, which has served Santa Monicans for over 64 years, said he placed a banner in the window of his store on Lincoln Boulevard to advertise a sale. Two days later he received a letter from City Hall demanding he take it down or face fines.

"They didn't bother to call us and talk about it," he said. "We just received a generic, threatening letter."

Brian Chase, director of governmental affairs for the Chamber of Commerce, said Barrett's complaint is common. The primary concern for his members is how City Hall can better interact with businesses. Another is finding the right office space that meets a company's needs.

City Hall and the chamber are working together on both issues through the Santa Monica Alliance, a collaborative effort meant to attract and retain quality businesses. By using contacts within the chamber, Chase said the alliance was able to help some companies stay in Santa Monica, and its next goal is to make things more predictable for those looking to open a business, go through remodels or build from the ground up.

"We are making great headway in that regard," he said. "We are working closely with Building and Safety and the Office of Planning and Community Development, who have been very supportive."

Gould has hired a planning director in David Martin who is familiar with the needs of the business community and is working on a development process that Gould said should reduce the time it takes for approval by 20 percent. Now that's not to say City Hall is lowering its standards.

"We ask a lot of new development and even more so under the new (Land Use and Circulation Element), but we are trying to make the process much more consistent and timely," he said. "With the alliance we are seeking out businesses who want to move to us, and those that want to expand but can't. We are getting with them to figure out how we can help them with some of those challenges."

City Hall's willingness to work more closely with businesses could be a sign of the times. As municipalities across the state struggle with increased pension and health care costs for employees as well as less funds from the state, bringing in revenue is a top priority.

Larry Kosmont of Kosmont Companies, which helped produce the Cost of Doing Business Survey, said despite the dire situation of local government, there are several potentially positive opportunities to be had in the midst of the crisis. The down economy and resultant economic pressures on city governments can help business owners to find advantageous deals at City Hall.

"If you're in business right now," Kosmont said, "there are good deals to be struck with cities."

With its high sales and income taxes, California remains an expensive state in which to do business. California is home to one third of the 40 most expensive cities, while only three of the 40 least expensive cities are in the state.

"California puts its own cities in a difficult spot," said Kosmont. "If a municipality succeeds in attracting a new or expanding firm, that new employer is inevitably squeezed by increasing local fees and the underlying cost of the state's high tax schedule."

Even so, Kosmont affirms that firms still want to locate in California citing the Golden State's world class weather, amenities, diverse workforce, and strategic Pacific Rim location.

Again, location rules the day and is a significant reason why Santa Monica has been able to remain a hotbed of innovation and development.

But being by the beach doesn't guarantee success. Investment has to be made.

"Many of the things that make Santa Monica a popular destination for tourists are the same things that make it a popular destination for employers," Chase said. "Businesses also like Santa Monica because they want to be a part of an intimate community with a global brand. It's not just an address."

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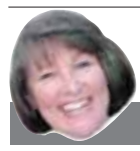
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The Kennedy family through rose-colored glasses

FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE LIVED MUCH OF OUR lives in the Kennedy Century, "The Color of Rose" is a poignant revisit with the fabled family that always seemed an extension of our own.

Kathrine Bates' fascinating play, told through the eyes of the matriarch, Rose, is a no-holds-barred exposition of the triumphs and the tragedies that are so familiar to us. But Bates has chosen to present this woman who was larger than life as a triptych — three distinct actresses who portray Rose Kennedy as a work in progress.

Shelby Kocee Is the young Rose, innocent and wide-eyed, enthralled with her husband and her children, excited to learn about the momentous events in her future. Lia Sargent is the middle-aged Rose, bitter and angry, trapped in a marriage to a philandering, absentee husband and surviving the rebellions and the tragedies that mark the lives of her children. And finally, there is the older Rose, portrayed by the magnificent Gloria Stroock, who has come to terms with her life, reminiscing about the good times, choosing to "forget" much of the rest, such as Joe's affair with Gloria Swanson and his nine-year relationship with the family's secretary, and always observing her own commandment: "Never let them see you cry."

The three actresses, amazingly, look like the same woman at different stages of her life, and they are equally adept in their portrayals of this strong, complicated wife and mother. As the two younger Roses help the older Rose prepare for a Mother's Day television interview, they prod her to deal with the vicissitudes of her life and to respond, no matter how reluctantly, to the questions the interviewer will undoubtedly ask.

"There is a price to pay for being a Kennedy," the older Rose acknowledges. "And now there is time for second thoughts and regrets."

"I rail at God's plan for me," the young Rose declares. She hadn't planned to be the "happy little homemaker" when she fell in love at first sight with the handsome young Joe Kennedy. But, she says, "you have to take the burdens with the blessings."

Among the burdens, and the regrets, is her oldest daughter, Rosemary. Born "a little slow," she was an embarrassment to her father, who, unbeknownst to Rose, authorized the lobotomy that turned her into a hollow shell. "We want only winners in this family," Joe said.

"Joe left nothing to chance," Rose says, speaking of her husband's machinations to launch Jack's political career. "He had seemingly unobtainable ideals for Joe Jr. and Jack."

"I ran motherhood like a business," the older Rose observes. "And others would tell me, 'Rose, you are a wonder!'" But, she responds, "What choice did I have?"

While middle Rose chides her for creating "revisionist history," the older Rose comments that "good times look better at a distance." Her aim, she says, is to leave a "legacy of dignity" and to have her grandchildren continually asking themselves, "Would Grandma Rose be proud of how I'm living my life?"

Kathrine Bates, who directed this production as well as scripting it, has done an extraordinary job bringing Rose to life, and set designer Jeff G. Rack has dressed the stage with elegant chairs and accouterments, but the evening truly belongs to Gloria Stroock, who, at 87, is an absolute wonder to behold!

"The Color of Rose" will continue at Theatre 40 at the Reuben Cordova Theatre on the Beverly Hills High School campus, 241 Moreno Dr., in Beverly Hills, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 8 p.m., through Dec. 21. There will also be one 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Dec. 11. Call (310) 364-3606 for tickets.

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Local foreign film buffs, tourists and motion picture aficionados wanting a sneak peek at a potential Oscar winner will have the opportunity thanks to the efforts of The Friends of Film, a non-profit organization.

"This is a city that is cultured, home to many ethnicities and steeped in film appreciation," said Bob Sharka, director of The Friends of Film. "They understand that a good cinematic story crosses borders and cultures and Laemmle has a great movie tradition."

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has invited the film industries of various countries to submit their best movie for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film every year since the award was created in 1956. The category is for a feature-length motion picture produced outside the United States that contains primarily non-English dialogue. Past winners include: "Amelie," "Lagaan," "The Last Metro" and "Marriage Italian Style."

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Beckham visits abused kids in Manila

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MANILA, Philippines Away from fans' prying eyes, David Beckham took time out from soccer to share his experiences and listen to Filipino children struggling to rebuild their broken lives.

"It's so important to have a dream," Beckham told the former street children Friday at a UNICEF-supported shelter in a suburb of Manila, the Philippine capital where he and his teammates from the Los Angeles Galaxy are playing an exhibition against the country's national team this weekend.

On the sidelines of the Galaxy's Manila trip, Beckham, who is also a UNICEF goodwill ambassador, visited the shelter for children who have been rescued from the streets. They shared tales of domestic abuse and crime — some fell victim to drugs or were abandoned by their parents.

Wearing a black UNICEF T-shirt, the 36-year-old former England captain listened intently in a private conversation with a group of five children and told them how he started playing when he was 7 years old and eventually achieving his dream of playing for Manchester United.

UNICEF asked that the names of the children and the shelter not be disclosed to protect their privacy.

Conan, a 17-year-old who was abandoned by his parents when he was 7, told Beckham that he dreams of joining the Philippine team and later becoming a coach.

He played in the Street Children's Football World Cup last year in South Africa, where the Philippines beat South Africa 2-1.

The younger children were awe-struck while listening to one of the world's best known athletes.

One 12-year-old girl named Shaina said she wants to be a nurse to help the sick. She often held Beckham's hand as she and the other children guided him around the facility, unfazed by the tattoos that adorn his arms.

Beckham told the UNICEF staff it was incredible that the children had gone through "so much in such a short space of time in their young lives" and learned responsibility and respect.

He said he was lucky to have had the support of both his parents and it was "so sad to see so many children that don't have that support, don't have that love."

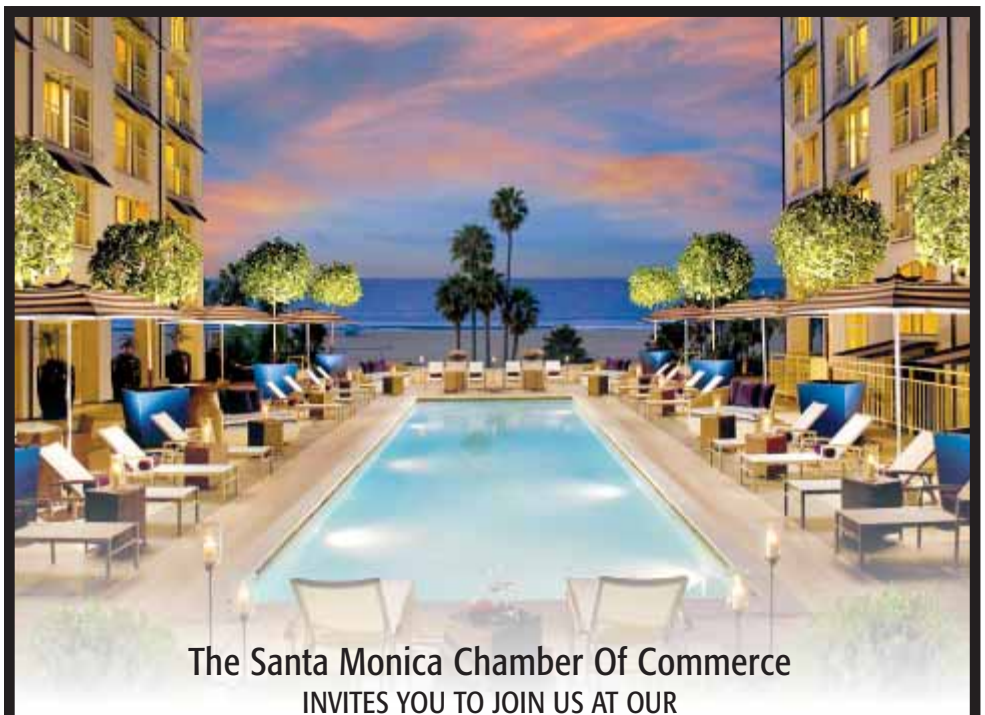
He later listened to JM, a former drug user who turned 18 on Friday, sing a rap song in the Filipino language on how drugs ruin lives. After a staff translated the song for Beckham, he gave him a double thumbs up, saying, "You're good!"

The shelter that houses 136 kids has a small soccer field surrounded by separate cottages for boys and girls, a school, a basketball court and a training facility where children learn to sew clothes and cut hair.

Beckham posed with the children for a picture wearing a blue graduation gown and cap made at the sewing room, where he also tried his hand at making a pillow case.

"What struck me the most about coming

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into the center was it was a real happy place, a real inspiring place," he told The Associated Press. "They are teaching kids unbelievable values. Every child I spoke to today — they all have dreams, they all have inspirations."

A father of four children, Beckham said it was "heartbreaking to think majority of these children haven't got parents, or haven't got parents to care for them and love them."

Beckham said that because of work, it's been difficult for him "to do some of the things I would like to do — going out into the field like I obviously have today."

"I think it is important to raise awareness to many issues around the world, many worries around the world," he said. "In my position, thankfully, I can create that kind of interest and awareness to things that are happening around the world."

A highlight of his visit was a brief practice followed by a short game in which he joined one half of the shelter's team.

The star sweated under the midday sun as he helped their shoeless goalkeeper. His side lost 1-0.







SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

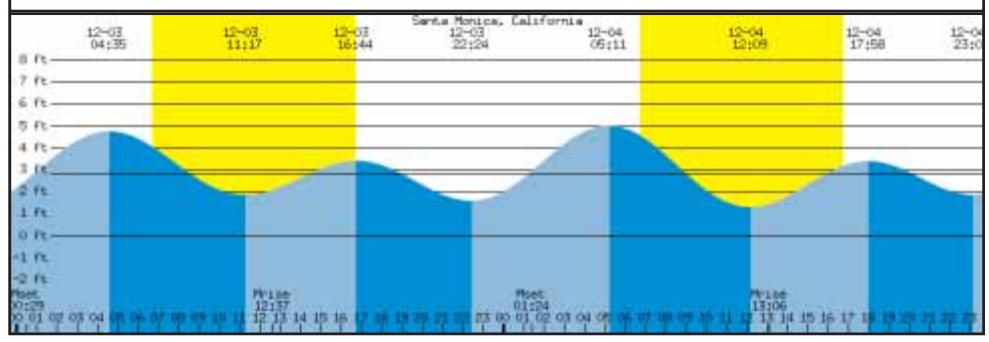
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **November 22, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 16/13
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0/0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	D
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	C	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	F	D
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	B	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	C	D
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	C
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	C	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	D

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	C
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	B	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	B	A
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	B	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	D

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011

The Addams Family (PG-13) 1hr 39min
Addams Family Values (PG-13) 1hr 34min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Smurfs 3D (PG) 1hr 42min
1:00pm, 7:00pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 6:00pm, 9:00pm

Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:20pm

Like Crazy (PG-13) 1hr 29min
11:45pm, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) 1hr 29min
4:15pm, 9:45pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Happy Feet Two in 3D (PG) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 4:30pm, 10:00pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Muppets (PG) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 9:30pm, 10:20pm

Puss in Boots (PG) 1hr 30min
11:15am, 4:30pm, 9:30pm

Puss in Boots 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 7:00pm

Immortals 3D (R) 1hr 50min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 10:00pm

J. Edgar (R) 2hrs 17min
11:45am, 3:10pm, 6:30pm, 9:50pm

Happy Feet Two (PG) 1hr 45min
2:00pm, 7:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Margin Call (R) 1hr 49min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm

Descendants (R) 1hr 55min
12:00pm, 1:20pm, 2:50pm, 4:10pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:45pm

Crazy Wisdom: The Life and Times of Chogyam Trungpa, Rinpoche (NR) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Eames: The Architect and the Painter (NR) 1hr 23min
1:50pm

Warrior's Heart (PG) 1hr 26min
9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Arthur Christmas 3D (PG) 1hr 37min
2:15pm, 7:45pm

Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Jack and Jill (PG) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
12:15pm, 6:15pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
3:30pm, 9:40pm

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Arthur Christmas (PG) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 5:00pm, 10:30pm

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Treat yourself, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have reason to smile from ear to ear. Understand what is motivating you to act in such an unpredictable way. Your astute perspective could point to a different conclusion than the majority come to. You could be unusually observant this morning. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max, when you can zero in on what you want. Use the support of a meeting of like-minded people. As the day gets older, you choose to kick back. You might be surprised by what comes up. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Demands hit you left and right. You know no other solution than to step up to the plate. By dusk, you have reason to praise yourself for a job well done. Your sense of liberation can be seen in your step and spontaneity. Tonight: Share a fun evening.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Dig into the hows and whys of certain situations. Rather than judge, observe. You feel unusual pressure build. How you handle the building demands reflects who you are. Be willing to put in more than your fair share of time. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have been playing your cards close to the chest with a partner and with others. You still might not be ready to reveal what is obvious to many. You want to be surer of your thinking. At a certain point, you will want to take a leap of faith. Tonight: Go for something exciting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You allow many people to take the wind out of your sails. It is clear your priorities are very different from many of the people around you. Tonight: Go along with another person's ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Concentrate on getting your work and errands done. You might not understand why you need extra free time, but you will see. Don't worry -- you will enjoy your weekend a lot more if you let go and free up some personal time. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your imagination seems to be everywhere but where you are. Relax and work with this energy. Stay late to clear out extra work. Just because someone is ostracized, don't think that this person feels bad. Tonight: Getting an errand done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ The good news is, once you get going, you could go on and on into the wee hours. Unexpected developments pop you out of your present activities and allow greater opportunities. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Meetings might have an unusual twist at the end. Use caution with money, whether paying for lunch or closing a million dollar deal. You cannot predict certain factors. Where there is space for rapid change, you will see some unexpected developments. Tonight: Head home early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Be aware of the costs behind an idea. Ask yourself how much you are motivated by money. You have a lot to offer. Keep that in mind if you are feeling insecure or worried about a situation. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Know that it is quite possible that something you do today or a conversation could force you to regroup and head in a new direction. Laughter surrounds a surprise. Another person's gesture could draw a strong reaction. Tonight: Do some shopping for yourself.

Happy birthday

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you might seem more into your personal life than in many years. If you are single, romance could knock on your door, and all you will want to do is be with this person. If you are attached, your domestic life and personal interactions draw a lot of happiness and focus. Creative people in appropriate professions also seem to excel. Excitement surrounds children and romance. Make it OK not to be so much into your work. You recognize how much more there is to living. ARIES encourages your impulsiveness just by being around you.



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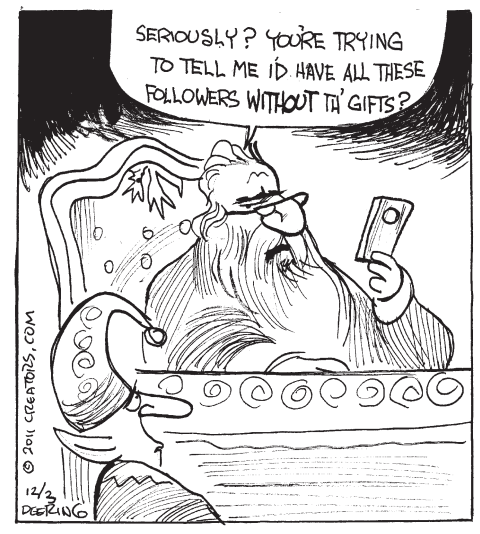
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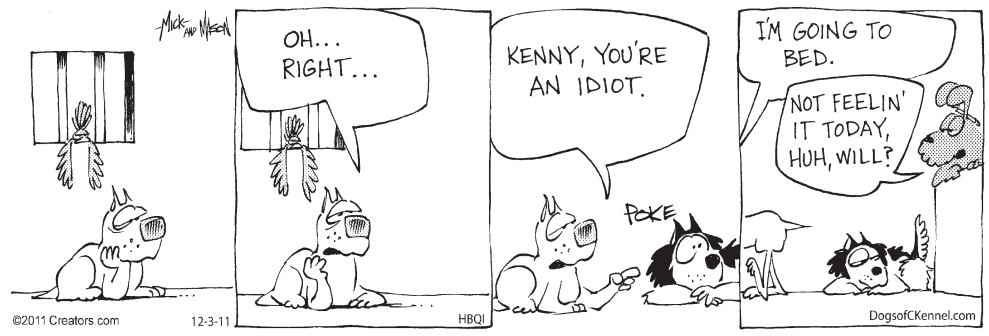
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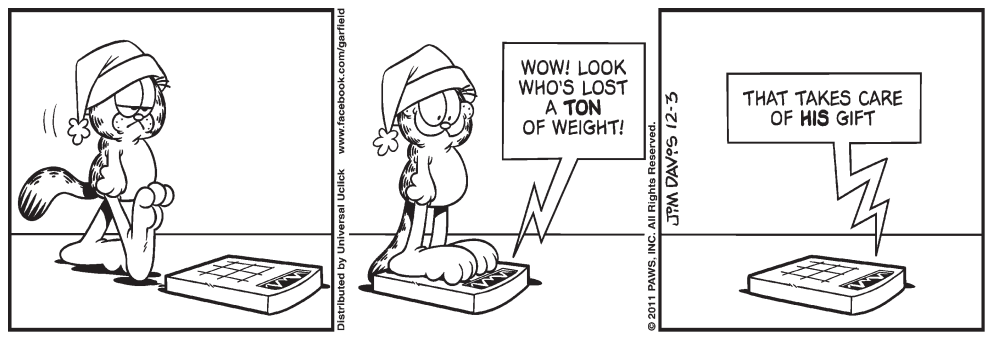
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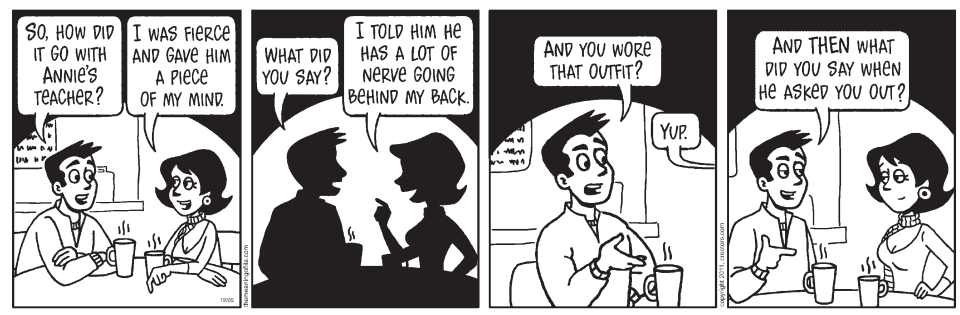
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	2	8	5	3	7	9	4	1
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1	8	3	2	9	4	6	5	7

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19 Less astute
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42 Woodland grazer

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 17 29 43 48 52
Meganumber: 36
Jackpot: $75M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 4 6 22 32 45
Meganumber: 8
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FANTASY 5: 1 2 10 26 34

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 3 5 2
EVENING: 2 2 8

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:44.35

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Even in a flagging economy, Christie's auction house in New York City was able to attract a record sales price for a photograph. In November, a 1999 photo by German artist Andreas Gursky, of a scenic view of the Rhine River, sold for $4.3 million. (It is possible, of course, that buying the actual waterfront property that Gursky photographed from -- to enjoy the same view every day -- would have been less expensive.)

■ Unfortunately, Manulife Financial Corp. is a Canadian firm, and thus it had a very bad year. If exactly the same company had been magically relocated to anywhere in the United States, it would have had an outstanding year. Under Canada's hard-nosed accounting rules, Manulife was forced to post a loss last year of $1.28 billion. However, under the more feel-good U.S. accounting rules, according to the company, it would have shown a profit of $2.2 billion and been flush with $16 billion more in shareholder value.

■ Following October arrests by Nigeria's Abuja Environmental Protection Board, authorities learned that local prostitutes earned premium fees by selling their customers' semen to "juju priests," who use it as "medicines" in rituals. Police who rounded up the sex workers found inventories of condoms with the necks tied.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1992 UN Security Council Resolution 794 is unanimously passed, approving a coalition of United Nations peacekeepers led by the United States to form UNITAF, with the task of establishing peace and ensuring that humanitarian aid is distributed in Somalia.

1997 In Ottawa, Canada, representatives from 121 countries sign The Ottawa treaty prohibiting manufacture and deployment of anti-personnel landmines. The United States, People's Republic of China, and Russia do not sign the treaty, however.

WORD UP!

bobbery
\ BOB-uh-ree \ , noun;
1.
A disturbance or a brawl.

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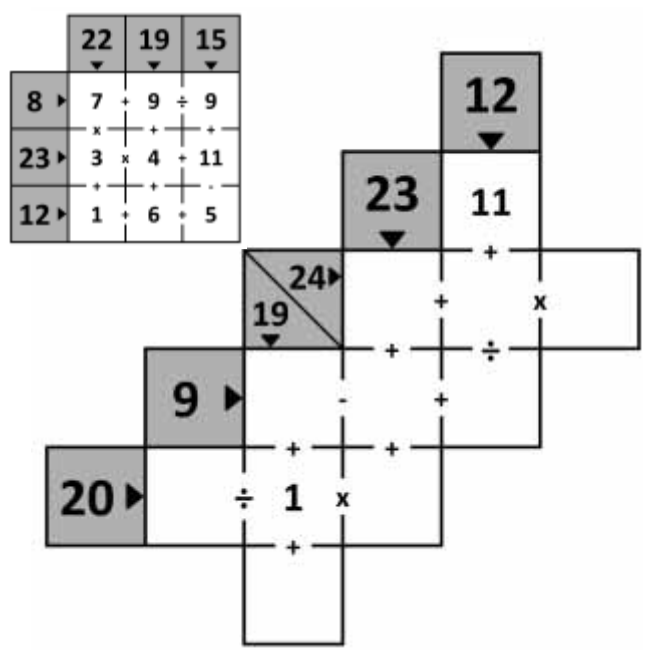
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