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AT HOME: **Resident Natalie Lewis stands in front of the Westminster Towers on Wednesday. She isn't happy with a neighbor that smokes.**

## Healthy elder stresses over secondhand smoke

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID CITY Natalie Lewis is 79 years old, and she fears for her life.

Lewis lives in a small studio in the 285-unit Westminster Towers, a seniors-only housing complex funded through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Her next door neighbor is a smoker, and every time he lights a cigarette, Lewis becomes stressed at the thought of the smoke which seeps through the walls and pervades her own home.

Lewis is a self-proclaimed fitness addict who spends more time running up and down the stairs on Adelaide Drive than most people a quarter of her age. She is a vegetarian, and eats mostly raw vegetables in an attempt to stay healthy.

She smoked cigarettes in her youth, but gave them up when she turned 42 and began running on a regular basis. When she was 50, Lewis ran across the country, averaging 43 miles a day and breaking her way into the Guinness Book of World Records.

Her sister died two years ago from lung cancer. Health is important to her, and Lewis refuses to go down because of somebody else's toxic secondhand smoke.

"It has to happen sometime, but I'm not going to have it be something that I'm already aware of," Lewis said.

A measure on the docket for the City Council aims to help people like Lewis by changing the rules for multi-unit housing to allow residents to designate their unit smoking or nonsmoking.

After a tenant moves out or dies, however, the unit would become nonsmoking automatically in most cases. Under the plan, eventually there would be no smoking units left in Santa Monica.

The goal is to protect non-smokers from the health impacts of secondhand smoke, which has been categorized as a known carcinogen and can also increase risk of heart disease in people who have never lit up.

Cigarette smoke has been proven to seep through air ducts and doorjambs, infiltrating adjacent units and causing health problems amongst children and adults alike.

According to a memo released by HUD, the federal agency that owns Lewis' building, "separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposure of nonsmokers

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## Ed Foundation hopes to raise profile with social media

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

16TH STREET The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation is hoping to raise its profile within the community by making a bigger presence on social media platforms bolstered by work from student volunteers.

The committee aims to get at least one student from each school to act as a go-between for the school and the foundation to be the eyes and ears on the ground for what's working and what students want and turning that into content that can be posted online, said Karen Jashinsky, a volunteer with the foundation and founder of local business 02 MAX Fitness, which caters to kids.

By including student work in an ambitious social media outreach push, the

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## State makes deep cuts to welfare

**SHEILA V KUMAR**
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Advocates of welfare reform in California often cite one, eye-popping statistic as they have pressed for cuts and changes to the program in recent years: The state has one-eighth of the nation's population but one-third of all welfare recipients.

Yet steps taken in recent years to cut costs and get more recipients back in the workforce have run head-on into the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression. Recipients have been left with fewer training programs, shrinking welfare

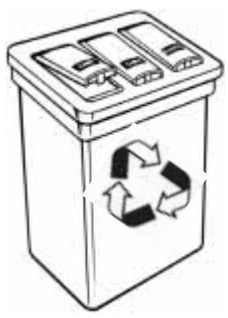
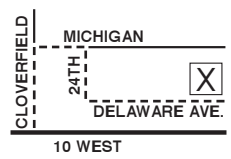
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## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

### Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011

Sounds of the season
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Broadway and Third Street, 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Carolers will be strolling around the mall singing classic holiday music for shoppers. For more information, call (310) 260-8333.

What's new?
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m.
A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad moderated by Jack Nordhaus. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

### Friday, Dec. 30, 2011

Kwanzaa on stage
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
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Broadway and Third Street, 4 p.m. — 6 p.m.
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### Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011

Party with KCRW
Viceroy
1819 Ocean Ave., 9 p.m. — 1:30 a.m.
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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### Don't pop shots

The Santa Monica Police Department is urging the community for its continued support in ensuring another safe New Year's Eve celebration by reminding residents to not discharge firearms into the air.

It's dangerous and it's illegal. Discharging a firearm within the city limits is a felony and could land the perpetrator in state prison. Bail for such an offense is $35,000, according to SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

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– KEVIN HERRERA

CITYWIDE

### Dispose of trees properly

City officials want to encourage residents to drop off their Christmas trees at one of a handful of public parks and the Southern California Disposal Transfer Station so they can be collected and turned into mulch.

Don't try and stuff them into a green yard-waste bin or dump them in the alley. Drop the trees off at these local parks:

- Clover Park: 25th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard
- Douglas Park: Chelsea Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard
- Christine Emerson Reed Park: Lincoln Boulevard and California Avenue
- Hotchkiss Park: Fourth and Strand streets

The Transfer Station is located at 1837 24th Street (enter from Michigan and Cloverfield Boulevard) and is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

– KH



## GET YOUR PET ON

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

**Animal wrangler Dustin Brady shows off Cadbury the long-eared rabbit along with other animals from Jessie's Party Animals at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club on Wednesday. The event hosted by Nettie's Party Pals and Helix Films gave kids a chance to play with animals.**

# Movie audiences dip to 16-year low

**DAVID GERMAIN**
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES Hollywood has more tricks in its bag than ever with digital 3-D and other new film tools. Yet as the images on screen get bigger and better, movie crowds keep shrinking — down to a 16-year low as 2011's film lineup fell well short of studios' record expectations.

Through New Year's Eve on Saturday, projected domestic revenues for the year stand at $10.2 billion, down 3.5 percent from 2010's, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com. Taking higher ticket prices into account, movie attendance is off even more, with an estimated 1.28 billion tickets sold, a 4.4 percent decline and the smallest movie audience since 1995, when admissions totaled 1.26 billion.

Just what has put the movie business in the dumps is anyone's guess — though safe bets include the tight economy, rising ticket prices, backlash against parades of sequels or remakes, and an almost-limitless inventory of portable and at-home gadgetry to occupy people's time.

The year got off to a dismal start with what could be called an "Avatar" hangover, when revenues lagged far behind 2010 receipts that had been inflated by the huge success of James Cameron's sci-fi sensation.

A solid summer lineup helped studios catch up to 2010, but ticket sales flattened again in the fall and have remained sluggish right into what was expected to be a terrific holiday season.

"There were a lot of high-profile movies that just ended up being a little less than were hoped for," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox, whose sequel "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked" has been part of an under-achieving lineup of family films for the holidays. "The fall was pretty dismal. There just weren't any real breakaway, wide-appeal films."

Big franchises still are knocking it out of the park. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," the finale to J.K. Rowling's fantasy epic, was the year's biggest earner and the top-grossing film in the series at $381 million domestically and $1.3 billion worldwide.

"Transformers: Dark of the Moon" pulled in $352 million domestically and $1.1 billion worldwide, while "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1" has

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### Clear example

**Editor:**

Once again Councilman Kevin McKeown gets it all wrong ("Living with it," Letters to the Editor, Dec. 23). It's not only the press that takes umbrage at his extravagant and fiscally reckless proposal to spend $30 million or more to buy a trailer park to help a few tenants. It's the majority of us Santa Monicans who take umbrage at his foolish plan to waste taxpayer money.

McKeown the spendthrift has evidently spent far too long feeding from the public trough as a public employee that he must really believe that public money grows on trees. As a politician he certainly acts as if there is a public money tree out there, and his trailer park proposal is a clear example of it.

**Virginia Isaacs**
Santa Monica

### Ease up on homeless

**Editor:**

Bill Bauer's column ("Food handouts are bad news," My Write, Dec. 12) where he condemns feeding the homeless was so full of ignorance and wrong information that it could have been written by George Orwell.

Bauer is clueless on why there is a homeless problem in Santa Monica and elsewhere and Bauer lumps them as either anti-social, drunk or mentally challenged. Most of those aspects don't begin until they have had every last shred of dignity taken away from them.

Those Downtown feeders should be commended and applauded, not condemned for performing an important civic duty that our government and society at large won't do. He then praises City Hall "initiatives" that put those feedings under human service "umbrellas" because the homeless supposedly are what Bauer terms "service lazy." Bauer, on the other hand, has never had to rely on those programs before; services, which contrary to what he says, do not do enough to help and have too many strings attached and hoops you must jump through and prevent the needy from getting food. This, in turn, means they will resort to dumpster diving or crime to satisfy their hunger.

Not only that, intakes at these services such as OPCC and St. Joseph are limited. If you're not among the first five in line for intake, you don't get in. No services, no food. Not only that, the people who run these programs don't care about any of the problems the client is going through and sometimes add more problems. That is why many homeless will have nothing to do with them, because they can't or won't help.

I write this speaking from my own experiences as a transient who became this way from abusive relatives and an economy in decline. I have signed up for these programs, but they just made a bigger mess and created greater hardship. Bauer then goes on to quote a social worker who says Santa Monica services are so great there should be no hunger or homeless. Yet there is. Instead of blaming the victim, which is easier, Bauer and others who attack the homeless should blame the guilty, that is, our government for not doing enough, employers for not creating jobs and giving the needy a chance, and themselves for promoting hostility and ignorance toward the victim.

**Kyle Prince**
Los Angeles






## Your column here

Rev. James L. Snyder — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# If you can't resolve 'em, perfect last year's mistakes

AN OLD YEAR IS FADING AND A NEW year is upon us again. Each year I go kicking and screaming into the new year, and not because I am against change. My pants pocket is full of change.

I simply cannot remember to change the year on the checks I write until May. By the time, I remember the correct year I have forgotten to make deposits into my checking account. I need a reality check, which with any luck will not bounce as high as my checkbook.

That is not the only reason I hesitate going into a new year. The biggest reason has to do with the mistakes I made during the old year.

Looking back over the old year, I worry that my blunders were not as bad as they could have been. Did I make all the gaffes I possibly could? Did I fill my quota? What is my quota, anyway?

For many people, the new year offers the opportunity to start over again. Actually, what happens is people simply make new mistakes curiously similar to the mistakes made during the old year.

If I have any resolution for the new year it would be to perfect the mistakes I have already made. I do not see any sense in making new bloopers when I can easily requisition the old ones for duty during the new year.

And what is wrong with my old mistakes? The only thing I can think of is that I did not work hard enough to make the most of them. It is one thing to make a mistake, but it is quite another thing to perfect the art of making a mistake so that you do not have to repeat it ever again. Too many amateurs have given mistake-making a bad name.

Most of my mistakes have been so poorly discharged that in the coming year I will have to re-do many of them. And, frankly, I am tired of it all. I am anxious to move on to new areas of mistake making.

I am convinced there are faux pas to make that I have not dreamed of at this point in my life. Believe me, I have been dreaming. Actually, the gracious mistress of the parsonage thinks they are all nightmares. However, my horsing around is not limited to the nighttime.

With that in mind, my resolution for the new year is to make sure all mistakes I make (and there will be plenty, I assure you) will be as thorough as possible. I refuse to execute any mistake before its time.

Some mistakes take lots of time to fully mature, but when its time comes, I want to make sure it is implemented as smoothly and as perfectly as possible.

If I am any judge of character, the majority of people will not make any new mistakes this coming year. Oh, they think they are making new mistakes, but in reality they are dusting off old ones and re-dating them for the current year. What a waste of time, in my opinion.

For those who take mistake-making seriously, allow me to offer some help to guide this pursuit in the coming year.

Look back over the old year and make a list of all of the mistakes you have made. If you are a husband, solicit help from your wife, who will be able to remember all of those mistakes you have forgotten. (Not to mention one or two you did not make.)

Go over each mistake on your list and determine if it needs repeating. It does not make sense doing new mistakes if you are not finished with the old ones. Nothing is more disheartening than a half-baked mistake.

For every mistake from the previous year not needing to be repeated, place a nice red star in front of it. That mistake can now go into your Hall of Blame, which you will never have to repeat again.

Of course, you will have some mistakes, even though they have been perfectly executed, that are well worth repeating. You know which ones they are. Don't you?

Now look at all of those mistakes listed for repeating during 2012. Prioritize them so you can begin the new year with a good plan.

As you prioritize this list, think of ways in which you can improve on your mistakes over the past year. No satisfaction compares with doing something as good as you can. One man's blunder is another man's gaffe.

Everyone generates mistakes, which is healthy. What is unhealthy is thinking you have not made any mistakes, which is a mistake. Some people have the strange idea that they live a completely mistake-free life.

A mistake well executed is a mistake never needing repeating. During the new year, execute as many mistakes as your conscience will allow.

The Bible, an authority on mistakes, says this:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:8-10 KJV.)

The great hope we have is that there is no mistake bigger than God's ability to forgive.

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# Charges in UCLA lab death first of its kind in nation

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The unusual decision to bring criminal charges against the University of California, Los Angeles following the death of a staff research assistant could bring needed attention to safety issues at campus laboratories, two industry observers said Wednesday.

The death of Sheharbano "Sheri" Sangji three years ago has created awareness among universities and colleges about preventing similar incidents by improving safety in academic labs. However, the case my spur officials to re-examine their policies now that they could be charged with a crime.

"The idea that someone could go to jail or be fined significantly is a new concept," said Russ Phifer, executive director of the National Registry of Certified Chemists and former head of the American Chemical Society's safety division. "I think the primary impact will be that universities and principal investigators will understand there is potential criminal liability."

On Tuesday, prosecutors filed three felony counts of willfully violating occupational health and safety standards against UCLA regents and chemistry professor Patrick Harran.

Sangji, 23, was burned over nearly half of her body when air-sensitive chemicals burst into flames and ignited her clothes at a UCLA lab in December 2008. She died 18 days later.

Harran, 42, faces up to 4? years in prison if convicted. An arrest warrant was issued for Harran, who is out of town for the holidays. His attorney, Thomas O'Brien, said his client plans to surrender upon his return to Southern California. He declined further comment.

UCLA could be fined about $4.5 million if found guilty of all counts. The university called the charges "outrageous" and it will mount a vigorous defense, according to a statement posted on its website.

"There is absolutely nothing criminal about this case, it was a tragic accident and we will more than demonstrate that in court," said Charles Robinson, chief counsel to the regents.

Prosecutors on Wednesday declined to elaborate why they filed criminal charges against UCLA and Harran, but industry observers said the case will be closely watched.

"I was a little surprised because, as far as I know, it's the first of its kind," said Harry Elston, the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Chemical Health and Safety. "I think it's going to grab everyone's attention."

Since Sangji's death, some universities, including UCLA, have attempted to provide more training for student researchers and fit them with fire-resistant lab coats. Yet there is no national mandate for researchers to wear flame-resistant coats and the decision is left up to university officials, Phifer said.

The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health fined the university nearly $32,000 in May 2009 after finding Sangji hadn't been properly trained and should have been wearing a protective lab coat.

Her death has generated enough publicity that there at least a dozen national groups are working on improving safety in academic labs. Phifer said the biggest problem is the amount of safety training graduate students receives versus the strict standards required in the private sector.

"There's just not that level of supervision at the academic level that you see in industry," Phifer said. "Industry clearly recognizes the potential liability."

Elston agreed and said this case may improve that element.

"Universities have not grasped that concept — planning and checking and acting again to improve the process and I think we're going to start seeing this," he said.

Sangji's death isn't the only case to raise questions about lab safety.

Most recently, U.S. regulators found an accident that killed a Yale University student in April exposed problems with the school's safety policies but the university wasn't fined.

Michele Dufault was working alone in a lab where her hair was pulled into a fast-spinning lathe. The equipment lacked an emergency stop button that could shut off power and was missing physical guards to protect the operator, regulators said in a letter.

The only other case where criminal charges were filed for an academic lab accident was in the United Kingdom during the 1980s where a Sussex University professor was accused of negligence after a lab explosion where a piece of metal lodged into a student's abdomen.

The incident led to reforms and researchers must now write a hazardous assessment before doing a lab experiment, Phifer said.

Determining the university and the professor's guilt may boil down to the language of the code section they are charged under, observers said. Someone can be found guilty if there is a "willful violation," but UCLA officials have previously said the investigation by state regulators found no such instance.

## The Q Line

### Year in review

The Daily Press is currently debating internally which stories should be included in our best of 2011 edition. We would love to hear from our readers.

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# Pesticide use rises after years of decline

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FRESNO Pesticide use in California rose in 2010 after declining for four consecutive years, according to state data released Wednesday.

The data released by the Department of Pesticide Regulation shows an increase of nearly 10 percent in pounds of pesticide used from 2009 to 2010. More than 173 million pounds were applied statewide, an increase of nearly 15 million pounds from the previous year.

Most of the growth in use was in production agriculture, where applications increased by 12 million pounds. The increase reflected a 15 percent jump in acres treated with pesticides — a total of 75 million acres were treated in 2010.

Pesticide use fluctuates from year to year due to weather and economic factors, said department spokeswoman Lea Brooks. Last year's increase was mainly due to an abundant rainfall, better water availability for crop irrigation and the pricing of crops, Brooks said.

An especially cool, wet winter and spring required more fungicide use to control mildew, she said. Low summer and fall temperatures resulted in late harvests and led to more insect damage to some crops and additional treatments.

Water allocations for irrigation also played a role, said Les Wright, Fresno County's deputy agricultural commissioner. The county, which is the state's top agricultural county, ranked as the highest in pesticide use, followed by Kern, Tulare, San Joaquin and Madera counties.

"When we have water, we're able to plant more acreage, and more acreage equals more pesticide use," Wright said.

Pesticide use depends on the type of crops planted, he said, which in turn depends on projected crop prices. This year, farmers in the San Joaquin Valley planted more cotton, which increased the use of some pesticides, he said. In addition to cotton, crops that showed an increase in pounds of pesticides applied included wine grapes, carrots, almonds, and table and raisin grapes.

Sulfur, a natural fungicide used by conventional and organic farmers to control mildew, was the most used pesticide in the state. Its use grew by 10 percent and accounted for 27 percent of all reported pesticide use.

The fumigant 1,3-dichloropropene, also known as Telone, saw the greatest increase in pounds applied — its use went up by 37 percent. Telone is used on strawberries, almonds, sweet potatoes, carrots, and table and raisin grapes. It's an alternative to methyl bromide, which is being phased out under an international treaty to protect the ozone layer.

Environmentalists decried the increase in pesticide use.

"The numbers released indicate that we're stuck on the pesticide treadmill," said Paul Towers, spokesman of Pesticide Action Network. "Instead of providing support and forward thinking policies to help farmers transition from pesticide use, our state is continuing the use of unsafe and outdated chemicals."

Most alarming was the increase in the use of fumigants, Towers said, which are prone to drift and some of which are linked to cancer and groundwater contamination. Pesticides include fumigants, insecticides, herbicides, anti-bacterials and other chemicals.

The data covers only pesticides used in agriculture, termite treatment and professional landscaping. About two-thirds of the pesticides sold in California, including chlorine used for municipal water treatment and home-use pesticide products, are not subject to reporting.

# Bikers, pedestrians to share Golden Gate Bridge sidewalk

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SAN FRANCISCO Bikers and pedestrians will again share the same sidewalk across the Golden Gate Bridge starting in January.

The span's west sidewalk, which is normally reserved for cyclists during certain hours, will be closed for construction for almost three months on Jan. 9. That means cyclists and pedestrians will have to share the east sidewalk.

Bridge officials say the closure is prompted by construction to improve a section of a trail that connects state parkland with the span.

The west sidewalk should reopen on April 1.

Bicyclists and pedestrians have been forced to share the same sidewalk at other times this year, as crews completed seismic retrofit work and repainted the bridge's cables.






## ED FOUNDATION
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Education Foundation hopes to give parents a direct view into where their money goes and at the same time increase the exposure of the foundation.

"We want to update the image," Jashinsky said. "There are so many progressive things being done here that so many other committees don't do. The foundation has been around, but people don't recognize that or the impact the funding has on programs that have been happening at the schools."

The foundation hopes that by putting the information out online, students will talk about it and bring it back to parents who may not have delved into social media, said Linda Gross, executive director of the Education Foundation.

"Kids use social media more, but parents are there, too," Gross said. "We're trying to catch everyone."

The Education Foundation became the focal point of community debate in recent months when the Board of Education launched an investigation into the idea of taking responsibility for school fundraising out of the hands of site-based parent groups and putting it in the purview of the foundation.

While parents argued over the relative benefits and costs of the districtwide fundraising model during the last months of the year, student opinion went largely unheard at public meetings. This group aims to encourage input and, if possible, participation, Jashinsky said.

"They have more of a vested interest," she said.

Although the role of the student liaison hasn't been entirely fleshed out, the committee organizers envision them using the skills they learn from programs on campus to create materials that the foundation can use as "marketing" on social networks to let parents know in real terms where their money is going.

"We're not at school, so we don't see all of the things that money is used for on a regular basis," Jashinsky said.

The photography, videography, acting or other media would be used in the second piece of Jashinsky's campaign, to raise the profile of the Education Foundation and its work.

The foundation has been a force in Santa Monica since 1982, a reaction to the precipitous decline in funding for schools after the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978.

In that time, it has raised funds for programs to benefit all schools in the district, but its activities went largely unnoticed.

That turned into a talking point for parents against districtwide fundraising, who said in public testimony that the foundation was not ready for such a high profile — and high dollar — role.

The foundation generally brings in around $400,000 per year for the district, not counting the $1.6 million raised during the Save our Schools campaign in 2010.

Even that pales in comparison to the multi-million dollars that the parent groups and booster clubs bring in to benefit the education, sports, music and theater programs at the various schools.

Parents were also concerned that if they could no longer give directly to their school, they wouldn't see their money working for their children.

Through the new campaign, that story would get out, Jashinsky hopes.

In the meantime, the transition to districtwide fundraising will be a high priority for the school district. Superintendent Sandra Lyon has promised to put together an advisory committee to help form the policy by the end of January 2012, with full implementation for elementary schools by 2013.

The foundation is not just waiting for the 2013-14 school year to arrive, Gross said. It will move forward with its "dollar-a-day" campaign at the end of January, which will ask parents to give $365 per child in the school.

"We're giving parents the chance to contribute to a fund that we're going to need for the beginning of the 2013-14 school year," Gross said.

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## SMOKING
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to secondhand smoke."

The agency encouraged property managers to use smoke-free policies that pertain specifically to their buildings, and left the option to make the buildings completely smoke-free.

Local officials debated the measure at a meeting in December, ultimately banning smoking in newly-constructed hotels, but postponing a decision on multi-unit housing for 90 days.

Some councilmembers argued that smoking was a legal activity and that a ban could be used against residents in affordable housing by landlords wanting to evict them and raise rents to market rate. The policy also raised privacy concerns, because it required smokers to publicly identify themselves.

Others, including councilmembers Bobby Shriver and Bob Holbrook, maintained that a smoker's rights did not trump another tenant's right to health.

The courts have never affirmed a "right to smoke," said Esther Schiller, director of the Smokefree Apartments Registry, and creating smoke-free places helps smokers and nonsmokers alike.

According to the American Lung Association, 70 percent of smokers express some desire to quit, Schiller said.

"We have smoke-free bars, parks and beaches. The idea is not to remind the person of the smell of the smoke. It's easier to quit without these reminders," Schiller said.

Holbrook, a pharmacist, agreed.

"It will force people to say, 'Darnit, I'll give it up so I can keep my apartment,'" he said at the Dec. 13 council meeting. "We have to have the guts to save lives."

Smoking is prohibited in most places in Santa Monica, including buildings, bars, patios and other shared spaces in multi-unit housing. That leaves the option of taking your cigarette out on a walk, Schiller said.

"Walking and smoking, that's what people should be doing," Schiller said.

Fred, Lewis' neighbor, does not agree. He didn't want to give his last name for the article.

Although Lewis characterized him as a chain smoker, Fred said that he smokes relatively little, and keeps the window open to try to vent the smoke.

"Anybody can smoke in their home, or anything else they want to do," Fred said. "This is where I live. You should be able to do what you do in your own home."

That's scant comfort for Lewis.

She drafted a statement summarizing her emotions about her living conditions, describing the fear she has for her health if she continues to be exposed to secondhand smoke.

"I know I won't live forever, but as my place exists today I don't think that I will last much longer," she wrote.

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## WELFARE
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checks and a shorter period during which they are eligible to receive assistance at a time when employment prospects for even highly qualified job-seekers are dim.

That has led to fear and uncertainty among welfare recipients, many of whom have spent a year or more in job-preparation programs without success.

"I've been trying to look for work, but everyone has been losing their jobs and work was hard to find," said David Balaba of Sacramento, who has been on welfare since being laid off in 2009 as a merchandiser for a beverage-packaging company.

His wife lost her job working at a cafe in the Sacramento Zoo a month before his layoff, and their daughter was born shortly after.

"From there, it started to go downhill," said Balaba, 27. "We couldn't find work, we lost everything. It was like a snowball effect."

To help cut their childcare costs and living expenses, his family moved in with his parents in south Sacramento, a few miles from the state Capitol. For almost two years, Balaba has been drawing welfare checks while participating in state-funded programs designed to help him find work.

None of those programs has paid off, and with state spending cuts to welfare programs, he is receiving $300 a month from the state, less than half his previous check of $661.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Balaba is one of 4.6 million Americans on welfare amid a lasting recession that has forced lawmakers to slash budgets across the country, including for many safety-net programs.

California will spend $6 billion this fiscal year on its welfare programs, or roughly 7 percent of a general fund budget that has shrunk by $17.5 billion over the past three years.

Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Republican lawmakers pushed successfully for welfare reforms in 2004 and have won other cutbacks and concessions since then.

Funding for CalWorks, the welfare-to-work program that is the state's main welfare service, was cut by $1 billion this year. The legislation that reduced the spending also shortened the amount of time a recipient can stay on welfare, from 60 months to 48, while also reducing monthly checks by at least 8 percent.

Lawmakers also suspended a program called Cal-Learn, which offers incentives and services for teenage parents who had dropped out of high school.

Many Republican lawmakers say the cuts need to continue because California can no longer afford all the program's costs. They say the relatively generous benefits have made California a magnet for those seeking welfare assistance.

The Legislature's budget cuts and reform measures in recent years are steps in the right direction but don't go far enough, said state Assemblyman Brian Jones, a Republican from La Mesa, near San Diego.

He said he would support cutting the amount of time adults can remain on welfare even further.

"By the time someone is on welfare for 48 months, I think they're trained to be on that system," he said. "I think we need to make it more attractive in California to get folks off of welfare instead of onto it."

The Legislature focuses too much on trying to micromanage people's lives, he said, while failing to devise productive ways to get Californians back to work.

"The welfare numbers are high because the economy is in the pits, and there doesn't seem to be a political force in Sacramento to push the reforms we need to get our economy going," said Jones, vice chairman of the Assembly Human Services Committee.

Yet recipients say a persistent recession that has given California the nation's second highest unemployment rate is just the reason not to cut welfare benefits further.

Theresa Hooks had been working as a mobile notary in Arizona when she decided in 2009 to move to California, where her grandmother had offered to help care for her children.

Shortly after the 35-year-old divorced mother of three moved to Hemet, in a semi-rural area about 90 miles east of Los Angeles, her grandmother developed an illness that left her unable to care for Hooks' children. Hooks said she then lost the three-bedroom apartment she had been living in because she couldn't afford the rent.

"That's when I ended up homeless," she said. "I could not find a job anywhere, and I applied everywhere. Not Kmart, not McDonald's. There was not one company in Hemet that would hire me."

She is among the 1.5 million Californians who depend on monthly welfare grants. California's caseload far outnumbers the rest of the country, with 3.8 percent of its population on welfare in 2010.

According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine, the state with the second highest percentage, had 2.9 percent of its population on welfare. Tennessee, New Mexico and Washington, the next three states, were at 2.5 percent.

The states with the lowest proportion of residents on welfare — Wyoming, Idaho, Georgia, Texas and Illinois — had less than one half of 1 percent of their population receiving state assistance.

The main reason California has such a high percentage of the nation's welfare cases is because it is one of the few states that continue to provide welfare checks for children once their parents are no longer eligible.

About three-quarters of California's welfare recipients are children age 18 and younger. Just three other states — Indiana, Oregon and Rhode Island — provide assistance checks to minors after their parents no longer qualify for welfare.

Yet even with the state's promise to support children, families are finding it harder to move from welfare to employment amid a stagnant job market.

California's unemployment rate has been dropping in recent months but is still second highest in the nation behind Nevada, at 11.3 percent, and remains far higher than the national rate of 8.6 percent.

After applying for welfare, Hooks moved her family into a one-bedroom apartment in the San Fernando Valley. For the past two years, she has been studying for a degree in public relations while struggling to pay her bills with a welfare check that shrank by $76 a month to $752 in the latest round of state budget cuts. She said her ex-husband sends a little money, but she still finds herself short of cash every month.

She said her job prospects are uncertain, at best.

"I'm not trying to stay on this," she said of the state's welfare rolls. "I'm trying to get off as soon as possible."

Former President Bill Clinton supported an overhaul of the nation's traditional welfare system in 1996 by giving states more control over the money that came from the federal government, which had been used to fund cash payments. States used the new flexibility to begin funding child care services and job-assistance programs.

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# MOVIES
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climbed to $271 million domestically and $650 million worldwide.

Other franchises did well in 2011 but came up short of their predecessors on the domestic front, among them "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides," "The Hangover Part II," "Kung Fu Panda 2," "Cars 2" and "X-Men: First Class."

Strong overseas business has helped make up for shrinking domestic revenues and declining DVD sales. But 2011 was the second-straight year that domestic attendance declined sharply, and audiences generally have been shrinking since 2002, when admissions hit a modern high of 1.6 billion.

It could be a case of the same-old same-olds, with fans growing tired of over-familiar characters and stories. It could be overcrowded weekends such as Thanksgiving, when studios loaded up on family films that cannibalized one another's audiences. It could be the economy, with fans growing more selective on how often they spend their spare cash to catch a movie, particularly at a time when so many films play in 3-D with premium ticket prices.

And it could be the times we live in, when audiences have so many gadgets to play with that they don't need to go to the movies as much as they once did.

"It's not any one thing. It's a little bit of everything," said Jeff Goldstein, general sales manager at Warner Bros., whose Robert Downey Jr. sequel "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" has done solid business, yet is coming in well short of the first installment. "But consumers are being more specific with their choices on how to spend their money. The options are a little greater than they were a few years ago with gaming and social-networking opportunities."

The year's animated slate failed to produce a $200 million hit, the first time that's happened since 2005. Likewise, comic-book superheroes slipped in 2011, the genre unable to deliver a $200 million hit for only the second time in the last 10 years.

Even Adam Sandler, one of Hollywood's most-bankable stars, had a mixed year, managing a $100 million hit with "Just Go With It" but barely crossing $70 million with "Jack and Jill."

Studio executives typically blame slow business on "the product" — weak movies that leave fans indifferent. But during the first few months of the year, when business lagged as much as 20 percent behind 2010's, studios were confident they had great product coming, with many executives predicting that 2011 would finish with record revenues, topping the all-time domestic high of $10.6 billion in 2009.

The movies themselves turned out fairly good, and surprise smashes such as "Bridesmaids," "The Help," "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" and "The Smurfs" boosted business.

But the year was littered with duds ("Happy Feet Two," "Tower Heist," "Cowboys & Aliens"). And with only days left in 2011, Tom Cruise's "Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol" is leading a batch of holiday releases that so far has done only so-so business, despite generally good reviews and high marks from the fans that are showing up.

Hollywood is left right where it was 12 months ago, finishing the year quietly and looking ahead to a promising lineup to turn its fortunes around next year.

Even more so than 2011's schedule once looked, the 2012 film list looks colossal. Among the highlights: the superhero tales "The Dark Knight Rises," "The Amazing Spider-Man" and "The Avengers"; the latest in the animated franchises "Ice Age" and "Madagascar," along with "Brave," the new adventure from animation master Pixar; Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones' "Men in Black 3"; Daniel Craig's new James Bond thriller "Skyfall"; Johnny Depp's vampire story "Dark Shadows"; Ridley Scott's "Prometheus," a cousin to his sci-fi classic "Alien"; and Peter Jackson's "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," the first in a two-part prequel to his "Lord of the Rings" films.

That's just a small sampling of 2012's big-screen titles, which also include 3-D reissues of "Titanic," "Finding Nemo," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace."

Looking ahead, there's good reason for optimism in Hollywood. Looking back, though, the past year spells caution.

"I'm not prepared to be Chicken Little yet, but if the films coming in 2012 can't reverse this trend, then I think we need to reevaluate our expectations," said Hollywood.com analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "We are living in a different world today than we did in the mid-'90s in terms of the technology available to deliver media. That may finally be having an impact."

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## D.U.I. Do's & Don'ts

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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# Bargain hunters divided shopping season into two


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AP Retail Writer


NEW YORK The holiday shopping season turned out to be two seasons: the Black Friday binge and a last-minute surge.

Together, they added up to decent sales gains for retailers. And the doldrums in between showed how shoppers have learned to wait for the discounts they know will come.

"The days that the American consumer gets excited about 25 percent off are over," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group. "Shoppers are keeping their eye on the ball for the big sales events."

In November, spending rose 4.1 percent. And from Dec. 1 to Dec. 24, it rose 4.7 percent compared with the same period last year, according to research firm ShopperTrak. A 4 percent increase is considered a healthy season.

The higher sales are good news for the economy, because they show shoppers were willing to fund a holiday splurge despite high unemployment and other lingering economic woes. Consumer spending, including major items such as health care, accounts for 70 percent of the economy.

Still, plenty of people are pinched for cash in the slow economic recovery, and they were seeking the best deals, which could squeeze stores' profits for the fourth quarter, says Hana Ben-Shabat, a partner in the retail practice of A.T. Kearney, a management consulting firm.

Stores have trained even shoppers who are primed to spend to look for a discount.

Heading into the season, stores were nervous that shoppers would be tight-fisted. Many officially opened the season with discounts on TVs and toys that started as early as Thanksgiving Day. Consumers came out in droves, resulting in record spending.

Then the frenzy tapered off. A mild winter and the fact that Christmas fell on a Sunday encouraged people to wait until the last minute and accentuated the peaks and valleys of spending.

Stores started to push more discounts to get shoppers to spend in the finale. In fact, retailers' promotional e-mails from Sunday, Dec. 18, to Thursday, Dec. 22, spiked 34 percent, compared with the same period a year ago, according to Responsys, which tracks e-mail activity from more than 100 merchants.

According to Beemer's consumer surveys, 60 percent of shoppers polled were looking for discounts of more than 50 percent to get them to buy. That's up from last year's 51 percent of shoppers polled.

Tracey Spears of Locust Grove, Ga., who was shopping Wednesday at Atlanta's Lenox Square Mall, said she got 75 percent of her holiday shopping done on Black Friday or the day after Thanksgiving. She took advantage of deals, including a Keurig coffee pot from Target and clothes from Hollister on sale.

"I had more money because I got a better bonus this year, but sales are important. You always want to buy stuff cheaper," she said.

Spears and others helped to create pronounced waves in spending.

"The downs and ups were much more accentuated," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers. "It just shows how cautious the consumer is. Consumers are bargain hunters more today than ever before."

In the week before Christmas, last-minute shoppers gave retailers a 4.5 percent increase in revenue over the same week last year at stores open at least a year, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers-Goldman Sachs Weekly Chain Store Sales Index. The index estimates sales at 24 major stores including Macy's Inc. and Costco Wholesale Corp.

Revenue at stores open at least a year is an important measurement of a retailer's performance because it excludes the effects of stores that open or close during the year.

Total retail revenue for the week ended Saturday rose 14.8 percent compared with the year ago, ShopperTrak estimates.

For the week that ended Nov. 26, which included the traditional start of holiday shopping on the day after Thanksgiving, stores had the biggest sales surge from the week before since 1993, according to the ICSC-Goldman Sachs index.

The post-Black Friday lull was deeper than usual. The two weeks after Thanksgiving weekend showed the biggest percentage sales decline since 2000.

Then, during the final two weeks before Christmas, sales surged again, by the highest rate since 2005, Niemira said.

The season "was good but uneven," he said.

Stores are expected to benefit when shoppers come back to spend gift cards, because people often spend more than the cards' value. In addition, gift card sales are recorded only when shoppers redeem them.

People have more money on their cards to spend. According to an ICSC-Goldman Sachs survey of shoppers conducted Sunday, 18 percent of holiday spending went toward gift cards, up from 14.6 percent last year.

A total sales figure for the whole season won't be available until after Dec. 31. And a fuller holiday spending picture will come Jan. 5, when stores including Target Corp. and Macy's release December sales figures. Government retail sales data will be released in mid-January.

ICSC said it expects holiday sales for November and December to rise in line with its forecast of 3.5 percent. The National Retail Federation expects total retail sales for November and December combined to increase by 3.8 percent, up from its earlier forecast of 2.8 percent issued back in October. That's still below the 5.2 percent holiday sales increase in 2010 from the previous year.

As proof that consumers are timing their spending to seek the best bargains, Black Friday was the biggest sales day, as expected, generating sales of $11.4 billion, up 6.6 percent from a year ago, according to ShopperTrak.

But based on preliminary data, Christmas Eve and Dec. 26 were the second- and third-heaviest spending days of the season, according to ShopperTrak founder Bill Martin.

He had originally expected Saturday, Dec. 17, to be the second-largest spending day. And Christmas Eve wasn't even forecast to be among the top 10 holiday shopping days.

ShopperTrak measures foot traffic in 25,000 stores in the U.S. and blends those figures with economic data along with proprietary sales figures from merchants. The data excludes sales from auto dealers, gas stations, restaurants and grocery stores.

"Shoppers are willing to spend when they know the biggest discounts are available," Martin said.

Brooks Brothers, the upscale men's and women's clothier that doesn't discount before Christmas, learned that this year. The Monday after Christmas, when the company offered discounts up to 40 percent, was a record spending day at its stores and its website.

# Abortion, immigration changes among new laws for 2012

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Girls seeking abortions in New Hampshire must first tell their parents or a judge, employers in Alabama must verify new workers' U.S. residency, and California students will be the first in the country to receive mandatory lessons about the contributions of gays and lesbians under state laws set to take effect at the start of 2012.

Many laws reflect the nation's concerns over immigration, the cost of government and the best way to protect and benefit young people, including regulations on sports concussions.

Alabama, with the country's toughest immigration law, is enacting a key provision requiring all employers who do business with any government entity to use a federal system known as E-Verify to check that all new employees are in the country legally.

Georgia is putting a similar law into effect requiring any business with 500 or more employees to use E-Verify to check the employment eligibility of new hires. The requirement is being phased in, with all employers with more than 10 employees to be included by July 2013.

Supporters said they wanted to deter illegal immigrants from coming to Georgia by making it tougher for them to work. Critics said that changes to immigration law should come at the federal level and that portions of the law already in effect are already hurting Georgia.

"It is destroying Georgia's economy and it is destroying the fabric of our social network in South Georgia," Paul Bridges, mayor of the onion-farming town of Uvalda, said in November. He is part of a lawsuit challenging the new law.

Tennessee will also require businesses to ensure employees are legally authorized to work in the U.S. but exempts employers with five or fewer workers and allows them to keep a copy of the new hire's driver's license instead of using E-Verify.

A South Carolina law would allow officials to yank the operating licenses of businesses that don't check new hires' legal status through E-verify. A federal judge last week blocked parts of the law that would have required police to check the immigration status of criminal suspects or people stopped for traffic violations they think might be in the country illegally, and that would have made it a crime for illegal immigrants to transport or house themselves.

California is also addressing illegal immigration, but with a bill that allows students who entered the country illegally to receive private financial aid at public colleges.

Many laws aim to protect young people. In Colorado, coaches will be required to bench players as young as 11 when they're believed to have suffered a head injury. The young athletes will also need medical clearance to return to play.

The law also requires coaches in public and private schools and even volunteer Little League and Pop Warner football coaches to take free annual online training to recognize the symptoms of a concussion. At least a dozen other states have enacted similar laws with the support of the National Football League.

People 18 and under in Illinois will have to wear seat belts while riding in taxis for school-related purposes, and Illinois school boards can now suspend or expel students who make explicit threats on websites against other students or school employees.

Florida will take control of lunch and other school food programs from the federal government, allowing the state to put more Florida-grown fresh fruit and vegetables on school menus. Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam says the change will help children eat healthier.

A California law will add gays and lesbians and people with disabilities to the list of social and ethnic groups whose contributions must be taught in history lessons in public schools. The law also bans teaching materials that reflect poorly on gays or particular religions.

Opponents have filed five potential initiatives to repeal the requirement outright or let parents remove their children while gays' contributions are being taught.

In New Hampshire, a law requiring girls seeking abortions to tell their parents or a judge first was reinstated by conservative Republicans over a gubernatorial veto. The state enacted a similar law eight years ago, but it was never enforced following a series of lawsuits.

In Arkansas, facilities that perform 10 or more nonsurgical abortions a month must be licensed by the state Health Department and be subject to inspections by the department, the same requirements faced by facilities that offer surgical abortions in the state.

It affects two Planned Parenthood facilities that offer the abortion pill, though they're not singled out in the statute.

Among federal laws, a measure Congress passed last week to extend Social Security tax cuts and federal unemployment benefit programs raises insurance fees on new mortgages and refinancings backed by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Housing Administration by 0.1 percent beginning Jan. 1.

That covers about 90 percent of them and effectively makes a borrower's monthly payment on a new $200,000 mortgage or refinancing about $17 a month more than it would have been if obtained before the first of the year.

Nevada's 3-month old ban on texting while driving will get tougher, with tickets replacing the warnings that police have issued since the ban took effect Oct. 1. In Pennsylvania, police are preparing to enforce that state's recently enacted ban on texting, scheduled to take effect by spring.

Election law changes in Rhode Island and Tennessee will require voters to present photo ID, a measure that supporters say prevents fraud and that opponents say will make it harder for minorities and the elderly to cast ballots.

In Ohio, a measure that creates one primary in March, instead of two that would have cost the state an extra $15 million, goes into effect later in January.

Ohio is also one of eight states with automatic increases in the minimum wage taking effect Jan. 1. The others, with increases between 28 and 37 cents, are Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Montana, Oregon, Vermont and Washington.

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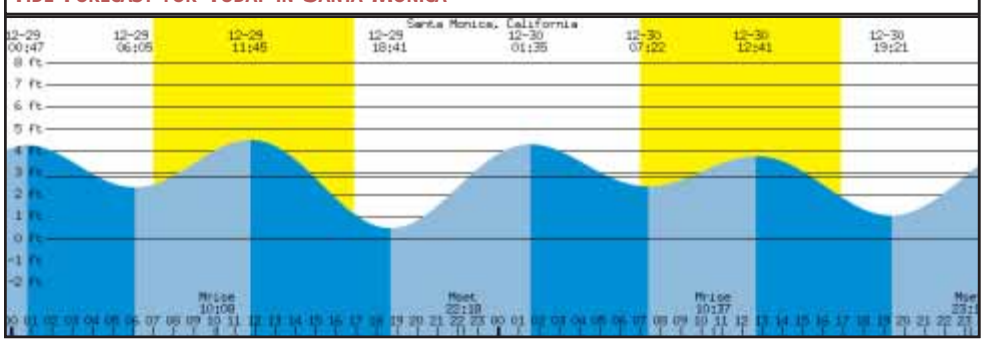
**Swell Forecast**

**Today looks a bit smaller, but west facing breaks are still looking at about chest high on the sets.**

**Long Range Synopsis**

Friday also looks about chest high or so for west facing spots.

**Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica**




BEACH REPORT CARD

# NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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**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 -- 6
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 25 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

| 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. | F | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain. | A+ | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua). | A | B |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain. | A+ | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain. | A | F |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier. | D | B |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | F | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms). | A | B |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain. | A | B |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain. | A | F |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain. | A+ | A |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain. | A | A |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | A+ | A+ |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St. | A+ | B |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower. | A | B |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | F | 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). | B | A |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | A+ | B |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A+ | F |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A+ | F |

**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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NCAA FOOTBALL

# Badgers, Ducks invade Disneyland for Rose Bowl

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ANAHEIM Although Aaron Henry meant no offense to Mickey Mouse or the Magic Kingdom, the Wisconsin safety thinks the Badgers and their opponents aren't quite as dazzled by the Rose Bowl's pomp and pageantry the second time around.

No. 6 Oregon (11-2) and the ninth-ranked Badgers (11-2) descended on Disneyland on Tuesday for the traditional start to Rose Bowl week festivities, eagerly riding the teacups and posing for pictures with fans and costumed characters alike.

Yet the Ducks and Badgers have both climbed this Matterhorn before: Wisconsin lost last season's Rose Bowl to TCU, while Oregon lost two years ago to Ohio State. While the Rose Bowl week is packed with fun, it's mostly about redemption for these conference champions.

"Last year, guys were thrilled to be here, and maybe a bit overwhelmed, too," said Henry, the Badgers' senior leader. "Some guys had never been out of Wisconsin, and then all of a sudden we're staying in Beverly Hills and going out in Hollywood. Coming back here, the feeling is totally different. We'll still have fun, but it's all about business first."

Both teams basked in the warm sun on a Disney-perfect Orange County day, although Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema assured fans the weather was exactly the same back in Madison. With Bielema wearing flip-flops and Oregon's Chip Kelly in plaid shorts, both coaches shook Mickey's big white hand before speaking of a mutual respect between two very different teams.

"It's always cool for the kids to experience the stuff that goes around a game like this," Kelly said. "It's a special time in everybody's lives, so we make sure to get the full experience. We won't have trouble focusing on what we have to do."

The Badgers welcomed a week away from the Wisconsin winter, starting with a trip to the Rose Bowl itself shortly after their plane landed Monday. While most of the players were there a year earlier, quarterback Russell Wilson got his first trip to the fabled field.

"The field doesn't get any better than the grass they have," said Wilson, the remarkable transfer from North Carolina State. "It's like you're playing on a par-5 on the PGA Tour."

For the second straight year, the Badgers are preparing for the departure of a key assistant coach after the Rose Bowl. Offensive coordinator Paul Chryst landed the top job at Pittsburgh earlier this month, and Bielema confirmed Tuesday that Chryst will take offensive line coach Bob Bostad with him.

Wisconsin came close to beating the unbeaten Horned Frogs last year, but emerged from the 21-19 loss disappointed in their offense's production and their defense's ability to create turnovers. Tailback Montee Ball remembers the dual excitement and emptiness of last New Year's Day.

"We're more experienced now, more mature," said Ball, the Heisman Trophy finalist. "Last year, we came in with our eyes kind of wide at the whole L.A. lifestyle. We're not going to have the same experience this time."

The Ducks echoed the Badgers' thoughts about getting a second chance — or even a third. Oregon has reached three consecutive BCS games, but was beaten in the first two, including last year's BCS title game loss to Auburn.

"It's exciting, but we've all been in big games over the last few years," said offensive lineman Darrion Weems, a Los Angeles-area native. "We know what we have to do to be successful and get a win this time around. We're going to have fun, but we're trying to win this game, not just play in it."

NCAA SPORTS

# Pac-12, Big Ten to announce scheduling deal

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AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK The Big Ten and Pac-12 are getting together on a scheduling agreement that provides the benefits of conference expansion without the ugliness of raiding another league.

While the partnership is for all sports, its most high-profile results will be seen in football and basketball.

The two 12-team leagues are aiming to create a 12-game inter-conference schedule by the 2017 season that would have each school play an opponent from the other conference every season.

Increased competition between the leagues in sports other than football could start as early as next year.

"From my perspective this improves the scheduling and creates more high-profile matchups," Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said. "It gets us exposure into the Midwest and East Coast on the Big Ten media platforms, the Big Ten Network and ESPN. And we hope it brings some rivalries that are rooted in a 100-year tradition of the Rose Bowl.

The Big Ten and Pac-12 have been Rose Bowl partners for decades.

"For me it's a creative way to accomplish a lot of things the conferences seek through expansion without having to expand," Scott said.

Scott said the idea bloomed after the Pac-12 presidents rejected the idea of further expansion back in October.

Scott's league added Utah and Colorado this year to increase to 12 members and the Big Ten added Nebraska as its 12th member. Both leagues played conference championship games in football for the first time earlier this month.

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**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 2hrs 08min**
10:00am, 1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

**Muppets (PG) 1hr 38min**
9:30am

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**Dangerous Method (R) 1hr 39min**
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**Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min**
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**Darkest Hour (PG-13) 1hr 29min**
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**Young Adult (R) 1hr 34min**
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**Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 1hr 41min**
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# Be naughty and nice, Scorpio

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have a strong sense of direction, and others tap into it. If you feel that a situation is off, trust your judgment. Your instincts work with those in charge as well. The timing is great if you have been waiting for the right time to make a request. Tonight: Get some sleep.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Reach out for a distant friend. Speaking to you means a lot to quite a few people. Buy tickets to a concert or some other musical event. You will relax in this environment as you rarely do. Tonight: Go for something entertaining.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Have that discussion now rather than later. You discover how much is going on that you might have missed out on. Listen well to what is said. Ask for feedback. Don't be surprised by how someone is changing right in front of your very eyes. Tonight: Togetherness works.

## CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You discover that letting others run with the ball works for you right now. No one is challenging you by wanting to do a project his or her way. Respond to someone from a distance who might be reaching out to you. Tonight: Let the medium entertain you.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Let the people you deal with nearly every day know that you appreciate them. Ask about them. This interest will help develop stronger bonds. You might be surprised by how much these peripheral people impact you. Tonight: Contain a difficult conversation.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Don't push to have a situation go the way you want it to. Know that you can handle nearly anything given time and thought. A child or new friend invigorates your day with his or her innate charm and caring. Tonight: Only with favorite people.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You know your priorities, but might need to loosen up some in order to obtain the desired results. If a call comes through from a neighbor or family member, do be available. Your work situation transforms before your very eyes. Tonight: Know when to call it a day.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Allow more creativity and humor to come forward. Your sense of direction helps sort out your priorities. Don't forget that making yourself happy is also a priority. Examine what is occurring with a neighbor or family member. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You finally decide to take a hard look at your finances. You could be surprised by what is going on behind the scenes. Build a greater sense of security between you and a close friend. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Clear out as much as you can from 2011 as you prepare for the new year. Communication changes in nature and gives you important feedback. You also are not the same person as you were years before. Tonight: Share with friends.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might be reflecting on a way of observing what is going on. Stay clear about your desires. You might have gone down the wrong path. Know what feels right, and follow through on just that. Tonight: Do something just for you.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You hold far more together than you realize. Honor your natural limitations, even if others don't appear to do the same. Your ability to communicate and bring groups together in a cohesive manner is reflected in both your personal and private lives. Tonight: Where your friends are.

## Happy birthday

You certainly have a way with words. At the same time, what were valid goals and thoughts three years ago might not be any longer. Re-evaluate your priorities and update them. Through this process, your words and desires will reflect the authentic you. People will respond more easily. The final result of any project or situation dependent on communication will make you happier. If you are single, you are more likely to draw in someone who works better with you because of this process. If you are attached, there could be an issue as views and goals change. Your interactions will demand mutual respect. If you are giving that gift, it will be reciprocated soon enough. PISCES brings out your personality.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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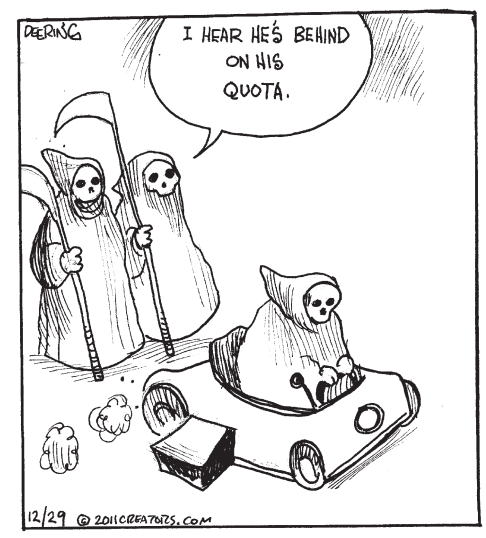
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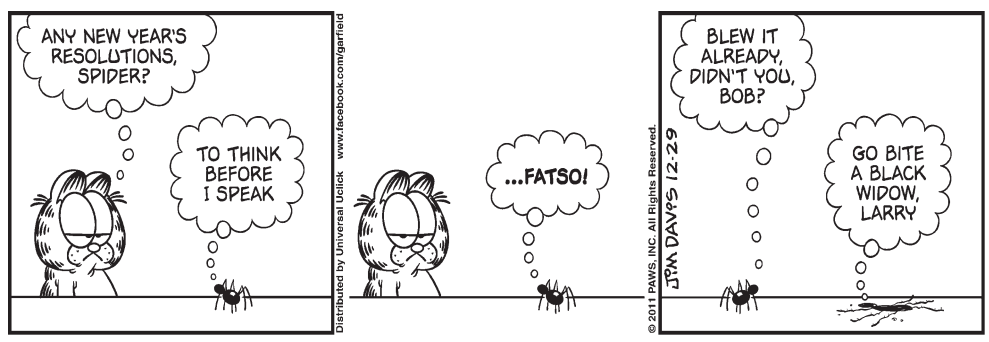

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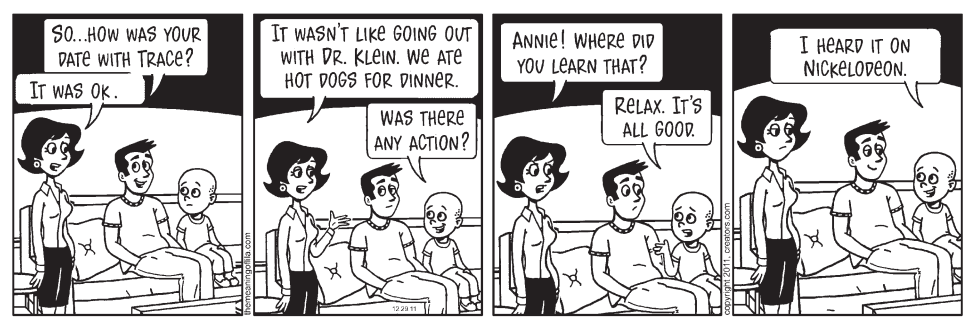

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# Sudoku

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

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# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Herring's kin
**5** Ryan's daughter
**10** Llama's land
**11** Commend
**12** Aphrodite's love
**13** McCartney's colleague
**14** Idiot
**16** Sphagnum
**20** "Key Largo" star
**23** Subway aid
**24** Without letup
**25** Augusta's state
**27** Play part
**28** Ready for the body shop
**29** Rider's protection
**32** Summer spell
**36** South Pacific native
**39** Lamb's pen name
**40** Calendar items
**41** Tears
**42** Memory units
**43** Nuisance

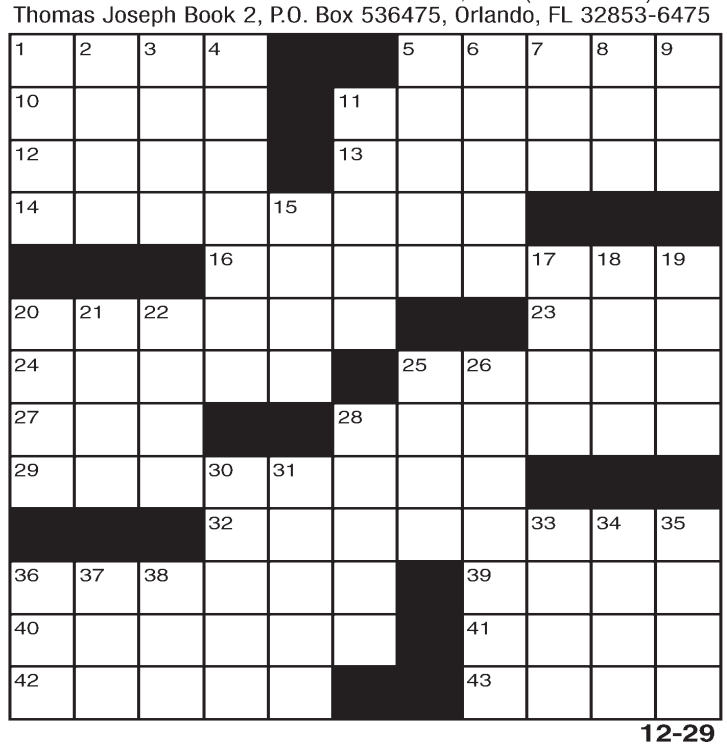
**DOWN**

**1** Unwanted email
**2** On this spot
**3** Bailiwick
**4** Cleaning aid
**5** Pay for everyone
**6** Texas — University
**7** Light metal
**8** GI-entertaining org.
**9** Chess pieces
**11** Fold
**15** Farm group
**17** Leave out
**18** All there
**19** Rushed
**20** Big snakes
**21** In the past
**22** "— job!"
**25** Tuna sandwich
**26** 1920 Olympics setting
**28** College leaders
**30** Owned by thee
**31** Pulses
**33** "I cannot tell —"
**34** Bigwigs
**35** Sunup site
**36** Winter mo.
**37** Wall climber
**38** Pilot's place

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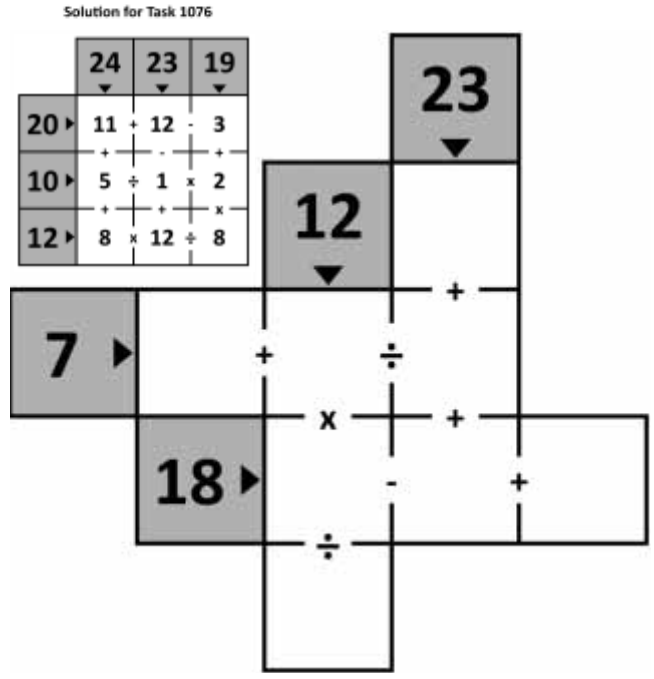
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Ten years ago, the fashionable bulletproof clothing industry was in its infancy, with Miss Israel creating a stir at the 2001 Miss Universe pageant with a bulletproof evening gown. Since then, technology and design improvements (along with more rich people!) have enabled leading stylist Miguel Caballero of Colombia to add to his fashion line. The New Yorker reported in September 2011 that Caballero had made a bulletproof dinner jacket for Sean Combs and kimono for Steven Seagal, and that Caballero clothes are available in strengths of bullet-stopping, from "9 mm" to "Uzi."

■ Rumors that daring youth are inserting tampons soaked in vodka into body orifices to speed alcohol delivery have been around for at least 10 years. Curiously, the only regular-sourced news stories come from TV stations in Phoenix (KNXV-TV in 2009 and KPHO-TV in 2011), and the "urban legends" source Snopes.com calls the whole idea far-fetched. Nonetheless, in November 2011, a school resource officer told KPHO's Elizabeth Erwin that there are "documented cases" and that "guys," too, engage by inserting the tampons into their rectums. Dr. Dan Quan of the Maricopa Medical Center cautioned against the practice, warning of the dangers of mucosal irritation.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1959** Physicist Richard Feynman gives a speech entitled "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom", which is regarded as the birth of nanotechnology; the Lisbon Metro begins operation.

**1972** An Eastern Air Lines Flight 401 (a Lockheed Tristar) crashes on approach to Miami International Airport, Florida, killing 101.

**1975** A bomb explodes at La Guardia Airport in New York City, killing 11 people and injuring 74.

**1989** Riots break-out after Hong Kong decides to forcibly repatriate Vietnamese refugees.

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