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They are in the money

Morley Builders contribute to Historical Society Museum

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The Santa Monica Historical Society Museum is now a member of the millionaire's club, thanks to a record \$250,000 donation.

The donation from local commercial construction firm Morley Builders marks the single-largest contribution to the museum's capital campaign to date, pushing

the total raised to more than \$1 million. The goal is to raise \$2 million, all of which will go towards creating a permanent home for the museum at the Main Library complex, museum officials said.

The donation will support the Morley Builders Research Library in the new, state-of-the-art museum, and allow for multiple uses of that library. The dream is to make the museum a "hub of ongoing activity" that will provide a "hands-on, discover-and-explore environment" for programming, workshops and events, as well as serve as a research center, said Louise Gabriel, president and CEO of the museum.

"Morley Builders is the gold standard of corporate

involvement in the community," Gabriel said. "Morley Builders' support of the museum's new permanent home is particularly appropriate because it built the Santa Monica Public Main Library, within which the new museum is located."

Southern California has been home to the Morley Builders for more than 60 years, museum officials said. The company has, since its earliest years, given back to the community, especially through its support of programs the improve the quality of life for all who live and work here.

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All are invited to the 28th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Needy, sponsored by the St. Monica Catholic Community, which will include a traditional, sit-down Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Bus service from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Fourth and Rose in Venice. Call (310) 566-1500 for more info.

The Queen's royal performance at Royce

UCLA, Westwood, 8 p.m.

Does anyone remember that Queen Latifah also sings? Here's your chance to catch a live performance tonight at UCLA's Royce Hall. For more information, visit www.UCLALive.org.

Panic sets in

12249 Venice Blvd., doors open at 8 p.m.

The Helen Back Quartet opens tonight's performances at the Good Hurt, which will include Cabinet of Curiosities, Fast Heart Mart, Mystery Hangup and Panic Movement. For more information, visit www.goodhurt.net.

'Bathroom Talk'

1404 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Promenade Playhouse presents "Bathroom Talk," an improv sketch comedy about the unusual things that occur in the ladies room at a nightclub. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information, call Laura at (310) 430-8828.

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Happy Turkey-Day!

In the spirit

1855 Main St., 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Santa Monica Vineyard Christian Fellowship opens its hearts and the Civic Auditorium's doors to all. Everyone is welcome to stop by for a free Thanksgiving meal.

Ice, ice, baby

1324 Fifth St., 10 a.m. — 10 p.m.

Bring back childhood memories — or create new ones — as you slice through the ice. Admission is \$10; including skate rental.

'La Vida Lowrider: Cruising the City of Angels'

6060 Wilshire Blvd., L.A., 8 p.m.

Orale vato, cruise on over to the Petersen Automotive Museum to check out their current exhibit on custom lowriders and auto-inspired artwork.

Entrance fees are \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors and students; \$3 for children, ages 5 — 15; kids under 5 are free.

For more information, visit www.petersen.org.

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SPEAKING CLEARLY: Participants in the StoryCorps project get to tell a personal story. KCRW is collecting stories on the Third Street Promenade.

Getting to the core

KCRW collects stories on the promenade

BY GABRIELLE HARRADINE
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN For those who missed out in 2006, the chance to tell a story for the ages has come circling 'round again.

Near the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Third Street, the mobile StoryBooth — an unassuming classic American silver Airstream trailer — is back in Santa Monica documenting the nation's history.

Just outside, a table is topped with

information about the project and a listening station offers passersby a taste of what's going on inside.

"I think it's great," said a woman from Silverlake, familiar with the project after hearing excerpts on NPR. "I'm going to take my mom."

The StoryCorps project is the largest oral history project of its kind. Founded in 2003 by Dave Isay, workers have already recorded almost 30,000 life stories, with conversations being archived for generations to come at the Library of Congress.

"Our mission is to honor and celebrate one another's lives through listening," said Isay.

The trailer will be stationed on the 1200 block of Third Street Promenade

through Dec. 8.

While people can share whatever they want, StoryCorps facilitator Hilary Marshall suggests that participants "don't come with a script."

"Spontaneity is what human life is all about," Marshall said.

The interviews take place in a cozy setting, a mini-sound studio with a table and two bench seats, all of which has been built into the sleek, silver Airstream. The participants, generally two — one interviewer and one interviewee — sit across from each other in what could be an intimate, noiseless café and get 40 minutes to talk about anything they like.

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Dense fog delays flights at SM Airport

By The Associated Press

SM AIRPORT Thick fog wreaked havoc in the skies on Monday, diverting a number of flights from here and shutting down runways at Bob Hope Airport, causing severe delays for airline passengers at the start of the busy Thanksgiving week.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said that in addition to the problems at Santa Monica and Burbank, several flights were delayed at Los Angeles International Airport and San Diego International Airport.

Poor visibility across much of Southern California prevented 12 planes from landing at Bob Hope on Sunday night for a Monday morning turnaround, leaving scores of passengers stranded, airport spokesman Victor Gill said.

"It was quite severe," Gill said. "The runway is 400 feet from my office window, and I couldn't see it."

The suburban airport is in the eastern San Fernando Valley, about 15 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

The fog at Burbank lifted by about 9 a.m., allowing planes to land, Gill said, but domino effects were expected to delay flights for the rest of the day.

Gill said passenger traffic was relatively light at the airport. He thought many people had learned of the delays and made alternative arrangements before traveling to the airport.

Many of those scheduled to fly from Burbank jumped into cabs and shuttle buses to try to catch flights from other airports in the region.

Gill said it was fortunate the fog came late Sunday, instead of later in the week when he expects the airport to be busier with Thanksgiving traffic.

Things got back to normal later in the morning.

"There wasn't a huge impact," Gregor said, but noted that weather forecasters said fog might return to the region this week.

Motorists encountered areas of thick fog late Sunday and early Monday.

Authorities in San Diego County said heavy fog may have contributed to the death of a 21-year-old man in a car crash in Oceanside early Monday. The California Highway Patrol said the man crashed on state Route 78 after making an unsafe maneuver.



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Frozen treat gets the cold shoulder

Editor:

The newly opened Pinkberrys on Montana Avenue is already causing problems! Their customers are double-parking, parking in the red zones and in the alley next to the store; not to mention trashing the small park at Montana and 16th Street.

How can the city allow a store like this to open without parking or trash cans for the customers?

R.J. Kukler
Wilmont

Republicans are a sorry lot

Editor:

The state of Republican politics:

GOP presidential candidate Fred Thompson says he would have sided with Terri Schiavo's parents and kept their brain-dead daughter alive.

Republican presidential contender Mike Huckabee doesn't believe in evolution, the basic principle in nature.

Front-runner Rudy Giuliani says if he were president, he would select anti-abortion Supreme Court justices in the mold of Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and John Roberts.

Candidates Mitt Romney and John McCain are anti-abortionist and pro-war as ever. What an oxymoron: Save the fetuses and squander adult lives!

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Writer should ride a mile in his shoes

Editor:

If Kent Cullom ("Cycling to anarchy," Nov. 19) has the power to know that Critical Mass riders' "only objective is to disrupt," he should not be wasting his time writing letters to the SMDP. If he can tell what people are thinking without speaking to them, or even meeting them, he should be using his talents to assist in the war against terror or ferret out the truth at presidential debates.

Jeremy Miles
Playa del Rey

Terror within the White House

Editor:

The tactics of the current Bush Administration are much like Pakistan's President Musharraf – to create and continue chaos and fear. I fear that this administration will initiate a "terrorist" attack, claim it originated elsewhere, promise to find and capture the perpetrators and bring them to justice (knowing it's them – sound familiar?). Then they could suspend elections and claim martial law.

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Damn the bikes in Santa Monica

IT WAS A POSITIVELY NEWTONIAN discovery, only the apple didn't simply drop on my head in a sun-drenched orchard. My apple of discovery was launched by a handful of laughing teenagers doing 40 mph in a SUV on Arizona Avenue, striking me in the back of the head as I pedaled home on my bike.

That's when it hit me: Santa Monica is no bike-friendly burg, my friends.

Forget that the kisses were hers and hers and his, three isn't always company when riding around town on bicycles. Jack Tripper taking a tumble off the Santa Monica beach bike path? He might as well have stuck his head in the sand, because the projected image of this city being in tune with the cycling sect is as phony as the Regal Beagle.

IT'S SELF-RELIANCE; IT'S FUN; IT'S WIND IN YOUR HAIR AND ROAD UNDER YOUR WHEELS, WITHOUT THE DISCONNECT OF LEATHER SEATS, ITUNES AND AIR-CONDITIONING.

Never mind the dearth of bike racks around town and the end-without-warning bicycle lanes that surround downtown. The recent police crackdown of Critical Mass riders has other, less militant bikers reassessing whether or not it's even worth it to strap on a silly helmet, roll up their pant leg nerd-style and hit the city straddling a self-propelled riding machine.

The litany of laws that restrict where you can ride, what you need to ride and how you can ride have begun to take a toll on the average rider and would seem to bely the whole notion that Santa Monica officials are committed to clearing its streets of motor vehicle congestion.

It's pretty laughable when SMPD Sgt. Larry Horn, commenting on the Critical Mass crackdown, says, "This is a very bicycle friendly city with lots of miles with bike roads."

Oh, really?

In 2006, just 3 percent of Santa Monica's streets featured an exclusive path for cyclists. With more than 160 miles of arterial streets — those roadways designed for a high degree of mobility and traffic — the city had in place less than five miles' worth of designated paths; hardly a means of encouraging more commuting via bicycle, something a city grappling with traffic congestion, parking and energy conservation would seem to embrace.

Then there's the notorious beach bike path that put Jack Tripper on the map. On any given day, the path reserved for bicyclists along the beach is stacked with roller skaters, skateboarders, beach-goers, joggers, Segways ... and even some bicycles.

Riding my Manhattan Flyer 6 beach cruiser to work the other day, my pleasant sojourn south on Euclid Street was shaken by the threatening honks of a car horn. This wasn't one of those "Hey-I'm-right-behind-you-in-a-car" warning beeps, but a full-on "Hey-I-hate-motherf*%^#@-bicycles-on-the-road" assault. It felt like she was Maverick buzzing the control tower when she swerved to the right, ever closer to the non-existent bicycle lane. Talk to me, Goose.

The reasons to hate those sharing the road are many: Bicycles are often less visible and, therefore, worry drivers; bikers look like they're having more fun, prompting envy; bikers are viewed as slackers who don't work enough to afford a German import; and bikers can seem to be self-righteous environmental "Massholes" out to wreak havoc with attention-seeking drama.

But, people, don't kill the bike messenger. Riding a bicycle is supposed to be fun and carefree; it harkens back to childhood, when a bicycle represented freedom, when the world becomes a little bit smaller and you can go as far as your two legs will take you. It's self-reliance; it's fun; it's wind in your hair and road under your wheels, without the disconnect of leather seats, iTunes and air-conditioning.

It's thinking anything is possible.

And, really, isn't that what Santa Monica is supposed to be all about? We brag that we live in this open-minded society where we embrace free expression and dig differences. How then do we explain to our neighbors in Los Angeles, our countrymen in Peoria or our ex-pats overseas that we unleash one of the state's top police forces once a month on a circus-like gang of bicyclists who annoy a few motorists as they celebrate the freedoms inherent in riding a bicycle? Have we become so joyless?

Personally, I've never ridden alongside Critical Mass and don't have a hankering to, and I'm not one of those hemp-wearing, patchouli oil-smelling dudes out to save the world one bike ride at a time. I just like the exercise and the wind in my hair. Most days, my commute to work is one of the best parts of my day. How many air conditioned gypsies can make the same claim?

The disappointment lies in thinking Santa Monica would somehow be more forward-thinking when it comes to promoting bicycles as a viable alternative. It seems the apple isn't thrown very far from the tree.

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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Being thankful in greedy times

THIS IS THE WEEK WHEN WE ALL MAKE our "thankful" lists. Family, friends and rent-controlled apartments near the beach are always close to the top. Next week, we get to make our wish lists (topping mine is a rent-controlled apartment near the beach), but this week is all about giving thanks. In addition to the usual, I'm always thankful I was born in the '70s. This year, I'm adding peace and prosperity to my list because I'm thankful for the million-and-a-half volunteers serving in the U.S. military who provide the peace and the millions of undocumented workers who support the economy that delivers the prosperity.

I'm thankful I was born in the '70s because it means my life is, by definition, better than my dad's. For example, by the time I was 18, I could vote, use any men's room I wanted anywhere in America, and have sex with white women without it being a capital crime. And I never had to worry about being drafted to go fight and die in a jungle in Southeast Asia.

This year, I'm also thankful that my president is so smart that he's found a way to take a country to war and, for the first time in history, not raise taxes to pay for it. In fact, he's actually cut taxes. He's so smart that he's made it possible for all of us to live, work, play and enjoy our lives uninterrupted, despite the fact that we're in the middle of what he calls the definitive struggle of our generation. How did he do it? Simple. He just made it the duty of the .5 percent of the population serving in the military to bear the entire burden, so that those of us in the other 99.5 percent can keep shopping, going to movies and eating out.

Before the draft was ended in 1973, any family could become a military family, so the sacrifice was shared when the military went to fight. Elvis Presley, Ted Williams and all four of FDR's sons served in World War II. Can you imagine how fast we'd be out of Iraq if Justin Timberlake, Russell Martin and the Bush twins had to enlist in the Army? Military families are special people who bear this burden because they consider service their duty to their country, and they pass that belief down to their kids. I'm thankful for those moms and dads and husbands and wives who stay up worrying about someone who chose to put themselves in harm's way

so that I can sleep through the night.

I'm thankful Republicans in Congress decided that their corporate sponsors need a low-cost workforce that has no rights at the same time Democrats in Congress decided they need Latino votes more than they need to enforce the law, so neither side will make a deal to reform immigration law. Meanwhile, undocumented workers do back-breaking work in agriculture and meat packing so I can get fruit, vegetables and boneless, skinless chicken breasts at reasonable prices. They also work long hours in out-of-the-way hotels and convention centers so that business travelers can find an affordable room near the airport; not to mention the work they do in our favorite restaurants so that the house special doesn't have to cost a day's pay.

It wouldn't be so tough for the Democrats to agree to construct a barrier so coyotes couldn't smuggle truckloads of people across the border; or for Republicans to agree that the petty crime of crossing the border doesn't have to be punishable by deportation. But Democrats won't tell their Latino base that a flood of illegal immigration is not acceptable, and Republicans won't tell their "this is our country" base that a trickle of illegal immigration is acceptable.

I'm thankful for that first-generation American mentality that says suck it up, bust your butt and work hard so your kids won't have to. What if these jobs had to be done by American-born workers? Can you imagine what it would cost for a box of spring mix salad at Whole Foods, or to get Thai food delivered? If a room at the airport Hilton suddenly costs \$400 per night, what would a Saturday night at the Standard run me? I don't even want to think about it. Because of these hard-working people, prices for things I use every day can remain artificially low and I can keep living beyond my means.

In this week of thanks before the upcoming month of greed, I'll be thankful for peace and prosperity — peace by overburdening one half of one percent of Americans and prosperity through the exploitation of millions of Third World workers.

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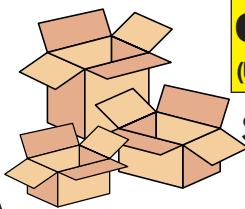
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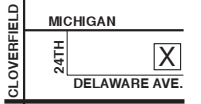
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Saving history or stalling progress?

Some homeowners who live in the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District are up in arms over pending improvements to existing structures. They say that the projects would alter the look and feel of the city's only official historic district and want the plans to be revised to reflect the other homes on the block.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Are the angry homeowners overreacting or does something need to be done to preserve the neighborhood's classic style?

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Fashion trends are boring ladies

Apparel sales come apart at the seams as adult women reject dowdy wardrobes

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Andrea Colby is on strike against the world of fashion.

The 37-year-old publicist has never been a big style risk taker, but even mainstream names like Jones New York and AnnTaylor—brands that she had been once loyal to—are becoming too staid for her.

"Their stuff is pretty run of the mill with nothing really striking me—too conservative," said the Albany, N.Y., resident. For a couple of years, she's been avoiding what she sees as too many suited, matchy-match looks.

Across the nation, women over age 35 are increasingly rebelling against the suits and head-to-toe dressing of traditional department store labels like Liz Claiborne, Jones New York and the old-guard mall stores like Talbots and AnnTaylor. That's put sales of traditional women's fashions in a rut that has deepened over the past year, and companies have announced reduced profit outlooks, missed sales targets and dramatic restructuring.

Liz Claiborne Inc. is now focusing on fewer but more powerful brands like Juicy Couture, maker of the much-copied sweatsuits with "Juicy" printed across the rear. Apparel maker VF Corp. is chasing after the customer who will spend \$200 on a pair of jeans with its acquisition of Seven for All Mankind LLC.

Talbots Inc. is redoing its fashions into styles new president and CEO Trudy Sullivan even calls "sexy." And AnnTaylor Stores Inc., struggling with sluggish business, is set to open a new store concept next fall, aimed at the

modern baby boomer.

At Lord & Taylor, which is now owned by NRDC Equity Partners, a dramatic cleanup has already taken place. Traditional sportswear now accounts for only 40 percent of its total business, down from 90 percent in 2000, and it's dropping fast, according to Jane Elfers, president and CEO. It's been replaced in part by a new "modern" department, which features hot styles that are forgiving—cropped jackets with shorter sleeves, jumpers paired with leggings and A-line dresses.

With 65 percent of the \$106 billion women's apparel business catering to the 35-to-54 age group, analysts say the industry needs to be concerned.

I DO THINK THE ENTIRE MARKET IS SUFFERING. IT SEEMS TO HAVE METASTASIZED."

Todd Slater, Lazard Capital Markets analyst

"If (they) don't get mom excited, she is not buying anything else in the store," said Marshal Cohen, chief analyst at NPD Group Inc.

It seems, however, that women's apparel sellers just can't get it right. Over the past 12 months, several new concepts catering to boomers have shut down. Gap Inc. shuttered Forth & Towne, while children's clothing retailer Gymboree shut down Janeville, which sold casual clothing to boomers.

Analysts blame the sluggishness on a number of factors—shoppers' penchant for trendier items that can be mixed with other labels and increased competition from hot new brands like Juicy Couture and chains such as Spanish cheap chic retailer Zara and Los Angeles-based Forever21. These chains are doing a good job of attracting moms and daughters with designer knockoffs,

refreshed frequently.

Analysts and company executives also blame the fashion funk on higher energy costs and a slumping housing market. The economy is squeezing shoppers like Colby, who are more vulnerable than the true designer shopper, according to Cohen.

Colby says she won't spend any more than \$100 for a suit; most of the time, she buys it on sale. What little she buys to spice up her professional outfits, she's getting at Kohl's Inc., particularly the Daisy Fuentes line and its teen department. On a recent work day, she wore a green sweater with snakeskin trim, paired with a traditional style black pants.

"There's no question we're in the middle of a very difficult environment at retail, with declining traffic and consumer concern impacting business across the industry," William McComb, president and CEO of Liz Claiborne, told investors last month when the company reduced its annual profit outlook.

Analysts don't see any signs of a turnaround in the women's apparel sector in time for the holiday season.

"I do think the entire market is suffering. It seems to have metastasized"... from specialty store chains to wholesale companies, said Lazard Capital Markets analyst Todd Slater.

Among the mall-based store chains, Talbots now expects a loss in the second half due to weak sales. Sullivan told investors last month the sales funk has been due in part to Talbots' failure to change with customers' tastes.

So far this fiscal year, Chico's FAS Inc., has suffered a 5.1 percent drop in same-store sales, or sales at stores opened at least a year, while AnnTaylor has averaged a 3.0 percent decline. Apparel maker Kellwood Co., whose repertoire includes Sag Harbor, lowered its 2007 earnings outlook in September.

Liz Claiborne blamed its reduced profit outlook on the weak performance of several brands.

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Real Estate 101

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Acquiring a home is never bad news

THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT GO into valuation, but the real value of something is ultimately determined by what someone else will pay for it. If everyone decided that the value of gold was \$1 an ounce, eventually the price would drop to everyone's expectation. This same principal can be used with home sales. In Southern California, home prices were the highest in history in 2006. Now it seems like news comes out everyday that home values are dropping.

It becomes difficult to think about buying a home in a declining real estate market, but if you look at the facts it may not seem so daunting. Home prices are expected to drop approximately 5 percent this year and about the same in 2008. However, those existing homes went up in value over 50 percent in the last five years. Let me break it down: If you purchased a home five years ago in 2002 for \$500,000, that same home would have been worth \$750,000 in 2006 at the height of the real estate market. In five years, you built \$250,000 in equity by just living in the house and paying the mortgage. Now if the price drops by 5 percent or \$37,500, the new value is \$712,500. Sure, \$37,500 is a lot of money to lose, but in this example, you still have \$212,500 in equity-not including any down payment you placed on the property. Now if the value drops another 5 percent or \$35,625, the home's value would be \$676,875 in 2008.

If you take a step back and forget about the equity you could have had and simply look at the return on investment over seven years, you will see that you made \$176,875, or a 35 percent return based on the property's value. However, if we take a closer look and take leverage into consideration, the return is much higher. Assume you placed a 10 percent down payment on the property or \$50,000. Your return on investment jumps to 150 percent+ because you made \$176,875 off the \$50,000. Aside from the return on investment, you have also received other benefits, such as a tax break.

The US government wants you to own a residence. The government will allow you to deduct the interest you pay out to

the lender each year for the property from your personal tax return, which is a great incentive and a major reason so many Americans are able to afford a home.

Sure, in the example, you made a great return on your investment, but people will say "I could have made a lot more." If you wait out a declining market, your home value will eventually hit the 2006 high value it once achieved. One intangible aspect of owning a home is that it provides shelter and a place you own. Every time you come to your condo, townhouse or house you are actually coming home – that is something you cannot put a value on.

IT BECOMES DIFFICULT TO THINK ABOUT BUYING A HOME IN A DECLINING REAL ESTATE MARKET, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE FACTS IT MAY NOT SEEM SO DAUNTING.

The purchase of a home is still considered one of the best investments a person can make. If you have owned a home for the last several years, you probably have equity that you can use to buy other real estate, pay for your children's college education or simply have piece of mind just in case something happens. If you are looking for a home because you have a growing family, getting into a home is probably more important than the state of the real estate market. In the long run, no matter how much property values drop, a home is still considered a person's best investment.

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Handout of new U.S. Gov't Presidential Dollar coins surge as public snaps them up for free

Valuable Presidential Golden Dollar coins being given away free with orders for Framed Money Gallery, but frame shop workers under strain of Christmas rush, impose household limit of 2



■ SNEAK PEAK AT THIS YEAR'S HOTTEST CHRISTMAS GIFT: This is the incredible Presidential Framed Money Gallery that displays some of the free Presidential Golden Dollar coins that are being given away. This hot Christmas gift garnered exciting cheers as it was unveiled to the shopping mall crowd, everyone was trying to get them. But readers of today's newspaper can call the Direct Claim Line to be among the first to get them free.

Free money: it's the valuable gift that no one will ever return, it easily takes care of everyone's shopping list

By Adam K. Oyler
UNIVERSAL MEDIA SYNDICATE

Have you heard about the free money giveaway that's sweeping the nation?

Well, listen up because here it is.

Everyone who gets in on this will be among the first to get the U.S. Government's dazzling new Presidential Golden Dollar coins.

But the government is not the one to thank. The World Reserve has just announced it is handing out the entire year of the valuable coins free.

These extraordinary coins are being given away free to everyone who beats the deadline to cover shipping and the

discounted framing fee for the newly unveiled Presidential Framed Money Gallery.

So, what's the catch?

There is none. Just be absolutely sure to call in your claim before the 72 hour deadline if you want to get the entire year of Presidential coins free.

This is all happening because the World Reserve is issuing the Presidential Framed Money Gallery to the general public to display all forty of the U.S. Government's first ever Presidential Dollar coins. Rations of these never-circulated coins are uncertain because each dollar coin is only minted for just 93 days according to the release

schedule of the U. S. Government.

"These new Presidential coins are so stunning because they're actually engraved with edge lettering bearing the date, Mint mark, IN GOD WE TRUST and E PLURIBUS UNUM, which results in the coin's rare tactile feel," said Director Aaron L. Stryker from the World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"Once they're gone, they're gone and by law once the U.S. Government shuts off, they will never be minted again. That's why the World's premier private monetary exchange is widely advertising its plans to issue the Presidential Framed Money Gallery along with the free coins. We want to make absolutely sure read-

ers of this newspaper know that there are only 72 hours left on this announcement to get the entire year of Presidential Dollar coins free," Stryker said.

Those who get in on this free giveaway by claiming the Framed Money Gallery will have a magnificent display to show off the entire collection of all 40 of the valuable U.S. Presidential coins. That's why it's so important to beat the 72 hour deadline right now.

"At the rate we are giving these away we will be forced to hand out millions of dollars of the valuable new Presidential Dollars free to the general public," Stryker said.

Collectors are trying to get all they

can because these are no ordinary coins. These are real U.S. Government first issues in never-circulated condition. Smart collectors know how valuable first issue coins can be.

U.S. Savings Bonds used to be the most popular gift to give. But now these never-circulated Presidential Dollar coins are what everybody wants.

And, since everyone is trying to get them, one thing is for sure, those lucky enough to get in on this now are certain to get an entire year of Presidential Dollar coins free.

What does all this mean for you?

Well, coin values always fluctuate. But, just think if you would have saved just one uncirculated Eisenhower Dollar from as recently as 1973. Believe it or not, it's now worth 1200% more today. So, getting four Presidential Dollar coins free with the Presidential Framed Money Gallery for the twenty-eight dollar discounted framing fee is a real steal.

"And remember, these are never-circulated coins. To be among the first to get these never-circulated Presidential Golden Dollar coins you must make sure you get through to the Direct Claim Hotlines. If lines are busy please be patient," Stryker said.

But whatever you do keep trying, because all claims will be honored before the 72 hour deadline expires. ■

HOW TO GET ALL THE COINS FREE

The Toll Free Direct Hotlines are now open. All those who beat the 72 hour order deadline will get 2 sets of this year's Presidential Golden Dollar coins free just by covering shipping and the discounted framing fee for the Presidential Framed Money Gallery. To ensure the framers can keep up with the rush of Christmas orders, they have imposed a strict limit of 2 per household.

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■ **MILLIONS IN FREE MONEY:** The giveaway of these Presidential Dollar coins has collectors in a stir because of the never-before-seen special edge engraving, causing them to be snatched up before the public ever gets to see them.



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■ **URNS ANY ROOM INTO A SHOWPLACE:** The Framed Money Gallery is so impressive, local frame shops normally charge \$231 but a special discounted framing fee is being given so the Framed Money Gallery is a real steal at just \$28 for those who beat the deadline and get the free Presidential coins.

Museum is getting close

FROM MUSEUM PAGE 1

In addition to the Main Library, Morley has also been involved in the Getty Villa Project, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles and the restoration of UCLA's Royce Hall.

The new Santa Monica museum provides many naming opportunities for major gifts that will be permanently recognized within the museum. Benefactors can choose to support interactive exhibits and theme areas in the permanent gallery, the changing exhibit gallery and the lobby.

Founded in 1975 under the city of Santa Monica Centennial Committee, the non-profit museum has been

operating in various temporary venues and is currently located at 1539 Euclid St. In Spring 2008, the museum will be relocating to the new facility at the Main Library complex, museum officials said.

"We are in the process of getting a construction permit and retaining bids for construction," said Jean McNeil Wyner, chair of the museum's board of directors. "We plan to have four interactive exhibits that will be fabulous for children, and we will also have a timeline that will be right in the middle of the space."

"This is very exciting for us and for those families and individual donors who have contributed."

The mission of the museum is to collect, preserve and make accessible the rich history, art and culture of the

Santa Monica Bay Area.

Through the advancement of historical information, educational programming and the preservation of its archival collections and historical objects, the museum aims to give residents a sense of roots, belonging and an appreciation for the unique qualities of their city, and to instill a sense of pride in the diverse, multi-cultural past of Santa Monica.

The museum's goal is to provide public access to its extensive collections through interpretive exhibitions, on- and off-site programs, and through archival research services for youths and adults.

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Animal rights advocates want to protect turkeys

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO As the nation prepared for its annual turkey feast, a federal judge heard arguments from animal rights advocates who want to give the holiday fowl the same legal protections as cows, pigs and other animals when they are slaughtered.

Judge Marilyn Hall Patel of San Francisco's U.S. District Court said she would consider the points made by The Humane Society of the United States and rule from the bench. There is no date set for that decision.

"Only one turkey may get pardoned this week," Hall Patel said Monday, drawing laughter in the courtroom.

The animal rights group argued that the process for slaughtering chickens and turkeys is cruel and requested the government include poultry under a federal rule that requires livestock to be killed humanely.

"It's the bare minimum we can ask for these animals that are going to be slaughtered," said Jonathan Lovvorn, animal protection attorney with The Humane Society.

About 10 billion turkeys, chickens and other birds are killed for human consumption each year in the United States — about 45 million turkeys for Thanksgiving holiday alone.

The Humane Society sued the U.S. Department of Agriculture two years ago, asking for poultry to be covered by the nearly 50-year-old Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, which says livestock must be stunned or rendered unable to feel pain before they're killed.

Lawyers for The Humane Society told Hall Patel that Congress used very broad terms in wording the act, which uses the phrase "and other livestock" that could be interpreted to include birds.

"In every single dictionary, the term livestock means farm animals, not animals with four legs, or animals outside poultry," said Sarah Uhlemann, attorney for the plaintiffs.

Attorneys for the Department of Agriculture rebutted by saying that when Congress approved other law regarding livestock that were intended to include fowl, that category was specifically mentioned.

The Humane Methods Act "didn't even reference poultry," said Eric Womack, the attorney representing the Agriculture Department.

An industry spokesman said there already are methods to ensure the ani-



File photo

GOBBLE TIME: Turkeys may get some rights.

mals don't suffer needlessly.

"We already operate with humane methods of slaughter," said Richard Lobb, a spokesman for the National Chicken Council. "This is just the kind of campaign (by animal activist organizations) meant to make life difficult for people who turn animals into food."

Typically, birds at slaughterhouses are shackled upside down on a conveyer line, then stunned by being dipped into electrically charged water or immersed in a mist that carries a low-voltage charge. Their necks are then cut by a machine and they are dipped into a vat of boiling water to loosen their feathers, the lawsuit said.

The process is cruel, the Humane Society said, because some birds aren't fully incapacitated by the electric charge, and go through the slaughter process fully conscious.

Frightened poultry also can defecate and inhale in the stun bath, tainting themselves, other birds and the bath water and increasing the food poisoning risk, Humane Society attorneys said.

To farmers who have been slaughtering their birds in the same way for decades, a call for additional regulations smacks of more paperwork and higher costs.

Willie Bird, a turkey farm in Sonoma, has been raising poultry for 75 years, and free-range, organically fed birds more than 40 years ago.

"When you're a farmer, you're on a different level from the activists," said Greg "Beagle" Brodsky, manager at the Willie Bird farm. "You got your turkeys, you grow 'em, you live with 'em, but they're your livelihood, and they have to be slaughtered."

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Gas prices are exploding

Americans expected to pay \$520 million more on travel expenses this Thanksgiving

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN As the numbers on the gas pump continued to climb higher, John Kohn's eyes seemed to grow wider, while his wallet got thinner.

"It's absurd," Kohn said about the rising gas prices, which have hit \$3.69 per gallon for regular at many gas stations on the Westside. "If the prices keep rising like they are, soon only rich people are going to be able to afford to drive."

Kohn, who spends roughly \$50 every time he fills up, isn't the only one complaining about the high price of fuel. Other motorists and local business owners are also taking a hit.

"It's definitely out of control, but what can you do? You have to get to work somehow," said Joey Spanjers, as he filled up his classic Firebird 350 at a Mobile gas station at Lincoln and Santa Monica boulevards. "Luckily, my work pays for my gas, but if it didn't, I'd be hurting."

Average pump prices kept marching higher in California, but eased in some other parts of the nation, as oil refused to give up its assault on the historic \$100 milestone, according to the Energy Department.

California motorists paid an average of \$3.395 for a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline, up 2.9 cents from the week before, according to the Energy Department's weekly survey of service stations. The state average was 83 cents higher than at this time last year. Prices also edged higher in the Rocky Mountain states and parts of the East Coast.

The U.S. average gasoline price actually slipped 1.2 cents, to \$3.099 a gallon, led by a 5.7-cent decline in the Midwest. The national price for regular gasoline is up 86 cents from this time last year and just over 12 cents away from the all-time high of

YOU WANT TO BE COMPETITIVE, BUT ... IT'S ALL ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK THE CUSTOMERS WILL BE WILLING TO PAY."

Jonathan Flecke
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COSTS JUST KEEP ON RISING: An employee fills up Tuesday at the Chevron station on the corner of Lincoln and Olympic boulevards. Motorists and local business owners that depend on transportation are taking a hit as gas prices continue to soar.

\$3.22 set last May.

The previous week, the average jumped 13.5 cents in California and 9.8 cents nationwide.

Gasoline prices could hit a new high in coming weeks as soaring crude oil prices near \$100 a barrel trickle down to the

pump. The Energy Department predicted last week that gasoline prices could rise 20 cents more over the next few weeks.

"I can't believe how high it's getting," said Katherine Sawyer, a Santa Monica resident who recently moved out West after spending years in New York and

Washington, D.C.

"I'm used to riding public transit, so this has been a real shock to me," Sawyer said of the high price of gas. "I wish I could take public transit more, but it's really not possible here. So, I guess I'll just have to pay whatever it costs."

The high cost of gas has hit many workers hard, especially those who do deliveries. At The Slice pizza parlor on Wilshire Boulevard, one delivery man said he has watched more and more of his profits go towards gas and isn't sure how long he can hold out.

"I'm trying to cut back on other things just to get by, but Christmas is coming and I've got to have some money to buy gifts for my family," said the delivery man, who did not want to give his name because he did not have permission from his employer to talk to the media. "It's tough right now."

Jonathan Flecke, owner of A-1 Courier in Santa Monica, a delivery service with clients in the entertainment and medical industry, said he raised the company's fuel surcharge last week by 2 percent in response to the increase in fuel prices. It was the first increase in several months.

"It's really tricky," Flecke said. "You want to be competitive, but you want to be compensated fairly. It's all about what you think the customers will be willing to pay."

Flecke said the increase has been hardest on his drivers, who are paid on commission.

"The people who do get hurt directly are the guys lower on the totem pole," Flecke said.

There is some concern amongst retailers that the high cost of fuel will deter shoppers. Economic consulting firm LECG, LLC issued a study Tuesday that said Americans will fork over \$520 million more this year than last year on their Thanksgiving travel.

"That is money that won't be spent at Wal-Mart or online as the holiday shopping season begins in earnest," said John Urbanchuk, an analyst with LECG.

Some said the gas prices haven't affected them at all. They said paying for gas is just part of life and those who don't like it should find other means of transportation, such as taking the bus or riding a bike.

"Yeah, the price is high, but you're talking about a limited resource and high demand. Of course it's going to go up," said Gerald Conroy, who spends roughly \$60 a week to fill up his SUV. "I guess you just have to grin and bare it."

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TALE TRAILER: KCRW is collecting stories in a sleek trailer on the Third Street Promenade.

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StoryCorps helps people get the most out of their interview by offering some suggested questions to get to the heart of the matter. For instance, "What are the most important lessons that you've learned in life?" and "Are there any words of wisdom you'd like to share with me?"

In the case of a person not having an interviewer available, Marshall said that the project maintains the interview format by having one of the facilitators take the role of interviewer.

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Steffanie Cohen and her father, Carl Cohen, both residents of Los Angeles, participated in an interview on Saturday.

They both radiated a glow as they stepped out of the trailer. Father and daughter agreed the venture was well worth the time invested.

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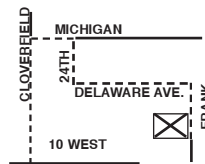
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Bonds may serve hard time

BY PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Home run king Barry Bonds is the latest in a string of high-profile defendants to face perjury and obstruction charges crimes that often are difficult to prosecute and result in little, if any, prison time.

I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, was sentenced to 2 1/2 years for lying to a grand jury, and Martha Stewart spent five months in prison and five months of home confinement for her obstruction of justice conviction.

The former San Francisco Giants slugger faces a maximum of five years on each of his four perjury charges and 10 years for one obstruction charge for allegedly lying about his steroid use during a 2003 appearance before a grand jury. But defense attorneys and former prosecutors who have handled perjury cases said Bonds likely would serve only about a year in prison if a jury convicts him.

"If he's convicted, he will go to prison," said Steve Chapman, the lawyer who represented basketball star Chris Webber when he was charged with lying to a federal grand jury in 2002.

Webber was charged with lying about

accepting money from a booster while playing basketball at the University of Michigan. Webber pleaded guilty to a lesser charge and paid a fine but did no jail time.

Chapman said judges almost always follow federal sentencing guidelines, a table of suggested prison terms that take past criminal behavior and other factors into account. Since Bonds has had no previous trouble with the law, Chapman said Bonds likely would be sentenced to about a year.



IF HE'S CONVICTED, HE WILL GO TO PRISON."

Steve Chapman, Attorney

Chapman and other lawyers said Bonds could negotiate an even less severe sentence if he agrees to plead guilty rather than force the government to go through the time and expense of a trial. Chapman also said Bonds and his legal team also appear to face another hurdle because of the slugger's notoriously prickly personality, which could work against him in front of a jury.

"Chris Webber was a really nice guy, and that worked to his benefit," Chapman said.

Bonds was charged Thursday for alleged-

ly lying when in his testimony before a grand jury investigating a performance-enhancing drug ring centered at the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO.

Two other athletes and a track coach also have been indicted for allegedly lying to the same grand jury investigating BALCO.

Marion Jones, a three-time Olympic gold medalist, pleaded guilty in October and faces a maximum of six months in prison when she is sentenced in January.

Track coach Trevor Graham and former Olympic bicyclist Tammy Thomas also have been charged with perjury and both have pleaded not guilty.

Even though Bonds faces a relatively modest prison sentence, criminal law experts still say a conviction is far from certain. For starters, to win a perjury case, prosecutors have to show that the lie materially affected the outcome of an investigation.

U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston, who is expected to be assigned the Bonds

case because she has handled the other BALCO-related cases said during a recent hearing that high standard protects harmless fabrications, such as a woman lying under oath about her age, from prosecution.

Bonds' attorney Michael Rains said he will aggressively attack the credibility of the government's witnesses, including Bonds' former mistress Kimberly Bell. Bell testified to a grand jury in 22005 that Bonds told her he began using steroids after Mark McGwire set the single season home run mark that Bonds shattered in 2001.

Rains has previously said that Bell is a scorned lover who believes Bonds owes her money, which means she has motivation to lie about what Bonds said about steroids.

Rains didn't return a telephone call Monday. But in an outgoing message on his voicemail, the Pleasant Hill attorney denied an ESPN report that Bonds was planning to turn himself in Monday for fingerprinting and to have his mug shot taken. That process is expected to occur after Bonds makes his first appearance in federal court on Dec. 7.

According the Administrative Office of the Courts, perjury charges are among the rarest of criminal cases prosecuted in federal court.

Gov. Schwarzenegger top dog in California fundraising history

BY STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has become the most prolific campaign fundraiser in California history, taking in more than \$125 million for his various political committees, according to an Associated Press review of fundraising records.

In doing so, he has surpassed Gray Davis, the governor he ousted four years ago in a recall election that focused in large part on Davis' seemingly incessant fundraising.

Schwarzenegger's political committees have taken in \$125.8 million since he jumped into the gubernatorial recall campaign in August 2003. Davis took longer — seven years — to raise \$120 million for two gubernatorial campaigns and to fight the recall effort against him.

The money has been rolling in to Schwarzenegger's campaign accounts, mainly from large and small businesses and business executives, even though he suggested that he would rely on his own fortune to pay for his campaigns.

"The biggest problem we have is that California is being run by special interests," the former actor said after announcing his candidacy on "The Tonight Show" on Aug. 6, 2003. "I will go to Sacramento and clean house. I don't need to take money from anybody. I have plenty of money myself. I will make decisions for the people."

An AP investigation before Schwarzenegger won re-election last fall showed he was closing in on Davis' record. A subsequent review of finance records filed to the secretary of state's office found the governor has since surpassed his predecessor.

Schwarzenegger has continued to raise money this year even though he is barred by state law from running for a third term in 2010.

So far in 2007, he has taken in more than \$6.2 million to pay off debts from his 2006 re-election campaign, restock his ballot measure committee and pay for some staff travel and other expenses through a new officeholder committee.

Robert Stern, president of the Los Angeles-based Center for Governmental Studies, said Schwarzenegger's fundraising "shows that when somebody gets into office, many of the things they say before they get into office are nonstarters. For example, 'I don't need to take money from special interests' and 'I don't need to raise campaign money.'"

Schwarzenegger has used \$32.7 million of his own money on his two races for governor and several ballot measure campaigns. That total is not included in the \$125.8 million figure.

A Schwarzenegger spokeswoman, Julie Soderlund, said the governor has "absolutely kept his promise" about fundraising.

STATE BRIEFS

WESTMINSTER

Pit bull owner charged with felony

The owner of a pit bull that attacked a letter carrier in Westminster has been charged with a felony that could lead to a three-year prison sentence.

Fifty-four-year-old Sheri Moody, who has a history of owning aggressive dogs, is charged with allowing a vicious animal at large to cause serious bodily injury.

Postal carrier David Carroll was knocked down and bitten repeatedly in the face by the woman's pit bull on Sept. 4. The letter carrier may need reconstructive surgery to repair damage to his face and left eye.

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SANTA ANA

Fallen runner had inflamed heart

A 14-year-old Orange County girl who collapsed during a high school cross-country race died from an inflammation of the heart.

The Orange County coroner reported Monday that Dana Hills High freshman Megan Myers died in September from multifocal myocarditis.

University of California, Irvine, Medical Center, cardiologist Dr. Morton Kern says the inflammation appeared to cause an arrhythmia that led the heart's electric system to malfunction.

The teenager was two miles into a three-mile race against Capistrano Valley High School when she felt faint about two miles into the run. She collapsed and later died at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo.

AP

SAN LUIS OBISPO

Man gets 30 days for manslaughter

A San Luis Obispo man has been sentenced to 30 days in jail for an off-road crash that killed a father of two at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area.

Twenty-five-year-old Sean Brandon Evans, who pleaded no contest to misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter, was also placed on two years' probation and was ordered to perform 200 hours of community service.

More than two dozen relatives and friends of Jerry Carter lashed out during Monday's sentencing hearing, saying a month in jail isn't enough punishment for killing the 27-year-old Bakersfield man.

Evans was behind the wheel of a truck that landed on a Carter's all-terrain vehicle on July 1, 2006. There was no evidence Evans was under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

AP

Congress demands answers on spill

BY SCOTT LINDLAW

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Members of Congress demanded answers Monday on the Coast Guard's response to an oil spill that dumped 58,000 gallons of toxic fuel into San Francisco Bay, but the lawmakers left unsatisfied and pledged to open another federal investigation.

A high-ranking admiral countered that the blame rested squarely with the operators of the container ship that rammed a tower of San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on Nov. 7.

The collision opened a gash in the vessel's hull, leaking

the fuel that spread inside and outside the Golden Gate, contaminating miles of coastline and killing hundreds of birds.

"Something tragic must have taken place on board the ship," Coast Guard Rear Adm. Craig Bone said. If the pilot and master "had carried out their responsibilities, we wouldn't be sitting here today."

In a three-hour congressional field hearing within sight of the bay, 10 lawmakers took turns grilling Bone about why the service did not do more to warn the Cosco Busan it was in trouble, why it waited hours to inform city officials of the spill and why it did not press fishermen and volunteers into service sooner.

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 4

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 5

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 31

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 15 / 12

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
La Jolla Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (Jencastilla)	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Red Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	B	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	B	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachase and Los Alitos creeks	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Tenenaca Canyon drain	D	A+
Emical Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chorizuega)	C	D
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pica/Kanter storm drain	C	F
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	A
Ladoga Canyon Creek mouth	D	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	B
Selkirk Canyon at San Blocker County Beach	A	A+	Venice City Beach, at the Race Ave. storm drain	A+	A+
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	F	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	A+	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	F
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	C	F
Sunridge Beach (beach location) - daily	D	A+	Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A+	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	B	Morins del Rey, Mothers' Beach - Elgarud tower	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	F	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Torres County Beach	A+	A+	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DRW jetty)	A+	F
Tuna Canyon	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hypocrite Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Cadwick Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	C	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	A+			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

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ns -- no sample taken

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Not so fast

T.I. wants evidence and statements suppressed in federal weapons case



T.I.

T.I. says evidence collected against him and statements he made to authorities in a federal weapons case were illegally obtained. Attorneys for the 27-year-old rapper, whose real name is Clifford Harris, filed motions Monday in U.S. District Court seeking

to suppress evidence seized from his vehicle and statements he made on the day of his Oct. 13 arrest. The attorneys allege the vehicle was searched without a warrant, consent or probable cause. They also allege that Harris' detention might not have

been proper, statements he made to authorities may not have been voluntary, and agents may have failed to honor his rights. The motions didn't elaborate on the basis for the legal challenges, but said more details would be filed later. There was no immediate

ruling by a judge. A spokesman for federal prosecutors, Patrick Crosby, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that his office would respond in court. Authorities say Harris tried to buy unregistered machine guns. ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLSEN SEEKS TREATMENT

MARY-KATE OLSEN was being treated in a Manhattan hospital Tuesday for a kidney infection. The 21-year-old actress checked into the hospital Monday night, her publicist, Nicole Caruso, said in an e-mail Tuesday to The Associated Press. She didn't identify where Olsen was admitted. "She has a kidney infection," Caruso said. "She is resting comfortably and will be released in the next day or so." Olsen rose to fame on TV's "Full House."

AP

Five For Fighting and famous friends donate songs to free music collection

FIVE FOR FIGHTING is taking care of the troops, music-wise. John Ondrasik, the singer-songwriter who goes by the stage name Five For Fighting, called upon celeb pals including Billy Joel and Josh Groban to donate songs to an album dedicated to the U.S. Armed Services. The result – "CD For The Troops," a free compilation of 13 songs produced especially, and exclusively, for active duty members and military veterans around the world. Those with valid military ID numbers can download the disc on the Army & Air

Force Exchange Service Web site at www.aafes.com. "I have a passion for the troops and their families – and veterans," Ondrasik said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press. "As a songwriter, freedom of speech allows me to practice my craft. As a father, these people secure the freedom and liberty for my kids. It may sound scripted or cliché, but it's true." The 42-year-old, best known for the hits "Superman" and "100 Years," contributed the latter tune to the CD because the troops "understand liv-

ing in the moment better than any of us." Other tracks include Joel's "Scenes From An Italian Restaurant"; Groban's "February Song"; Sarah McLachlan's "Wintersong" and The Fray's "How To Save A Life." "If you would have told me before I started this that I'd have this lineup at the end, I'd say 'You're crazy.' ... Not only did they give me songs, but some of them gave me their biggest hits," said Ondrasik, who called the donations "a powerful statement." Ondrasik said 200,000 hard copies will be distrib-

uted to U.S. troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan; in addition, the entertainer and father of two has been handing out copies as he performs on a USO tour of Japan, Guam and Hawaii. "They can't believe it, you know," he said. "First of all, they say, 'Is it really those artists singing?' ... A couple of 'em want a little more rock, a couple of 'em want a little more country _ but I think overall, they are taken aback." He said demand is high. "There are (no CDs) left by the end of the night," he said. "They all go, and they're wanting more." AP

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You keep having to deal with unusually fiery feelings. The unexpected could draw a strong reaction. Take time to process rather than react. You hear news from someone at a distance. Look at the big picture. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ You could spend a good part of your day shaking your head. Life proceeds like you are a jack-in-the-box, with you wondering what is going to happen next. You are strong and willful. Count on your strength and ability. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Listen to what someone might be sharing. This person means what he or she is saying. You could be confused by mixed messages. Try to avoid getting angry. Instead, look at the problem. Tonight: Go with the flow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Others look to you for answers and feedback. You understand much more than many. News from a distance could elicit a very strong gut feeling. A partner helps put a rose-colored cast on an issue. Think positively. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You see situation after situation differently from many. You will make a difference because of how you handle an unexpected development. You understand a partner a lot better than you originally thought. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Work with someone directly and refuse to get thrown into someone else's problem. You will think others are very unpredictable, and you are not far from wrong. Trust in that knowledge. Let optimism flow. Tonight: Go with a partner's suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Be willing to adapt to new ways or styles. How you handle someone could be quite different from in the past. Be open about your feelings, and you will draw quite a strong reaction. Someone needs your caring. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Emphasize productivity, and you'll come out flying. You will have many reasons to smile and handle a situation as you would like. Creativity puts an interesting spin on a situation. Feelings flow once more. Tonight: Do what you must.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ No matter how you cut it, you are plain lucky. If you think about what is happening, you will make headway. If you have a knee-jerk reaction, you might not like what heads down your path. Tonight: Time for some fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Deal with a financial matter head-on. How you see a situation could change because of a surprise. Realize the impact of your words. Don't hesitate to express your feelings, especially the more gentle ones. Tonight: Bring home a plant or CD.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keep an open mind, and you will be delighted by what comes forward. Feelings might be rather intense. Express yourself rather than hold back. Think positively, and you will create more of what you want. Tonight: Chat with a pal over dinner or on the phone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Use care with your finances. Good news might encourage a sudden splurge or change of direction. You know what you are doing. Trust your judgment with a professional matter. Much is happening quickly. Tonight: A must appearance pays off.

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10:35am, 11:40am, 1:10, 2:25, 3:50, 5:05, 6:30, 7:45, 9:10, 10:35
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Lions for Lambs (R)
12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
Love in the Time of Cholera (R)
12:30, 3:50, 7:00, 10:00
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12:00, 2:30, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
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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 Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
GOLD

2	7			5		3		
			6		3			
9		3		1				6
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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

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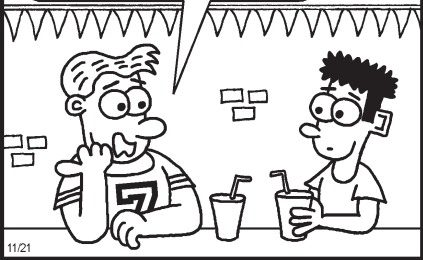


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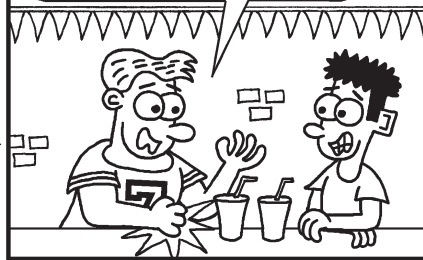
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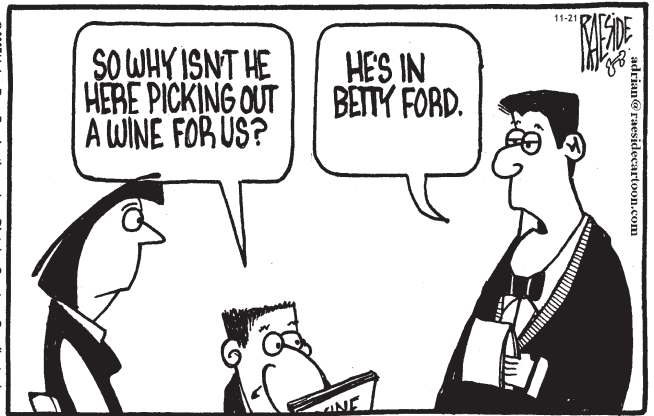
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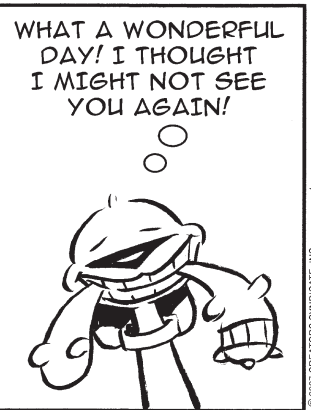
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GOOD NEWS, SOPHIE! BO-BO MADE IT THROUGH SURGERY!



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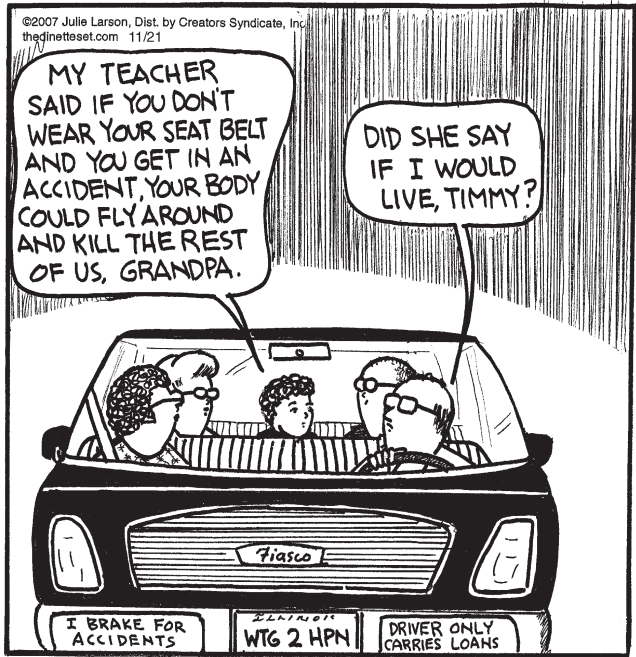
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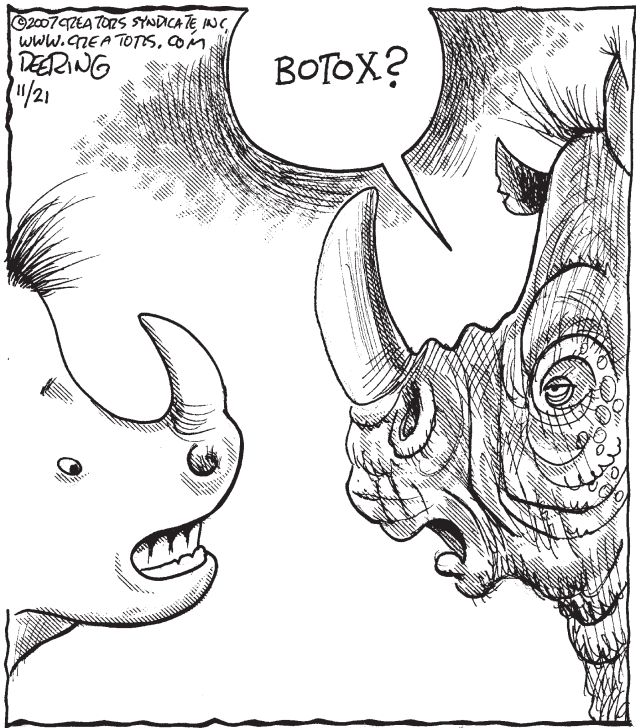
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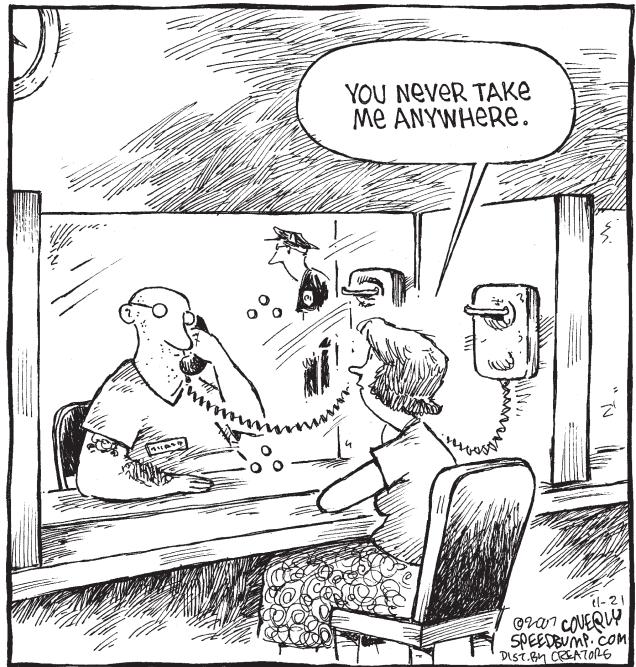
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In August, representatives of New East Britain province in Papua New Guinea formally begged the forgiveness of the Fiji High Commissioner for incidents in 1875 when PNG tribes killed and ate Fijian missionaries who had come to spread Christianity. (In fact, the PNG spokespersons pointed out that "forgiveness" was a major tenet of the Christianity that PNG came to accept from the missionaries.)

■ Medical student Wes Pemberton was scheduled to be officially measured in October in Tyler, Texas, for his upcoming spot in the Guinness Book of World Records. He told KLTU that he has a leg hair 5.0 inches long, surpassing the incumbent record of 4.88 inches. Pemberton said that his prize hair is growing amidst other normal-length hair, and that he has been treating it with conditioner to keep it strong for the measuring.

■ A new condominium development in New York City, near 11th Avenue and West 24th Street (with prices starting at \$6.25 million), features in-unit garages, allowing the resident to drive into the En-Suite Sky Garage System at street level and be lifted to his own unit. Guests and residents who don't own cars will just have to use the ordinary elevators.

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1922 Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate.

1934 The Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes," starring Ethel Merman as Reno Sweeney, opened in New York.

1942 The Alaska Highway was formally opened.

1964 The upper level of New York's Verrazano Narrows Bridge, which connected Brooklyn and Staten Island, was opened.

1967 President Johnson signed the Air Quality Act.

1969 The Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, the first such rejection since 1930.

1973 President Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18 1/2-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

1979 A mob attacked the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing two Americans.

1980 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

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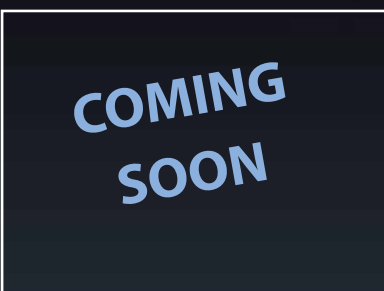


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