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NEWS OF THE WEIRD  
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The small, specialty restaurant Guolizhuang, in Beijing, serves mostly dishes made from various animal penises, according to a September BBC News dispatch, attracting discerning customers who come for the reputed health benefits. Sheep, horse, ox and seal are good for the circulation, said the restaurant's staff nutritionist, and donkey improves the skin. Tiger, she said, has no particular value to justify its high price, but snake ("two penises each," she said) is great for potency.

■ No sooner did Abel Gonzales Jr. develop a State Fair of Texas prize-winning recipe for his Fried Coke than a competitor popped up at the North Carolina State Fair. Gonzales' fried batter balls are made with strawberry and Coke syrups topped with cinnamon sugar, whipped cream and more Coke syrup. In October, Greg Seamster in North Carolina served a similar concoction but as fried strands of dough in a cup.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 327th day of 2006.  
There are 38 days left in the year.  
This is Thanksgiving Day.

1765 Frederick County, Md., repudiated the British Stamp Act.

1945 Was the last day of most U.S. wartime rationing of foods, including meat and butter.

1936 Life, the photojournalism magazine created by Henry R. Luce, was first published.

WORD UP!

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1. To deny or dispute; to declare false or invalid. 2. To oppose; to contradict.

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**WASTE NOT:**  
Turkeys stuffed out of sight can be a plumber's delight.

## The unwanted Thanksgiving guest

BY MELODY HANATANI  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITYWIDE** — Unfortunately, it's not all that rare to spot a plumber's crack nearby the bountiful Thanksgiving table spread.

While the Friday after Thanksgiving Day is known as the busiest shopping day of the year, Turkey Day is equally busy for plumbers, according to David Lupberger, a home improvement expert for ServiceMagic.com, a Web site connecting homeowners to industry professionals about home improvement.

Plumbing problems usually occur when Thanksgiving guests, eager to help the host after dinner, begin stuffing the sink drain with turkey skins, bones and other heavy matter better suited for the trash can. Unless the sink is equipped with a "2.5 horsepower supercharged Tim Allen-type of disposer," the food will most likely cause some disruption, Lupberger said.

"Sometimes, people will pour a quart of grease into the drain," Lupberger said Wednesday. "Unless you do it with hot water, it [oil] congeals in the drain."

Lupberger's advice is to toss food in the trash can, not down the drain.

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# Feast of friends

## EARLY BIRDS:

Social services get a jump on chowdown

BY MELODY HANATANI  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITYWIDE** — The spirit of Thanksgiving oftentimes comes early to the less fortunate.

For the past 27 years, Saint Monica Parish Community on California Avenue has opened its doors on the eve of Thanksgiving Day, as they did Wednesday, to about 900 people, many of whom are homeless, feeding them the traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings and providing a cozy familial environment.

The festive feeding is a long-time tradition for many of the homeless population who come to Saint Monica each year, said Pastoral Associate Delis Alejandro.

The parish is just one of many churches and non-profit social service agencies that provide a warm Thanksgiving meal to those who do not have the means to cook or pay for one themselves.

The annual dinner at Saint Monica is a parish community event

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Fabian Lewkowicz [fabianl@smdp.com](mailto:fabianl@smdp.com)

**HERE YOU GO, PAL:** Don Phung serves up a platter to Miguel Sanchez, 16, a junior at Santa Monica High School and a Santa Monica Police Explorer, during the Panda Express Thanksgiving Feast at the Police Activities League on Tuesday. The Panda Express at Lincoln Boulevard and Montana Avenue sponsored the meal, providing fare such as orange chicken, broccoli and beef, fortune cookies and red Kool-aid to more than 200 PAL youth.

## BUSINESS

# Building trust, all over again

## GREEN BACKERS:

Institution looks to rebuild relationships lost with SM Bank

BY KEVIN HERRERA  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**WILSHIRE BLVD.** — When it comes to managing his money, Bill Crookston doesn't trust anyone more than Dick Lawrence and his team of tellers at First Private Bank & Trust.

"These people know you. They take care of you," said Crookston, who also owns stock in the company. "With the larger banks, you're just a number to them, hopefully one with a bunch of zeros behind it.

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"They know how to run a local bank."

Perhaps that's because Lawrence and several of his staff members are alumni of Santa Monica Bank, an institution in the city that handled many residents' finances following its opening in 1928.

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Santa Monica, 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.  
Join us for the newest craze in fitness —  
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Special Thanksgiving Day Class  
Forrest Yoga Institute, 9 a.m. — 11 a.m.  
Special Thanksgiving Day Class with visiting  
Forrest Yoga instructor Chanel Luck from  
Boston, MA.

Weekly LeTip Business Networking Group  
El Cholo Restaurant, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.  
Weekly networking over lunch to provide  
additional lead and referrals to your line of  
work. Only one person per profession may  
join.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre  
Santa Monica Playhouse,  
11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.  
An entertaining, enriching, and educational  
90-minute weekday Mommy (or Daddy) and  
Me theatre experience for kids ages 3 to 5 and  
their parents, with story-telling, sing-a-longs,  
handicrafts and enactment of a fairy tale.

Fairmont Miramar Hotel Thanksgiving Brunch  
Fairmont Miramar Hotel, 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.  
Guests can enjoy the lavish offerings of Chef  
Jean-Claude and his culinary team in the com-  
fortable surroundings of the Starlight ballroom.

Yappy Hour at Tails of Santa Monica  
Tails of Santa Monica, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.  
A social gathering for dogs and their people.

Salvation Army Youth Night  
The Salvation Army, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.  
Activities include games, crafts, and bible  
lessons.

DivorceCare  
Vineyard Christian Fellowship Westside, 7  
p.m. — 8:30 p.m.  
A divorce recovery and support group that  
meets weekly on Thursdays at the Vineyard  
Christian Fellowship.

Friday, Nov. 24, 2006

Fitness Class — Mambo Mania  
Santa Monica, 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.  
Join us for the newest craze in fitness —  
Latin Style Aerobics!

Taijiquan  
Santa Monica, 7:30 a.m. — 9:15 a.m.  
A healing class taught by Helene Bouboulis  
who has been practicing Taijiquan for 8 years

Winterlit Best Gift Ever gift drive  
Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

**CORRECTION** In a front page photo in the Nov. 22 edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press, the names of the two subjects at Santa Monica College were reversed. The caption should have stated that Monique Ziering was seated at right, and was sharing her iPod headphones with friend Erica Hernandez, who was seated to the left.

New, unwrapped gifts of any size or value are  
being accepted at the Winterlit Playhouse on  
the 1300 block of the Third Street  
Promenade and at Guest Services at Santa  
Monica Place, from November 24 through  
December 21.

Shop to live music by Elevators  
Wild About Music, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.  
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Me theatre experience for kids ages 3 to 5 and  
their parents, with story-telling, sing-a-longs,  
handicrafts and enactment of a fairy tale.

Santa Monica Rotary  
Riviera Country Club, 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.  
With over 160 business and professional  
leaders who live or work in the community,  
the Club has long enjoyed a reputation as  
being the hub for Westside men and women  
dedicated to improving their local and world-  
wide communities.

Self Healing Community Class  
Santa Monica, 5:30 p.m. — 6:45 p.m.  
The class that incorporates Tanden breath-  
ing, microcosmic meditation, Qi Gong, eight  
steps Brocade, Ampouku (abdominal mas-  
sage) is simple, holistic, gentle and effective.

Winter Wine Samplings  
Sheraton Delfina, 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.  
Come join us for a weekly wine seminar tak-  
ing place every Wednesday during the month  
of November.

Santa Monica Fitness Group for Women  
Santa Monica Fitness Group For Women,  
6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.  
Santa Monica based women's group that  
meets every Monday and Wednesday night for  
either running, hiking, rollerblading, Santa  
Monica stairs and power walks.

Invitation to Groove  
Sheraton Delfina, 7 p.m. — 12 a.m.  
Join us every Friday in the Lobby Lounge for  
a night of dancing.

Dixie Chicks Accidents & Accusations Tour 2  
Staples Center, 8 p.m. — 12 a.m.  
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group in history having sold more than 30 mil-  
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NATIONAL

# Judge: Have to hand it to the homeless

BY KEN RITTER

Associated Press Writer

**LAS VEGAS** — A federal judge ruled Monday that the city cannot make it illegal to feed poor people in city parks.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert Jones issued an injunction prohibiting enforcement of a City Council ordinance passed in July that prohibits “providing food or meals to the indigent for free or for a nominal fee” in a city park and defines indigent as a person whom a reasonable ordinary person would believe to be entitled to public assistance.

Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman said handouts discourage homeless people from seeking help from social service providers set up to handle mental health and substance abuse problems. Neighbors had complained of large numbers of homeless people congregating at downtown parks, drawn by groups providing meals.

Jones told lawyers for the city and the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada that he intends to issue an order killing the measure. No date was set for final action.

“The judge said you can’t just ban providing food to people who look poor,” said Lee Rowland, the ACLU lawyer who argued the case. She said the key fault in the city ordinance was that it made distinctions among people based on their appearance.

Las Vegas officials vowed to rewrite the law to pass constitutional muster.

“The main thing is to make sure these people get professional care,” Goodman said of homeless and indigent people he said “deserve to be in service centers and with faith-based groups.”

“I know I’m right on this one,” Goodman added. “We just have to get the law in shape.”

City lawyer Brad Jerbic said “tweaking” the existing ordinance might be enough to help it pass judicial review.

“We didn’t outlaw vagrancy, indigency or homelessness,” Jerbic said, adding that the possible fine of up to \$1,000 was designed to discourage behavior, not punish people.

“What we did is make it an offense to set up a mobile soup kitchen in a park, attracting large numbers of indigents and stranding them without any social services,” Jerbic said.

Gary Peck, ACLU executive director in Las

See HOMELESS, page 7



## Shoppers on the prowl

A canine heads north on Main Street, passing Edgemar’s illuminated shopping cart sculpture. Carts may be hard to come by on ‘Black Friday.’

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# Time for smokers to butt out

## PUFF DUDDY: New city ban on smoking goes into effect today

By Daily Press staff

**CITYWIDE** — The day that all smokers have dreaded is finally here.

A sweeping city ordinance that bans smoking throughout much of Santa Monica’s outdoor areas takes effect today, after City Council adopted the measure on Oct. 24.

Smokers will no longer be able to light up in places such as public parks, beaches, the Third Street Promenade, the Santa Monica Pier, Farmers’ Markets, waiting areas, outdoor restaurants and bars, and within 20 feet of any entrance, exit or open window of a building that is not a private residence.

Smoking is also banned within 25 feet of

Santa Monica College.

Twenty feet is approximately eight to 10 paces, according to the City Attorney’s Office, which posted an advisory on its Web site this week.

There will be designated smoking areas on the pier.

Fines for those who can’t fight the urge is a hefty \$250.

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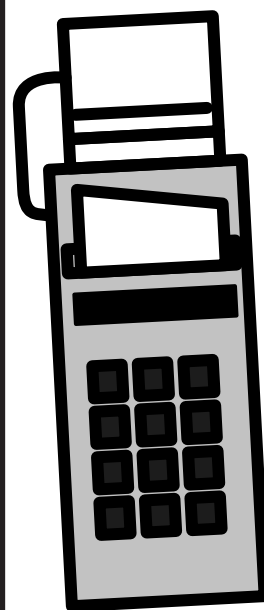
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Better get out while you can

Editor:

Mark my words: It won't be long before the GOP closes our national borders to prevent Americans from leaving. The government needs taxes paid by its citizens to fund their projects, their pockets and the huge growing deficit.

Flo Ginsburg  
Santa Monica

No reminders needed for O.J. saga

Editor:

Kudos to the network for nixing (the O.J. Simpson) special. This would be a tremendously arrogant effort by O.J. to rub this horrendous crime in the faces of Nicole's and Ron's families, as well as the American public. O.J. shows a gruesome pride in this crime. What an awful method to his own P.R. — er, madness.

Cheryl Erb  
Santa Monica



# The turkey tally



ICONOCLAST  
BLAST  
BY SETH BARNES

Thanksgiving is a time to stand aside and recognize our blessings and good fortune. For one day, we look back instead of forward. We hit the pause button on our frenetic lives and acknowledge this bounteous, complex drama we call life.

And since you'll have a pretty healthy dose of old fashioned "giving thanks" today as you watch football, carve the turkey and get reacquainted with Aunt Matilda, I'm going to do you a favor and spend my time in this column complaining and acting like a maladjusted jerk. You know ... normal, everyday human behavior. After all, when this 24 hour period of good cheer comes to a close, you'll find yourself back on the battlefield of idiocy and incompetence (some call this place "Wal-Mart the day after Thanksgiving"), and you'll want to remember how to sneer and make immature gestures.

In my day job, I work with search engines, a modern phenomenon that allows us to access a treasure trove of information in a few keystrokes. I think we'd all agree that this technology is a true wonder, even if it makes The Laziest Creatures on Earth (more commonly known as "the American public") even more lazy and slothful.

Anyhow, Yahoo! runs a site where they list the Yahoo! Buzz Index, a ranking of what the world's searching for based on overall search growth. It's a neat way to pick out breaking news stories. As you can imagine, a lot of search "buzz" centers on pop culture. It seems that people care more about whether Nicole Ritchie has actually consumed a calorie this calendar year (undetermined) than the nascent instability on the Korean Peninsula.

In this spirit, using the Buzz Index, I give you The Turkey Tally: a list of the dweebs, doofuses and general concepts that the world-at-large is devoting its waking hours to. I've added my own personal comments

and pot-shots for your viewing pleasure.

Michael Richards — Not much more can be said about this incident, but I always assumed that goofy, lovable "Kramer" was in fact a boiling racist filled with vindictive rage. Didn't you? What's next, "Newman" denying the Holocaust?

Black Friday — Really, what's the appeal of going shopping with millions of other people? It's like hearing about a traffic jam on the I-10 and jumping in your car to join the masses.

Clay Aiken and Kelly Ripa — Apparently, they had a tiff when guest host Aiken covered Ripa's mouth during an interview. All I have to say on the matter is that I'm pretty sure Osama bin Laden has a picture of Clay Aiken taped up in his cave as a personal "why we wage jihad" reminder.

Playstation 3 and Nintendo Wii — When they show clips of the losers camping outside Circuit City to buy these newly released game consoles, look closely. There are barely any girls/women present. And therein lies our hope: That this slice of our population will actually weed themselves out of the gene pool through their inability to interface with anything other than Grand Theft Auto.

Tom Cruise — I'm fine that people are searching for him on the Internet. As long as he, his wife, his kid and the phalanx of photographers that chronicle their lives stay in Italy, the rest of us can catch a breath or two.

Turducken — The first result in Yahoo defines a Turducken as "A 15 pound ... semi-boneless turkey stuffed with duck and chicken with layers of our delicious stuffing between each bird. You have the choice of either our traditional Cajun sausage or a cornbread stuffing." Layers of delicious stuffing between two cooked birds? I'm pretty sure whoever invented this is an American hero.

"If I Did It" — Stay tuned for the bootlegged YouTube O.J. interview. And let me just say that if I did it (that is, viciously murder two unsuspecting people in cold blood) and got away with it, I'd probably just stick to the golf course instead of trying to make like Ernest Hemingway.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY DANNY GALLAGHER

## It's called Thanksgiving, not Eatuntilyoukerplodegiving

Traditionally, Thanksgiving has been a holiday where people get together with family members they usually deny being related to in every other social situation and consume more food in one day than the National Food Bank, UNICEF and three Orson Welles clones consume in an entire year.

First of all, America already has a problem with overeating and obesity. We don't need a day that encourages it. We're one pie-eating contest away from losing our seat with the World Health Organization.

Second of all, filling your body with so much food that your heart doesn't have room to pump blood isn't what Thanksgiving is really about. Yes, the pilgrims and the Indians came together to share a large meal to symbolize their friendship and generosity, but they also took time between bites of turkey leg to breathe.

The reason they had a meal is because while they didn't have much at the time, they wanted to show their appreciation and love for the things they did have, which at the time only included each other, a log cabin with a lousy mortgage and yellow fever.

Every year at Thanksgiving, in between the

turkey and the pie and the straining and the praying for God to take me, I try to take at least one moment before I pass out to look back over the previous year and appreciate the things I have that allow me to have a career and do what I love for a living:

People with big mouths who go on TV — If more people thought about what they said before they actually said it, I wouldn't be in business. Instead, I'd probably be selling coconuts from a shopping cart on the side of the highway and the world would be a better, calmer, saner place. So thanks, Rush Limbaugh. Thanks for keeping me off the streets. Keep up the good work.

Hollyweird — They keep churning out the crap like a crap printing press and I keep making fun of it. My only fear is that one day, everyone will realize just how low movies have sunk and will stop going to the theater altogether and Hollyweird will be forced to make smarter, funnier and more thought-provoking movies and I'll have to go back to whining about the guys at Foot Locker who smell like feet.

The Democrats taking back the Legislature — Now this is by no means a love for the left wing. I think both parties have put bipartisanship above

the national interest at a level that is borderline frightening. But I'm glad the Democrats took back the House and the Senate because I was starting to run out of ways to make fun of the Republicans. How do you make fun of a party that if given the chance, would present a bill requiring zoos to teach the concept of intelligent design to monkeys?

Stupidity — Part of me feels conflicted about praising the value of ignorance and stupidity. But, to be honest, if stupidity didn't exist, the fish wraps would have a lot less stories in them, people wouldn't be so eager to shine the spotlight on themselves, movies like "Employee of the Month" and "Snakes on a Plane" wouldn't see the light of day and I wouldn't have anything to write about. Also, Rush Limbaugh wouldn't have a career.

Coffee — It's the writer's heroin. If it didn't exist, I wouldn't be able to stay up until the ungodly hours of the morn to meet my looming deadlines and I'd also be addicted to heroin.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Conservancy seeks volunteers

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Conservancy seeks volunteers who are interested in local architecture and history, and enjoy sharing their knowledge with others, to become docents for new downtown Santa Monica walking tours.

Docent guides will conduct groups through more than one hundred years of Santa Monica history, revealed on a six-block walk. The tour begins at the 1875 Rapp Saloon, a historic landmark, and ends at the renowned office building of the Natural Resources Defense Council, opened as a model of sustainable design and construction in 2003. The tours will be offered on Saturday mornings, beginning in March 2007. Docents will be expected to lead approximately six 90-minute tours a year.

Volunteer guides will receive a comprehensive tour manual and will attend a series of training classes. No prior tour experience is necessary, but volunteers must be willing to attend two-hour training classes on six consecutive Saturday mornings, January 6 - February 10. Sessions will be videotaped in case it is necessary to miss one.

Taught by leaders knowledgeable about local history, historic buildings and tour presentation, the classes will cover the early history and development of Santa Monica; architectural styles and historic buildings downtown; historic preservation in Santa Monica and the landmarking process; downtown commercial development and revitalization; the history of the Promenade, and tips on becoming an effective tour guide.

“Becoming a docent is a great opportunity to meet new people and learn more about our community,” stated Carol Lemlein, chair of the downtown walking tour program. Marcello Vavala, Santa Monica Conservancy board member and long-time docent for El Pueblo in Los Angeles, agrees: “It’s a great feeling to share your love of your community and to bring alive the history and architecture of these places.”

Information about the Santa Monica Conservancy may be found on their Web site, [www.smconservancy.org](http://www.smconservancy.org). For more information on the docent program, call (310) 496-3146.

Shopping for some support

By Daily Press staff

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Get gifts that give back

By Daily Press staff

Skip those generic gift certificates this holiday season and give friends and family something truly unique. The Holiday Gift Boutique, Saturday, Dec. 2, features one-of-a-kind handmade jewelry and beautiful handcrafted leather goods and art objects. All of the proceeds from the boutique support breast cancer research at The John Wayne Cancer Institute (JWCI) at Saint John’s Health Center.

Now in its 12th year, the Holiday Gift Boutique was started by Geralin Clark and Evelyn Mandel, both breast cancer survivors who were treated at JWCI.

“Putting together this boutique is a wonderful, soulful experience for us,” said Mandel. “Everyone who buys something knows that their money will go to fight a disease that affects so many women. It’s a chance to transform a negative situation into something positive for everyone.”

Since its inception, the fundraising event has generated nearly \$100,000 for the Evelyn Mandel and Geralin Clark Breast Cancer Research Fund at JWCI. Mandel designs the handmade jewelry sold at the boutique. Bracelets, pendants, letter openers and key rings are adorned with semiprecious stones, pearls and fused glass. Clark creates leather purses, boxes and other art objects.

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In addition to preparing for Black Friday and beyond, there is a little holiday this week called Thanksgiving that will bring together families and friends across the nation for food, football and reflection. In Santa Monica, following months of campaigning and calls for change, voters overwhelmingly opted to re-elect incumbents, leading observers to draw the conclusion that things in Santa Monica aren't so bad. At the end of the day, the city contains more than its share of wealth, culture and natural beauty.

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# Murder suspect Marine showed grief in public

BY GARANCE BURKE  
Associated Press Writer

**FRESNO** — A Marine arrested on suspicion of murdering his 3-month-old son had grieved publicly and struggled to raise an infant and toddler alone following his wife's death soon after giving birth.

Lance Cpl. Robert Quiroz, 20, who was called home when his wife had pregnancy complications days after he deployed on his first tour to Iraq, said he had his hands full with responsibility and had trouble accepting Roman, the son born before his wife's death.

"I didn't know how to feel about him, the same day he was born, my wife died," he told KMPH-TV, a Fox affiliate, in September.

"The feelings inside of me, I kind of wanted to push him away, but he's my son, my wife gave him to me."

Police had started a child abuse investigation in October after Quiroz's son was hospitalized for a broken arm. On Saturday — about one month later — Roman was found unconscious in their apartment, said police Chief Jerry Dyer.

His father was arrested after the child died at a hospital from blunt force trauma. An 18-month-old daughter, Kylie, was placed in protective custody, police said.

Quiroz was being held Tuesday at the Fresno County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bail on suspicion of murder. Authorities said charges would be filed Wednesday.

Quiroz deployed to a training camp in Kuwait on Aug. 19 with the Ninth Communication Battalion from Camp Pendleton, military officials said.

He was called home three days later with the news that his wife, Candice Quiroz, had given birth to a boy, but had suffered an aneurism after breast feeding the child. Quiroz arrived in Fresno faced with ending her life support and assuming sole responsibility for their two young children.

"On August 21, 2006, my whole world ended," the young father wrote on his Web page on MySpace.com, posted under the screen name "I.MISS.HER."

"For those of you who don't know, my beautiful wife Candice died," reads Quiroz's

blurb. "Just because you see me smile and you see me laugh doesn't come close to the way I feel inside. I will never be as happy as I was until I'm with my wife again."

Even without such a traumatic death, many service members have trouble managing grief and controlling their aggression after deployment, and have trouble finding appropriate counseling services at home, said Anita Sanchez, a spokeswoman for the Miles Foundation, an advocacy group that works with victims of violence in military families.

"It's beyond just the issue of the grief following the death of his wife," said Sanchez. "The thing to remember is that family violence homicides relate to power and control issues."

# Schwarzenegger takes full advantage of private donations

BY STEVE LAWRENCE  
Associated Press Writer

**SACRAMENTO** — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is taking advantage of legislation he signed in September that will allow him to raise up to \$200,000 a year from private donors to cover expenses associated with holding public office.

The Republican governor filed papers with the secretary of state's office on Nov. 9 forming the Governor Schwarzenegger Officeholder Committee. Under the law, which took effect immediately, the committee can collect up to \$200,000 a year in donations of as much as \$20,000 to pay "expenses associated with holding ... office."

The legislation, by Sen. Kevin Murray, D-Culver City, allows smaller donations to similar accounts set up by legislators and other state officials. It also requires the Fair Political Practices Commission to adjust the donation limits every odd-numbered year to keep up with inflation.

A spokeswoman for Schwarzenegger, Julie Soderlund, said money raised for the fund would be used to defray legitimate operating expenses "associated with serving as governor." The FPPC is drafting regulations that are expected to define what constitutes acceptable expenses under the Murray bill.

A critic of Schwarzenegger's fundraising said the money also could be used to pay for lavish parties and junkets. The new account

amounts to "a sanitized slush fund," said Carmen Balber, a consumer advocate for the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, a Santa Monica-based group that has been critical of Schwarzenegger's fundraising.

"(This) creates yet another avenue for special interest access and influence on the administration," she said. "Taxpayers should pay for any legitimate officeholder expenses."

Elected officials can tap campaign funds to cover those expenses now, as long as they are reasonably related to a governmental purpose.

But the governor, who won a second and final term on Nov. 7, is barred from continuing to raise money through his re-election committee except to pay off campaign debts.

The re-election committee, Californians

for Schwarzenegger-2006, raised more than \$42.8 million this year alone for Schwarzenegger's successful campaign against his Democratic opponent, state Treasurer Phil Angelides.

Altogether, Schwarzenegger has raised more than \$113.4 million since mid-2003 for his own election campaigns and to promote ballot measures that he has supported. That total doesn't include \$23.7 million the former actor has contributed to his campaign funds from his own pocket.

Schwarzenegger can continue to collect money through his California Recovery Team, a campaign committee he formed in 2004 to back ballot measures he supports or to fight those he opposes.

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# Rocky Mountain way gets pitched to Dems

BY JON SANCHE

Associated Press Writer

**DENVER** — Mayor John Hickenlooper isn't the only one working to bring tens of thousands of people to Denver in August 2008; governors and officials in several other Western states are helping in the city's bid to lure the Democratic National Convention.

The event could help raise the profile of a region that has become increasingly important to both major political parties, Hickenlooper said Monday.

"It's not so much about Denver as all the changes in Utah, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming," Hickenlooper said. "We should be able to champion and show off what the region has become."

Hickenlooper said Denver's bid was also getting help from officials in other Western states and cities.

"The convention really shines a very bright light and illuminates our success to a dramatically larger market," he said.

Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean has said the party expects to decide between Denver and New York next month.

In November 2005, the party asked 35 cities to participate in the bidding process. Eleven expressed interest and four — Denver, New York, Minneapolis-St. Paul and New Orleans — submitted full bids. Minneapolis-St. Paul landed the GOP's 2008 convention, and New Orleans dropped out of the bidding in July.

The final decision will be based on which city can hold the best convention, said Democratic National Committee spokesman Damien LaVera.

In recent weeks, Denver has resolved some tension with unions after initial concerns stemming from a lack of unionized hotels in the city. Last month, Denver, which helped finance a new downtown hotel with bonds, agreed that workers at that hotel could unionize, and the Colorado AFL-CIO this month approved a resolution supporting Denver's convention bid.

Democrats in Colorado and other Western states also posted political gains in

this month's general election, two years after Colorado was a rare bright spot for the party. That won't have much bearing on the final decision, however, LaVera said.

"The technical advisory committee's primary responsibility is looking at logistical issues," he said.

Denver host committee executive director Debbie Willhite said the city has successfully played host to other huge events including a 1993 visit by Pope John Paul II for World Youth Day and the 1997 Summit of the Eight, which brought the leaders of the United States, Russia, Canada, France, Germany, Britain, Italy and Japan to Denver for several days.

"The city has a great capacity to put this together and to put this on," Willhite said.

Hickenlooper said security, lodging and transportation shouldn't be a problem for the estimated 35,000 people the convention would bring. He also said he didn't expect that Denver's host committee would have problems raising the estimated \$80 million to cover various costs.

Willhite said the money would cover construction work needed in the Pepsi Center, home to the Colorado Avalanche and Denver Nuggets, to house hundreds of people and to handle the needs of convention officials and the media.

Even though party officials said Democratic gains in the West, where the party won several governorships and several seats in Congress this month, won't affect the decision, Willhite said she thought it would help "immensely."

About 50 members of Congress, including incoming Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., have written to Dean in support of Denver's bid.

"I think that the political profile of the West is changing so much that this is an area where having the convention could send a real message that could also help win the (2008) election," she said. "It's about introducing your presidential candidate to the country on a stage that really put them forward so people know they can actually be president of the United States."

## Judge disturbed by Vegas

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Vegas, said he was disturbed by city arguments that he said suggested homeless and indigent people constitute an unsightly problem that should be kept from public view.

"The city says, 'Poor people are different from the rest of us, we need to control them or we will be overrun by them and they will ruin things for the rest of us,'" Peck said. "That shows a profound misunderstanding of basic constitutional principles."

Since the ordinance took effect several

summonses have been handed out by city marshals at parks in the downtown area, several miles from the Las Vegas Strip.

One municipal court judge tossed out a misdemeanor case against a California activist last month and called the ordinance unconstitutionally vague. That judge said the measure denied equal protection of the law to all citizens.

A final ruling by Jones in the case, Sacco vs. City of Las Vegas, is expected to affect several similar cases currently pending in municipal court.

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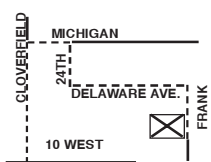
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# Christmas tree growers are branching out internationally

BY MICHAEL ROSE

Associated Press Writer

**SUBLIMITY, Ore.** — One of Oregon's signature industries is hustling to put freshly cut Douglas and noble firs in homes around the world.

At Silver Mountain Christmas Trees, owner Jim Heater already has begun loading trees bound for Mexico. The Sublimity-area tree farm was among the first Oregon growers to ship to Mexico more than a decade ago.

"I think we shipped six or seven truckloads the first year. Now, we're up to 130 to 140 truckloads," Heater said. His farm has 3,500 acres of Christmas trees, and it will be a hectic place from now until the first week of December.

Oregon is king when it comes to Christmas trees. The state's growers, who rank as the nation's largest Christmas tree producers, need to get 7.8 million trees cut, baled and delivered to stores and tree lots in a matter of weeks. Nearly one-quarter

of all Christmas trees sold in the United States are Oregon-grown.

But growers can't afford to overlook international markets: they will need all the customers they can get to absorb the 2 million to 3 million additional trees that industry surveys show will be coming on the market within three years.

About 13 percent of Oregon Christmas trees harvested in 2005 were sent to Mexico, according to a survey by the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service. In comparison, Canada buys about 2 percent of the state's Christmas trees.

Bryan Ostlund, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association, said Mexico represents a huge potential market. Mexico City alone has more than 18.4 million people.

"While there is certainly a lot of poverty in Mexico City, there is also a lot of affluence," Ostlund said.

Douglas fir, a less expensive "economy" tree for consumers, is the most popular in Mexico.

## Drive launched to reopen Stewart Indian School museum in Nevada

By The Associated Press

**CARSON CITY, Nev.** — Five years after it was shuttered, the museum at the old Stewart Indian School in Carson City could be getting a new lease on life.

The Nevada Indian Commission over the weekend launched a drive to repair and reopen the museum, which operated from 1981 to 2001 in one of 83 buildings left on the 109-acre campus.

The school drew students from tribes in Nevada, California, New Mexico and Arizona from 1890 until 1980, when it was closed because of federal budget cuts and concerns about building structural safety in the event of an earthquake. Commission members said the effort to reopen the museum is crucial to preserving the school's history.

"A lot of our alumni are dying, and we don't want the history of this place to die with them," said commission Executive Director Sherry Rupert told the Nevada Appeal.

Plans call for the museum to feature exhibits on the school and Nevada's Paiute, Shoshone and Washoe tribes. It would serve both the public and alumni.

Restoration costs have been estimated conservatively at \$550,000. Among other things, the 76-year-old museum building needs new electrical wiring and plumbing.

"It would be nice to put the memorabilia on display," said Ruby Carillo, who attended the school from 1942 to 1955. "That was our home, and it needs to be remembered."

Artifacts and memorabilia from the school and tribes currently are being housed elsewhere, including the Nevada State Museum.

The school was established in part because of a bill passed by the 1888 Nevada Legislature requiring the establishment of a school to train and educate American Indian children.

Students' language and culture were not permitted in an effort to assimilate them into American society.

"This school is an important part of the history of this state but also of New Mexico, California and Arizona because the students brought here were taken from those states," Rupert said.

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# Roll out barrels

## A bumper crop for cranberries feeds cooks' creative juices

BY DINESH RAMDE

Associated Press Writer

**MILWAUKEE** — No one should be denied cranberry scones, cranberry chutney, cranberry mousse or even cranberry chicken stew this year, say growers of the tart red berries.

The cranberry industry is confident it can meet demand during the busy holiday season even though a summer hailstorm in central Wisconsin destroyed millions of pounds of the fruit.

Production shortfalls last year in Massachusetts and Washington led to early concerns, later proven unfounded, that consumers would face a post-Thanksgiving cranberry shortage.

This year, farmers across North America produced a healthy crop that should easily meet demand through Christmas, said Chris Phillips of Massachusetts-based juice giant Ocean Spray.

About 5 percent of cranberries are sold as fresh fruit, and that entire supply is expected to sell between mid-October and the end of December, Phillips said.

"The holidays are the heart of cranberry tradition," he said. "As much as we know cranberries have become a year-round sensation, the holiday season brings it home every year."

Cranberry prices will be about the same as last year, Phillips said.

Much of the cranberry supply comes from Wisconsin,

which is on pace to lead the nation in cranberry production for the 12th consecutive year.

Tom Lochner, the executive director of the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association, said even with the destructive hailstorm in August, the state should match or exceed its 2005 output, which was a record 3.66 million barrels.

"The early feedback I've had is that it's a pretty good crop," Lochner said.

The storm destroyed an estimated 100,000 to 300,000 barrels of cranberries. Even so, Wisconsin is poised to produce between 3.6 million and 3.7 million barrels, more than the next top four states combined.

One barrel equals 100 pounds of berries.

According to forecasts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Massachusetts will trail Wisconsin with production of 1.75 million barrels this season. New Jersey is expected to be third with 490,000 barrels, followed by Oregon with 485,000 barrels and Washington with 160,000 barrels.

Scott Schultz, who runs the Russell Rezin & Son Inc. cranberry-growing operation in central Wisconsin, said his farm had a bumper crop going into the harvest season before the storm struck. He lost about 40 percent of his harvest, he said.

"This knocked us down to average or below average, but in agriculture you have your ups and downs," he said.

## You too can grow Thanksgiving staple

BY LEE REICH

Associated Press Writer

The cranberry jelly on your Thanksgiving table could have been made from berries that you harvested yourself, right in your own yard. And you wouldn't have needed to slide into a pair of hip boots to wade out into a bog.

Commercial cranberries are grown in bogs that can be flooded, as needed, by cranberry farmers. During harvest season, machines that look like giant egg beaters turned sideways ply the then-flooded bogs, knocking off the berries, which float and are then corralled into one corner and scooped up.

In winter, the farmers flood the bogs again to protect the plants from cold. Even after the water is drained off in spring, farmers may deliberately flood their bogs yet again during the growing season for frost protection, insect and weed control, or irrigation.

But you can grow cranberries without a bog or flooding. Insects and winter cold rarely threaten backyard cranberries, and you can just weed by hand.

Cranberries, like rhododendron, mountain laurel, azalea, blueberry and other relatives, are finicky about their soil. It needs to be very acidic (pH 4-5), very high in humus, moist and low in fertility. The way to create these

soil conditions is to mix a generous amount of peat moss — a kind of humus low in nutrients — into the soil. No need to mix that peat deep into the soil because most cranberry roots delve only 6 inches deep. Further acidify the soil, if necessary, by spreading sulfur.

Cranberries are such dainty plants. The slender, evergreen vines strew themselves over the ground, growing a couple of feet or more in all directions each season. The leaves turn purplish in winter, but spring greens them up again.

Spring also brings small white flowers, which nod downwards from their curved stalks and look much like cranes' heads — hence the name cranberry.

By late summer, the plants begin to look sort of funny, with fat, shiny, red orbs hanging onto the wiry stems. Those cranberry fruits cling to the plants all winter, so there's no need to rush the harvest.

A cranberry planting is easy to maintain. Spread more sulfur as needed to maintain soil acidity. Little or no fertilizer is needed.

Commercial growers mulch their bogs each fall with sand to increase rooting of young plants. Instead of sand, which is very heavy, use pine needles, leaves or sawdust. You'll also part ways with commercial practice when it comes time to harvest: Just step outside, stoop down and pluck berries.

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## OBITUARY

# Altman, maverick director of M\*A\*S\*H, other classics, dead at 81

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Writer

**LOS ANGELES** — Robert Altman was battling the cancer that eventually killed him even as he directed "A Prairie Home Companion" — a film he once succinctly described as "about death."

Altman, a five-time Academy Award nominee for best director and one of the most distinctive, influential voices in American cinema, died of complications from cancer Monday at 81.

He had worked with the disease for the last 18 months, the director's Sandcastle 5 Productions in New York said in a statement. The death was a surprise, Sandcastle said.

Altman's vast filmography ranged from the dark war comedy "M-A-S-H" and the Hollywood farce "The Player" to the British murder mystery "Gosford Park."

When he received a lifetime achievement Oscar in 2006, Altman revealed he'd had a heart transplant a decade earlier.

"I didn't make a big secret out of it, but I thought nobody would hire me again," he

said after the ceremony. "You know, there's such a stigma about heart transplants, and there's a lot of us out there."

Altman was set to begin work on "Hands on a Hardbody," a fictionalized version of the documentary about a Texas contest in which people stand around a pickup truck with one hand on the vehicle, and whoever lasts the longest wins it. The film would have been vintage Altman.

While he was famous for his outspokenness, which caused him to fall in and out of favor in Hollywood during his nearly six

decades in the industry, he was perhaps even better known for his influential method of assembling large casts and weaving in and out of their story lines, using long tracking shots and intentionally having dialogue overlap.

His most recent example of this technique, "A Prairie Home Companion," starred Lily Tomlin, Meryl Streep, Woody Harrelson, Kevin Kline and Lindsay Lohan.

"This film is about death. Everybody dies," Altman said at the film's premiere in May.

Garrison Keillor, whose radio show provided the basis for the movie, said Altman's love of film clearly came through on the set.

"Mr. Altman loved making movies. He loved the chaos of shooting and the sociability of the crew and actors — he adored actors — and he loved the editing room and he especially loved sitting in a screening room and watching the thing over and over with other people," said Keillor, who also wrote and co-starred in the film. "He didn't care for the money end of things, he didn't mind doing publicity, but when he was working he was in heaven."

"He was very good at letting actors think that they had more control than they actually did," said "Prairie Home Companion" co-star Tommy Lee Jones.

Altman received best-director Oscar nominations for "M-A-S-H," "Nashville," "The Player," "Short Cuts" and "Gosford Park." No director ever got more nominations without winning a competitive Oscar, though four other men — Alfred Hitchcock, Martin Scorsese, Clarence Brown and King Vidor — tied with Altman at five.

Tom Skerritt, who got his break from Altman on the 1960s TV series "Combat!" which led to his role in "M-A-S-H," said the director's death left him with "a big void."

"M-A-S-H" mattered, Skerritt said, because of "the timing, the anti-war sentiment," when it came out in 1970. It took place during the Korean War, but clearly was an attack on U.S. involvement in Vietnam.



## The Tuesday morning post

Bob Whalen (left) and Celio Enriquez, of the Santa Monica Open Space Management division, install new signage at Crescent Bay Park on Tuesday.

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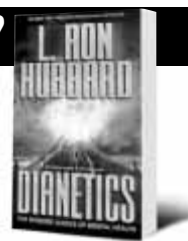
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# Parishes, providers get jump on holiday

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that draws 400 volunteers annually. The dinner, which can serve up to 1,000 mouths, involves the church at all levels, from the adults who prepare and donate the turkeys, to the Saint Monica schools students who donate canned goods, to the parishioners who donate clothing to give to the guests who visit their "boutique" after they eat.

"The whole idea that it takes a village, well it takes a parish," Alejandro said on Wednesday. "[The church] is wonderfully chaotic."

Not all guests are necessarily homeless, Alejandro said. In fact, day laborers have increasingly appeared at the dinner in recent years. The dinner also attracts a small number of senior citizens who don't want to spend the holidays by themselves.

"There have been more people working recently," Alejandro said. "On the other hand, we've been hearing about layoffs."

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving seems to be a popular day for non-profits to host holiday meals. Ocean Park Community Center on Seventh Street hosted a lunch for about 500 people from 9 a.m. to noon.

"People look forward to this," said Debby Maddis, associate director of Ocean Park Community Center. "It's a big event."

Thanks to volunteers and donations from families and restaurants, OPCC has been able to feed the homeless during the holidays for the past 40 years.

Thanksgiving is a three-day event at St. Joseph's Center in Venice, which served meals from Monday to Wednesday at Bread and Roses Cafe in Venice.

On Tuesday, St. Joseph's Center also handed out frozen turkeys and bags of food to more than 300 families with the help of the Los Angeles Clippers.

The center has chosen not to offer meals on Thanksgiving Day, leaving it up to other social service providers to serve on the holiday.

Several Westside agencies, including Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition and Children's Life Saving Foundation, both of which are located in Santa Monica, will send their clients to the House of Blues on Sunset Boulevard for a Thanksgiving meal today.

Approximately 1,000 pounds of turkey will be prepared to feed between 800 and 1,000 people who are expected to show up early in the morning.

The tradition dates back to when the first House of Blues in Cambridge, Mass., opened on Thanksgiving Day in 1992.

"The very first thing that venue did before opening to the public was invite homeless in for Thanksgiving Day," said Dave Fortin, director of marketing of the House of Blues. "It's a tribute back to the opening day."

"It's a great way to give back to the community."

While most agencies serve a cooked meal, some choose to leave the food preparation to the families.

Heartfelt Foundation on Wilshire Boulevard, a nonprofit providing food and supplies to needy individuals, handed out food baskets to approximately 200 people in need on Saturday. Each person received two or three large baskets of food donated by people in the community.

"Many received food to last them through the winter," said Patty Reiner, executive director of Heartfelt Foundation.

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Amy Kaufman contributed to reporting this article.

EVERYTHING BUT THE KITCHEN SINK

PLUMBERS, from page 1

"My rule of thumb is when in doubt, just throw it away," he said.

The sink is not the only appliance keeping plumbers busy on Thanksgiving.

Keep a plunger handy, Lupberger advised, because many plumbers see clogged toilets caused by guests who make large deposits, or from toilet paper-happy children.

They're important lessons to learn to avoid paying a hefty sum to plumbers who charge double on the holiday, Lupberger said. The average plumbing service can cost at least \$200.

"They're leaving their families to come to yours," Lupberger said.

CI Plumbing on Lincoln Boulevard charges customers \$250 per plumber traveling fee on Thanksgiving Day. After the plumbers arrive, customers have to fork over \$125 an hour, said owner Damon Premer.

The day before Thanksgiving is also one of the busiest days of the year for plumbers, who are called to fix leaky faucets and running toilets for party hosts who want to make sure everything is perfect for the big day.

Like most plumbers in Santa Monica, CI Plumbing was also busy on Wednesday, receiving calls to fix sink stoppages and toilet clogs. The company also received a call from a homeowner who smelled gas because she sprayed cleaning solution over the pilot light, causing it to go out.

Over the years, Lupberger, who was a general contractor in Washington D.C., heard humorous stories about Thanksgiving Day bloopers from plumbers.

"I heard one story about a plumber who pulled a meat cleaver out of a disposer," Lupberger said. "You can only imagine how much silverware ends up in disposers. You can hear it half a house away."

Anything can end up in a garbage disposer. The same holds true for toilets.

On Thanksgiving Day last year, a plumber from CI Plumbing reportedly responded to a house in Bel Air to retrieve a drumstick from a toilet that contained an engagement ring worth up to \$30,000.

The homeowner was planning to propose to his girlfriend that evening and decided to surprise her by hiding the ring inside the drumstick. Earlier that day, the girlfriend discovered a phone number while ironing the man's pants, dialed the number and heard another woman's voice on the line, prompting accusations of cheating.

When the girlfriend bit into something hard in the drumstick during dinner, she supposedly flipped out, wondering if the day could get any worse.

That was when the drumstick, and the ring, met its fate in the toilet.

The plumber was unable to retrieve the ring and Premer said he is not sure whether the two eventually became engaged.

The voice on the other line belonged to the ring saleswoman, Premer said.

"The ring was gone," Premer said. "Done deal."

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## Well, that's handy

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Santa Monica Musical Theatre students presented their Fall Musical Theatre Workshop 'Seasons of Love' on Tuesday in the new SMC Main Stage. (Clockwise from top) Students perform their opening number, 'Magic to Do,' from Pippin; Louis Fiol poses for the girls during a performance of 'Belle,' from Beauty and the Beast; and Sterling Edward performs 'Purpose' from Avenue Q.

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By Daily Press staff

The Spitfire Grill will donate 15 percent of its sales between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, to benefit the RAND Corporation's Gulf States Policy Institute. Patrons are asked to bring a RAND benefit flyer with them when they order. The flyers are available on the restaurant's Web site (www.spitfiregrill.net).

The restaurant will feature a "RANDwich" on the menu that day: A grilled chicken breast, topped with melted mozzarella, fresh basil, tomato and lettuce on a whole wheat ciabatta bread, with a choice of either house-made potato chips or a mixed baby-greens salad with choice of dressing for \$9.50

RAND is a nonprofit research organization with headquarters in Santa Monica. RAND's Gulf States Policy Institute, based in Jackson, Miss., was created in late 2005 to develop a long-term vision and strategy to help build a better future for Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Eating healthy made easier

By Daily Press staff

Eaturna, a fresh food company that offers a line of all-natural, prepared foods daily to retail locations throughout Southern California, is expanding the availability of its menu of prepared foods with the opening of five new Southern California locations.

Created daily for the Eaturna deli counter and the "grab and go" cases at Vons and Pavilions locations in Santa Monica, Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach, Eaturna's menu aims to give health-conscious consumers the ability to balance nutritional choices with the convenience.

Eaturna's full menu features entrees, appetizers, side dishes and desserts.

Each menu item is comprised of all-natural ingredients (including many organic ingredients), is never fried, contains no added hormones, is free of trans fats, additives, antibiotics preservatives and nitrates.

# Depressed pineapples to blame

By The Associated Press

**HONOLULU** — Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. said this week that it will halt its Hawaii operations immediately, well ahead of a 2008 closing announced earlier this year.

The announcement brought statements of disappointment from Hawaii's two U.S. senators and was decried by the union representing workers.

"The company's action was compelled by various factors; specifically, the production volume of pineapples is significantly lower than the company's original estimates," Del Monte said in the statement reported by Pacific Business News.

"This extreme drop in production volume, coupled with depressed pineapple pricing resulting from the increase of supply in the overall pineapple market, has had a negative financial impact on the company," the company said.

"As a result, the company regretfully will not be able to sustain a financially viable operation in Hawaii as originally planned through 2008," it said.

Messages left by The Associated Press with the company were not immediately returned.

Del Monte said it will lay off 551 workers on or around Jan. 22.

The move leaves Dole Food Co. as the only major pineapple grower on Oahu. Maui Pineapple Co. is the state's largest remaining pineapple producer, farming more than 6,000 acres on Maui.

"Because of our unique ability to process canned pineapple, we stand ready, willing and able to step in right away to salvage the pineapple crop that Del Monte is apparently leaving behind with its abrupt departure," Maui Pineapple President and CEO Brian Nishida said.

He said his company is willing to work with landowner Campbell Estate and the

union.

"Being laid off is never easy, but being told just as the holidays are approaching is especially cruel," the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142 said in a statement.

"The layoff is occurring 60 days from the announcement, in compliance with federal law," the union said. "However, the company has indicated to some workers that they will not be offered work during that period, meaning unemployment and probably no pay."

Del Monte announced in February that it was leaving Hawaii because it was no longer economically feasible to grow pineapple in the state. The company's last pineapple crop, which was planted later that month, will produce fruit through mid-2008.

"They just want to pack up and go home, leave everything to rot," Earl Totten, who has worked for Del Monte for 41 years, told television station KHON.

# Former employees look to continue the legacy

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bank was run locally until it and seven other branches across Los Angeles were acquired by Western Bancorp in 1997. The location eventually became a US Bank.

Lawrence, who worked at Santa Monica Bank from 1982 to '83, said many customers felt as if they had lost a member of the family when the bank was purchased.

"People really missed the relationship they had with the employees," Lawrence said.

What they also missed was the trust they had in employees like Lawrence who were intimately familiar with not only the customers' finances and family life, but also about the local economy and the needs of business owners.

Lawrence, a past president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the YMCA, relocated to Encino State Bank, which ultimately became First Private Bank & Trust, a member of the Boston

Private Wealth Management Group, a national enterprise of independently operated financial services firms with over \$30 billion in assets.

Once at First Private, Lawrence began to rebuild the relationships he had forged.

"We are not a destination bank," Lawrence said. "People just don't walk in and set up an account. They are referred to us by friends, colleagues. They know they can come here and the tellers will call them by name, there'll be no lines and they'll be treated right. You definitely feel like you are a part of the family.

"You work with families from the very beginning, helping them to build their wealth in the early years as they raise a family, and then you help them transfer that wealth when they get in their senior years," Lawrence added. "You're really covering all the bases."

To make sure they are providing the best possible service, First Private recently added

a wealth management and trust department.

"Santa Monicans want someone who is rooted, and with Dick they get that," said Gary Helme, the executive vice president and chief fiduciary officer at First Private. "They get the personal touch along with the resources of Boston Private that include the best investment advisors to make sure clients have a diverse portfolio."

Helme said the bank is looking for those with anywhere from \$1 million to \$10 million, a group which he said has been neglected by larger banks looking for more money.

"With wealth management it is really all about trust," Helme said. "Dick is very active in the community. He's a familiar face and we hope that when people come in to our bank they have the same feeling they got when they were customers at Santa Monica Bank. We want to be the place Santa Monicans turn."

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FOOTBALL

# Niners in the playoffs? Team is taking it in stride

BY GREG BEACHAM  
AP Sports Writer

**SANTA CLARA** — Just three weeks ago, the thought of the San Francisco 49ers making a playoff run seemed just about as crazy as the idea that this moribund club could ever win three straight games, or that one of the NFL's worst defenses could ever stop anybody.

None of it seems so crazy now.

The Niners already have done the improbable with their first three-game winning streak in four years, beating the Seattle Seahawks 20-14 Sunday to move within one game of first place in the NFC West.

Many possibilities have opened up for a rapidly improving club that fell behind 41-0 to the Chicago Bears just three weeks earlier — but coach Mike Nolan is content to keep the playoffs as a distant, fantastical topic.

After Frank Gore rushed for a franchise-record 212 yards and the 49ers' defense finished off the Seahawks with three stops in the final 4 1/2 minutes, Nolan had no interest in looking ahead to January. He's not even sure this same 49ers (5-5) will show up for Sunday's road game against the St. Louis Rams.

"I'm not there yet," said Nolan, who wore a suit and tie on the sideline in a nod to great coaches of the past. "Our goal starting out this season was not just to win five games. We've won five, but that's not our goal. ... We talk about streaks. We've got a three-game streak, and we need to build on that."

The 49ers had no trouble remaining humble after vaulting into the back end of the NFC playoff chase. This team still remembers blowout losses to Philadelphia, Kansas City, San Diego and Chicago earlier in the season — losses that seemed to signal a fourth straight losing campaign.

But to the surprise of everyone outside the 49ers' locker room, the team's months of hard work have abruptly paid off with wins over Minnesota, Detroit and Seattle. San Francisco is at .500 at the latest point in a season since 2003, and could match its win total for the last two seasons combined with

one more victory.

"We didn't start right, but we had high expectations before the season," left tackle Jonas Jennings said. "Our bar is set high. We still have some climbing to do. We're only at .500. There's still a long way we can go."

The defense that floundered in the 49ers' big losses has made two significant personnel changes — adding linebacker Brandon Moore and safety Keith Lewis to the starting lineup — and amped up its aggressiveness. San Francisco has allowed just 30 points in its last 3 1/2 games since that Chicago debacle, holding Seattle to 303 yards and a scoreless first half.

Meanwhile, Gore's emergence as an elite running back in his first season as a starter has improved everything about the 49ers' offense.

Nolan has handed several game balls to Gore after recent victories, but the running back keeps giving them away to his offensive linemen. He had good reason to do so after the best game of his career: Gore spent most of the day running behind Larry Allen and Jennings, the veteran free-agent signees on the left side of the line.

"It's just fun to be playing when the team is flowing like that," Jennings said. "There's nonverbal communication between me and Larry. We know what's going to happen. We can run on anybody. That's just part of our formula, and we believe in Frank."

The 49ers, who had the day off from meetings for the third straight Monday, follow their coach's lead when contemplating the postseason. They're more eager to focus on the positive direction of the last three weeks while hoping this ride isn't over yet.

"We failed in some adverse situations earlier in the season, but we learned from that experience," said Moore, who has led the team in tackles in each of his three starts. "Three wins together is something we haven't had in a very long time. We haven't been where we could even think about being among the division leaders. We're coming together, and I don't see it slowing down."

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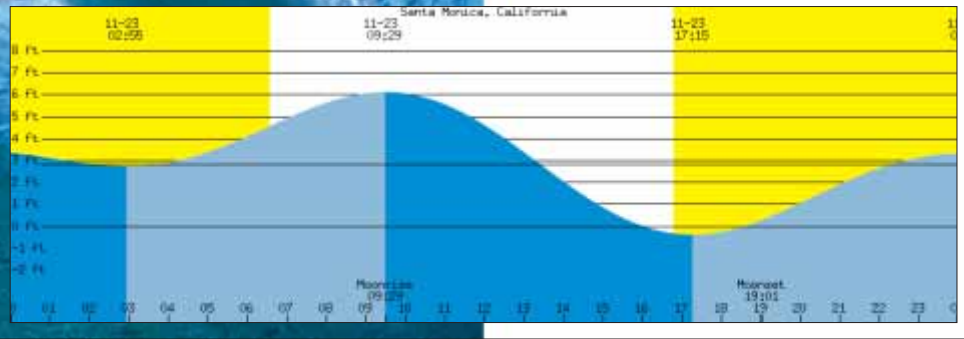
## SURF REPORT

**SURF CONDITIONS**      **WATER TEMP: 64°**

**SWELL FORECAST ( 4-6 FT )**  
We're in for a healthy, strong dose of NW swell from the second of the two Gulf of Alaska systems we've been tracking since last week. As mentioned in previous reports, the storm that is driving this swell pumped up a robust fetch with 35+ foot seas. If the north Pacific gyre were in its normal routine, a system such as this would traverse at lower latitudes and bring us some huge surf.

**LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS**  
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**TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA**



**BEACH REPORT CARD**

**NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

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**QUICK STATS** (for the last 24 days)  
Number of sewage spills -- 0  
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0  
Number of wet days -- 0  
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/35  
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12/35

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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 | LOCATION                                                          | DRY | WET |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Saguit Creek mouth                     | A+  | ns  | Will Rogers State Beach at Bell Air Bay Club drain near fence     | A+  | ns  |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth                    | A   | ns  | Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain               | A+  | ns  |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lockess and Los Aliso creeks        | A+  | ns  | Will Rogers State Beach at Tenesca Canyon drain                   | A+  | ns  |
| Escorial Canyon at El Morador State Beach                            | A+  | ns  | Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqui) | F   | ns  |
| Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth                                   | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain                          | D   | ns  |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth                                       | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain                        | F   | ns  |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)                   | A   | ns  | Santa Monica Municipal Pier                                       | F   | ns  |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth                     | F   | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain                     | A   | ns  |
| Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach                  | A   | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)    | A+  | ns  |
| Lariga Canyon Creek mouth                                            | A   | ns  | Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain                            | A   | ns  |
| Solstice Canyon at San Blas County Beach                             | A   | ns  | Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain                   | A+  | ns  |
| Puerto State Beach at creek mouth                                    | A+  | ns  | Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain                                 | A+  | ns  |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.        | F   | ns  | Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain                               | A   | ns  |
| Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fence                                | A   | ns  | Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south                              | A+  | ns  |
| Surfside Beach (Jewach location)- daily                              | B   | ns  | Venice Beach- projection of Topwell St.                           | D   | ns  |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east                                          | A   | ns  | Marino del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower                   | D   | ns  |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon                                    | A+  | ns  | Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth                     | A   | ns  |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)              | A+  | ns  | Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain                      | A   | ns  |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs                                   | D   | ns  | North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach           | A   | ns  |
| Pose Creek at Las Tunas County Beach                                 | A+  | ns  | Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of B&W jetty)          | D   | ns  |
| Tuna Canyon                                                          | ns  | ns  | Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain                      | A   | ns  |
| Yaganga State Beach at creek mouth                                   | B   | ns  | Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant               | A   | ns  |
| Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                         | F   | ns  | Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain                        | A   | ns  |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | F   | ns  |                                                                   |     |     |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile west of Sunset drain) | A+  | ns  |                                                                   |     |     |

**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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# Have a ball tonight, Cap

**JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS**  
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive  
★★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult



## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Those at a distance and in-laws will become far closer and more understanding. Work on judging less and allowing others to participate. Tonight: Know that you are in a position to influence others.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might be happily surprised by another's attitude and willingness to pitch in. You will find this attitude more and more common. Detach and understand the true nature of this very special person. Tonight: Call relatives and wish them a Happy Turkey Day.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Someone reaches out to you. He or she wants some private time. Make it your pleasure to make space for this person. Take that attitude further, and you will be much more in tune with people in general. Tonight: Enjoy the games, mood and celebrations.

## CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Others use this special day to reach out to special people. Open up to possibilities and the special people who surround you. Enjoy pitching in and making plans easier for those around you. Tonight: People surround you. Enjoy the Ferris wheel of popularity.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You have fun, no matter who you are with or where. Let loose and enjoy yourself for a change. You don't have to be serious; you simply need to enjoy. Tonight: Let your hair down, even if you are just watching a football game!

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Family is where it's at. Use today to add that special warmth, which can define your happiness and well-being. Let others know just how important they are. Tonight: Look around — you have much to smile about.

## Born Today

**Actor Steve Landesberg (1945)**

**Actor Maxwell Caulfield (1959)**

**Composer Jerry Bock (1928)**



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## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Happiness is second nature to you right now. In fact, you are entering a very special, joyous time in which others cannot show enough caring. You have a way and a style that warm up many. Just be yourself. Tonight: Remember to call a special person.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might not be as sure of yourself as you'd like to be. Sometimes letting others know where you are coming from is important. Though words might be meaningful, actions are even more important. Show your caring. Tonight: Express your generosity of spirit.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Loosen up and relax in the company of others. You are about to jump into a new 11-year luck cycle. Be thankful not only for those in your life but also for this new cycle. What would you like to wish for? Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You have many reasons to smile. Just look around and enjoy those you care about. You will particularly enjoy a gathering or get-together. You are instinctive and listen to others. Tonight: Have a ball!

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might need or want to lie back slightly more than usual. What might be going on could change your opinion. Be ready to step out of yourself. Start noticing all the special people who surround you. Tonight: If you need to cash in early, do.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Pay special attention to those who are in your immediate circle. They do make a difference in your life. Loosen up and enjoy. Still, do remember that special person at a distance. Make calls to loved ones who aren't with you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

## Happy Birthday

Let what needs to happen unfurl. Don't stand in the way of fate. You will only make your life more difficult. You will have the unique opportunity of opening doors. The unexpected occurs when you least anticipate it, especially in your domestic life. You have a lot of energy and get-up-and-go. You might be difficult to stop once you are on a roll. If you are single, you could meet someone very instrumental to your life. He or she might be the "right person."

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# On the block

## Clark promoting auction two years after his stroke

Nearly two years after a stroke, “American Bandstand” icon **DICK CLARK** has recounted the stunning moment he realized his right side was paralyzed.

“It was a complete surprise,” Clark told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Monday after his daily two-hour therapy session, which he said left him feeling “pooped.”

Clark, who turns 77 on Nov. 30, knew there was something wrong when he awoke Dec. 6, 2004.

“I woke up in the morning and my right side didn’t work. I thought a d-og had slept on my side,” said Clark, who sounded upbeat and could be clearly understood. “My wife said, ‘I think you had a stroke,’ and she drove me to the hospital.”

Doctors at Burbank’s Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center kept him hospitalized for weeks. Rehabilitation therapy sessions have continued ever since.

“Your life changes overnight,” he said.

Recently, Clark has been busy promoting the Dec. 5-6 auction of his memorabilia at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City. The self-professed pack rat plans to attend.

“I keep everything. It’s one of my problems. I’m a saver,” he said.

Throughout his rehabilitation, Clark’s wife, Kari, has been at his side. “She’s one of a kind, thank God,” Clark said.

“I am happy that I’m alive, that I’m reasonably well,” he continued. “I’m sad that I’m impaired with my walking and my speech is impaired. But I’m happy.”

Next month’s auction includes some prized mementos from Clark’s “American Bandstand” years, including the microphone he used July 9, 1956, when he kicked off the rock ‘n’ roll show that made him famous.

Arlan Ettinger, president of Guernsey’s auction house, has valued the microphone at between \$10,000 and

\$100,000.

Other items to be sold include a bass guitar that Paul McCartney played when he was a Beatle, a beaded glove worn by Michael Jackson and the harmonica Bob Dylan played in “The Last Waltz.”

Much of the auction profits will go to the T.J. Martell Foundation, which was founded by the music industry to raise money for research on cancer and AIDS, Ettinger has said.

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# Jackson mulls return to Middle-earth

**PETER JACKSON** says he will not be making a movie based on J.R.R. Tolkien’s novel “The Hobbit” or a planned prequel to “The Lord of the Rings.”

In a letter posted on Theonering.com., Jackson and partner Fran Walsh said an executive from New Line Cinema had called to tell them the studio was moving ahead with “The Hobbit” without him.

“Last week, Mark Ordesky called Ken (Kamins, Jackson’s manager) and told him that New Line would no longer be requiring our services on ‘The Hobbit’ and the LOTR ‘prequel,’” the 45-year-old New Zealand director wrote.

“This was a courtesy call to let us know that the studio was

now actively looking to hire another filmmaker for both projects,” he said.

Robert Pini, a New York-based representative for New Line Cinema, said Tuesday the studio had no comment.

New Line Cinema holds the rights to produce “The Hobbit” and Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer has the rights to distribute it.

Jackson, who shepherded Tolkien’s Middle-earth saga to the screen in a series of three films, won a best-director Oscar for 2003’s “The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King.” The trilogy also includes 2002’s “The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers” and 2001’s “The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring.”

A spokesman for Wingnut Films, Jackson’s production company in Wellington, who spoke on his standard condition that he not be named, confirmed Tuesday the letter was genuine.

The announcement came amid an ongoing dispute between Wingnut Films and New Line Cinema over the amount Jackson was paid for “The Fellowship of the Ring,” including DVD payments.

While Jackson hasn’t said how much he believes he was underpaid, The New York Times last year quoted his lawyers as saying it was as much as \$100 million. He is suing New Line Cinema over the shortfall.

The Dominion Post newspa-

per quoted Jackson as saying that because he and Walsh didn’t want to discuss upcoming movies “until the lawsuit is resolved, the studio is going to have to hire another director.”

“We are very sorry our involvement with ‘The Hobbit’ has ended this way,” the pair added.

Plans for Jackson to make a \$128 million movie version of the sci-fi video game “Halo” were also scrapped this month after backers 20th Century Fox and Universal Pictures pulled out.

Jackson’s “Lord of the Rings” trilogy grossed nearly \$3 billion at box offices worldwide.

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NOT-SO-SECRET HIDEAWAY

**TOM CRUISE** and **KATIE HOLMES** have arrived in the Indian Ocean island chain of the Maldives, a government official has said.

“Yes, they are here, I can confirm that,” chief government spokesman Mohamed Hussain Shareef told The Associated Press by phone Tuesday from the capital, Male. “They have gone to one of the islands, but this is very, very secret.”

Cruise, 44, and Holmes, 27, exchanged wedding vows Saturday in a 15th-century castle in Bracciano, Italy, outside Rome. The Hollywood couple arrived in the Maldives by private jet, the local Haveeru newspaper said, citing witnesses.

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The Departed (R)

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Flushed Away (PG)

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Marie Antoinette (PG-13)

8:05, 10:50

Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13)

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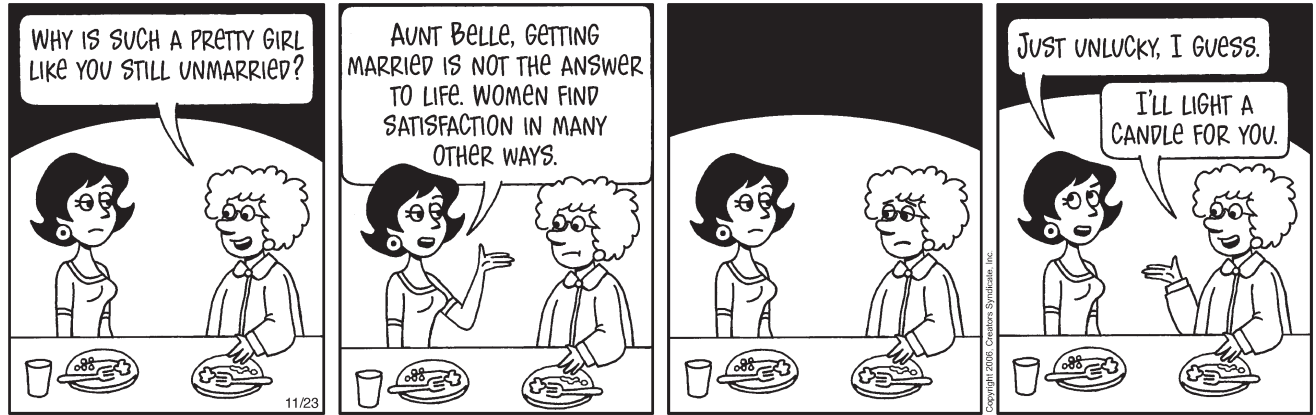
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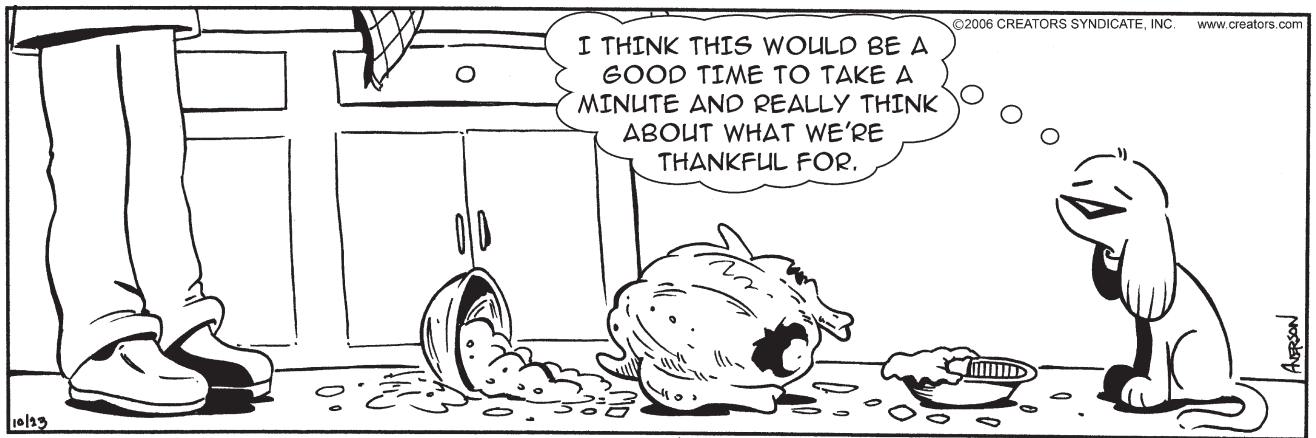
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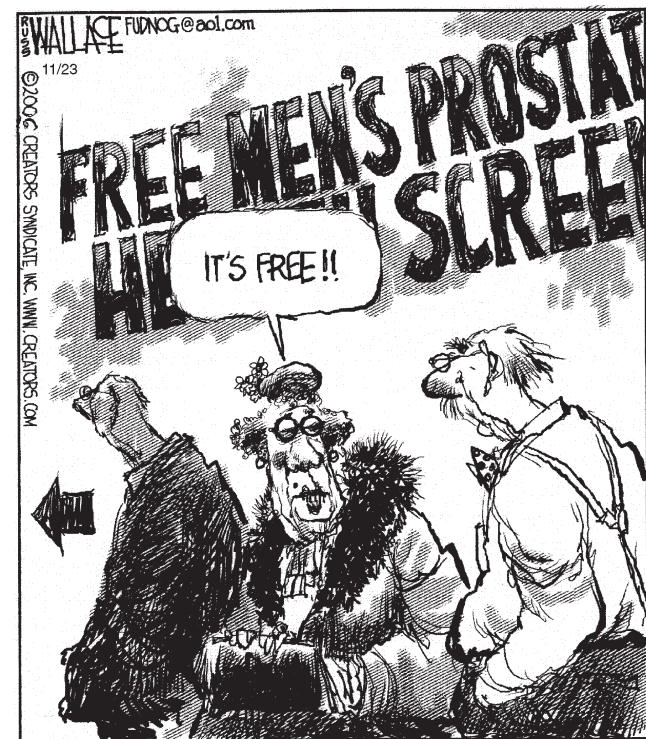


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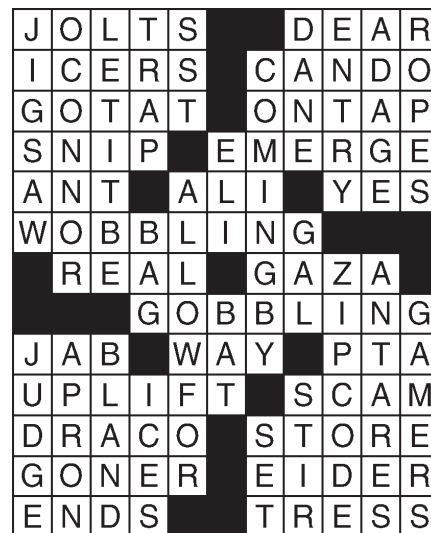
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- 25 Utah ski resort
- 26 Ragtime dances
- 28 Clarinet's cousin
- 29 Less bright
- 30 "Unforgettable" singer
- 31 Storage site
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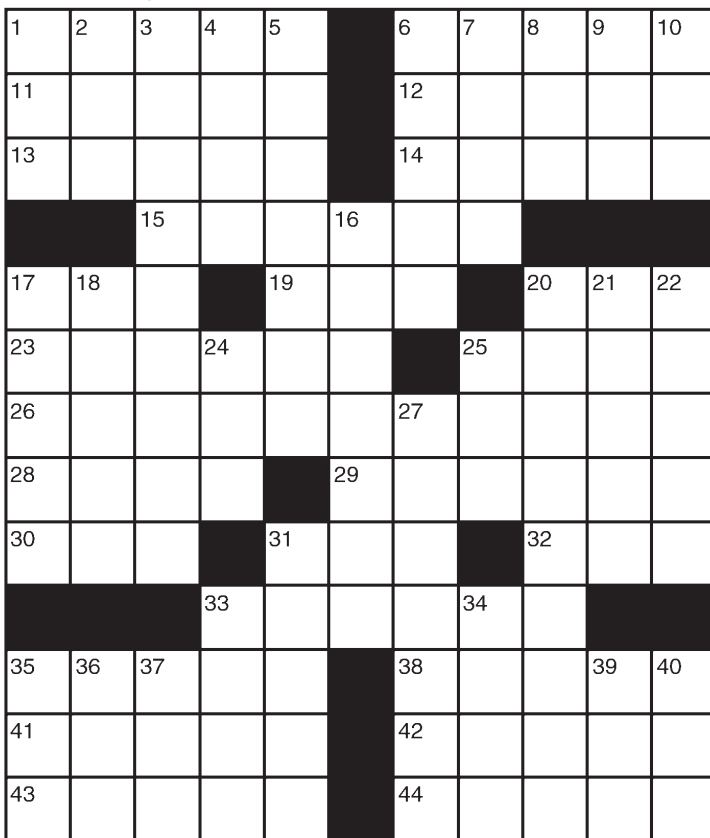
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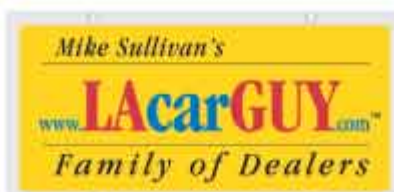
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Dana Ko Colom-bier in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Dana Ko Co-lombier be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administra-tion of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representa-tive to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important ac-tions, however, the personal repre-sentative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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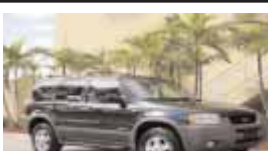
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