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THE DIG DEEP ISSUE

# Feeding homeless in public raising concerns yet again

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN During the holiday season, big meals and shopping dominate the American psyche, filling up advertising pages with the new thing to buy and the delicious recipes to attempt on family and friends.

When those two things mix on public streets, however, it can cause friction.

Business owners in Downtown went to the City Council in November for help with what they see as a growing number of meal services for the homeless in the busy shopping district.

The meals are provided by UCLA Food

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## LUCKY BIRD

Photo courtesy Hugh Slavitt

**Author Karen Dawn blow dries her turkey Perry, whom she rescued from a slaughterhouse. Read her story in her own words on page 4.**

# 'Tis the season for giving big

## Local nonprofits hustle for crucial donations

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE 'Tis the season for holiday giving, and nonprofit organizations in Santa Monica and across the country are hoping that the average American will be putting presents under other people's trees, despite a tough economy.

According to the online database Guidestar.org, 936 nonprofit organizations have Santa Monica addresses, and benefit hundreds of distinct causes including education, the arts and social services.

Most need varying amounts of donations to keep their services flowing, and for many, this is the time to get them.

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## Resident says she was fired over sleep disorder

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN A Santa Monica resident has filed a lawsuit against her former employer claiming the international law firm fired her after she developed a rare sleeping disorder.

Hartwell Harris, 34, alleges in her lawsuit that during the roughly three years she worked as an associate in the Santa Monica office of Bingham McCutchen LLP, a law firm based in Boston with offices throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia, she received positive performance reviews.

That changed when she started having health problems. It started with a bad back that required spinal surgery and physical therapy, forcing her to take time off of work. She was subsequently subjected to mid-year performance reviews that she claims were biased and based on hearsay.

This continued after she was afflicted with Delayed Sleep-Phase Syndrome, or DSPS, in April 2010, according to the com-

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

### Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011

**Pie me to the moon**
Gourmandise at The Market
395 Santa Monica Place, 1 p.m.
No Thanksgiving is complete without a little pie. At this pie making workshop, you'll learn to make a crust and filling from scratch. Make your own pecan, apple and pumpkin pies to take home for Thanksgiving. Cost: $75. Register at www.thegourmandiseschool.com.

**Ho, ho, ho**
Santa Monica Place
Santa Claus will be at The Market at Santa Monica Place now through Dec. 24, recurring daily. Children visiting Santa will receive a free commemorative gift and pictures with Santa can be taken too. For more information, call (310) 260-8333.

**From London to L.A.**
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 2 p.m.
Shakespeare's Globe Theater "The Comedy of Errors" is performing in Santa Monica. Shakespearean actors will be swapping and doubling their roles at The Broad Stage. This is their first U.S. tour. Admission prices vary from $50-$135. For more information, call (310) 434-3200 and for select performance dates visit www.thebroadstage.com.

### Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Early bird Thanksgiving dinner**
Back on Broadway
2024 Broadway, 11:30 a.m.
Fred Deni's Back on Broadway restaurant and the Senior Center are hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for adults 50 years of age and older. Tickets are $2.50 each and will be available during the Healthy Lunches Program or at the Senior Center until supplies run out. Maximum two tickets per person. There are two seatings: 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Attendees must have their own transportation. BBB lines 1, 5 and Rapid 10 go within 1 block of the lunch location.

**Giving to those in need**
Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Since 1982, thousands of meals have been served and tons of clothing and blankets have been distributed to those who are less fortunate. Come down to volunteer or grab a bite to eat. There will be basic medical evaluations, haircuts, entertainment for the kids and free clothes. If you can't make it, donate. For more information, go to www.westsidethanksgiving.org.

### Friday, Nov. 25, 2011

**Sleight of hand**
Magicopolis
1418 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Thanksgiving weekend's magic show "Escape Reality" premieres tonight and lasts until the Nov. 27. The show features an array of acts ranging from floating ladies, mind reading and sleight-of-hand. Also, there will be a bar show where the more you drink, the better the tricks look. For more information, call (310) 451-2241 or contact info@magicopolis.com. Admission costs are $29 for an evening ticket and $24 for the matinee ticket.

**Retail therapy**
Exhale Spa
101 Wilshire Blvd., 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Exhale is hosting a holiday retail therapy event for the Black Friday craze. With complimentary mini spa therapies, music, food and fun for the whole family. A shopping list with special boutique discounts, raffles and treats will be available when you make a purchase on that day. For more information, call (310) 319-3193.

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For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



# Poor economy puts damper on Thanksgiving for many

**DAVID KLEPPER**
**NOMAAN MERCHANT**
Associated Press

Some are holding potluck dinners instead of springing for the entire feast. Others are staying home rather than flying. And a few are skipping the turkey altogether.

On this the fourth Thanksgiving since the economy sank, prices for everything from airline flights to groceries are going up, and some Americans are scaling back. Yet in many households, the occasion is too important to skimp on. Said one mother: "I don't have much to give, but I'll be cooking, and the door will be open."

Thanksgiving airfares are up 20 percent this year, and the average price of a gallon of gas has risen almost 20 percent, according to travel tracker AAA. Rail travelers were also affected, with fares on most one-way Amtrak tickets up 2 to 5 percent.

Still, about 42.5 million people are expected to travel, the highest number since the start of the recession.

But even those who choose to stay home and cook for themselves will probably spend more. A 16-pound turkey and all the trimmings will cost an average of $49.20, a 13 percent jump from last year, or about $5.73 more, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation, which says grocers have raised prices to keep pace with higher-priced commodities.

In Pawtucket, R.I., Jackie Galinis was among those looking for help to put a proper meal on the table. She stopped at a community center this week seeking a donated food basket. But by the time she arrived, all 300 turkeys had been claimed.

So Galinis, an unemployed retail worker, will make do with what's in her apartment. "We'll have to eat whatever I've got, so I'm thinking chicken," she said.

Then her eyes lit up. "Actually, I think I've got red meat in the freezer, some corned beef. We could do a boiled dinner."

Galinis has another reason to clear out her apartment's freezer: Her landlord is in the process of evicting her and her 3-year-old son. The unemployment rate in Pawtucket, a city

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL
### Making sure homeless count

City Hall is asking for volunteers to help with the 2012 Homeless Count, scheduled for Jan. 25 from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

The count is intended to better understand the scope of homelessness in the community. Past efforts have helped demonstrate a 19 percent reduction in homelessness from 2009 to 2011, and have been educational and community-building experiences that emphasized the importance of addressing homelessness in the city, officials said.

Spread the word and encourage friends, family members and colleagues to join the effort. Teams of two to three people will survey Santa Monica's streets and note homeless individuals.

City Hall hopes to have 200-plus volunteers to conduct the count. To sign up contact Tommy Jaime at (310) 458-8701 or go to www.smgov.net/homelesscountvolunteer.aspx

KEVIN HERRERA

CITYWIDE
### Santa's on his way

Santa Claus is coming to town early this year and Santa Monica's firefighters and police officers are leading the way.

Santa and his public safety helpers will be distributing good cheer and thousands of candy canes as part of the 19th annual Candy Cane Drive.

Everyone is invited to attend one of several scheduled stops Saturday, Dec. 3:

- 10:30 a.m. – Douglas Park, California Avenue and 25th Street
- 11 a.m. – Christine Reed Park, California Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard
- 11:25 a.m. – Third Street Promenade and Wilshire Boulevard
- 1:15 p.m. – Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.
- 1:45 p.m. – Marine Park, Marine and 17th streets
- 2:15 p.m. – Clover Park, Ocean Park Boulevard and 25th Street.

Santa Monica's children are encouraged to look and listen for the lights and sirens of the fire trucks and cop cars, while parents should definitely bring their cameras.

For more information, contact the SMPD, Community Relations Unit at (310) 458-8474.

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *news@smdp.com*

OLD PALS: **Coaches Sheldon Philip-Guide (left) and Tony Todd pose with Charlie Sheen at a Samohi fundraiser on Saturday.**

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP
## Sheen, celebrities come out for Samohi baseball

**BY DANIEL ARCHULETA**
Managing Editor

MOOSE LODGE It's not often that a high school baseball fundraiser draws a crowd of paparazzi, but the presence of Charlie Sheen has the ability to do that.

Sheen and a number of current and former Major League Baseball stars came out Saturday to support Santa Monica High School's ball team during the booster club's Third Annual Celebrity Poker Tournament and Auction on

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### Victims twice over

**Editor:**

Jerry Markon reported in the Washington Post recently that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will no longer be the primary recipient of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' human trafficking grant funding. HHS made this decision despite the fact that USCCB received the highest grant proposal score and was recommended by career HHS staff. For the past five years the USCCB has received the grant award to provide necessary services such as medical care, food and clothing to over 2,700 victims of human trafficking.

According to HHS, the funding decision was simply a matter of choosing the best proposal. "[G]rantees were awarded funding through a competitive grant process to provide comprehensive case management services for human trafficking victims through the National Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Program. ... [C]ompetitive grant process is used across the government and allows federal agencies to consider a broad range of potential applicants and select those that can deliver services most effectively and efficiently."

The new funding announcement included language indicating that strong preference would be given to groups that provide "family planning services and the full range of legally permissible gynecological and obstetric care." Given the Catholic Church's position on abortion and contraception it could appear that the grant announcement was written in a way that would purposefully exclude the USCCB, despite their proven track record in helping trafficked persons.

The issue of human trafficking and abortion was in court even as recently as a month ago. In 2009, the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts sued HHS for not forcing the Catholic group to include referrals for abortion and contraception in the anti-trafficking program. Gauging from the latest funding announcement the ACLU seems to have influenced the Obama administration.

This would not be the first time the Obama administration received support and help from the ACLU on matters related to religious discrimination, abortion and contraception. Only a few months ago the Obama administration issued the now much publicized and controversial interim final rule forcing all health plans to cover the full range of FDA-approved contraceptives with no co-pay. Included in the rule was a very narrow conscience exemption for religious groups, originally drafted by the ACLU.

In the end, if abortion politics are the real reason behind the Obama administration's decision to not fund the USCCB, women who have already suffered the plight of human trafficking will be victims twice over. Evidence exists that shows women who seek an abortion after rape add to their suffering: they now struggle with the coupled pain of the rape and the abortion; the abortion can become what some have termed "a second rape."

Additionally, a recent peer-reviewed meta-analysis published in the British Journal of Psychiatry revealed that women who choose abortion have a significant increase in mental health problems including depression, anxiety and suicidal behaviors. A situation where a woman is trafficked and becomes pregnant is extremely difficult, but such women deserve loving and honest care and attention, and abortion is not part of that.

The Bishop's conference has expressed hope that the Catholic Church's "position against abortion, sterilization and artificial contraception has not entered into this decision ... especially since this administration has said it stands fully behind freedom of conscience."

Let us hope and, daresay, pray, that for the sake of these women who have already suffered untold violence this is indeed the case.

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## Your column here



Karen Dawn

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# Turkeys have a seat at the table not on the dinner plate

UP HERE IN THE PALISADES I AM KNOWN as the turkey lady. That's because this will be the fourth year in a row that there will be beautiful live turkeys strolling around my front yard over the holiday season.

My love affair with turkeys began a decade ago when I visited the Poplar Spring Farm Animal Sanctuary and met Olivia. Having fallen for Babe, the movie star, I thought I was at the sanctuary to meet the pigs. But the sanctuary owner, Terry, started our tour at the turkey coop and changed my life.

Terry opened the gate and Olivia hobbled toward me — "hobbled" because the ends of her toes had been cut off. Terry explained that turkeys on factory farms are crammed so close together that their claws and beaks injure each other's lucrative flesh and it's cheaper to cut or sear them off than to give the animals enough space.

I learned that such living conditions are legal because the Animal Welfare Act, which regulates housing, exempts any animal who will be used for food. Toes and beaks can be removed, without anesthesia, because animal cruelty laws exempt any "standard agricultural practice" no matter how painful.

Terry told us that Olivia had been living on a turkey factory farm until Hurricane Floyd wiped it out. Ironically that hurricane saved her from a particularly gruesome death; turkeys are not covered under federal humane slaughter laws — no poultry is, even though birds make up approximately 95 percent of animals slaughtered for food.

More happily I learned that turkeys love to be cuddled. As I sat cross-legged on the grassy hill near the coop, Olivia limped in my direction. First she came close enough for me to reach out and touch her — gingerly. Then she moved further in, and I could pet her. It was surprisingly like petting my dog.

I reached my fingers under the outer feathers on her back and could feel a layer of soft down underneath. I had only ever felt that down in luxury pillows. How odd and lovely to feel it warm on a living being.

Within a couple of minutes, Olivia had edged herself into my lap! I continued to move my fingers through her down. She laid her head in the crook of my elbow. She fell asleep. I fell in love.

I wished I could take her home with me but settled for sponsoring her at the sanctuary.

Olivia showed remarkable longevity for a modern turkey. Bred to be deformed with a grotesquely huge chest with lots of "white meat," she'd been too weak to stand when she had arrived at the sanctuary. But apparently a home with space to move, grass to enjoy, sunshine in which to bathe, and loving care, had given her the will to live. And live she did, happily, until 2005 when I received the sad news that the sanctuary's lovely little turkey ambassador, my little ward, had died of cancer.

In Olivia's honor I started to sponsor a new turkey every Thanksgiving through Farm Sanctuary's AdoptaTurkey.org. Eventually I decided to take some home from a local slaughterhouse; now I can't imagine Turkey Day without live turkeys.

**THE ONLY TURKEY ON THE TABLE WILL BE WILD TURKEY BOURBON, RIGHT NEXT TO A PHOTO OF OLIVIA, MY FIRST TURKEY LOVE.**

First there were Bruce and Emily. They became Brucilla and Emily after Bruce laid an egg. Next came Monty and Marsha, and then Ellen and Portia, named after vegan ambassadors Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi. This year's turkeys are named after newly vegan newlyweds Russell Brand and Katy Perry. They were originally named Russell and Katy but when Katy let out a very loud and very male gobble, I realized that she, or indeed he, had to be renamed. So Russell and Perry they are — a modern couple.

I have the turkey routine down now, and you can watch it on a little YouTube video at ThankingtheMonkey.com/turkeyrescue. They come to me pretty stinky, often covered in excrement from their cage-mates, so they get a bath and then a blow-dry. Turkeys are pretty much waterproof — their beautiful soft down is protected by thick outer feathers so if you are going to wash the layers underneath you have to blow-dry them or they just won't dry at all.

Next they come downstairs to meet the neighborhood kids, who have been asking for weeks when the new turkeys will arrive. Then they get tucked in safe and sound in their little heated coop.

After the holidays, Russell and Perry will go to Farm Sanctuary's Animal Acres in Acton, Calif. where you can visit them on Sundays. But first they'll join us here for our very vegan Thanksgiving feast. They will be at the table instead of on it. The only turkey on the table will be Wild Turkey bourbon, right next to a photo of Olivia, my first turkey love.

I am so glad to have found a whole new way to celebrate Turkey Day — it's a lot more fun for everybody when the turkeys are alive and well.

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## The Taxman

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# They can dissemble but their votes don't tell lies

THE 2011 HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS Association Legislative Report Card is out and, from the perspective of citizen taxpayers and homeowners, the grades of the majority of legislators are so poor that, if they were school children, they'd be grounded.

The 2011 legislative year was not without its victories. The largest tax increase in U.S. history, approved in 2009, was not extended, saving California families about $1,200 a year. Also, billions of dollars in energy ratepayer charges were not renewed.

But the California Legislature remains a hostile institution for taxpayers. New taxes, masquerading as fees, were pushed on everything from homeowners to carpet. And our elected representatives still are unable to bring government spending under control. After just four months into the new fiscal year, the budget already reflects an $8 to $10 billion deficit.

Taxpayers demand legislators be held accountable on the issues they care about: reasonable taxes, protection of Proposition 13's two-thirds vote and limits on property taxes, and their ability to use the initiative process. That is the purpose of the HJTA Report Card.

Because HJTA is a non-partisan organization — over 30 percent of members are registered Democrats — we ignore party affiliation entirely when handing out grades. With 2 million unemployed Californians and one of the nation's heaviest tax burdens, favoritism or other gimmickry is the last thing voters need. Only the politicians' votes matter, not their party affiliation, their campaign promises or their excuses.

For this evaluation to be as fair and non-partisan as possible, we have taken a number of steps to ensure that the scorecard is balanced. Although we are not fans of grade inflation, we did adjust our grade levels downward to ensure a legislator gets a "C" grade if they agree with taxpayers' positions at least half the time. (We are fully cognizant of the fact that, by giving a legislator a passing grade with 50 percent correct votes, we risk being called too soft — an adjective not normally associated with HJTA.)

Despite our leniency, 76 legislators still received grades of "D" or "F." As has been our practice, we have given half-credit for all vote abstentions on bills. We recognize that legislators are constantly buffeted by special interests and their own leadership, and we want to ensure that those who don't vote for bills that increase the burden on taxpayers are rewarded accordingly.

The 2011 scores are based on 22 bills. This year we double-weighted two bills: ABx40 and Assembly Constitutional Amendment 6 as they represented a tax increase and a threat to the initiative process, respectively. Also, for the first time, we have failed to give a score to a legislator. Since March, State Assemblyman Jeff Gorell (R-Ventura) has been serving our country faithfully overseas in Afghanistan and was unable to vote on many legislative bills.

While scores declined for legislators overall, there were some bright spots. For the second year in a row, State Sen. Lou Correa scored the highest among Legislative Democrats with a "C" grade. For Republicans, 26 received "A" grades this year compared to just 18 from a year ago. Five Republicans also received perfect scores. All of these came from the Assembly, and HJTA is pleased to report that four were freshman legislators participating in their first report card. (The five are Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway, Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, Assemblywoman Linda Halderman and Assemblyman Mike Morrell).

2012 is an election year that will see a lot of changes in the political process. Last year, voters passed reforms establishing an open primary election system and new legislative and congressional districts. With new rules and district boundaries, it may be even more difficult for taxpayers to sort out who best represents their interests. The HJTA report card is designed to help Californians gauge how their state representatives are performing on taxpayer-related issues so they can make good decisions on who they will support.

To see the grade your representatives earned, visit www.hjta.org/legislative/report-cards/

Santa Monica representatives Julia Brownley and Fran Pavley both earned an F on the report card.

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## The Q Line

### Talking stops

City officials are currently working with the Exposition Light Rail Authority to shape the look of Santa Monica's future train stops.

**So, this week's Q-Line question asks:**
What would you like to see the local Expo stops include and how much should City Hall chip into the effort?

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# L.A. officials entice Occupy protesters to dismantle camp

**CHRISTINA HOAG**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles officials have offered Occupy protesters a vacant office building and two empty lots for a community garden if they dismantle their tents from the City Hall lawn.

It was uncertain Tuesday if occupiers would accept the offer, which is a departure from tactics used in other cities where police have been sent to dislodge Occupy camps. Riots and arrests have occurred in several places, including New York and Oakland, Calif.

The proposed deal is the result of a series of meetings between Occupy organizers and city officials, who initially welcomed campers when they set up their tents seven weeks ago. However, officials indicated several weeks ago that they'd had enough and wanted to negotiate an end to the protest.

The city is offering a 10,000-square-foot building near City Hall to be used as office space, said Jim Lafferty, who has been negotiating on Occupy LA's behalf.

The building, which once housed a bookstore, would be leased for $1 per year, but payment of utilities is still to be decided. Lafferty, who is the executive director of the National Lawyers Guild in Los Angeles, said he is forming a nonprofit to enable Occupy LA to sign the lease.

Officials have also offered two city-owned vacant lots on the eastside of downtown Los Angeles for a community vegetable garden, Lafferty said.

City Hall spokesman Peter Sanders couldn't confirm the proposed deal, saying only that negotiations are ongoing.

The proposal has sparked much debate in the 485-tent camp, where decisions are made by consensus at nightly general assembly meetings. Some see it as a good deal and a chance to push the movement forward after it made its initial statement and raised public awareness.

"Now we can get really organized and lose the riff-raff who are just here for the handouts," said Matt Wegner, who's been camping out for 32 days.

But others said occupiers should remain in their tents as a way to keep the pressure on the government to change economic policies.

"We're holding City Hall hostage," said protester John Smith. "We can't sell out."

Some activists said they should push the city for even more. "We can compromise but with a bigger space that meets our needs," said Juan Alcala, as he swept the sidewalk.

Lafferty said he warned protesters that if they don't accept the deal, police will move in to make arrests.

Reaction outside the camp was just as varied.

Attorney Walter Moore, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2009, asked why the city isn't selling the office space.

"That's just crazy," Moore said. "We're being taxed to provide office space to people who've shown quite well they can operate out of tents. I'm not saying pepper-spray them, but don't give them an office."

"It's ludicrous," agreed Charles Norris, a lawyer in downtown Los Angeles. "If we had a mayor who enforced the law, they wouldn't be camping out."

Some noted that in a time of tight city budgets, the protesters appear to be getting special treatment.

"It does seem like the squeaky wheel is getting the grease," said retiree Bill Talstin, who said he supported the Occupy movement's aims. "There are people in shelters would like a little farm. They shouldn't be getting something for themselves out of this."

Attorney Lin Gan said the city was taking an easy way out — getting rid of the camp without really addressing the group's concerns of growing economic inequality. "Is giving them a building really resolving the underlying issue?" she asked.

Lafferty said Occupy is also pushing for housing for the homeless. He predicted that some occupiers would take the deal, while others would remain and risk arrest. "It's going to be discussed at several nights of general assemblies," he said.

# Orange County mom testifies throat slit in 2007 attack

**AMY TAXIN**
Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. A mother testified Tuesday that two men grabbed her hands and one slit her throat in a 2007 attack authorities say was carried out by an angry ex-boyfriend hoping to reunite with the woman's teenage daughter.

Bearing a scar across her throat, Leela Dhanak told jurors in Orange County Superior Court that her 18-year-old daughter Shayona's ex-boyfriend Iftekhar Murtaza came toward her as she entered her Anaheim Hills home and tried to run to her husband who was bleeding by the sink.

"I was running toward him and two guys came from the formal living room area ... one, he ran a knife on my neck," Dhanak said at the trial of two men charged with helping Murtaza in the attack.

Moments later, one of the men hit her over the head and she fell, waking up four weeks later from a coma to learn her 56-year-old husband Jay and 20-year-old daughter Karishma had been killed and the family home torched.

Dhanak testified at the trial of Murtaza's friends Vitaliy Krasnoperov and Charles Murphy Jr. Each is facing two counts of murder, one count of attempted murder, and one count of conspiracy. If convicted, they each could face a maximum sentence of life in prison without parole.

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# GPS a new method to track pets

**SUE MANNING**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Houdini the dog lived up to his name.

The lab-shepherd mix, known as a crafty escape artist, was placed in a foster home by Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. Despite his new owner's best efforts to keep him close, the dog pushed an air conditioner out of a window and made his getaway.

Fortunately the staff at Best Friends anticipated Houdini's wandering ways and had outfitted his collar with a GPS tracking device. The device worked as promised, and Best Friends adoption manager Kristi Littrell found the errant dog in an overgrown lot in Kanab.

About half of the pets that enter animal shelters each year are strays or lost animals, but the growing use of GPS technology may offer owners a new option for trying to track down roaming cats, missing dogs and other runaway pets.

Several GPS devices are now being marketed that attach to collars and can be monitored by handsets, cellphones or computers with relative ease. Kristi Littrell, adoption manager at Best Friends, said Houdini was "the same color as the weeds" in the lot where she found him.

"I would never have found him without the GPS device on his collar," she added. Best Friends is still hoping to find a home for Houdini, and plans to give the GPS device to the new owners to help make sure that if he ever does get out again, he'll be easily tracked down.

"It's great these devices are available to us now," Littrell said. "They will undoubtedly help in a lot of cases where pets would otherwise not be found and returned home."

Best Friends uses a device called Loc8tor to keep track of Houdini. A handset picks up a signal from a tag attached to the pet's collar and indicates which way to go to locate the tag. It's designed to work within a range of 400 feet, though obstacles like walls and floors can reduce the range.

Another GPS tracking device designed for pets is Tagg The Pet Tracker. Its fans include Jessica Vogelsang, a San Diego veterinarian who received a free Tagg for review on her blog, Dr. V at Pawcurious.com.

"I've tried out a few GPS trackers but the Tagg is the only one I liked enough to recommend," she said. "I've been testing it for about a month now and I've been getting accurate locations with it consistently. What I find really innovative about it, however, is how well they've integrated mobile technology so you can track your pet in real time not only on the site but with your phone, using the app or even text messaging."

To use Tagg, you need a home computer and a cellphone. You program your pet's safety zone — it can be as small as your house or as big as your neighborhood. If he leaves that space, you will get an email or text (your choice) telling you he's gone and where he is. If he's on the move, you can track his movements until you find him and take him home.

"I never would have dreamed in my lifetime that there would come a day when I would get a text message for help from my pet," said Mike Arms, president of the Helen Woodward Animal Center in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., who uses Tagg with his puppy Anchovy.

GPS devices could theoretically help people locate missing pets in all kinds of situations where animals are vulnerable to getting lost, such as when pets are shipped by plane or after natural disasters, assuming that owners have access to the electronics they need to track signals and that the devices remain charged.

There are several GPS tracking devices on the market, and while many consumers rave about the technology, complaints tend to fall into several categories. Some say batteries in the devices do not always hold a charge for as long as promised; that digital maps associated with the devices are not always easy to read or use; and that the devices do not always cover the range of distance that pet owners expected.

The Tagg Master Kit costs $100 and comes with a battery charger and a month of wireless service; service is $8 a month after that. A basic Loc8tor Pet kit costs $100.

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Murtaza has pleaded not guilty and will be tried separately for the killings. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

Prosecutors say Murtaza crafted the plan to kill the family after Shayona broke up with him in March 2007. In order to escape what had become a controlling relationship, she claimed her devout Hindu family opposed her dating a Muslim.

Prosecutors say Murtaza's best friend Krasnoperov tried to hire a hit man to help him but didn't appear to follow through. Murtaza got desperate and enlisted his elementary school friend Murphy to help him do the job himself, authorities said.

On May 21, 2007, authorities found Leela Dhanak battered and unconscious in a neighbor's yard and her house on fire. Her husband and daughter were missing.

Their stabbed and charred bodies were found the next morning in a brush fire in a park in Irvine.

In the courtroom Tuesday, Murphy's attorney Michael Molfetta asked Dhanak whether she could identify the other man who grabbed her that night as Murphy.

She shook her head and said she could not remember his face or whether he looked like the 26-year-old defendant sitting in the courtroom.

Molfetta previously said Murphy was outside the Dhanaks' house that night but did not go inside or know Murtaza planned to attack the family.

Krasnoperov's attorney Fred McBride did not question Dhanak and has declined to comment on the case. Krasnoperov stood trial on the charges earlier this year, but jurors could not reach a unanimous verdict.

During her testimony, Dhanak showed jurors her scars from the attack — the line across her throat and her burned hand and forearm. She said she also has five stab wounds in her stomach.

Dhanak recalled that she worked late that night at her attorney service business in Irvine while her husband took the car to be serviced and run an errand. She remembered pulling into the driveway of her house several hours later and sensing something was unusual when she saw all the lights were off, even though her husband always waited up for her to eat dinner and watch the news before going to bed.

Dhanak said there had been no answer when she called him from the office and while driving home at 10:30 p.m.

Prosecutor Howard Gundy asked how many times she thought she had dialed him in the four hours since he left her.

"So many times, I don't remember," she said, bursting into tears.



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## STATE BRIEFS

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### Group to back candidates who support Occupy goals

A California graduate student has formed a political committee that intends to raise money to support congressional candidates who back the goals of the Occupy Wall Street movement.

Joshua Green of Berkeley said Tuesday that he's launching a website where supporters can donate funds for the Occupy the Congress committee.

The University of California, Berkeley, student hasn't participated in Occupy protests, but he's sympathetic with their goals and says the movement needs to get engaged in politics with elections coming in 2012.

So far, it's a one-person operation.

Government records show the group was formed as a so-called 527 committee, a tax-exempt organization that can raise unlimited amounts of money to advocate issues to voters.

Leading Republicans have denounced the Occupy movement, while Democrats have mostly kept their distance.

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SACRAMENTO

### Senate panel challenges Caltrans on bridge safety

Citing evidence of falsified inspection reports, state senators challenged assertions Tuesday by the director of the California Department of Transportation that all the state's bridges are safe.

They also criticized Caltrans for not acting more quickly when questions were raised in 2008 about the work of a state engineer who was recently fired for reporting bogus testing data about three Caltrans projects.

Experts could have retested pilings anchoring the new eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge if they had known sooner the engineer had falsified tests on three other construction projects, an official with the Bay Area Toll Authority told a legislative committee.

The hearing by the Senate Transportation Committee came a day after Caltrans released thousands of pages of documents it says show structures inspected by Duane Wiles are safe. That includes the span of the Bay Bridge, which is scheduled to open in 2013.

Wiles is not accused of falsifying tests on the Bay Bridge, and there is no evidence its construction is faulty. Wiles has not responded to repeated requests for comment.

Caltrans documents say he admitted to faking data, but he has made no public statements and has not been charged with any crime.

"This is obviously something of concern to the public when we hear ... falsifying of data when it comes to crucial infrastructure," said Sen. Bob Huff, a Republican committee member from Diamond Bar. "The public wants to know, are they safe?"

AP

DAVIS

### Pepper spraying officer previously honored

The police officer who pepper-sprayed a row of peaceful Occupy Wall Street protesters at a California university last week is a retired U.S. Marine sergeant who has been honored for his police work on campus, but he also figured in a discrimination lawsuit against the university.

Lt. John Pike has risen swiftly through the ranks of the University of California, Davis, police force over the last decade. Now, as one of four lieutenants, the 39-year-old supervises more than one-third of the sworn officers on the suburban campus near Sacramento, including the investigations unit.

Footage of Pike and another officer clad in riot gear casually spraying an orange cloud at protesters' heads has sparked national outrage since it began circulating online Friday night. Students gathered on campus Tuesday for the second time in as many days to condemn the violence, and they urged university officials to require police to attend sensitivity trainings.

Pike has twice been honored by the university for exceptional police work, including a 2006 incident in which he tackled a scissor-wielding hospital patient who was threatening fellow officers. Afterward, he said he decided against using pepper spray because it might harm his colleagues or other hospital patients.

But an alleged anti-gay slur by Pike also figured in a racial and sexual discrimination lawsuit a former police officer filed against the department, which ended in a $240,000 settlement in 2008. Officer Calvin Chang's 2003 discrimination complaint against the university's police chief and the UC Board of Regents alleged he was systematically marginalized as the result of anti-gay and racist attitudes on the force, and he specifically claimed Pike described him using a profane anti-gay epithet.

AP

CAMP PENDLETON

### Atheist group challenges Marine base cross

An atheist group is challenging a cross erected at a San Diego County Marine base to honor veterans and those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Los Angeles Times says the 13-foot cross was erected on Veterans Day on a Camp Pendleton hilltop to replace one destroyed by a 2007 brushfire. The original was put up by seven marines, including three who later died in Iraq.

The replacement was erected by Iraq veterans and the widows of two slain Marines.

The Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers has protested to base officials, arguing that a Christian symbol on base violates the Constitution.

A Christian group, the American Center for Law and Justice, has asked that the cross remain.

Marine officials never sanctioned the cross and are reviewing the issue.

AP

LOS ANGELES

### USC, UCLA beef up game-day security

USC and UCLA are teaming up to protect fans during this weekend's annual cross-town football contest, which was marred last year by two stabbings and a brawl during pre-game partying.

A joint statement this week says security staff will be beefed up and will work with police, the FBI and other agencies before and during Saturday night's game at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

The schools urge fans to be respectful and say tailgate party rules will be enforced.

About 40 fans brawled and two people were stabbed last December in the parking lot before the Trojans-Bruins game at Pasadena's Rose Bowl.

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While Bingham McCutchen initially granted Harris a short-term disability leave, the firm subsequently placed her on unpaid leave and ultimately fired her in February 2011. The lawsuit states that the firm refused her doctor's proposed accommodations, such as flexible work hours or telecommuting, and did not offer any other options to accommodate her disability.

"I was really disappointed because I had worked really hard to get where I was," Harris said of being terminated.

A native of a rural town in Mississippi, Harris attended Princeton University and received her law degree from UC Berkeley.

"I was really disappointed for a long time afterward because I did a lot of research to find a place to work where I would stay for my career," she said.

Harris, who now runs her own law firm in Santa Monica, was specializing in securities litigation when she was terminated.

"Bingham took Ms. Harris' requests for accommodation seriously and accommodated them reasonably," according to a statement from the firm. "It's unfortunate that Ms. Harris selected this course, and we look forward to a favorable resolution of this matter."

The firm added its Santa Monica office in May 2007 following a merger involving Alschuler Grossman. The Los Angeles Business Journal has named the Santa Monica office to its list of best places to work.

The firm has positioned itself in leading financial centers around the globe, including New York, London, and Tokyo, according to abovethelaw.com, which provides news and gossip about the profession's most colorful personalities and powerful institutions, as well as original commentary on breaking legal developments.

The firm's litigation department counts well-known bellwether companies like General Motors, BMW, Nokia, and Bank of America as clients, as well as celebrities such as Larry King and J.K. Rowling, abovethelaw.com reported.

DSPS is a chronic circadian rhythm sleep disorder which disrupts the timing of sleep, peak periods of alertness, the core body temperature, hormonal and other daily rhythms.

Dr. Susan Sprau with the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital's Sleep Disorder Center said DSPS is akin to having jet lag where the person affected may feel "hung over." There are treatments, including drugs to help people stay awake while on the job, but it can be a struggle.

"You have to realize that when you are working against your body's natural biology, it is an uphill battle and there isn't a quick or easy or perfect fix," she said. "People who have this problem tend to take night jobs."

Sprau said most with DSPS can make adjustments to their schedules to help manage the disorder. She suggests her patients not schedule important meetings or classes early in the morning to give them time to adjust.

Harris is suing Bingham and two of the firm's partners for employment discrimination and failure to accommodate a disability.

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The two-month period before the end of the year — right around Thanksgiving and Christmas — is a big push for many nonprofits for a number of reasons, said Candy Culver, the marketing, advertising and public relations manager for donation website JustGive.org.

"It's huge from the donor's point of view in terms of being receptive," Culver said. "Because of the economy, with some of the basics being so tough for people to obtain, in the last couple of years people are thankful and pause to do something about it."

While giving the less fortunate a happy Thanksgiving and a merry Christmas is an important motivating factor, the end of the calendar year also marks the last day to get in a tax deduction for charitable giving, Culver said.

Nonprofits use both of those factors to their advantage. Some bring in up to 40 percent of their donations in the last two months of the year, said Stacy Palmer, reporter for the Chronicle on Philanthropy, a newspaper that covers the world of giving.

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"It's a great time of year for individuals looking to get that end of the year tax deduction," said Tracy Mizraki, director of development at the Santa Monica-based public radio station KCRW.

Most of the station's budget comes from its two membership drives, which take place in the summer and winter, and roughly 60 percent of KCRW's revenues come from individuals.

The station solicits end-of-the-year contributions through direct appeal spots over the air, e-mails and by encouraging people to give memberships for the holidays.

Service provider Meals on Wheels West, which delivers meals to the disabled of all ages with a focus on the elderly, is in the middle of its own holiday donation drive.

The organization is giving placemats to donors to sign and potentially write a note to clients. All of the money raised will go directly to food costs for clients, said RoseMary Regalbuto, president of Meals on Wheels West.

"All of it does go to meal costs," Regalbuto said. "The money we get from Malibu, Los Angeles County and Santa Monica goes to salaries and operating expenses. When we solicit, we can honestly say that money will go where it should go."

This drive is one of many important fundraisers for the organization, which diversifies its fundraising across the year through annual events like Havana Night at the Loews Hotel, or their team that runs the L.A. Marathon.

"We take it off in little chunks, do it a bit at a time," Regalbuto said.

And, with a budgeted deficit of $60,000 — the first in the 25 years Regalbuto's been involved with the organization — every penny helps.

According to Giving USA, a group that compiles donation figures, Americans consistently give approximately 2 percent of their disposable income each year to philanthropic causes.

It's a number that has remained consistent across the decades, and resulted in $290.89 billion from individuals, corporations and foundations in 2010.

The last three years of economic decline and stagnation, however, have reduced the pie. Donations are down 11 percent from a high three years ago.

If the down economy hasn't impacted the percentage of giving, it has changed where that money goes.

Nonprofits that rely on wealthier donors that stash their cash in donor-advised funds held by professional wealth management firms have weathered the past three years relatively well, Palmer said.

Causes that rely on support from more middle class donors have suffered more.

"As people get worried about the economy, and whether or not they're going to keep their job, they're not as optimistic about their giving," Palmer said.

A poll conducted by the Red Cross revealed that although people believed that giving during the holiday season was as important as ever, fewer were actually putting up cash.

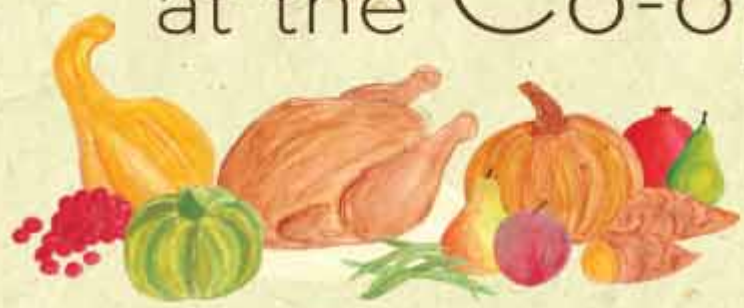
That might impact direct-solicitation efforts that rely on mass-mailings and broad appeal, Palmer said, but many are still managing to keep their fundraising efforts flat from year to year.

"The challenge is that the demand for services is going up because there are so many people in need," Palmer said. "It's not enough to raise as much money as last year."

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Not Bombs, Campus Crusades UCLA and Santa Monica Homeless Outreach, according to Debbie Lee, vice president of Downtown Santa Monica Inc., the nonprofit that runs the Third Street Promenade for City Hall.

They set up on the street and attract between 75 and 100 people, Kathleen Rawson, executive director of Downtown Santa Monica Inc., told council members.

"It just gets larger and larger because the word has gotten out that these things are happening," she said.

It's perfectly legal for charitable organizations, or anybody else, to set up shop in a public park or other area and provide free food, no matter the clientele.

If the gathering comes in under 150 people, you don't even need a city permit. But meals for the homeless come with a stigma.

It's about the perception of safety, Rawson said. When feedings occur, homeless wait for food on the public streets, which can make promenade visitors uncomfortable despite an active police presence.

"We have the reality of safety, for sure," Rawson said. "We want the City Council to look at this and make decisions about where the right place is to provide services."

It wouldn't be the first time that City Hall has intervened in the provision of homeless services in public spaces.

The organization Hand to Hand used to conduct a meal service every Saturday on the lawn in front of City Hall.

Hand to Hand was the brainchild of then-City Attorney Robert Myers. He and other city employees began the Saturday service because that was the day that no one else was serving meals, said Cliff Marcussen, president of the Hand to Hand feeding project's board of directors.

Seven years ago, however, City Hall expressed its desire to bring the feedings indoors to link the feedings to other services available from City Hall, said Natasha Guest, an administrative analyst with City Hall.

Some members of the homeless services community were happy to accept the offer, but felt there were other reasons.

"They obviously had plans to expand the tourist area around the promenade, the pier and Palisades Park," Marcussen said.

Inviting a crowd of homeless in the middle of the proposed tourist destination did not fit the bill.

Hand to Hand accepted City Hall's invitation to "go indoors," first to a building that was later destroyed for the Big Blue Bus center and then to a partially-enclosed section of the OPCC Access Center.

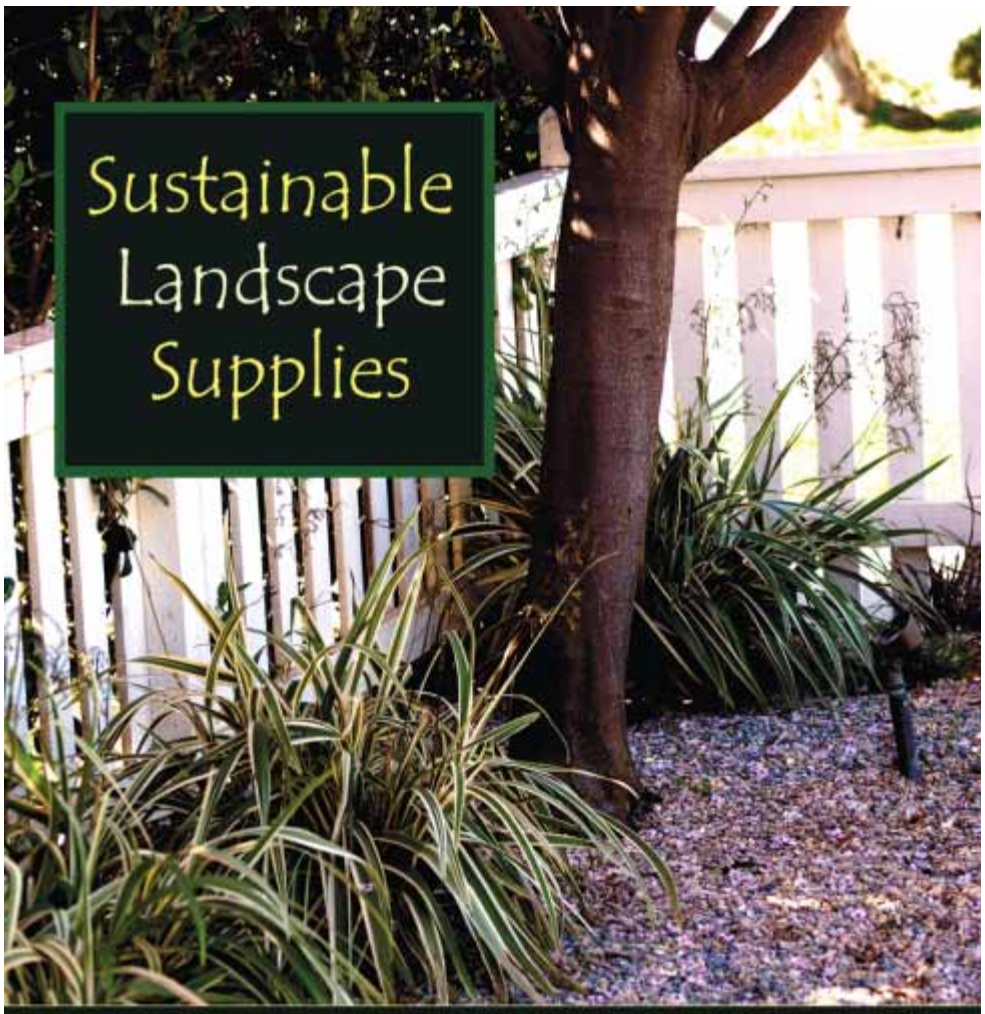
It's a tight fit, but City Hall has promised more "appropriate" accommodations, Marcussen said.

"We value our partnership with City Hall and being a part of the continuum of care," he said. "Because of that, we can better help people who come to us for meals … being part of the continuum helps us to connect with people better."

Not all providers decided to work with City Hall.

Peggy Lee Kennedy, a longtime volunteer with Food Not Bombs Santa Monica/Venice, recalled the negotiations to "go indoors"

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with little pleasure.

Food Not Bombs serves a different kind of clientele, homeless that don't feel comfortable going to the established providers. Usually, volunteers go out guerilla-style with a cart handing out sandwiches.

"I think it's good if they're trying to pair people together and create a communication," Kennedy said. "But forcing people inside? It may not be applicable."

Food Not Bombs considered working with OPCC, but declined when volunteers realized that they wouldn't be able to continue their schedule of feedings.

"We were serving on Tuesday afternoon when they tried to make us come inside, but there was no facility available on Tuesday afternoon," Kennedy said.

Moving groups inside is no longer an option with the current lay of the land, Guest said.

"We reached capacity there," she said. "All the feedings that the agencies can handle have moved indoors."

The business community remains hopeful that City Hall can work something out, Rawson said.

"We'd like a renewed effort to talk to people again about helping to connect them with social services, talking about something that can be productive to everybody," she said.

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## ROUNDUP
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Saturday at the Moose Lodge in Sunset Park.

The president of the Santa Monica Diamond Club, Nancy Tyre, wasn't sure exactly how much was raised, but said the event was a success on all levels.

"I thought it was really fun," Tyre said. "I was so excited that so many people showed up. It was fun to hang out and be a part of the event."

Sheen had been promoting the event on his Twitter page and other forms of social media in the days leading up to the event. It caught the eye of major entertainment media outlets, which gave the fundraiser a bit of a higher profile.

When Sheen arrived at the Moose Lodge he was immediately surrounded by paparazzi, whose questions had nothing to do with Samohi or the team. He sidestepped those questions, simply saying that he was there to promote a baseball program he was a part of during his days as a student on campus.

Current Dodger James Loney, Oakland A's outfielder Coco Crisp, who played locally at Inglewood High School, and MLB great Kenny Lofton were just some of the notables who came through.

The money raised will be used primarily on uniforms and equipment with some being devoted to maintaining the field.

"The list of things we need goes on and on," Head Coach Sheldon Philip-Guide said. "Hopefully we'll be able to do some bigger and better things this season."

The team itself is currently playing in a couple of winter leagues. The regular season begins in late February as the team attempts to defend its Ocean League title.

### SAMOHI READY TO HOOP IT UP

Samohi's boys' basketball team opens the season today at home against Loyola.

The game is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. on campus.

The Vikings are coming off a 12-15 season and an appearance in the CIF-Southern Section playoffs.

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## THANKSGIVING
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struggling with the loss of manufacturing jobs, is 12.1 percent, well above the national average.

Carole Goldsmith of Fresno, Calif., decided she didn't need to have a feast, even if she could still afford it.

Goldsmith, an administrator at a community college in Coalinga, Calif., said she typically hosts an "over-the-top meal" for friends and family. This year, she canceled the meal and donated a dozen turkeys to two homeless shelters. She plans to spend Thursday volunteering before holding a small celebration Friday with soup, bread "and lots of gratitude."

"I think everybody is OK with it," she said. "They understand. Everybody is in a different place than they were a year ago."

In suburban Chicago, the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry got rid of turkey altogether. Last year, the pantry had a lottery in October to distribute 600 turkeys between almost 1,500 families.

The pantry's management has decided to give all of its families a choice between other kinds of meat — ground turkey, sliced chicken, fish sticks and hamburger patties — along with the other trappings of a Thanksgiving feast. The decision will save $16,000, money that can go to feeding the hungry for the rest of the year.

"Do we give turkeys and hams to half of the people or do we give them to none of them and put that money back in the general food budget?" said the pantry's executive director, Kathy Russell.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is paying more for many basic items. Executive Director Kate Maehr said she recently ordered peanut butter that cost 38 percent more than just six months ago. And the increase comes at a bad time, when the economy has forced more families to resort to food pantries, she said.

Andrew Thomas, a mailroom worker for a Washington, D.C., law firm, had hoped to take his two children to see his grandmother in North Carolina. But with Christmas around the corner, Thomas concluded he needed to save money.

"We're just going to eat real good and stay home for this year," he said.

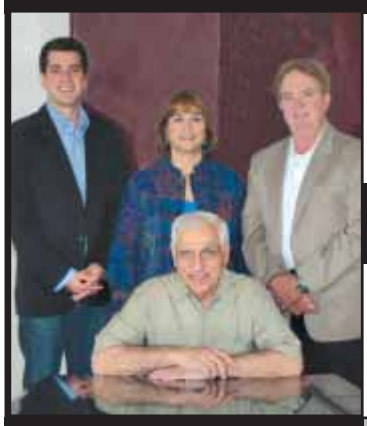
But George Gorham and his fiancé, Patricia Horner, weren't deterred. They flew across the country to visit Gorham's son at North Carolina's Fort Bragg.

They used frequent-flier miles and planned to visit tourist attractions in the nation's capital along the way. Horner said they still would have made the trip without the miles, but "it would have been more painful."

Thanksgiving travelers were also at the mercy of the weather. Forecasters warned of rain and scattered thunderstorms in much of the Northeast, with a mixture of snow and freezing rain expected in upstate New York and northern New England. Mountainous areas could see 4 to 8 inches of snow.

In Juneau, Alaska, the Rev. George Silides and his wife will bring turkey to a church potluck, but not much more. Like millions of others, Silides said, the couple was "feeling the economic pinch."

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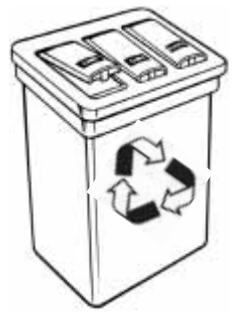
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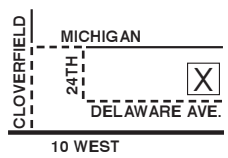
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Ordinance Number 2379 makes minor modifications to the Municipal Code provisions that govern the permitting of community events in City parks and other public spaces. The ordinance does not significantly alter City policy on community events.

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# Economy grew less than expected in third quarter

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON The U.S. economy grew more slowly over the summer than the government had earlier estimated because businesses cut back more sharply on restocking of shelves.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that the economy expanded at an annual rate of 2 percent in the July-September quarter, lower than an initial 2.5 percent estimate made last month. The government also said after-tax incomes fell by the largest amount in two years, reflecting high unemployment and lower pay raises.

The downward revision was largely because weaker data on inventory building came in after the government's first estimate. Many businesses reduced their stockpiles over the summer, probably because they didn't anticipate the strength consumer and business spending.

A decline in inventories is not always a bad sign. Economists believe this could lead to stronger growth in the current quarter, if businesses foresee more demand and restock their shelves.

Economists predict growth will strengthen to around 3 percent in the October-December quarter. Many raised their estimates after seeing encouraging October reports on retail sales and factory output.

"While this report is disappointing, it is a look back in time," said Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "It is encouraging, to say the least, to see the October data coming in stronger, which is good news for the current quarter."

Still, growth could be slowed if consumers continue to earn less. After-tax, inflation-adjusted incomes fell at a 2.1 percent rate. That's steeper than the 1.7 percent decline initially estimated and the biggest drop since the third quarter of 2009, just as the recession was ending. It also marked the second straight quarterly decline.

Incomes are primarily wages and salaries, but they also include dividend and interest payments and government benefits. While the decline doesn't directly affect economic growth, income fuels consumer spending and that makes up 70 percent of economic activity. So if income continues to decline, consumers will likely spend less and slow growth.

And many Americans could take home even less next year if Congress doesn't extend a Social Security tax cut and emergency unemployment benefits. Both expire at the end of this year.

"For now the U.S. economy looks to be moving in the right direction," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, who predicts growth of more than 3 percent in the fourth quarter.

But the January-March quarter "could be a different story, particularly if the payroll tax cut isn't extended," Ashworth said.

The modest third-quarter growth is not nearly enough to lower the unemployment rate, which has been stuck near 9 percent for more than two years. And economists caution that their brighter outlook hinges on Europe's financial crisis, which could trigger a recession in that region and slow U.S. growth next year.

The government makes three estimates of the gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services, each quarter with the revisions based on more complete economic data.

In the first six months of the year, the economy grew at an annual rate of just 0.9 percent. It was the weakest growth since the recession officially ended, which stocked fears over the summer that the economy could be on the verge of another downturn.

The stronger growth in the July-September quarter helped calm those worries. Still, Americans spent more while earning less, and they dipped into their savings to make up the difference. At the same time, businesses invested more in machines and computers, not workers.

Without more jobs and higher pay raises, consumers are unlikely to be able to sustain those gains.

In October, the economy added a net total of 80,000 jobs. It was the 13th straight month of gains. Still, the additional jobs were fewer than the roughly 125,000 that are needed each month just to keep up with population growth.

There have been signs that the economy and job market are both getting better.

Last week, the government reported further improvement in the number of people seeking unemployment benefits for the first time. The number fell to 388,000, the fewest since April.

Retail sales and factory production both increased in October. While U.S. builders started slightly fewer homes, building permits, a gauge of future construction, surged nearly 11 percent. That gain was led by a 30 percent increase in apartment permits, to their highest level in three years.

Economists at JPMorgan Chase & Co., are now predicting growth of 3 percent this quarter, up from an earlier estimate of 2.5 percent growth.



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**MLB**

# Braun tops Kemp to win NL MVP

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AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Ryan Braun sat alone on a balcony in his Malibu home that overlooks the Pacific Ocean, uneasy about his chances of winning the NL Most Valuable Player award.

With the season Los Angeles' Matt Kemp had, he wasn't sure the call would come at all.

The phone rang all right, and Braun has been smiling ever since.

Braun was voted the NL MVP after helping the Milwaukee Brewers win their first division title in nearly 30 years.

"I'm not going to pretend like I wasn't anxious or nervous because I was," Braun said. "It's honestly difficult to put into words how much this means to me."

The left fielder received 20 of 32 first-place votes and 388 points in voting announced Tuesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

A nerve-racking morning that began with a solitary drive turned to elation in the California sun.

The 28-year-old Braun shared the news with his brother and girlfriend, who were at the house. He called his parents, then rang good friend Aaron Rodgers, the Green Bay Packers quarterback, and exchanged text messages with Kemp, the runner-up.

"This really is a dream," Braun said. "This is beyond my wildest dreams to be in this position at this point in my career."

Kemp earned 10 first-place votes and 332 points after coming close to winning the first Triple Crown since Carl Yastrzemski in 1967. Braun's teammate Prince Fielder finished third with 229 points, and Arizona's Justin Upton finished fourth with 214 points. Fielder and Upton each received one first-place vote.

St. Louis' Albert Pujols finished fifth. It was the 11th straight year the three-time MVP was in the top 10 in balloting.

NL Cy Young Award winner Los Angeles' Clayton Kershaw was 12th in the voting a day after Detroit's Justin Verlander added the AL MVP to his Cy Young.

"I think he was the single most dominant player in baseball this year," Braun said of Verlander. "As a position player I'm biased to the fact that I think position players should be at the forefront of the award, but if you honestly look at what he accomplished, how much he meant to that team and how dominant he truly was you cannot make any argument against him winning that award."

In his fifth year in the big leagues, Braun led the NL with a .597 slugging percentage and had a chance to overtake Jose Reyes for the batting title on the last day of the season but finished second with a .332 average. The four-time All-Star had 33 homers, 111 RBIs, 109 runs scored and stole 33 bases as Milwaukee won a franchise-best 96 games. His 77 extra-base hits was tops in the league.

Kemp led the NL with 39 homers, 126 RBIs and was third in average (.324), but played for the NL West's third-place Dodgers. He also won a Gold Glove.

"Matt's one of the best players in the game. No question about it. The season he had will go down as one of the greatest in Dodgers history," said Braun, who grew up in California rooting for the Dodgers. "If he had won the MVP I certainly couldn't have argued with him winning. He had a phenomenal year."

Although Braun and Kemp had similar statistics, Kemp was hindered by the Dodgers' 82-79 third-place finish in the NL West. The Brewers won the NL Central title, their first division crown since winning the AL East in 1982.

"Without a doubt I think it's a drastically different experience playing meaningful games down the stretch," said Braun, the 2007 NL Rookie of the Year.

Braun, in fact, was convinced the Brewers' first-place finish is what put him over the top with voters.

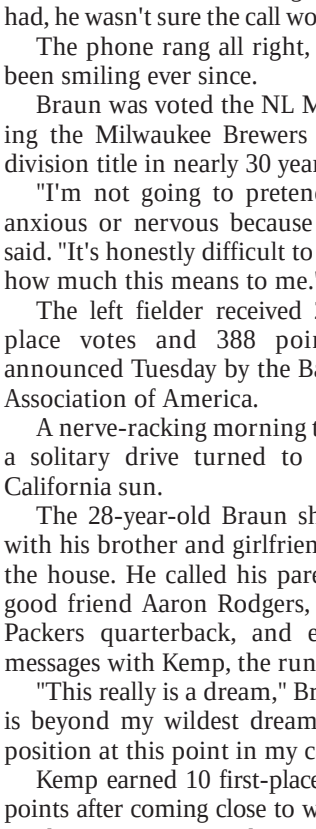
"If you honestly assess both of our seasons individually I think his numbers are probably better than mine, and I just feel fortunate to have been on the better team," Braun said. "It's an individual award, but it's a result of being part of a special team, a special organization."

Braun is the first Brewers player to win the MVP award in the National League and first since Robin Yount won in 1989, when Milwaukee was in the AL East. Rollie Fingers (1981) and Yount in 1982 are the other Brewers to take home MVP honors.

"Robin's the greatest player in Milwaukee Brewers history, so anytime you're mentioned alongside him it's a tremendous achievement," Braun said.

Braun signed a $105 million, five-year contract extension in April, linking him to the Brewers through 2020. He received a $100,000 bonus for winning the MVP.

"This team has been so loyal to me. They believed in me. They drafted me. They helped to develop me, and there would be nothing more meaningful to me than to eventually win a world championship in Milwaukee," he said.




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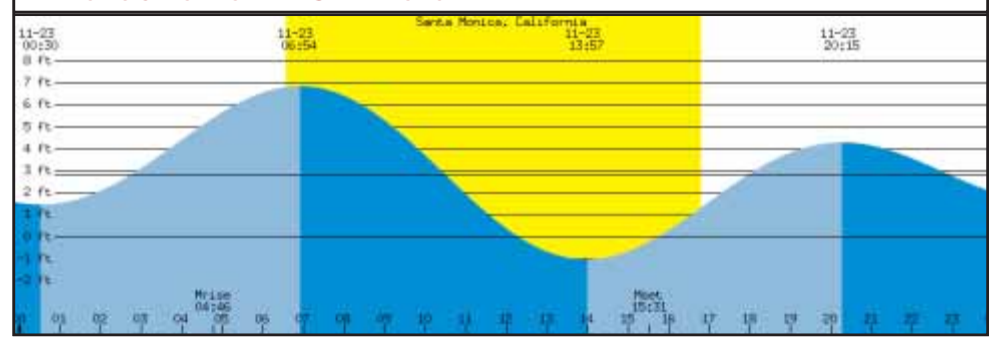
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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence. | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain. | A | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua). | A | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain. | B | A+ |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier. | F | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | A | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms). | A+ | A+ |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain. | A | B |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain. | A | A+ |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain. | A+ | A |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain. | A | A+ |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | A | A |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.. | A | B |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower. | F | D |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | A | F |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain. | A | A+ |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty). | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | A | B |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A | F |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A | 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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12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

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

**Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44 min**
11:55am 2:40pm 5:20pm 8:00pm 10:30pm

**A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) 1hr 29 min**
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**J. Edgar (R) 2 hr 17 min**
10:15am 1:30pm 4:40pm 7:45pm 10:50pm

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

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

**The Muppets (PG) 1 hr 38 min**
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1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

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**My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min**
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**Hugo 3D (PG) 2hr 7min**
11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm 8:00pm 11:00pm

**Arthur Christmas (PG) 1hr 37min**
11:45am 5:00pm 10:30pm

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

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# Take some personal time, Sag

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your natural inclination toward innovation emerges. You wonder what to do to make a situation more copasetic. Not sure, you go with spontaneity. Much will change, but not necessarily all that easily. Stay centered, knowing you have little control. Tonight: Go with a request.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Sometimes you might need to say no, whether you want to or not. You could be overwhelmed. You gain a sudden insight, which forces you to regroup. Note your intuition and second sense, but don't act on it just yet. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a work or health issue. The problem might be that you have no more time for the dull and repetitive. You want to network and spread your wings. That desire might be a reason for re-evaluating. Change can be good. Tonight: Do your thing.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others really enjoy your creativity and easiness in moving situations forward. You seem to have an idea when others have none. A key person values you. This person simply has an odd style. Tonight: Just go with the moment.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might like to work from home or deal with some fundamental personal and domestic issues. To do this, changing your schedule might be necessary. Only you can judge the implications here. Certain moments can and will never happen again. Tonight: At home.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ When you have an issue on your mind, you can be relentless as you try to clear, discuss or handle it. Others might look on, wondering. At present, though you're tempted to take a risk, you might be well advised to say "no." The damages could be unpredictable. Tonight: Midweek break.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ One can juggle one's finances only so much. Be careful how you vent frustration or anger. Sometimes the force of these passionate feelings can put off others who don't handle their frustrations like you. Tonight. Consider a change on the home front.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You know what you want and will drive a hard bargain to accomplish just that. Someone could cause you a lot of hassles, taken aback by your drive and assertiveness. Allow more feedback; brainstorm with others. Tonight: Hang out, but let go of today's determination. Relax.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Know when to cut back and say less. Sometimes life gets so confusing, you wonder exactly why you are following a certain course. Rethink your plans and judgments. A boss, parent or higher-up pushes you to produce. Tonight: Know that you need personal time.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Just when you are 90 percent sure you are on cruise control, a situation will occur that encourages you to stop and think again. Focus on meetings, getting together and seeking out experts. Tonight: Certainly, where the action is.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Take a stand and expect a little controversy. You enjoy making other people think -- why not let them make you think? A judgment might be off. Observe more at this point than judge. See where you might be causing yourself a problem. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to detach and understand that there are other ways to the same goal must come through if you want to succeed. If you hit a blockage or problem in a meeting, know that the jig is not up. You simply need to unleash some resourcefulness. Tonight: Be a dreamer.

## Happy birthday

This year a change is in the offing -- neither good nor bad. The real issue will be how you handle it. Demonstrate flexibility. Often, authority figures demand a lot and get angry if you don't respond at a snap of the finger. Recognize your priorities. If you are single, you could meet someone in an odd way. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you may struggle over how much to do together. A mutual goal could be involved. SCORPIO makes a great healer, therapist or doctor for you.

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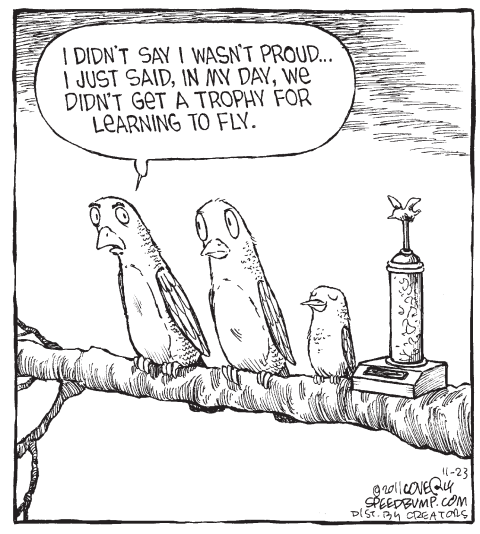


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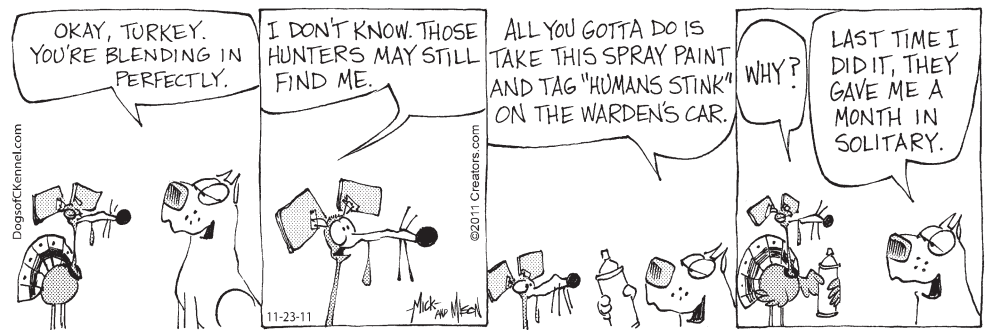
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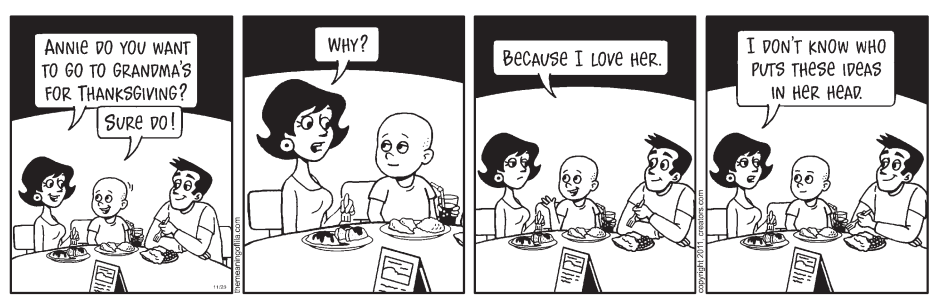

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## Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Anatomy subject
**5** Result of a bridge goof
**11** Taj Mahal site
**12** Fit for farming
**13** Seedy area
**14** Turkey call
**15** Skirt edge
**16** Some wines
**17** Trap
**19** Gangster's gun
**22** Stood
**24** Field of films
**26** Like the Sahara
**27** Aerobatics feat
**28** Indiana player
**30** Instructional
**31** Moose's kin
**32** Stellar ram
**34** Losing plan
**35** Airport screening org.
**38** Holiday event
**41** Pride member
**42** Cherished
**43** Farm chunk
**44** Reduces
**45** Distort

**DOWN**

**1** Wild party
**2** Eyeball
**3** Turkey choice
**4** Orange tuber
**5** Wild party
**6** Wears away
**7** Applies makeup
**8** Decline
**9** Maximum amount
**10** Director Spike
**16** Jay-Z's music
**18** In the buff
**19** Dance party light
**20** Bunches
**21** Newspaper goof
**22** Stare in disbelief
**23** Vaccine variety
**25** Lotion additive
**29** Pirate ship
**30** Wallop
**33** Oboe parts
**34** Challenge
**36** Ticked off
**37** Fresh
**38** Chum
**39** Hoopla
**40** Bleachers part
**41** — Vegas

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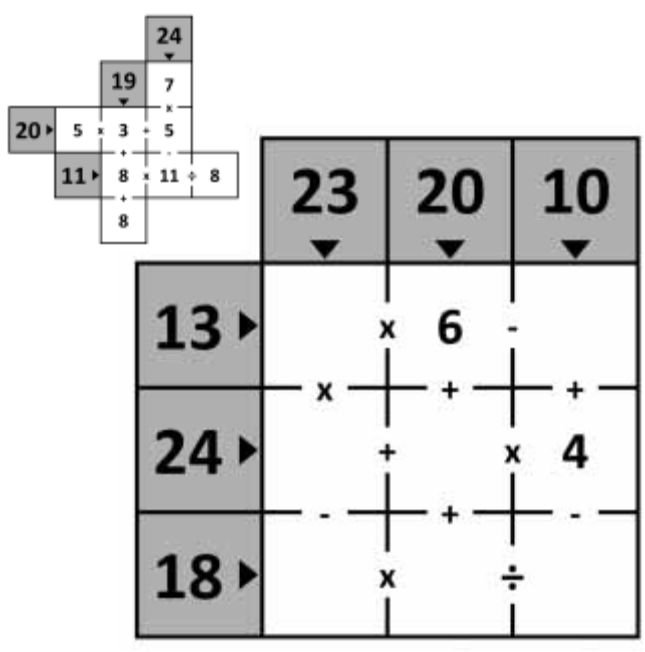
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV investigation revealed in September and October the astonishing result that Illinois laws passed in 1997 and 2007 at the behest of organized labor have given at least three former union leaders lifetime government pensions as if they had been city or state employees, totaling an estimated drain on public budgets of about $7 million. Two teachers' union officials were allowed to teach exactly one day to qualify, and an engineers' union official was hired for exactly one day, with the remainder of the service of the three having been on the payroll of the respective unions. A September Tribune report estimated that perhaps 20 other union officials might have been eligible under similar provisions.

■ It was haute couture meeting haute cuisine at the Communication Museum in Berlin in November, as prominent German chef Roland Trettl introduced his fashions (displayed on live models) made from food, including a tunic of octopus, a miniskirt of seaweed, a trouser suit made with lean bacon, a scarf of squid ink pasta, and a hat woven from lettuce. The museum director (presumably without irony) said the items were "provocative" and "raise(d) questions."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1993** Rachel Whiteread wins both the £20,000 Turner Prize award for best British modern artist and the £40,000 K Foundation art award for the worst artist of the year.

**1996** Ethiopian Airlines Flight 961 is hijacked, then crashes into the Indian Ocean off the coast of Comoros after running out of fuel, killing 125.

**2001** The Convention on Cybercrime is signed in Budapest, Hungary.

**2003** Georgian president Eduard Shevardnadze resigns following weeks of mass protests over flawed elections.

**2005** Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is elected president of Liberia and becomes the first woman to lead an African country.

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