

The Market

DOW (INDUSTRIALS)	8,579.19	-678.91
BONDS (10 YR. TREASURIES)	3.834%	+ .119% ▲
DOLLAR (YEN PER DOLLAR)	¥100.48	+¥.17 ▲
GOLD (PER TROY OZ.)	\$883.50	-\$20.00
NASDAQ (COMPOSITE)	1,645.12	-95.21

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MONTEREY

CHAMBER HOSTS FREE EVENT FOR SHOPPERS

The Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting at 11:30 a.m. today for Del Monte Shopping Center, between Williams-Sonoma and Pottery Barn.

The event is free to the public. For information, call 648-5356 or see www.mpcc.com.

SALINAS

Consumers can pick farm-fresh produce

The Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association will have a You-Pick Harvest Day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at its farm center near Salinas.

Consumers can purchase farm-fresh organic produce from small-scale beginning farmers. Produce will include carrots, potatoes, celery, green beans, artichoke, chard, cilantro, squash, bell peppers, berries, strawberries, varieties of tomatoes and Halloween pumpkins, from small-scale beginning farmers.

The farm center is at 1700 Old Stage Road. For information, call 758-1469.

States cut spending

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
Associated Press

With the economy in a slide and the credit markets seized up, states are slashing budgets, eliminating jobs, putting major construction projects on hold and nervously waiting to see whether their shriveled pension funds recover.

They are also weighing lawsuits against Wall Street firms.

And at least one state — California — may ask Washington to come to the rescue.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger warned he may have to beg the federal government for a short-term loan to cover operating costs for schools, nursing homes and police if the nation's most populous state is unable to borrow a short-term \$7 billion on the credit market.

"It's not an easy life,
— Brian Becken

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STRUGGLING ECONOMY IS CUTTING

