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THE POPPING UP ISSUE

# Cops make arrest in cold case murders



GROSS

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Officers in the Santa Monica Police Department's Cold Case Homicide Unit arrested a man Wednesday whom they believe is responsible for the murders of two women more than 10 years ago.

Edric Dashell Gross, 46, was taken into custody by investigators as he was sitting in Pan Pacific Park in Los Angeles.

Investigators believe that Gross killed Jacqueline Lee Ovsak, 42, and Dana Caper, 41.

Ovsak's body was discovered by construction workers in an abandoned building on the 1500 block of Seventh Street on April 3, 2001. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled.

Caper was found over a year later on Oct. 29, 2002 on the bluffs near the 800 block of Palisades Park. Caper, a transient, had been living on the bluffs. Police discovered that she, too, had been sexually assaulted and strangled.

Both homicides were investigated until leads ran out and the cases went cold, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, SMPD spokesman.

In September 2007, investigators in the cold case unit

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# New group forms to curb development

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE In a town known for its often exuberant degree of public participation, another group has appeared on the scene with an aim to influence the style of development in Santa Monica.

Santa Monicans for Responsible Growth (SMRG) is a new coalition of approximately

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# Jury says Shangri-La owner discriminated against Jewish guests

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SM COURTHOUSE A Muslim hotel owner discriminated against a Jewish group during a poolside charity event at the Shangri-La by ordering removal of banners and ousting them from the pool and spa, a jury decided in awarding $1.2 million statutory damages.

Punitive damages will be determined later.

The suit was filed by Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, whose members had gathered two years ago at the Ocean Avenue

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Photo courtesy Julie Ellerton

GETTING READY: **Engineer John Steindlberger hooks up a hose to a fire hydrant after a long day of emergency calls recently.**

# Malibu fire officials brace for brush fire season

BY ELANO PIZZICAROLA
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU The Los Angeles County Fire Department and Malibu emergency officials vow they are prepared for any potential trouble as the fall brush fire season looms.

The county fire department will brace for potential fires by moving extra resources to Malibu in the event of high temperatures and low humidity, striving to bolster firefighting capabilities. City emergency officials are also touting a number of methods to alert the public in case of danger.

A red flag warning arises when humidity falls below 15 percent and sustained winds gust over 25 miles per hour, usually prompting the fire department to send what they call a "strike team" to Malibu, and another to Agoura Hills.

"We work very closely with the National Weather Service. We monitor weather patterns," said Maria Grycan, who serves as community services liaison at the Carbon Canyon fire station.

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Aug. 17, 2012

It's a classic
Loews Santa Monica
1700 Ocean Ave.,
6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Loews invites you to California Classic Evenings, featuring farm-to-table inspired California cuisine, easy-going atmospheric sounds and ocean views. For more information, call (310) 458-6700.

Play in the park
Reed Park, tennis court No. 1
Corner of Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard, 8 p.m.
Shakespeare Santa Monica has worked with the city of Santa Monica to produce over 14 Shakespeare plays throughout the years. This year, they are performing "The Taming of the Shrew." Cost: $20 suggested donation. This play also takes place on Aug. 23 and Aug. 24. For more information, call (310) 270-3454.

Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012

Textiles, anyone?
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave.,
9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The Resource Recovery & Recycling Division is hosting a textiles collection event at the City Yards, helping you to find a new home for all your unusable clothing, towels, bedding and so much more. Residents are encouraged to take reusable goods to any of the many charities benefiting the Santa Monica area. For more information, visit www.smgov.net.

'Escape' from hunger in America
Santa Monica Ford
1230 Santa Monica Blvd.,
1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Ford Motor Company and Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, have joined forces this summer for the 2013 Ford Escape Hunger Drive. For each guest attending, Ford will provide 40 meals to Feeding America in hopes of providing more than 1.2 million meals to the needy all across America. For more information, call Naseem Sells at (916) 448-4234.

Confessions of a field biologist
Main Library's Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Field marine biologist and author Maddalena Bearzi presents a multimedia program with highlights from her book "Dolphin Confidential," recollections of Bearzi's experiences at sea, outlining her growth as a woman and a scientist, from her earliest efforts to her transformation into an advocate for conservation and dolphin protection. A book sale and signing will follow the author's presentation. For more information, call (310) 458- 8606.

No place like home
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 3 p.m.
Free performances of "Dorothy's Adventures in Oz" will be presented Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Dorothy discovers some valuable lessons about the importance of truth, honor and self-esteem, as the audience follows the escapades of Dorothy and her companions. For more information, call (310) 394-9779.

Willy at dusk
Reed Park, tennis court No. 1
Corner of Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard, 8 p.m.
Shakespeare Santa Monica has worked with the city of Santa Monica to produce six performances of Shakespeare's "All's Well that Ends Well" over the summer. Follow Helena, the orphan daughter of a famous physician, and her attempts at capturing the love of French nobleman Bertram. Recurs Sunday and Saturday, Aug. 25. For more information, call John Farmanesh-Bocca at (310) 270-3454.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

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



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

### SMPD officer awarded for traffic safety

The California Office of Traffic Safety presented a special recognition award for traffic safety excellence on Wednesday to Santa Monica Police Officer Jason Olson.

A SMPD release states that Olson's work has directly benefited the Santa Monica community. From helping to lower alcohol-involved deaths and injuries to serving as a traffic collision investigator, Olson has used his expertise to identify individuals driving under the influence. In 2011 alone, Olson arrested 60 individuals that were driving while impaired. His efforts are the reason why the Office of Traffic Safety is honoring him.

ADRIANNA DINOLFO

OPCC

### Foundation announces grant recipients

The William H. Hannon Foundation, founded in 1982 by Catholic philanthropist and real estate developer William H. Hannon, has recently provided grants to seven organizations on the Westside.

To this day, the foundation still supports Catholic churches and schools, hospitals and social service organizations. Three of the seven organizations are active in Santa Monica, including the CLARE Foundation, homeless service provider OPCC and St. Joseph Center in Venice.

In receiving its grant, the CLARE Foundation in Santa Monica will direct funds toward its new women's treatment program, an all-female environment that provides the safe and distraction-free place needed to address issues specific to women in recovery.

Founded in the late 1960s, the CLARE Foundation is a leader in outpatient addiction treatment throughout Los Angeles County. Similarly, OPCC in Santa Monica will use its grant to continue financial support for homeless, mentally ill women. For almost 50 years, OPCC has been the largest human services provider on the Westside.

St. Joseph Center received its grant in continued support of the agency's family center and food pantry. By helping working families maintain stability and practice self-sufficiency, the family center and food pantry is the heart of St. Joseph Center's efforts. The organization was founded in 1976, and now helps over 6,000 people annually.

"My late uncle, our foundation's founder, believed in providing multiple grants of various sizes to worthy organizations and then helping raise the organizations' profiles so that other donors would join in supporting their good works," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, president of the foundation. "He was especially interested in supporting schools and social service providers. We continue to carry on this tradition."

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DOWNTOWN

### YMCA in need of volunteer coaches

The Santa Monica YMCA is in need of volunteer coaches and paid game officials for the upcoming fall youth basketball season.

Head coaching applicants must be at least 18 years old and submit a detailed background check. Assistant coaches may be younger than 18 years old. Game officials will be paid $10 per game. Although no experience is needed, knowledge of the game, desire to have fun and work with youth is a must.

Registration for the co-ed recreational league that runs from September through early December is available until Sept. 12 over the phone and in person.

For more information, contact league director Peter Arbogast at (310) 393-2721 ext. 137.

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Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

HONOR: **Santa Monica Police Department Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks congratulates Officer Jason Olson for receiving the California Office of Traffic Safety Excellence Award at the Public Safety Facility on Wednesday.**

# L.A. County announces $105M program to house homeless

**ROBERT JABLON**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES More than 1,000 chronically homeless people will be taken off the streets of Southern California and given permanent shelter under a $105 million program announced Thursday.

Government and donated funds will subsidize housing for people who have been homeless in Los Angeles County for at least a year. The money also will pay for counseling and treatment of their physical and mental health and substance abuse problems, officials said.

The chronically homeless comprise about a fourth of the estimated 51,000 people who are living on county streets at any one time, according to county estimates.

Advocates say giving permanent homes to the long-term homeless can help them begin to repair their lives and can reduce government costs by keeping them out of shelters, emergency rooms and jails.

A study earlier this year concluded that an earlier program called Project 50, which aimed to house 50 long-term homeless people, saved the county nearly a quarter of a million dollars between 2008 to 2010.

The new program is part of the Home for Good campaign, now in the second year of a five-year mission to end chronic homelessness and homelessness among veterans in Los Angeles County.

It is modeled on successful programs in Seattle and Denver, said Christine Marge, director of housing stability for the United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Teacher appreciation

**Editor:**

In "Details released in teacher's harassment case" (July 13), you embraced the way Samohi parent Michael Chwe framed the release of records pertaining to Samohi math teacher Ari Marken as providing "basic information" for decisions by other parents. As a Samohi parent whose daughter took an advanced algebra course with Mr. Marken this past year, and as a UCLA professor who regularly reviews students' math training for graduate study in biostatistics, I believe you omitted an essential detail, namely that Mr. Marken is an outstanding teacher.

I also believe that Michael Chwe's website, which you cited in your article, smears Mr. Marken. After sensationally greeting visitors with the heading "SMMUSD Irresponsibility Endangers Our Children," the website lists Mr. Marken, who was never charged with a crime, alongside former teacher Thomas Beltran, who pleaded guilty to seven counts of continuous sexual abuse, two counts of a lewd act on a child and one count of sexual penetration of a foreign object on a child under 14.

Professor Chwe, who is a faculty member in political science (also at UCLA), has expertise in game theory. He and I served together on a district-wide ad hoc committee that reviewed SMMUSD policies in the wake of the arrest of Beltran.

We clearly had very different reactions to being aware of the SMMUSD's reprimand of Mr. Marken. He wanted to know more and fought in court to get more information. For a combination of reasons, I placed my trust in Mr. Marken.

Partly, my trust in Mr. Marken flowed from the trust I have in SMMUSD administrators. In multiple roles as a PTA officer and school site council member, I have interacted firsthand with SMMUSD administrators, and I do not believe they sit idly by when children might be in danger. I have not been shy about calling for change in our schools when I believe change is indicated, but the fact that Mr. Marken remained a Samohi teacher struck me as convincing evidence that whatever he had done did not rise to the level of a crime.

I also was influenced by a friend whose daughter had been a student of Mr. Marken two years earlier. Our friend described that Mr. Marken had been a great teacher, that it was very disruptive when Mr. Marken went on leave for the latter half of the school year in connection with a formal investigation and that she wished Mr. Marken had remained in the classroom.

Our daughter's experience with Mr. Marken was uniformly positive. I was extremely impressed both with his rigorous treatment of the subject matter and with the way he cultivated enthusiasm for mathematics. I also think he deserves credit for maintaining a steady focus on education and for creating a positive learning environment in the classroom during a period that must have been extremely stressful as litigation over his personnel records was unfolding.

Not surprisingly, the substance of my opinion did not change at all after Mr. Marken's personnel records were released. Someone might try to rationalize the litigation because it reassured us there was nothing to worry about, but the world is more than two-dimensional, and I believe we are very fortunate not to have lost more of Mr. Marken's time in the classroom as a consequence. Meanwhile, I think your readers deserve to know that there are many parents like me who feel lucky to be able to put their children in SMMUSD schools and in particular to send their children to Samohi to have teachers like Mr. Marken.

**Tom Belin**
Santa Monica




## Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Grand Prix of Ocean Park

LONG BEFORE I HAD A DRIVER'S LICENSE, I was a fan of English race car driver Stirling Moss who won 212 of 529 races. During his 14-year career (1948 to 1962), he drove a Lotus, Maserati, Jaguar, Ferrari and Porsche. (But never a Buick.) Knighted in 2000, Sir Stirling is 82 and living in London with his third wife, Susie, who's 57.

Moss recently came to mind one night last week as I was maneuvering up Ocean Park Boulevard on my way to Albertsons. If you haven't traversed Ocean Park Boulevard between Main Street and Lincoln Boulevard lately, you might want to continue to avoid it until Dec. 31, the projected completion date of the $5 million, year-long "Ocean Park Boulevard Green Street Project."

If I seem a tad testy about "construction" it's possibly because since February at my apartment building we've been subjected to jackhammering and possible asbestos dust as a result of extensive exterior cement work. Even though I've asked numerous times, I have absolutely no idea when it will be completed.

Living in a construction zone and driving through one is not the most serene set of circumstances. For example, from April 16 to July 16, outside my window and blocking my view, were three ugly cables hung from the roof connected to scaffolding. (Ugh.)

And yet during those 90 days not a lick of work was done. (Unless you count blocking my view.) After a month I contacted management again and was politely told "not to worry."

Then, one morning shortly thereafter, I casually opened the vertical blinds and was startled to see three men in eerie-looking HazMat suits on a scaffold right outside my window just staring at me. Actually, they may have been more startled as I was shirtless and in baggy boxer shorts.

After a minute "stare down" the scaffolding suddenly descended out of view. I went back to bed, hoping it was all a bad dream. (It wasn't.)

And yet, curiously, I never see the workers anymore. Then again, I never see the workers on Ocean Park Boulevard, either. Recently I counted a grand total of two workers between Main and Lincoln. It's as though these companies bid on the jobs, start the work and then disappear into space. (Or, possibly elves do the work at night?)

I called City Hall about the progress of the project and was told the city engineer in charge was on vacation. (Maybe he took the workers with him on a cruise?) Actually, Mark Cuneo, principal civil engineer, courteously answered all my questions. (Essentially saying the project is on time and on budget.)

In my opening I joked about road racing, but it turns out they were actually a significant part of Santa Monica's history. From 1909 to 1919, as many as 100,000 spectators from all over the country would gather along the race route, which started at Ocean and Montana avenues and headed south to Wilshire Boulevard. There they made a sharp left turn at the intersection the newspapers dubbed "Dead Man's Curve" to stimulate fan interest.

Actually, no one died there but a noteworthy injury did occur in 1910. At 70 mph, George Clark's race car smacked dead center into a palm tree sending an unsuspecting spectator, perched high up in the tree to get a better view, falling head first 20 feet to the ground, lucky to only break his arm. (He was rushed to the hospital in a horse-drawn ambulance!)

The race would whip down Wilshire to San Vicente and then back, a total of 8.4 miles and do that 20 times or approximately 200 miles. But fate finally caught up to Santa Monica when Lewis Jackson, at 100 mph, failed to negotiate the "S" curve along San Vicente. He knocked down two huge trees, instantly killing himself as well as a very unlucky lemonade vendor, Lulu Juratch. Two others later died at a hospital.

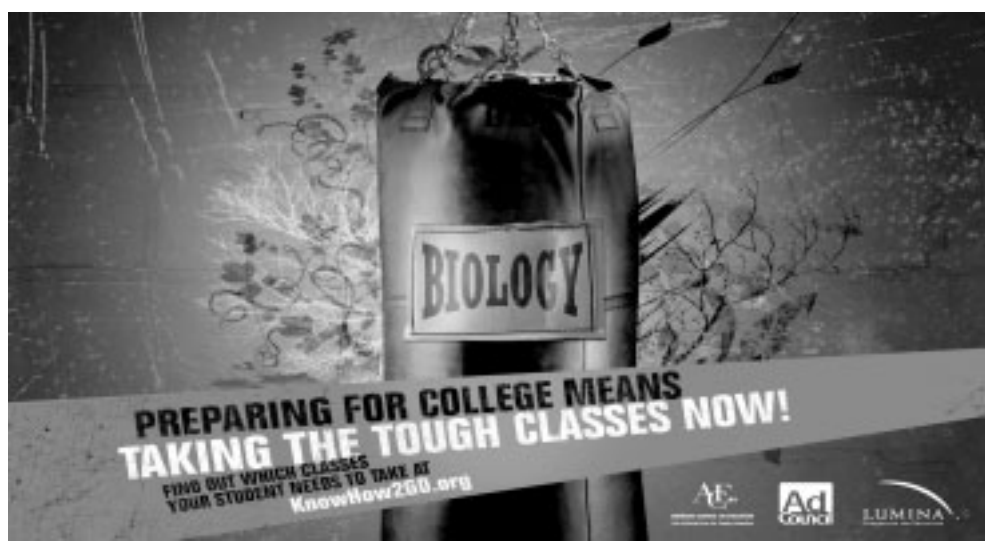
Famed drivers of the era, like Barney Oldfield, participated in these races, exemplifying "the days of chain drive, wooden spokes, and hair-for-helmets," wrote Harold Osmer and Phil Harms, authors of "Real Road Racing: The Santa Monica Road Races." Others included Terrible Teddy Tetzlaff and Eddie Rickenbacker. (Who would become the most decorated American flying ace in WWI.)

Another unusual facet of the races were the pit stops. They were accomplished by getting the biggest guy one could find to heft a wedge of lumber to lift the car up in the air while the "crew" changed the tires. (Not exactly high tech.)

Interestingly enough, historians credit the enormous popularity of the road races in keeping Santa Monica from being annexed by behemoth Los Angeles. If not, the city of L.A. might be in charge of the Ocean Park Boulevard street construction. If you think progress is slow now, just imagine that.

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# The Palette
*Exploring Creative Santa Monica*

## Calculated Ease

Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th St.

FRIDAY, 8:30 P.M.

Choreographer Andrew Pearson presents a repertory concert of emerging contemporary dance makers exploring new work and revisiting past work. The first act of Calculated Ease will include choreography by Jay Carlon and Jimmy Cabrera Jr., Andrew Cowan, Michael Crotty and Mark Tomasic. The second act will consist of both a re-examination of Pearson's past repertory, in which he will explore and study his choreographic voice and vocabulary, as well as a new collaborative duet from Pearson and Roya Carreras, 90 percent of which is being created while Carreras is living in New York, utilizing e-mail, text, and video as the main means of communication. Admission: $20 general; $15 students; seniors and members. For more information: (310) 315-1459.

## IN RARE FORM!

Westside Comedy Theatre, 1323-A Third St.

FRIDAY, 8 P.M.

IN RARE FORM! is a hilarious, fresh-faced short form improv group based in Los Angeles. They are made up of Emily Button, Heather Horton, Jamie Gaul, Brad Leaf, Lander Yeoman, Christopher Gordon, Kevin Kittridge and Jeanine Peters. IN RARE FORM! is dead set on making its audience cry with laughter from the moment they take the stage. Admission: $10. For more information: (310) 451-0850.

## Actors' Repertory Theatre presents: 'The Fools'

Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 Fourth St.

SATURDAY, 7:30 P.M.

RUNS THROUGH SEPT. 30

It's the return of Actors' Repertory Theatre's internationally acclaimed farce, "The Fools," a zany, romantic, ever-so-slightly naughty musical comedy mixed with intrigue, sword play and a touch of Monty Python for good measure, based on Moliere's comedy "Les Facheux." The play explores such concepts as human foibles, hypocrisy, selfishness, jealousy, vanity and arrogance through the eyes of 17th century France. General admission: $20. For more information: (310) 394-9779.

## Cause for Creativity: Tour da Arts, vol. 4

Santa Monica Museum of Art, 2525 Michigan Ave.

SUNDAY, 12 P.M. — 6 P.M.

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Stewart Street Park, 1836 Stewart St.

SUNDAY, 5 P.M. — 7 P.M.

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## L.A. Cafe Plays

The Ruskin Group Theatre, 3000 Airport Ave.

SUNDAY, 7:30 P.M. & 9 P.M.

In the adrenaline-addled world of L.A. Café Plays, playwrights write hyper-fast, actors and directors rehearse hyper-fast and even the programs are printed hyper-fast. A preparation schedule that is normally spread out over weeks or months is compressed into one frenetic day. The 65-seat Ruskin Group Theatre is typically sold out for the two evening performances, as audiences revel in the 10 1/2-hour creation cycle of five one-act plays, bound by a common theme and locale — all must take place in a cafe — but otherwise as diverse as the minds from which they spring. Admission: $15 at 7:30 p.m.; $10 at 9 p.m. For more information: (310) 397-3244.

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## The Q Line

### In the weeds

City officials have so far refused to grant a business license to the owner of a laboratory that tests medical marijuana samples for potency and the presence of pesticides and mold.

**So, this week's Q-Line question asks:**
Is banning a marijuana laboratory where no pot is sold a solid plan, or should City Hall ease up and allow the business?

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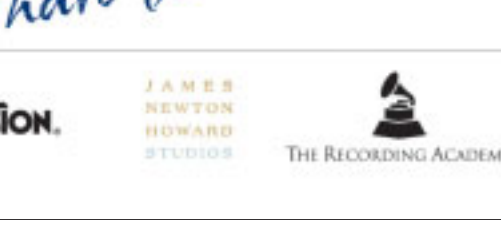

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# Inmates convicted as juveniles could get reprieve

**HANNAH DREIER**
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Criminals who were sentenced as juveniles to die in prison would get a chance at freedom if a bill approved by the Assembly becomes law.

The bill, SB9, passed the state Senate last year but failed repeatedly in the Assembly before lawmakers approved it by a single vote Thursday following a heated debate about whether redemption can coexist with justice.

The legislation would allow inmates sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for crimes they committed as minors to petition for reconsideration of their sentence after serving 15 years. A judge would then have the option of reducing their sentence to 25 years-to-life if the inmates show evidence of remorse and efforts toward rehabilitation.

Supporters say young criminals deserve second chances because their brains are not fully mature when they commit their crimes.

Gov. Jerry Brown, who previously served as California's attorney general, has not yet taken a position on the bill, according to spokesman Gareth Lacy.

Assemblyman Gil Cedillo, D-Los Angeles, who carried the bill in that chamber, urged his fellow lawmakers to bring California into line with federal recommendations. He pointed to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling earlier this summer that classified mandatory life-without-parole sentences for juvenile murderers as "cruel and unusual" punishment.

"Children who engage in crimes should be held accountable, but they should be held accountable in the context that they are young people and they have the capacity to change," Cedillo said.

California is one of 39 states that allow judges to sentence minors to die in prison. There are currently 309 offenders serving life-without-parole sentences for crimes committed when they were younger than 18, some of whom were accomplices to a murder.

Democratic Sen. Leland Yee, a child psychologist, wrote the bill and has worked all session to gather the votes to get it out of the Assembly.

"SB9 is not a get-out-of-jail-free card; it is an incredibly modest proposal that respects victims, international law and the fact that children have a greater capacity for rehabilitation than adults," the San Francisco lawmaker said in a statement Thursday.

Several Republican Assembly members spoke against the bill, which has drawn criticism from some victim's rights groups and passed without a single GOP vote. Lawmakers argued that the sentencing change would deny justice to surviving victims and force them to revisit the crime that robbed them of their loved one.

"This bill has come back several times. If we could bring the victims back as easily, maybe we wouldn't have so much opposition to this bill," said Don Wagner, R-Irvine.

He said judges only give life-without-parole sentences for the worst offenders.

"We want them out of our communities because they deserve it," he said.

The bill was amended in the Assembly to exclude young offenders who tortured their victims or killed a law enforcement officer or firefighter. It passed 41-34 and moves back to the Senate for final approval.

## STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

### NRC slaps ailing San Onofre nuke plant on security

Federal regulators have slapped the troubled San Onofre nuclear power plant in California with a violation for a lapse in plant security.

Operator Southern California Edison reported the problem to the government, and the company said in statement Thursday it was promptly corrected.

The violation stems from a four-day Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspection in May during which officials reviewed records, observed activities and interviewed personnel.

The agency says the company failed to develop procedures to monitor electronic devices related to security. The NRC withheld most details of the problem.

Edison Senior Vice President Pete Dietrich says changes have been made so "it doesn't happen again."

San Onofre has been closed since January because of excessive wear to tubes that carry radioactive water.

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LOS ANGELES

### Jurors reject suit over fatal police shooting

A jury has rejected allegations in a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by the estate of an illegal immigrant who was killed by Los Angeles police after he lunged at an officer with a knife.

Jurors last week found in favor of the Los Angeles Police Department, which was sued by the family of Manuel Jaminez, who was killed in September 2010.

The Guatemalan day laborer was shot by police after he tried to stab a pregnant woman. Police said Jaminez lunged toward an officer after refusing orders in Spanish and English to drop the knife.

His death sparked three days of angry protests.

The L.A. Police Commission later determined the officer was justified in using lethal force. Prosecutors also declined to file charges against the officer.

AP

LONG BEACH

### Cargo volume flat at SoCal ports

Combined cargo volume at the Los Angeles-Long Beach twin ports was flat last month.

Shipments were down 1 percent compared to July 2011 at the nation's busiest ports.

Los Angeles had a 5.5 percent uptick with 726,375 cargo containers handled in July.

But the 522,486 containers handled at the Port of Long Beach represented an 8.8 percent drop from July 2011.

Port of Long Beach spokesman Art Wong attributes the imbalance to several shippers moving from Long Beach to Los Angeles in the past two years amid a weak economy.

The Long Beach Press-Telegram (bit.ly/NJ30sj) says the traditional fall surge is unlikely.

Los Angeles port spokesman Phillip Sanfield says the new normal in shipping may mean fall cargo spikes common in past years won't materialize.

AP

# Theater shooting prompts gun bills in big states

**DON THOMPSON**
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Democratic leaders in three big states have used this summer's Colorado mass shooting to push bills that would crack down on assault weapons and ammunition sales, rekindling a debate that has not gained much traction in Congress or the presidential campaign.

In Illinois, Gov. Pat Quinn proposed that his state enact a strict ban on assault weapons, similar to California's. New York lawmakers have proposed wide-ranging legislation that would limit weapons purchases.

California Attorney General Kamala Harris and the Democratic state Senate leader back a bill that would make it more difficult and time-consuming to reload assault weapons. The chairmen of public safety committees in California's Assembly and Senate co-authored a bill that would require dealers to report purchases of large quantities of ammunition to law enforcement authorities.

The suspect in the July 20 Colorado shooting, James Holmes, legally bought 6,000 rounds of ammunition online without raising authorities' attention. He had four weapons, including an assault rifle, on him after the rampage that killed 12 people and injured 58 at a midnight movie screening.

"California sets the pace for the country. If there's no action in Congress, we better do something here and hope it catches fire in other states," said state Sen. Leland Yee, a San Francisco Democrat who authored the legislation that would slow down the process of reloading an assault weapon with a new magazine.

With strong support from Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, New York lawmakers have offered a similar rationale for proposing a series of bills that together would give their state the nation's toughest gun control laws.

"I think there is appetite for reform," Cuomo told reporters this week. "I think that's a good thing, and I think that's one of the issues I'm going to have at the top of the list next January."

Because California's legislative session ends in a few weeks and most others are done for the year, this summer's proposals will be addressed in earnest when lawmakers return next year. Some could be altered as lawmakers and governors test the appetite for reform in the months ahead.

But the push in some of the nation's most populous and liberal-leaning states illustrates a national divide, often along party lines, over whether the public should have unfettered access to military-style weaponry and ammunition.

"It's time for the people to band together in our state ... and do something about these weapons. We should remember those who lost their lives," Quinn said last month after he added his gun control proposal onto a bill that had dealt with ammunition sales.

New York state Sen. Michael Gianaris has proposed legislation limiting firearms purchases to one a month, requiring background checks for all gun sales, a firearms safety course for gun buyers and a cooling-off period before a gun could be picked up after purchase. It also would require that sales of firearms and ammunition be reported within 24 hours.

Fellow Democratic Sen. Jose Peralta also introduced a bill that would prohibit the sale or purchase of more than 500 rounds of ammunition during any 30-day period.

"The recent rash of gun violence makes clear that enough is enough," Gianaris said in a statement.

The leaders hope the legislation will go further than gun control bills have in Congress, where Republicans are generally opposed to further restrictions and Democrats are reluctant to engage on the issue during a presidential election year.

After the Colorado shooting, two Democrats introduced a bill that would prohibit the general public from buying thousands of rounds of ammunition by mail or online.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said the Senate's schedule is too crowded to allow a debate on gun control this year and has been noncommittal about whether Congress would consider the issue next year. The White House has said President Barack Obama will not push for stricter gun laws this year.

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat from California, complained after the Colorado shooting that Congress has failed since 2004 to renew the federal assault weapons ban she authored a year after a gunman killed eight people in a San Francisco high-rise in 1993.

Nor will Congress take up the bill introduced after the Colorado shootings by U.S. Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy of New York.

"The reality is that these tragic shootings will continue if we can't break the gun lobby's stranglehold on Congress," Lautenberg said in a statement.

Since 1990, the National Rifle Association's political action committee and individuals associated with the NRA have contributed nearly $19 million to members or candidates for Congress, with 82 percent of those contributions going to Republicans, according to The Center for Responsive Politics in Washington, D.C.

The National Rifle Association did not respond to repeated messages left by The Associated Press over several days. Sam Paredes, executive director of Gun Owners of California, said the state's current laws are already working and don't need to be tougher. He cited a 2010 state attorney general's report that found less than 4 percent of the weapons used in violent crimes and sent to state crime labs were assault weapons.

"We're governed by people who have an inordinate fear, a knee-jerk, visceral, emotional reaction to guns," Paredes said.

The divide is not just between states and the federal government, but also between Democratic- and Republican-leaning states.

In Wyoming, for example, the Republican-dominated Legislature recently passed a bill allowing residents to carry concealed guns with no permit or background check. Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, defended gun rights even after a shooting this week near Texas A&M University that killed three people including a police official and the gunman.

Dan Gross, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, said the gun control proposals were a step in the right direction.

"There are places where we're seeing kind of the hopeful signs," he said. "But right now, there are far too few of them."

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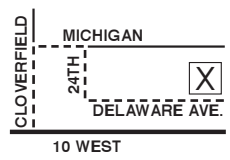


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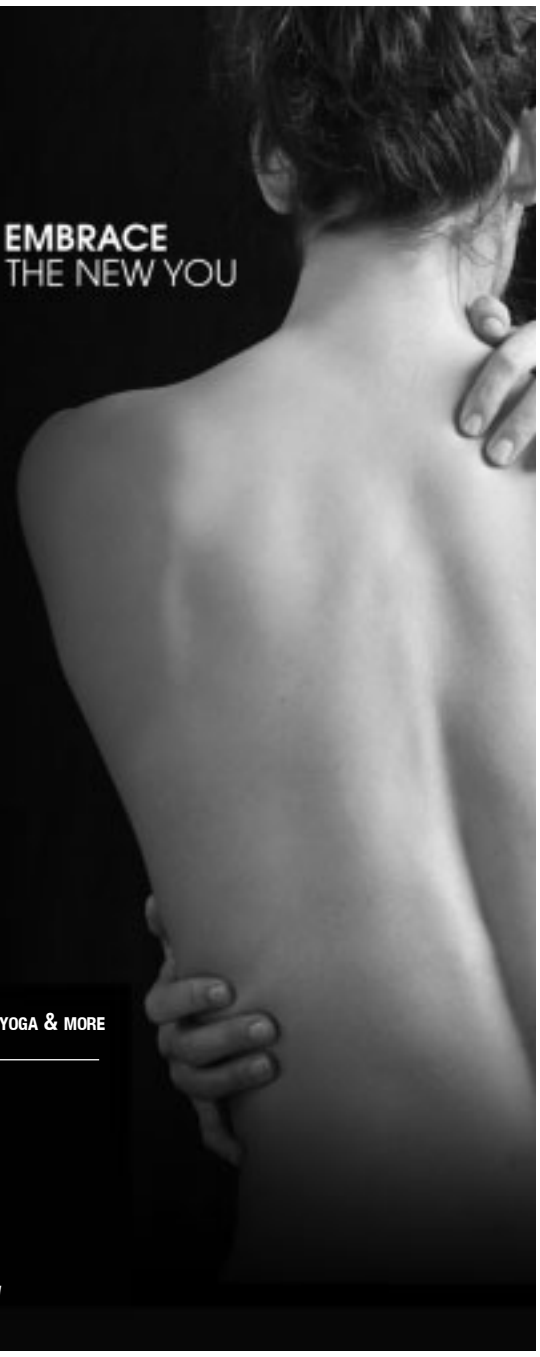
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# No break during this lunch

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THURSDAY, AUG. 9, AT 1:55 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers on the Third Street Promenade were flagged down by a man who said he had just been assaulted while eating his lunch in the outdoor dining area of the Coffee Bean located at 1312 Third St. The man told officers that while he and a friend were eating, a woman came up to them and said she was having a crisis. She then allegedly knocked over their food and drinks while yelling. She then allegedly tore off the man's proximity card used for work that he valued at $300 and walked away with it. The man chased the suspect down and when he tried to grab her she allegedly spun around and struck him in the head and then started scratching him. The suspect dropped the card and fled southbound. Officers located the suspect sitting at a bus bench at Third Street and Broadway. She was placed under arrest for robbery. She was identified as Jessica Larkin, 26, a transient. Her bail was set at $50,000.

SUNDAY, AUG. 12, AT 12:18 P.M.,
Officers responded to Bubba Gump's restaurant on the Santa Monica Pier after receiving a report about a customer who was refusing to pay for their meal. When cops arrived, they spoke with the restaurant manager who told them that the patron ate his meal and then told his server that he could not pay the bill, which was for $28. The manager told the man that if he didn't pay he would be arrested. He was fine with that. When officers spoke with the suspect, he allegedly told them that he didn't realize he didn't have any money until the bill arrived and he had no other means to pay. He was placed under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper and a probation violation. He was identified as Peter Grcevich, 33, of Las Vegas. His bail was set at $1,000.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11, AT 12:22 P.M.,
Officers responded to Pacific Park on the pier regarding a suspect who was refusing to leave and was allegedly becoming combative. When officers arrived, they contacted security at the amusement park who said that the suspect was seen sitting inside the food court begging customers for food. When security approached, the man allegedly began mocking them and refused to leave. He grew more agitated and tried to walk back inside the amusement park, at which point security tried to block his path. The suspect pushed one guard, almost knocking him to the ground, police said. He then tried to climb a nearby tree, but was detained by security. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for trespassing. Police said the suspect was uncooperative and other officers had to be called to place him inside a patrol car. The suspect was booked for assault, battery, resisting arrest and fighting in a public space. He was identified as Leroy Lewis, 35, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8, AT 9:02 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol on the 3200 block of Colorado Avenue when they saw a man riding his bike on the sidewalk without a bike light; both are violations. Officers stopped the suspect, who said he did not have any identification on him. Officers detained and searched him. They said they found a glass pipe and a small baggy containing methamphetamine. He was booked for possession of drug paraphernalia and meth. He was identified as Miguel Vasquez, 21, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $10,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8, AT 6:11 A.M.,
Officers responded to a home on the 1500 block of Maple Street to conduct a parole compliance check. While there, officers said they found heroin and a pair of brass knuckles. Both the parolee and his girlfriend were arrested. Matthew Steger, 32, of Santa Monica, was booked for possession of a controlled substance and brass knuckles. His bail was set at $10,000. Selena Gable, 34, of Santa Monica, was booked for possession of a controlled substance.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8,
Officers arrested a clerk at Nordstrom for allegedly helping a former employee get discounts on purchases and receive refunds for purchases he never made. Police said security at the department store in July saw the former employee walk into the store and make several purchases using his employee discount, which he was no longer entitled to. He completed the purchases with the help of several current employees, police said. In addition, he made several fraudulent returns. The employee accused of assisting the suspect was identified as Karla Rivera, 26, of Los Angeles. She was booked for burglary. Her bail was set at $20,000. The man who made the purchases is still at large. Police did not release any more information because the case is still under investigation.

TUESDAY, AUG. 7, AT 7:35 A.M.,
Officers received a report of vandalism on the 300 block of Pico Boulevard. When officers arrived, they made contact with a witness who said that he saw a man tagging a light pole. Police checked the area and detained a suspect at the corner of 29th Street and Pico Boulevard. The witness identified the suspect, who police said had a no-bail warrant for his arrest. During a search, police said they recovered several syringes in the suspect's possession. He was eventually booked for vandalism, possession of drug paraphernalia and a parole violation. He was identified as Matthew Case, 32, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.


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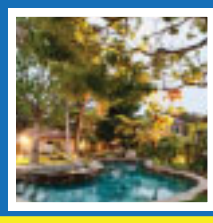
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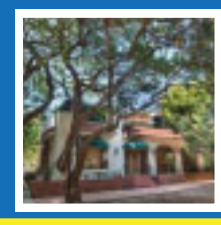
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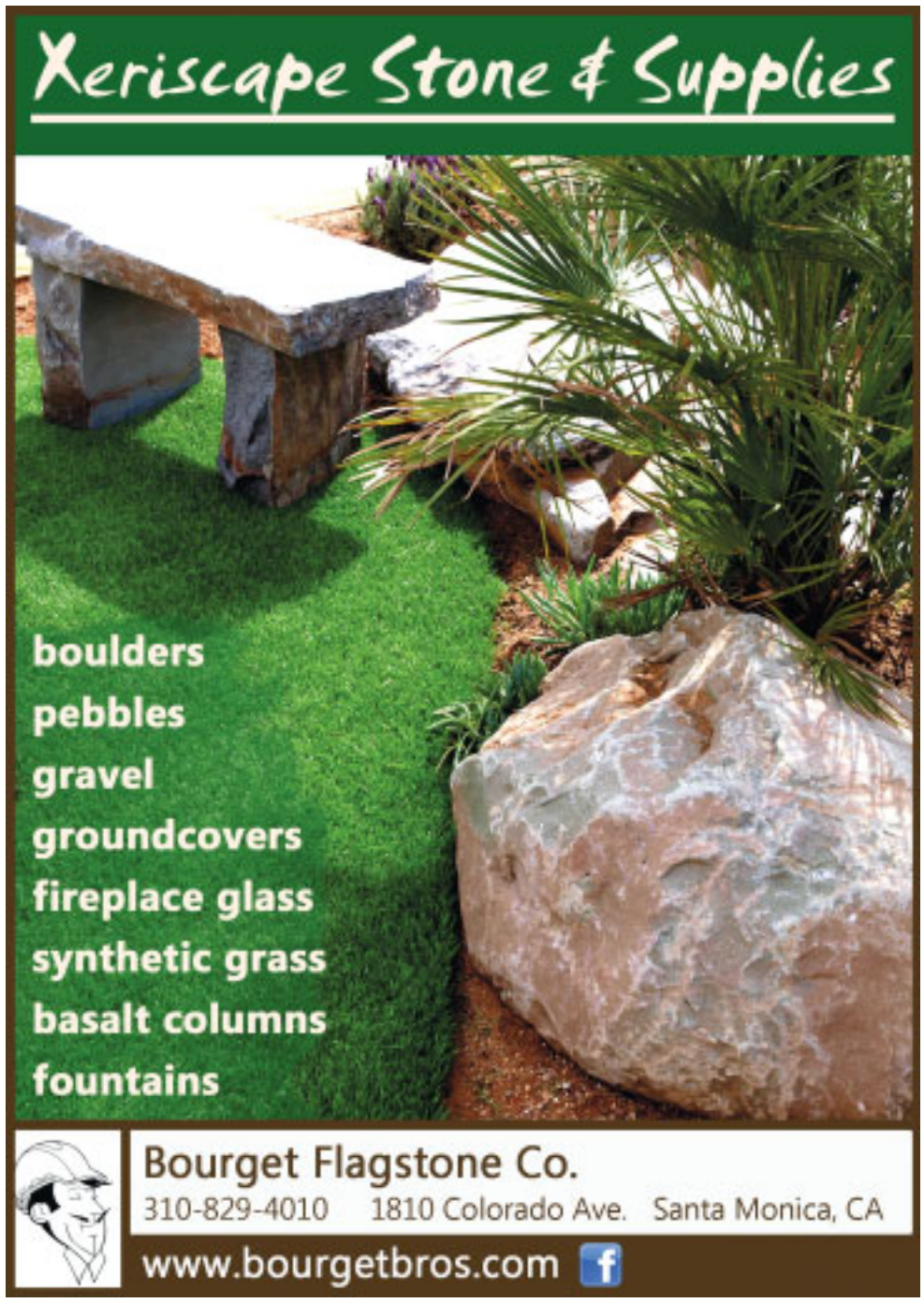
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## RULING
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hotel, which is owned by Tehmina Adaya. The owner is a Muslim of Pakistani descent.

The event was organized by Platinum Events, a marketing firm that had organized other gatherings at the Shangri-La after a $30-million renovation three years ago.

Workers and security guards at the Art Deco hotel were acting on Adaya's orders when they told members of the group to get out of the pool and spa and remove banners and literature, according to trial testimony.

In her testimony, Adaya denied ordering a halt to the event for fear that her family would cut off her financing. Adaya inherited control of the hotel from her father, Ahmad Adaya, a real estate tycoon and philanthropist who died in 2006.

Former Shangri-La employee Nathan Codrey testified in a deposition read during trial that Adaya used profanity as she ordered a halt to the event.

"If my (family finds) out there's a Jewish event here, they're going to pull money from me immediately," Codrey quoted her as saying.

The jury decided on Wednesday that the hotel and Adaya violated California's Unruh Civil Rights Act, which bars hotels and other business from discriminating on the basis of sex, race, color or religion, the Los Angeles Times reported.

"I'm very proud to be part of a group who stood up for what is right and what is just," said Ari Ryan, one of the plaintiffs.

The jury also found Adaya and the hotel inflicted emotional distress.

"This is a home run for the plaintiffs," their attorney said.

Adaya lawyer John Levitt refused to comment.




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MIDDLE OF THE LAWSUIT: **The Shangri-La Hotel is located on Ocean Avenue.**

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## FIRES
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One strike team is led by a battalion chief and equipped with five fire engines, each staffed by four firefighters, totaling 21 extra staffers including the chief in Malibu. The Malibu battalion chief will decide where the department positions the engines, which can be anywhere in the city.

The city of Malibu focuses its efforts on communication, warning the public of fire threats, urging residents to develop a plan and gather their valuables.

"We have a lot of different ways of getting the word out to people," said Emergency Services Coordinator Brad Davis.

Social media users can track updates by following Twitter account @MalibuEOC, liking the "City of Malibu Emergency Services" Facebook page or viewing the Nixle account bearing the same name. Non-Internet updates are available at (310) 456-9982 and on 1620 AM.

Incoming calls, e-mails and texts about potential fires can be received by subscribing to the Malibu Connect-CTY service.

In the event of residents being ordered to flee their homes, Malibu has yet to designate evacuation zones, as their locations hinge on where the fire will break out.

Residents can also prepare for brush fires by taking free CERT medical training classes at Malibu City Hall. The next round of lessons takes place in October, and those interested in attending should contact Davis at (310) 456-2489, ext. 260, or bdavis@malibucity.org.

"It's very, very popular," he said. "You will learn an extraordinary amount of information about being prepared and taking care of each other in an emergency."

Fire department inspector Quvondo Johnson brought up the lesser-known fire hazard of off-roading, explaining that hot dirt bike engines near brush can trigger a brush fire.

"It absolutely has happened," he said.

Johnson struggled to pinpoint specific instances, but a fire that raged in Ventura County last week was attributed to vehicle exhaust, the Los Angles Times reported.

The fire department requires Santa Monica Mountains' residents to clear all brush within 200 feet of their homes and inspects Malibu residences in June. If they find brush, the fire department reminds residents several times before they clear it themselves and fine the landowners.

It also calls for brush clearance through the "Ready! Set! Go!" program, which asks residents to remove brush near their homes, gather their valuables during fires, and leave when the L.A. County Sheriff enters the neighborhood and orders them out.

Davis stressed the importance of Malibu following orders when it is hit with a fire, especially as the city's population grows.

"It's really foolish to think that you can just sit there with your arms folded and wait for somebody else to come to your rescue," he said.

"People need to have a plan. They need to know where their evacuation routes are."

Davis also suggested that families plan a meeting place in case a fire disables phone or Internet communication.

Looking back, October marks five years since a 2007 brush fire charred Malibu Canyon and burned Malibu Presbyterian Church to the ground. Davis assures that the city has since enhanced its fire handling by modernizing its mass communication system.

Another major improvement came when Corral Canyon residents, whose neighborhood suffered through one of the 2007 fires, launched their own volunteer fire department, trained and equipped with their own fire engine.

"The homeowners up there really do understand that they need to have an active role in their own protection," he said.

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## ARREST
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reopened both investigations. Through DNA processing and new leads, Gross was identified and linked to both murders.

He was booked at the Santa Monica Jail for murder. His bail is set at $1 million, and he is expected to be arraigned Friday.

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## PROGRAM
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"That effort is happening across the country," she said.

Funding includes taxpayer money already earmarked for homeless services, along with donations raised by businesses and charities. About two dozen partners are involved. The project awards housing grants throughout the Los Angeles region, from downtown's Skid Row to suburban Pasadena and Santa Monica.

"Their work is a clear signal to the Los Angeles community that investing in an end to chronic and veteran homelessness is good for our communities in every respect. It not only reduces the strain on severely limited government resources, it makes our metropolitan area significantly more desirable as a place to live and work and spend," said Elise Buik, president and chief executive of United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

The federal government's goal is to end chronic and veteran homelessness by 2015 and local efforts are bearing fruit, said Barbara Poppe, executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council On Homelessness.

More than 100,000 people are chronically homeless in America every day, including 67,000 veterans. However, the number of long-term homeless has dropped by an estimated 40 percent over the past seven years thanks to strategic efforts around the nation, Poppe said.

"It's about using resources smartly," she said in a telephone interview. "Absolutely, it's within our grasp."

A federal plan sets ending chronic and veteran homelessness as its first goal, followed by eliminating homelessness among families and finally among other homeless people, Poppe said.

In addition, a $100 million program aims to help veterans who are on the street for brief periods.

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## GROUP
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15 to 20 residents from throughout the city that plans to begin advocating for what they feel is reasonable development, said Ivan Perkins, a Santa Monica resident and member.

The group is organized as a political action committee, an organization that can line up for or against candidates or measures in local elections, but it sees itself more as a neighborhood organization, Perkins said.

SMRG doesn't have current plans to do major fundraising or get "huge gobs of money together," Perkins said.

Accumulating "huge gobs of money" is one strength of a political action committee, particularly after the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision called Citizens United that threw the door open to donations from corporations and other groups with relatively few restrictions.

"I think that the basic goal that we have is to make sure that new development projects adhere to the Land Use and Circulation Element and that if there are departures from the LUCE to make sure that they benefit the city in various ways rather than just be a plan or project that most benefits and maximizes the developers' bottom line," Perkins said.

The LUCE, a document adopted in 2010 to help guide growth and development in Santa Monica, was formed during a seven-year process of public input and planning.

It creates a basic framework that will be fully fleshed out by 2013 when City Hall plans to have completed a new zoning ordinance, a document that will spell out exactly how the broad goals of the LUCE can be achieved.

Perkins said members of SMRG have taken issue with projects approved by the City Council or which are currently going through the public process, including the hotel at 710 Wilshire Blvd. — which was approved by the City Council earlier this year — and the proposed remodel of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel.

The group doesn't want to position itself against all development, Perkins said, just that which they feel runs counter to Santa Monica's aesthetic and planning interests.

The Fairmont Miramar Hotel is an example of development which has gotten many people riled.

It was an issue that coalesced a group of counter-candidates in a much-debated election in the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition, and those against it have been accused publicly of being organized by the Huntley Hotel, another luxury hotel immediately adjacent to the Fairmont Miramar that has come out strongly against the proposed renovations.

Perkins denied any association with the Huntley Hotel, saying that he had met the other members of the coalition through "all sorts of different contexts."

Santa Monica elections have a history of being influenced by groups that claim to be grassroots. There was Santa Monicans for Change, Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities and Santa Monicans for Quality Government. Each was backed by those in the hospitality industry or developers looking to defeat candidates that backed slow growth policies.

Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities went so far as to run cable television ads targeting Councilman Kevin McKeown, the first time such ads were used in a local election, political observers said. The group claimed to have hundreds of members, but never presented a roster to the media.

SMRG, which was created three weeks ago, may still be forming its identity in many ways, but it's already approached candidates for the City Council on their views on growth and development in a five-part questionnaire that grills them on city services, transportation and infrastructure, the LUCE, development and their "general vision."

The current goal is to get that information out to the public so that voters can make informed choices, Perkins said.

"Those … people are going to make decisions on how development is going to go forward," he said. "We want to know what their general perspective is — what they want to see, what they like and dislike — and communicate that."

Community-based organizations can aspire to have a major impact on local elections, said Terry Cooper, a professor at the USC Price School of Public Policy.

Cooper has not studied political action committees specifically, but he has spent the last 37 years examining community groups and how they attempt to participate directly in the governance process.

Those kinds of organizations, which SMRG represents itself to be, can take on multiple forms that influence elections, either by withholding funds from candidates or by organizing a large number of people to vote or not vote for a certain candidate or issue.

"In small numbers amongst the right kinds of people, they can have an impact," Cooper said.

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# Officials: CO2 emissions in U.S. drop to 20-year low

**KEVIN BEGOS**
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH In a surprising turnaround, the amount of carbon dioxide being released into the atmosphere in the U.S. has fallen dramatically to its lowest level in 20 years, and government officials say the biggest reason is that cheap and plentiful natural gas has led many power plant operators to switch from dirtier-burning coal.

Many of the world's leading climate scientists didn't see the drop coming, in large part because it happened as a result of market forces rather than direct government action against carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that traps heat in the atmosphere.

Michael Mann, director of the Earth System Science Center at Penn State University, said the shift away from coal is reason for "cautious optimism" about potential ways to deal with climate change. He said it demonstrates that "ultimately people follow their wallets" on global warming.

"There's a very clear lesson here. What it shows is that if you make a cleaner energy source cheaper, you will displace dirtier sources," said Roger Pielke Jr., a climate expert at the University of Colorado.

In a little-noticed technical report, the U.S. Energy Information Agency, a part of the Energy Department, said this month that total U.S. CO2 emissions for the first four months of this year fell to about 1992 levels. The Associated Press contacted environmental experts, scientists and utility companies and learned that virtually everyone believes the shift could have major long-term implications for U.S. energy policy.

While conservation efforts, the lagging economy and greater use of renewable energy are factors in the CO2 decline, the drop-off is due mainly to low-priced natural gas, the agency said.

A frenzy of shale gas drilling in the Northeast's Marcellus Shale and in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana has caused the wholesale price of natural gas to plummet from $7 or $8 per unit to about $3 over the past four years, making it cheaper to burn than coal for a given amount of energy produced. As a result, utilities are relying more than ever on gas-fired generating plants.

Both government and industry experts said the biggest surprise is how quickly the electric industry turned away from coal. In 2005, coal was used to produce about half of all the electricity generated in the U.S. The Energy Information Agency said that fell to 34 percent in March, the lowest level since it began keeping records nearly 40 years ago.

The question is whether the shift is just one bright spot in a big, gloomy picture, or a potentially larger trend.

Coal and energy use are still growing rapidly in other countries, particularly China, and CO2 levels globally are rising, not falling. Moreover, changes in the marketplace — a boom in the economy, a fall in coal prices, a rise in natural gas — could stall or even reverse the shift. For example, U.S. emissions fell in 2008 and 2009, then rose in 2010 before falling again last year.

Also, while natural gas burns cleaner than coal, it still emits some CO2. And drilling has its own environmental consequences, which are not yet fully understood.

"Natural gas is not a long-term solution to the CO2 problem," Pielke warned.

The International Energy Agency said the U.S. has cut carbon dioxide emissions more than any other country over the last six years. Total U.S. carbon emissions from energy consumption peaked at about 6 billion metric tons in 2007. Projections for this year are around 5.2 billion, and the 1990 figure was about 5 billion.

China's emissions were estimated to be about 9 billion tons in 2011, accounting for about 29 percent of the global total. The U.S. accounted for approximately 16 percent.

Mann called it "ironic" that the shift from coal to gas has helped bring the U.S. closer to meeting some of the greenhouse gas targets in the 1997 Kyoto treaty on global warming, which the United States never ratified. On the other hand, leaks of methane from natural gas wells could be pushing the U.S. over the Kyoto target for that gas.

Even with such questions, public health experts welcome the shift, since it is reducing air pollution.

"The trend is good. We like it. We are pleased that we're shifting away from one of the dirtiest sources to one that's much cleaner," said Janice Nolen, an American Lung Association spokeswoman. "It's been a real surprise to see this kind of shift. We certainly didn't predict it."

Power plants that burn coal produce more than 90 times as much sulfur dioxide, five times as much nitrogen oxide and twice as much carbon dioxide as those that run on natural gas, according to the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress. Sulfur dioxide causes acid rain and nitrogen oxides lead to smog.

Bentek, an energy consulting firm in Colorado, said that sulfur dioxide emissions at larger power plants in 28 Eastern, Midwestern and Southern states fell 34 percent during the past two years, and nitrous oxide fell 16 percent. Natural gas has helped the power industry meet federal air pollution standards earlier than anticipated, Bentek said.

Last year the Environmental Protection Agency issued its first rules to limit CO2 emissions from power plants, but the standards don't take effect until 2014 and 2015. Experts had predicted that the rules might reduce emissions over the long term, but they didn't expect so many utilities to shift to gas so early. And they think price was the reason.

"A lot of our units are running much more gas than they ever have in the past," said Melissa McHenry, a spokeswoman for Ohio-based American Electric Power Co. "It really is a reflection of what's happened with shale gas."

"In the near term, all that you're going to build is a natural gas plant," she said. Still, she warned: "Natural gas has been very volatile historically. Whether shale gas has really changed that — the jury is still out. I don't think we know yet."

Jason Hayes, a spokesman for the American Coal Council, based in Washington, predicted cheap gas won't last.

"Coal is going to be here for a long time. Our export markets are growing. Demand is going up around the world. Even if we decide not to use it, everybody else wants it," he said. Hayes also said the industry expects new coal-fired power plants will be built as pollution-control technology advances: "The industry will meet the challenge" of the EPA regulations.

The boom in gas production has come about largely because of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. Large volumes of water, plus sand and chemicals, are injected to break shale rock apart and free the gas.

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City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

**DATE/TIME:** August 20, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
ARB 12-109, 1700 Ocean Avenue: Hotel
ARB 12-175, 1011 4th Street: Residential
ARB 12-200, 1834 Euclid Street: Residential
ARB 12-280, 135 Wadsworth: Residential
ARB 12-292, 1401 3rd Street Promenade: Restaurant
ARB 12-295, 395 Santa Monica Place #210: Retail
ARB 12-296, 1757 Lincoln Boulevard: Automobile Service

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City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed ordinance to establish a Transportation Impact Fee

WHEN: Tuesday, August 28, 2012
6:30 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of an ordinance which would establish a Transportation Impact Fee charged for new development and intensified land uses that would fund transportation improvements such as new sidewalks, crosswalks, traffic signal upgrades, transit and bicycle facilities that are necessitated by the new trips associated with land use change. The fees would be charged based on residential units or commercial square footage. The fees would be effective 60 days after the second reading of the ordinance. The fee is proposed to be charged prior to issuance of building permits, unless state law requires the City to accept later fee payment.

The proposed Transportation Impact Fee reflects the costs associated with transportation improvements and the amount of new auto trips that can be attributed to land use changes. An explanation of the methodology to establish the fee is set forth in a study prepared for the City by Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates Inc. and Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants. A copy of this study is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available online at www.smgov.net/transportation (Transportation Section).

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter.

Letters should be addressed to: Mayor and City Council
City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
Further information may be obtained from the Strategic & Transportation Planning Division at the address above or by calling (310) 458-8341.

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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica, at or prior to the Public Hearing.

ESPANOL
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# U.S. forecast: Worst drought in decades leveling off in Midwest

**JIM SUHR**
AP Business Writer

ST. LOUIS The worst drought in the U.S. in decades may be leveling off or even be easing ever so slightly in some lucky locales, federal weather forecasters announced Thursday in a report of little comfort for farmers and ranchers who already have begun tallying this year's losses.

While the latest forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center calls for the drought to linger in the nation's breadbasket and parts of some mountain states at least through November, it provided a silver lining with the news that conditions aren't expected to get worse.

Conditions may even improve in the Southwest and in a band sweeping from South Dakota through a section of Iowa and east to southern Indiana, then south to Texas. Some areas have seen rain and cooler temperatures in recent weeks, although one forecaster cautioned he doesn't expect enough extra rain to end the drought.

Ed O'Lenic, a seasonal forecaster at the center, said his September-through-November outlook "is taking away the dry, but not necessarily making it wet." Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel, a drought expert, said he would describe the drought as "leveling off," rather than easing.

The rain and break in 100-degree temperatures comes too late for most farmers and ranchers, who already have seen crops wither and pastures dry up. Corn farmers in some areas cut their fields weeks ago, giving the year up as a loss. Many ranchers have sold livestock because they had no grass for grazing or money to buy feed.

Even farmers who still have crops in the field aren't likely to benefit from rain this late in the growing season. In some areas, farmers who planted corn early in the unusually warm spring have started harvesting.

"The impact in a lot of places has been done for this year, and any easing will just help things out a little next year," said Mike Brewer, a National Climatic Data Center scientist who put together the latest weekly U.S. Drought Monitor map released by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Brewer's update showed the drought worsening in Kansas and Nebraska even as it eased in other key farming states.

Overall, the amount of the continental U.S. mired in drought remained about the same at 61.8 percent as of Tuesday. The portion enduring extreme or exceptional drought — the two worst classifications — also remained virtually unchanged at 24.14 percent.

In Iowa, the nation's leader in corn production, there was good news, with the amount of land in the two worst categories of drought dropping 7 percentage points in the past week to 62.05 percent, thanks to recent storms.

Conditions also got slightly better in Illinois, another key supplier of corn and soybeans, with the amount of land in the two worst drought categories slipping from 81.18 percent to 79.54 percent.

But in Nebraska, the amount of land in exceptional drought spiked by 19 percentage points to 22.5 percent, and in Kansas, it jumped from 38.6 percent to 63.3 percent.

The deepening drought continues to strain Ken Grecian, a Kansas rancher who has sold off one-fourth of his 320-cow herd as heat and drought burned up his pastures. He has spent the summer scrambling to find grazing and haul water to his cattle.

Just last Friday, he peddled 37 more cows at a sale barn and took all his calves to a feedlot to take the stress off his remaining animals. Cows that were nursing had started to lose body fat, and their ribs and backbone were showing.

Grecian, 62, who lives near Hays, said he feels fortunate he has been able to move the cows he has left to 1,000 acres of conservation land opened for grazing by the federal government.

"We will find a way to keep these cows through the winter," he said. "I guess the sad reality is we won't know until spring whether we are out of this situation. We have to have precipitation — in the form of snow and spring and fall rains — to put enough moisture back in the soil to grow pastureland."

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Environmentalists say that the fluids can pollute underground drinking water supplies and that methane leaks from drilling cause serious air pollution and also contribute to global warming. The industry and many government officials say the practice is safe when done properly. But there have been cases in which faulty wells did pollute water, and there is little reliable data about the scale of methane leakage.

"The Sierra Club has serious doubts about the net benefits of natural gas," said Deborah Nardone, director of the group's Beyond Natural Gas campaign.

"Without sufficient oversight and protections, we have no way of knowing how much dangerous pollution is being released into Americans' air and water by the gas industry. For those reason, our ultimate goal is to replace coal with clean energy and energy efficiency and as little natural gas as possible."

Wind supplied less than 3 percent of the nation's electricity in 2011 according to EIA data, and solar power was far less. Estimates for this year suggest that coal will account for about 37 percent of the nation's electricity, natural gas 30 percent, and nuclear about 19 percent.

Some worry that cheap gas could hurt renewable energy efforts.

"Installation of new renewable energy facilities has now all but dried up, unable to compete on a grid now flooded with a low-cost, high-energy fuel," two experts from Colorado's Renewable and Sustainable Energy Institute said in an essay posted this week on Environment360, a Yale University website.

How much further the shift from coal to natural gas can go is unclear. Bentek says that power companies plan to retire 175 coal-fired plants over the next five years. That could bring coal's $CO_2$ emissions down to 1980 levels. However, the EIA predicts prices of natural gas will start to rise a bit next year, and then more about eight years from now.

Despite unanswered questions about the environmental effects of drilling, the gas boom "is actually one of a number of reasons for cautious optimism," Mann said. "There's a lot of doom and gloom out there. It is important to point out that there is still time" to address global warning.

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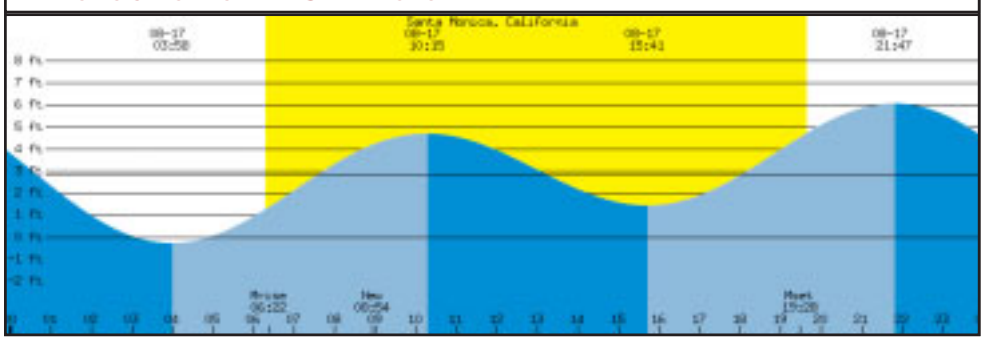
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**QUICK STATS** (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks. | ns | ns |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | ns |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Pearce State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd. | A | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | A | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily. | A | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | F | ns |
| Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | ns |
| Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs. | A+ | ns |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Tuna Canyon. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A+ | ns |

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

**PAT GRAHAM**
AP Sports Writer

DENVER Major League Baseball owners approved the sale of the San Diego Padres on Thursday to a group that includes the O'Malley family and pro golfer Phil Mickelson.

Commissioner Bud Selig announced the endorsement after the conclusion of the owners meetings in Denver.

Under the deal, the group will buy the franchise from John Moores for around $800 million. The final closing of the sale will be on or before Aug. 31.

The new ownership group includes Kevin and Brian O'Malley, the sons of former Los Angeles Dodgers owner Peter O'Malley. Peter and Tom Seidler — the nephews of Peter O'Malley — also will be involved in the deal. Two of the four are expected to move to San Diego.

"This group knows what it takes to compete," Selig said. "They're very optimistic. I'm optimistic. I've gone over their projections, gone over everything. I think their projections are optimistic, but realistic. This is a good day for baseball.

"I think Padres fans have a right to be very happy today — very happy."

Ron Fowler, chief executive of Liquid Investments, is set to become controlling owner and executive chairman, Peter Seidler said. He also gave a vote of confidence to CEO Tom Garfinkel and general manager Josh Byrnes.

As for what name this new ownership group may operate under, Seidler smiled and said, "The Padres."

No, really.

"Really, the 'Padres Group,'" he said. "We want the attention and spotlight to be on a great product on the field. We're going to be supportive and do everything we can to bring that down to San Diego. We're a bunch of Padres up here."

The agreement with the new group came months after Jeff Moorad's attempt to buy the team on a layaway plan collapsed. Moores' deal with Moorad, who began his attempted purchase of the club in 2009, was valued at about $500 million. Moores' divorce forced him to put the team on the market in 2009.

Selig said it's going to be difficult to say farewell to Moores.

"I saw him this morning and I got very emotional," Selig said. "John did a lot of wonderful things for baseball. Very helpful for me, during a time when things weren't, frankly, as great as they are right now. I know it's the right thing for him to do. Believe me, I like John Moores a lot. He did a lot for this sport — a lot."

Selig said he was amazed at the ease with which this deal got approved by the owners.

"There's always a little bit of a problem here or a problem there," Selig said. "They were very cooperative. They came in and had all of their work done. It was just easy. There was no other way to say it, it was just easy."

The price for this sale was inflated thanks to a deal with Fox and the recent sale of the Dodgers for $2 billion.

San Diego fans hope a change in owners can turn around the Padres, who regularly have had one of baseball's lowest payrolls and have largely struggled since reaching the 1998 World Series. The Padres are 52-67 this season and sit in fourth place in the NL West.

"We're looking for a long, consistent ownership group here," Fowler said. "As a San Diegan — I've been there for 30-plus years now — I think it's great for baseball in San Diego, that the O'Malley family and the Seidler family are going to be the owners. I'm looking forward to having some fun over the next five to 10 years."

MLB

# Giants GM Sabean shocked by Cabrera's suspension

**JANIE MCCAULEY**
AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO San Francisco Giants general manager Brian Sabean says his club has two suspended veteran players who should know better than to use performance-enhancing drugs.

A day after outfielder and All-Star game MVP Melky Cabrera received a 50-game suspension for a positive testosterone test, Sabean says he was "so taken aback it was deflating" when he received word from Major League Baseball.

Gregor Blanco will move into the regular role as left fielder in place of Cabrera, who joins reliever and teammate Guillermo Mota as two of the four big leaguers suspended this season.

The Giants, who trailed the Dodgers by one game in the NL West heading into Thursday's off day, will continue to work to educate players regarding the major league drug program.

San Francisco is calling up right-hander Eric Hacker and outfielder Justin Christian ahead of a weekend series at San Diego.



# MOVIE TIMES

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12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

**Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min**
1:00pm, 4:45pm, 8:30pm

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1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm

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1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

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# Know when to call it a night, Leo

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your spunk comes out no matter what you do right now. Your humor and grace appeal to many people; however, use these traits with care. If you're out and about, complete errands first in order to have some free time later. Tonight: Out with pals you see often.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your focus is on home and perhaps an emotional or financial investment in a property or domestic matter. You might be too serious as you look at the pluses and minuses of this situation. Lighten up by choosing a fun activity or spending time with a child. Tonight: Get loosened up for the weekend.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing, and know what is necessary to accomplish what you want. It would be easier with more support. A child or particular situation rains on your parade and throws some heaviness into the moment. Tonight: Home is where the action is.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Balance your budget before you make any decisions to spend more money. You need to tame the wild-spending child within that sometimes comes out. Tonight: Let the discussion continue.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Make the extra effort to understand an unhappy friend or somber situation. You can say everything you want, but you cannot change the prevailing mood. At this point, resolutions have momentum. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Enjoy a short period of being in the background, where you can ponder and observe what is happening. Before you know it, you must take a proactive stance. Tonight: The world is your oyster ... finally.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You get through a situation quickly with certainty and direction. You also have style and determination. Just the same, you see a matter differently from and perhaps even a bit more negatively than others. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others bend -- with some difficulty -- to your way of thinking. You might feel some resistance from someone, but ultimately this, too, will pass. Bring others together toward the end of the day. You just might be able to celebrate. Tonight: The more, the merrier.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ An overview helps you gain understanding. You might not be ready to take the lead just yet. Realize the opportunities that lie in the near future. Make a call to someone at a distance to discuss plans for the short term. Tonight: You might be more visible than you would like.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Reach out for someone you care about, and do more listening. You could be challenged by someone who considers him- or herself to be your supervisor. Tonight: Loosen up to good music.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others come toward you. Clearly they know what they want and will ask you for exactly that. Honor who you are, and ask for more feedback. One-on-one relating takes you down a new path. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by what remains on your plate. Dig in, and get as much done as possible. You will show the results of a hard day's work, and you will be even happier to greet the evening. Tonight: Go with someone's suggestion.

## Happy birthday

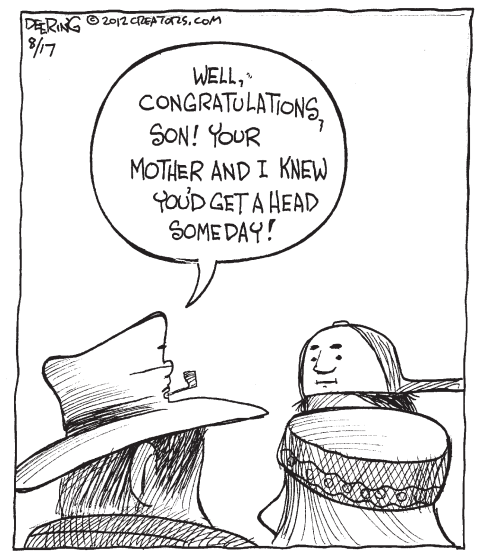
This year marks a new beginning in your life, and you feel as if nothing can stop you. Use this powerful time to manifest a key desire or long-term goal. Your ability to focus defines your success. If you are single, you certainly will be noticed. Sometimes you overspend in an effort to impress others. Be your authentic self, and you could meet someone significant to your life history. If you are attached, the two of you might have very different approaches to reaching your goals. You'll learn not only to respect, but also to help each other achieve what he or she wants. VIRGO can be intrusive about your finances.

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

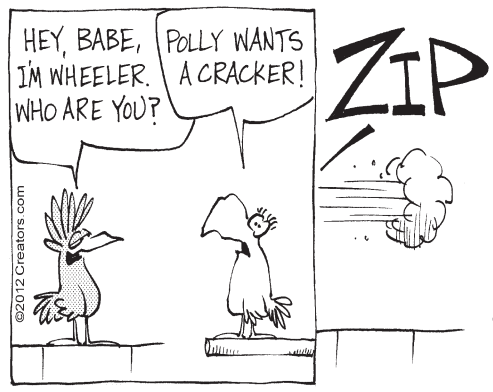
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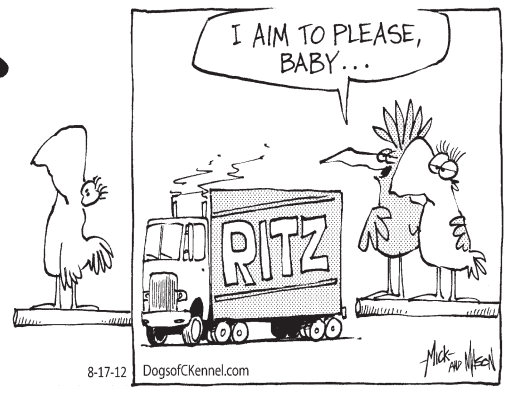



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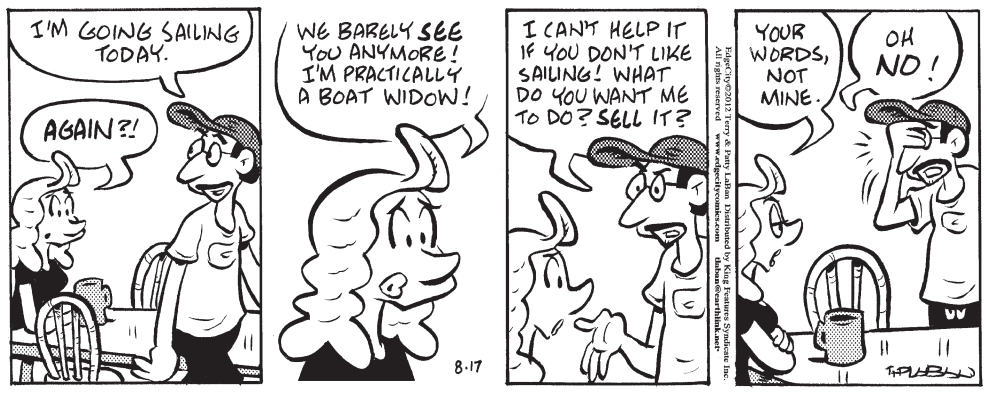



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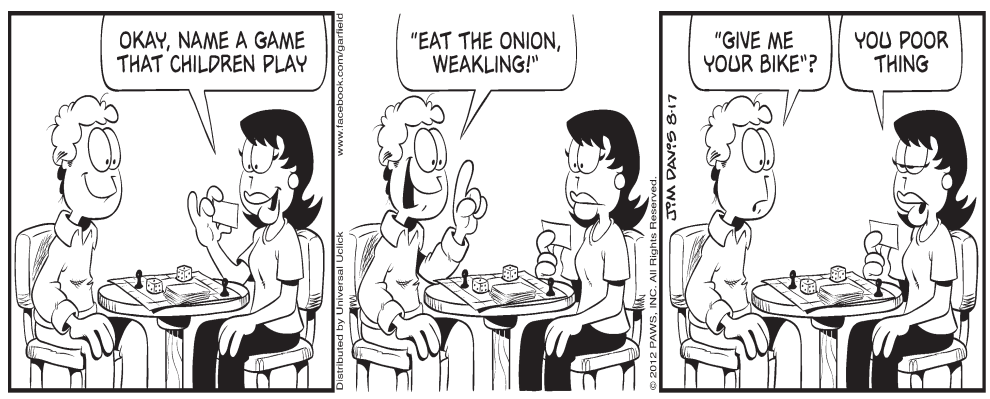


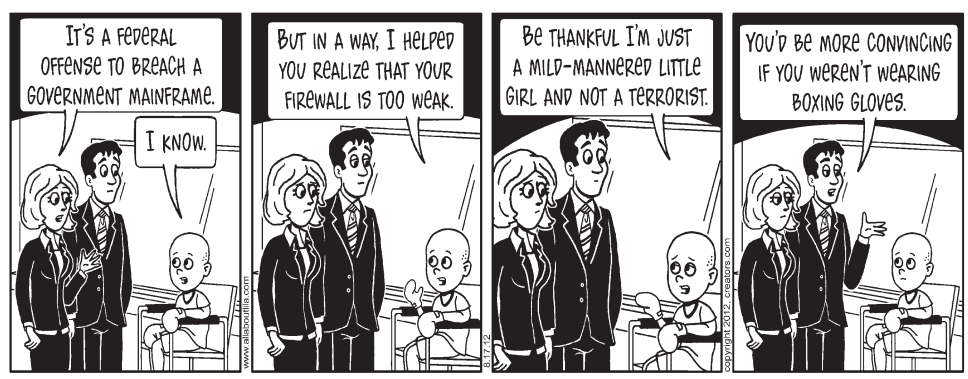

## Edge City
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# Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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## GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# *CROSSWORD*

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Fancy do
**5** Ultimate
**9** Cup, perhaps
**11** Drive
**13** Knight's weapon
**14** Elk's cousin
**15** Jar part
**16** Mission-ary
**18** Sup-presses
**20** Road sealer
**21** Derisive look
**22** Hardy heroine
**23** Mongrel sound
**24** Naughty
**25** Aspirin target
**27** Swagger-ing
**29** Abby's sis
**30** Men of the cloth
**32** Sailor's star
**34** Carnival spot
**35** Bring out
**36** Canvas holder
**38** Sports summary
**39** Politician Lott
**40** Snow runners
**41** Italian wine region

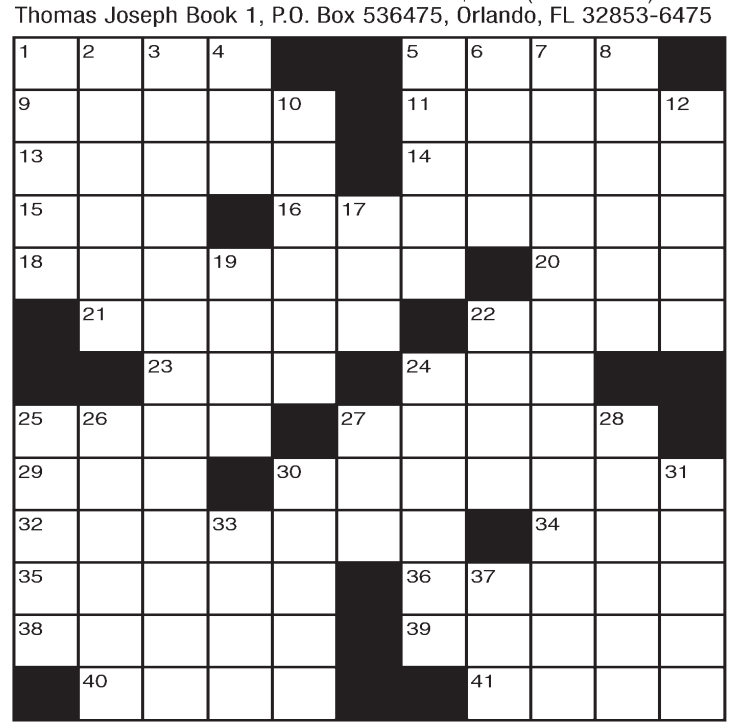
**DOWN**

**1** Irritates
**2** Looks forward to
**3** Faulkner story
**4** Pendulum path
**5** Long rides
**6** Writer Oz
**7** Faulkner story
**8** Magnetic induction units
**10** Vegas worker
**12** Wolfish looks
**17** For each
**19** Forest plant
**22** Diplomat-ic skill
**24** Long-eared hound
**25** Origami need
**26** Battery ends
**27** Month after avril
**28** Set right
**30** Gets ready, briefly
**31** Conduc-tor Georg
**33** Berry consid-ered a superfruit
**37** Coach Parse-ghian

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Meganumber: 32
Jackpot: $45M

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Draw Date: 8/15
2 18 23 24 39
Meganumber: 5
Jackpot: $13M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 8/16
2 6 18 22 38

**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 8/16
MIDDAY: 6 2 5
EVENING: 7 6 8

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Draw Date: 8/16
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Chicago staged its annual gun buy-back program in June (a $100 gift card for every firearm turned in) amidst its worst homicide epidemic in years, in which 259 have died on city streets in the first six months of 2012. However, the program appears to be, inadvertently, a win-win project for both anti- and pro-gun forces. The city reported that 5,500 guns were removed from circulation (bringing the total to 23,000 since the program was inaugurated), and included this year were several machine guns. On the other hand, 60 of this year's guns were handed in by a local pro-gun organization, Guns Save Life, which promised to use its gift cards to buy ammunition for a National Rifle Association-supported shooting camp for kids.

■ Jacksonville, Fla., sheriff's officers were investigating in July a suspect (not identified) who they believe is responsible for several incidents in which boxes of ready-to-use saline enemas were purchased at a CVS drugstore, opened, used, put back in the boxes, resealed and returned for refund (and which in some cases wound up back on the store's shelves). The sheriff's office noted that the man they suspect is in custody, having been arrested on unrelated charges in June.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1988** - Pakistani President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq and U.S. Ambassador Arnold Raphel are killed in a plane crash.

**1999** - A 7.4-magnitude earthquake strikes ‹zmit, Turkey, killing more than 17,000 and injuring 44,000.

**2004** - The National Assembly of Serbia unanimously adopts new state symbols for Serbia: Boze Pravde becomes the new anthem and the coat of arms is adopted for the whole country.

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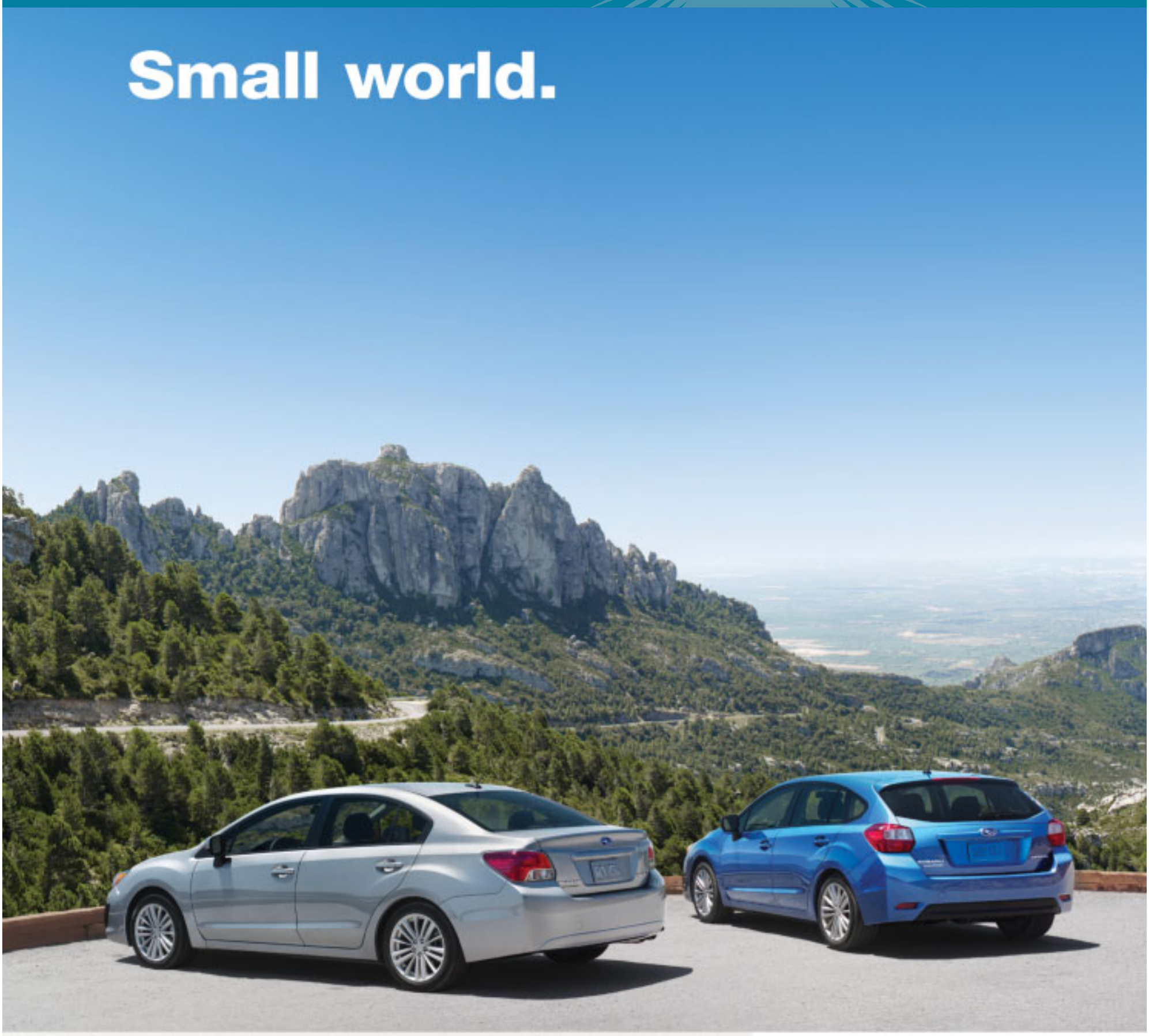
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