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THE AFTERGLOW ISSUE

Trio charged in Santa Monica rental scam

Customers complain to city officials of double-booking, theft, misrepresentation

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office filed an 18-count criminal complaint Thursday against three Los Angeles County residents for allegedly cheating customers out of thousands of dollars in a rental scam.

Eran Shabtay, Ann Dora Shabtay and Stacy Gale Shabtay face counts of grand theft, false advertising and operating without a business license for shady dealings while renting out a property near Second Street and Ocean Park Boulevard in Santa Monica to unwitting customers trying to book a stay in the seaside town.

Four customers — one international traveler and three from the United States — went to the Santa Monica City Attorney Office's Consumer Protection Unit with complaints about the property.

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COMEBACK WIN

Paul Alvarez Jr. *news@smdp.com*

Above: Santa Monica's Jackson Hauty scores a goal against one of Sunny Hill's defenders at home. Samohi entered the second half down but would go on to win, 9-8, on Thursday afternoon.

Right: Samohi's fans cheer on the boys' waterpolo team at home against Sunny Hill as the Vikings comeback to win the first round playoff game.



Developers, staff talk money in development agreements

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City officials proposed modifying their approach to calculating the value of some developments Wednesday night, something developers hold is fundamentally flawed and could prevent both new build-

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Change coming to Obama's team, just not right away

JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Big changes are coming to President Barack Obama's administration — just not right away.

The White House is making the nation's high-stakes fiscal crisis its top priority coming out of the election, underscoring the vital importance of averting severe year-end tax increases and spending cuts, not just for the economy but in setting the tone for Obama's second term.

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Gamers are invited to the library to play XBOX 360 Kinect and, if you're into more old school pursuits, board games. Ages 4 and up. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Award winner
The Santa Monica Little Theater
2420 Santa Monica Blvd., 8 p.m.
Pulitzer Prize-winner "How I Learned to Drive" is a funny, surprising, and devastating tale of survival as seen through the lens of a troubling relationship between a young girl and an older man. This is the story of a woman who learns the rules of the road and life from behind the wheel. For more information, call (213) 268-1454.

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012

Walk for a cure
Crescent Bay Park
Bicknell and Ocean avenues, 9 a.m.
The Alliance for Lupus Research is hosting Walk with Us to raise funds for the cure. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, visit www.lupusresearch.org.

Looking for crafts?
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
The holidays wouldn't be the same without arts and crafts sales. Kick off the season and do good at the same time. The Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale features holiday gifts from talented local artists with proceeds supporting Upward Bound House, providing housing for homeless families. For more information, visit www.smbwc.org.

Skating in the sunshine
ICE at Santa Monica
1324 Fifth St., 2 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Ice skating by the beach? The annual ICE at Santa Monica rink returns to give locals a taste of winter. For more information, visit www.downtownsm.com/ice.

Going bananas
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Main St., 8 p.m.
Meet Josephine Baker in the flesh, as award-winning actress/playwright Sloan Robinson brings this fascinating woman to brilliant life in "Bananas: A Day in the Life of Josephine Baker." Cost: $20. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 1.

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012

Sweet sounds
Santa Monica High School, Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Santa Monica Symphony Association's new concert season starts with its first performance of "Egmont Overture" by Beethoven, "Variations on a Theme" by Haydn, and "Scheherazade" by Rimsky-Korsakov. Guido Lamell is the new conductor and music director. Cost: Free. For more information, call (310) 278-5657.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Cops get grants to target DUIs, poor driving

The Santa Monica Police Department has been awarded two traffic safety grants totaling $143,200 for programs aimed at preventing deaths and injuries in the city by the sea, authorities announced Thursday.

The grants were awarded by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

SMPD Capt. Carolin Larson said one grant for $43,200 will enable the police department to arrest people driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and provide education to the community through DUI/driver's license checkpoints.

Drunk and drugged driving is among America's deadliest crimes. In 2010, 791 people were killed and over 24,000 injured in alcohol and drug-impaired crashes in California, police said.

Crashes involving alcohol drop by an average of 20 percent when well-publicized checkpoints are conducted often enough. Checkpoints have proven to be the most effective of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while yielding considerable cost savings of $6 for every $1 spent, police said.

"DUI checkpoints have been an essential part of the phenomenal reduction in DUI deaths that we witnessed from 2006 to 2010 in California," said Christopher J. Murphy, director of the Office of Traffic Safety. "But since the tragedy of DUI accounts for nearly one third of traffic fatalities, Santa Monica needs the high visibility enforcement and public awareness that this grant will provide."

Lt. Jay Trisler said the second grant for $100,000 will be used to pay for specialized DUI and drugged driving training, DUI saturation patrols and an increased focus on motorcycle safety, distracted driving enforcement and those caught speeding or running red lights.

Funding for both grants ultimately came from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For more information call Sgt. Philbo Rubish at the Traffic Enforcement Unit, (310) 458-8950.

– KEVIN HERRERA

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MEN AT WORK: **A city work crew builds a trash enclosure on the property where popular eatery Chez Jay sits.**

City Hall drops Chez Jay landmark appeal

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVE City officials have dropped their appeal of a landmark designation for the parcel that contains the Chez Jay restaurant, opting instead to go to the Landmarks Commission to get permission to continue building a disputed trash enclosure at the end of the property.

City officials could not pursue both the appeal and application for what's called a "certificate of appropriateness" at the same time, and so decided to go through the commission, said Martin Pastucha, director of Public Works for City Hall.

A construction crew began work on a trash enclosure at the back end of the property after it became a city landmark. By Oct. 19, an appeal had been filed with the Planning Department bearing Pastucha's signature.

The appeal caused a stir amongst supporters of the Chez Jay landmark designation, which protected the restaurant and the land it sat on from significant changes without permission of the Landmarks Commission.

Attorney Kenneth Kutcher contacted the department, pointing out irregularities with the appeal application like the lack of an explanation for the appeal or even evidence that a filing fee had been paid.

Furthermore, it was unclear if the appeal had been filed on time — the date on the paperwork read Oct. 18, but had been scratched out and written over.

The trash enclosure had been planned for months as a place to gather refuse from the restaurant, adjacent hotel and new park that is currently under construction at the back end of the property.

Owners of Chez Jay were not thrilled with the placement, which stands between the new park and what they hope will be an outdoor dining component to the restaurant.

They are still in limbo. City Hall planned to put the lease for the property out to bid to bring in a restaurant operator that would fit with the new $47 million park.

The restaurant owners planned to apply, but uncertainty over the ownership of the land underneath Chez Jay caused by the loss of the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency has thrown a wrench into the process.

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Should've voted yes on 34

Editor:

I have practiced criminal defense for over 40 years, most as a public defender. I have tried six cases where the prosecution sought the death penalty. I have one client on death row. His initial appeal was argued about two months ago before the state Supreme Court after about 18 years on death row. My client is in his 70s. Even if the court affirms his death sentence, it will be many years before he gets an attorney appointed at taxpayer expense for his state habeas and many more years before his state habeas petition is filed and heard by the court.

Of course, after all that, he will enter the federal system if his death sentence still exists and if he still exists. There are too many problems that exist with the death penalty and its enforcement to mention all of them in this letter, but besides the enormous cost at a time when our state cannot afford it, here are a few.

First, it is not applied equally and I am not just referring to the racial disparity. There is also the fact that the same type of crime with the same type of individual committing it often results in a death verdict in Long Beach or Van Nuys, but a life without parole verdict Downtown.

The prosecution is even more likely to seek death in certain parts of L.A. County than in other parts because they know that their chances of getting a death verdict is greater in those areas. This is not just a county problem, but a state problem as jurors in areas like San Francisco are much more likely to reject the death alternative than in Riverside or San Bernardino counties. For that reason, the prosecution is less likely to even seek the death penalty. Should one's life be decided by where they live as opposed to what they did?

I have friends now who still handle death penalty cases. They tell me that their clients often say to them that they want a death sentence rather than life without parole if they are convicted because they know that it will be many years before they are executed (if at all) and that their life will be much better on death row than in the general population with their single cell, television, better access to the yard and the phone, etc.

For those who say that the death sentence is a deterrent, I have represented over 100 clients charged with murder and never had any of them say they contemplated what the punishment would be before they committed their crime. And for those who say that the problem is with the system, that is not going to change in California nor should it as death is too final to speed it along. With DNA and other new forensic advances, who knows how many more convicted inmates will be exonerated.

Finally, for those who say that the families of the victims want it, the reality is that just as often they would be satisfied with life without parole and, probably even more often, if they knew the reality regarding the far better conditions that the death row inmates live in for many, many years. The costs of the death penalty are enormous, it is not fairly applied, and it doesn't work.

Mark Kaiserman
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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The elephant not in the room

THIS PAST ELECTION SEASON I RECEIVED more robocalls than I have friends. Lots more. Each morning I was greeted with so many urgent e-mails telling me I had to save the country. The combination of guilt and depression made me crawl back to bed.

Friends accused me of having little faith, but with the Koch brothers and Citizens United, I couldn't help it. Apparently Citizens United wasn't so united. Thank God. (Actually, thank the person who leaked the "47 percent" video.)

On election night the race for president was decided mercifully early. So I switched to Fox News to get their slant. (To be honest, I switched to watch them go berserk.) Fox had just declared Obama the winner, but, much to my delight, Karl Rove was having a hissy fit.

Whining like a school girl, Rove insisted there was still hope for Romney to win the presidency. (Can you say cuckoo?) As the camera followed her, the female anchor had no choice but to walk off the set to Fox's "decision room." As the experts stood by their decision, Rove steamed like a pile of … well, you get the picture. I suppose for Rove a fair election must be a bitter pill to swallow.

Comedian Dennis Miller was equally unhinged. Looking like he was on antidepressants or not enough of them, he was on Bill O'Reilly's show bemoaning that Democrats had "demonized Romney, a great man and a great patriot." (So great that during Vietnam he moved to France.) Remember when Dennis Miller used to be funny?

Also bonkers were Ted Nugent (with Ted how can one tell?) and Donald (Birther Boy) Trump, who angrily tweeted that Obama had lost the popular vote. (In fact he may have won by 3,000,000.) Inexplicably, The Donald called "for a revolution," even though in most revolutions billionaires, especially those who own golf courses, are the first to be hanged.

It was a trying night for the right. As Alec Baldwin tweeted, "You know your party is in trouble when people ask did the rape guy win, and you have to ask which one?" There was Teabagger Todd Akin, Missouri Senate candidate and his infamous "legitimate rape" remark. (Adding that the female body can shut the pregnancy down.) And there was Indiana Teabagger Senate candidate Richard Mourdock who preached that a pregnancy resulting from rape is "something God intended." Surprise, surprise, both lost in states the GOP should have won.

GOP moderates optimistically see the election as a future chance for the party to reach out to women and minorities. They could start by knocking off the insane rape comments. And next time if a Sandra Fluke testifies before Congress about birth control included in her health insurance, maybe don't have Rush Limbaugh call her a slut.

It didn't help with black voters when Colin Powell endorsed Obama that John Sununu ignorantly suggested that he had done so because the president was "somebody of his own race." (Powell's heroic service to America and he has to listen to racist garbage?) Sununu desperately tried to walk back the gaffe (a gaffe being accidentally telling the truth), but nobody with a brain was buying it.

And perhaps at the next GOP convention, instead of Clint Eastwood talking to a chair (some thought he was funny, I thought he was weird) have the audience look more like America and less like a country club. Actually, in a way, Eastwood was the perfect choice: old, mega-millionaire, crabby, white guy. (Forgive me, but the only people of color I saw at the GOP convention were pushing brooms.)

And maybe in a historic period of wealth inequality 1%-er Romney, who has elevators for his cars, wasn't the ideal candidate. And it couldn't have helped when Sandy devastated millions that Romney was for eliminating FEMA.

Also it didn't seem terribly genuine for Romney to seek auto workers' votes when he had opposed Obama's bailout, which merely saved the entire industry. Worse yet was Romney's desperate suggestion to Ohio workers that Jeep was taking their jobs to China when he had to know it wasn't true.

Underestimating women (three female U.S. Senators in 1992, and now there'll be 20!) minorities, the gay and lesbian communities, the youth vote, union workers, so many on the right, like Newt (Moon Colonizer) Gingrich, predicted a Romney landslide. Similar forecasts came from the much-respected George Will and the much-disrespected Fox's Dick Morris. (Former Clinton advisor fired because he allowed his prostitute to listen in on conversations with the president.)

Poor Mitt. In Massachusetts he lost by 23.4 points, the largest in a candidate's home state in 100 years. (He also lost in his birth state, Michigan, and in New Hampshire and California where he has homes, the latter equipped with car elevators.)

In 2008, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell blatantly announced that his top priority was seeing that Obama was a one-term president. His callous obstructionism failed both party and country. As cooperation is clearly what the voters are demanding, let's hope McConnell learned something from watching Chris Christie's working with Obama during Hurricane Sandy. If not, it's likely it may be a long time before the GOP elephant is in the room, that room being the Oval Office.

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City recalls scandal-plagued councilmembers

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SAN FERNANDO, Calif. San Fernando voters successfully ousted their mayor and a councilwoman through a recall, after a scandalous affair between two councilmembers played out publicly like a local government-themed soap opera.

About 85 percent of voters supported the recall of Mayor Brenda Esqueda and councilmembers Maribel De La Torre and Mario Hernandez, according to the Los Angeles Daily News. Hernandez had resigned his post in July.

His announcement that he was having an affair with De La Torre at a Nov. 21, 2011, meeting raised the curtain on a broken city government.

Hernandez shocked meeting attendees when he announced he'd had an affair and he and his wife were separated — despite his wife's immediate objections that they were still married. She had been seated in the front row of the meeting until Hernandez had her removed from the meeting by police when she interrupted him to say, "I'm his wife... we weren't separated."

He then adjourned the meeting and left with De La Torre.

The San Fernando Sun first reported details of the meeting in the small town in the San Fernando Valley.

The councilmembers' affair quickly fizzled, reaching a low point when Hernandez and De La Torre each took out restraining orders against each other, leading a court to order them to stay 100 yards away from each other after a confrontation over an iPad.

De La Torre, who was elected in 2001 and backed the city's Aquatic Center, told the newspaper she's not sad about the recall.

"It's been a wonderful 12 years of public service. I'm going to breathe, relax, and enjoy life all over again. I leave a legacy that will impact San Fernando," she said.

Esqueda, who had been accused of having an affair with a city police sergeant, said she had a heavy heart about the recall.

"I believe the voters were intimidated... by a police department trying to take over local government," Esqueda said.

Voters chose Jesse Avila to replace Esqueda and Robert Gonzales to replace Hernandez.

Televangelist testifies in bankruptcy case

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LOS ANGELES The Rev. Robert H. Schuller, who was among the best-known faces of America's televangelist heyday, has asserted in a federal bankruptcy court that he never gave up ownership of his books and other teachings even though the ministry he founded used them freely, including on the Internet.

Schuller, 86, testified Wednesday in U.S. District Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles to support claims that Crystal Cathedral Ministries owes him and various family members more than $5 million following the financial collapse of the televangelist empire that produces "Hour of Power." Schuller, his wife, and a daughter and son-in-law say the ministry owes them for unpaid contracts, copyright infringement and intellectual property rights.

The ministry filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2010, citing $50 million in debts.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange bought the soaring, glass-paned cathedral that Schuller built in 1980 as a pulpit for his televised sermons in bankruptcy proceedings last year. The remaining congregation plans to move to a new location next year.

Schuller testified Wednesday that he — and not the ministry — owned his creative works although he let them use the works as long as they did not sell his materials to competitors, The Orange County Register reported (http://bitly.com/UnJ7JC). He also did not receive royalties from the books and shared all profits with the church, he said.

"We never had anything in writing. We just had an understanding," he said, according to the newspaper. "A gentleman's understanding."

Schuller at times appeared confused or gave answers that appeared to contradict previous sworn statements in court documents, the newspaper reported.

He also said he was chairman of the board of directors for Crystal Cathedral Ministries when, in fact, he and his wife severed all connection with the church earlier this year.

His daughter, Carol Schuller Milner, said outside court that his memory troubles were based on stress.

"He's very present and loving life, but when he starts sensing there is a conflict, he reacts," she said. "He cannot even fathom (this case) could be happening."

Schuller and his wife, Arvella, also say they are owed nearly $5.1 million because the ministry rejected an agreement that would have paid the couple $300,000 for the rest of their lives. Milner and her husband also allege claims of about $272,000 for work they did for the church that has gone unpaid, the Register reported.

About $12.5 million is still owed to creditors, including vendors who provided services for the cathedral's annual Easter and Christmas spectacles.

Schuller got his start in Orange County in 1955, preaching from the roof of the concession stand of a drive-in movie theater.

The Q Line

Back to business

Once the dust clears and the election's winners are announced, there's business to attend to in Santa Monica.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think is the single most important issue facing the City Council and why?

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CSU mulls fee hikes to push graduation

California State University is considering three new fee hikes designed to push students to earn their degrees faster and free up an estimated 18,000 enrollment slots, officials said Thursday.

"We have been turning away over 20,000 eligible students for each of the past four years," Ephraim Smith, executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer, told reporters on a conference call. "It is critical that we look for efficiencies."

Under the plan the board of trustees is slated to vote on next week, the 23-campus system would levy fee increases on seniors who have earned enough units to graduate but remain in school, students who repeat courses, and students who take more than a fulltime load of courses.

The additional fees would affect about 71,000 students in the 427,000-student system and generate an estimated $30 million in revenue a year, but administrators said the goal is really to free up classroom seats and enrollment slots.

"This is not a money-making plan," said Robert Turnage, assistant vice chancellor.

David Allison, president of the California State Student Association, has said the fee hikes may unfairly punish students who switch majors or receive poor academic counseling.

Seniors with more than enough credits to graduate would pay an extra $372 per semester unit, repeat courses would carry an additional charge of $91 per semester unit, and students who exceed fulltime loads would pay another $182 per semester unit. A typical course is three units.

Other state university systems have similar policies, administrators said.

The system has suffered about $800 million in state funding losses over the past four years. That has resulted in enrollment and program cutbacks and faculty layoffs that have made it difficult for many students to get the courses they need to graduate.

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LOS ANGELES

Man pleads no contest in 'Bling Ring' case

A man who had been accused of burglarizing Paris Hilton's home pleaded no contest on Thursday to receiving jewelry stolen from the house during a rash of break-ins by a group dubbed the "Bling Ring."

Roy Lopez Jr. was then sentenced to serve three years of supervised probation.

Lopez, 30, was initially charged with felony residential burglary and conspiring with other members of the ring that targeted the swank, Hollywood Hills homes of stars such as Hilton, Lindsay Lohan, Orlando Bloom and others.

Hilton's home was burglarized in December 2008, and police were able to return some of her property.

The burglary charge and other counts against Lopez were dropped. Deputy District Attorney Christine Kee said Hilton has opted not to receive restitution in the case.

Much of the estimated $3 million in high-end jewelry, clothes and art that was taken from the celebrities has never been recovered.

"We're pleased that the district attorney was able to work with us on this case and allow Roy to get his life back on track," defense attorney David Diamond said after the hearing.

Evidence in the case supported his contention that Lopez had never been in Hilton's residence, Diamond said.

Several other defendants, including the alleged ringleaders, have taken plea deals to end their cases. The remaining defendant, Courtney Leigh Ames, returns to court on Dec. 14.

Diana Tamayo, who pleaded no contest to burglarizing Lohan's home, might still be required to pay restitution in the case. Lohan has indicated she may seek restitution against Tamayo, but the actress was not available to be in court on Thursday, Kee said.

The case hit a snag recently after it was revealed that the lead police investigator was paid to consult and appear in an upcoming Sofia Coppola film based on the case.

Los Angeles Police Officer Brett Goodkin failed to disclose the work to his superiors and prosecutors ahead of time.

Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler has called Goodkin's actions "stupid and a gift to defense attorneys," but not enough to warrant dismissal of any charges.

Fidler referenced the issue by telling Lopez, "You got a break because of what's happened in this case."

AP

LONG BEACH

Raids aimed at closing pot shops

Police say a series of Long Beach medical marijuana dispensary raids this week are aimed at shuttering pot shops in the city.

Seven medical marijuana businesses were raided this week, including two on Wednesday.

Ten people were arrested and investigators seized cash and pot.

Long Beach police, Los Angeles County district attorney's office and California Franchise Tax Board investigators participated in the raids.

Police spokeswoman Nancy Pratt tells the Long Beach Press-Telegram that more raids are likely unless the city's remaining dispensaries shut down voluntarily.

Two pot shops were targeted in raids on Wednesday.

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GLENDALE

Hundreds of votes briefly mislaid

Southern California authorities say they've recovered all the ballots that went flying Tuesday night in Glendale when a ballot box fell from a moving car.

KNBC-TV says a poll worker was taking 350 ballots from Chevy Chase Drive to a check-in center at City Hall when he put the box on top of the car and drove off.

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder Dean Logan says the man only realized the box was missing when he arrived. Horrified, he rushed back and found some ballots strewn across the road.

A strolling couple later found other ballots and the box. They called police, who helped them pick up the ballots.

Logan says all the ballots are now accounted for and will be counted.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Trash can rummaging leads to arrest

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4, AT 3 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers on patrol along the 1400 block of Lincoln Boulevard pulled into a nearby alley and saw a man rummaging through one of the city trash cans in violation of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. Officers made contact with the man, who could not provide any form of identification. The suspect was placed under arrest for the municipal code violation. While searching him, officers said they found a glass pipe commonly used to smoke drugs. The suspect was transported to the Santa Monica Jail and booked for possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect was identified as Charles Edward Chalk, 56, a transient. His bail was set at $250.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3, AT 6:25 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of Third Street – Barnes & Noble – regarding a suspected shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived they made contact with security guards who said that the suspect came into the store with a book bag and a long jacket covering the top. The suspect then allegedly went to the audio-book section, picked two books, removed the security sensors and placed the books inside the bag. The suspect then exited the store without offering to pay for the books. She was detained in a nearby alley by security and held until police arrived. Officers searched the bag and found the books and a hand-held pry fork used to remove security tags. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary and possession of burglary tools. She was identified as Do T. Van, 30, of Garden Grove, Calif. Her bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2, AT 2:35 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1500 block of Second Street – Santa Monica Bike Center – regarding a report of an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with the alleged victim who said that he was working inside the bike shop when the suspect came in and began yelling at another employee at the front of the store. The employee remembered the suspect from a prior incident in which he allegedly tried to assault them with bodily fluids. The employee told the suspect he was not welcome and that he would not be able to get his bike serviced. The suspect became irate, the employee said, and picked up his bike and threw it outside the Bike Center's doors. When he left, the employee went to the front doors to prevent the suspect from re-entering. The suspect allegedly pulled out some scissors and tried to stab the employee with them. He moved away and called police. The suspect was detained in the 100 block of Colorado Avenue. He was identified by the employee and arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Donald Defreitas, 49, a transient. His bail was set at $30,000.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1, AT 12:30 P.M.,
Officers received a report that a robbery suspect had been detained by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in West Hollywood. Officers went to collect the suspect. He was transported to the Santa Monica Jail and booked for robbery. Police said the suspect on Oct. 26 climbed to the roof of a building located along the 900 block of Wilshire Boulevard. He was joined by a woman who said that once on the roof the man tried to rape her. She pushed him away, making him angry that he was rejected, police said. He then demanded the woman's cell phone. She refused and the suspect then punched her in the face and took the phone. He climbed down and fled. The woman had bystanders call police for her. The suspect was identified as Steven Paul Brotherhood, 22, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1, AT 7:07 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol near the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and the Third Street Promenade when they saw a man walking in the intersection who was almost hit by a passing motorist. Officers tried to make contact with the suspect, but he continued walking northbound on Third Street. When officers approached the man from behind, he allegedly turned around and tried to strike one of the officers with a clenched fist. The suspect was immediately taken to the ground and after a short struggle he was taken into custody. The suspect suffered no injuries and was taken to jail and booked for resisting arrest, assaulting a police officer and for walking in the roadway. He was identified as Nico Lael Short, 31, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30, AT 8:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Neilson Way and Hollister Avenue on the report that a robbery just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with the alleged victim, who told them that she was riding her bike and stopped for a red light at Neilson Way. As she waited she said a man approached her and grabbed onto the handlebars of her bike. Before she could react, the suspect punched her once in the face, causing her to fall to the ground, police said. The woman tried holding onto her bike and was struck again in the face. The suspect then rode off toward Main Street. Officers checking the area located and stopped the suspect in the 1700 block of Ocean Avenue. The woman identified the suspect and he was placed under arrest for robbery and a probation violation. He was identified as Frank Valentino Hernandez, 48, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $50,000.

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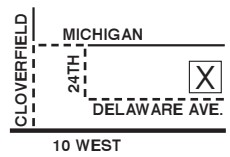


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DEVELOPMENT

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ing and the community benefits that come with it.

The information is one piece of what city staff stressed should be a policy-based decision on whether or not a development that exceeds the normal limitations of size and density be allowed to go through in Santa Monica.

However, the calculations — pushed for most notably by outgoing Councilmember Bobby Shriver — provide the basis for many discussions surrounding the projects, including the amount of "extras" City Hall can ask for in return for permission to break their own building rules and create a more valuable project.

"This is the nut of what we're struggling with, this value relationship," said Planning Commission Chair Gerda Newbold.

The commission and City Council both use the information when making decisions on whether or not to support a development agreement, which is a contract between the developer and City Hall that allows the developer to exceed zoning rules in exchange for certain community benefits.

How much bigger or denser they are determines which "tier" the project falls into. "Tier 1" are projects that developers can build by right. Tiers two and three get progressively taller and denser.

In theory, those levels represent an increase in the value of the land in comparison to what the developer could have made "by right," or without special permissions.

A portion of that added value pays for community benefits, things that Santa Monica residents expressed a desire for during the seven-year effort to create the Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE.

The financial analyses help commissioners and council members know how much they can ask in terms of extra benefits — parks, affordable housing, public art, etc. — before they cut the profit margin on the project to the bone.

Representatives of developers, however, disagree with the city's method of analysis, saying that the calculations ignore certain costs and misstate added value, which could make some developments impossible to finance.

A main sticking point was the value of the land, which staff does not include in its calculations. High land costs make smaller projects that developers can build without a development agreement inherently unprofitable, said Dave Rand, an attorney with land use law firm Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac.

"Tier 1 is a planning concept, not one grounded in economic reality," Rand said. "Tier one is not economically viable. If you start from a base of unfeasibility, it skews the analysis."

According to calculations by James Regan, a real estate and economic consultant introduced by Rand, city staff's approach shows the lowest level of a hypothetical project at a value of $3,295,000, a number that jumps to $5,957,000 by giving the developer rights to build higher and denser.

In his estimations, the Tier 1 project actually has a negative value. Add to that the same rights and the developer is looking at a project value of only half a million dollars.

"I'm not sure there have been many Tier 1 developments built," Regan told commissioners.

The disconnect could be solved pretty simply if each side could use the same economic models and speak the same language, Shriver said.

A huge proponent of financial feasibility analyses in municipal decision-making, Shriver continues to be disappointed by the products brought forward under the current thinking.

"I still haven't seen the right one," he said.

If the two sides are using the same playbook, they can enter development negotiations comparing apples to apples.

"As a policy matter, should the city calculations be done the same way as the developers? Yes, because the city is doing something that creates measureable value," Shriver said.

For the time being, city staff will proceed with the modified system, despite developer complaints.

"The fact of the matter is that we need to have a definite set of what ground level is on a Tier 1 and the ceiling on a Tier 3, otherwise we're lost," said Planning Commissioner Jim Ries.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

EXPOSITION CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT PHASE II SCE UTILITY RELOCATIONS

SCE Advice Letter Number: 2808-E

Date: November 9, 2012

Proposed Project:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) is proposing to relocate various 66 kilovolt (kV) subtransmission lines, distribution lines and telecommunications lines to accommodate several bridge structures, station facilities, street improvements, and guideways associated with the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority's (Expo Authority) Exposition Corridor Transit Project Phase II (Expo Phase II Project) in the cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica.

Below is a description of the SCE 66 kV relocations along the Expo rail corridor (please refer to the enclosed map):

• **Olympic Boulevard near 22nd Street (Santa Monica):** An overhead double-circuit SCE 66 kV pole line crossing over and south of Olympic Boulevard would be raised on taller poles to provide adequate clearance of the proposed Expo/Olympic Bridge. SCE will remove one 75-foot wood pole in the SCE Santa Monica Service Center parking lot, and one 75-foot wood pole on the east side of 22nd Street immediately in front of SCE's service center; such poles would be replaced with an approximately 110-foot light weight steel pole and a 95-foot wood pole, respectively, so that the 66 kV pole lines would be raised to cross over the proposed bridge structure and overhead catenary system poles, and connect to an existing 70-foot tubular steel pole on the north side of Olympic Boulevard.

• **Bundy Drive at the Expo ROW (Los Angeles):** An overhead single-circuit SCE 66 kV pole line, including a 16 kV distribution circuit, on the west side of Bundy Drive between Tennessee Avenue and Olympic Boulevard would be removed and relocated underground to ensure adequate clearance of the proposed Expo/Bundy Station and bridge structure. To facilitate the undergrounding of the 66 kV line, two new tubular steel riser poles ranging in height between 75 and 85 feet (which would replace existing wood poles ranging in height between 70 and 80 feet) would be installed on either side of the proposed bridge structure. To facilitate the undergrounding of the existing 16 kV distribution circuit, two new wood distribution poles would be interset near the new tubular steel riser poles. In addition, south of the Expo ROW, two approximately 70-foot wood 66 kV poles would be replaced with new poles ranging in height between 80 and 90 feet to accommodate additional third party utility relocations. The Expo Authority would perform the underground substructure work, including installing vaults and duct banks. Once this work has been completed, SCE crews would pull all cables through the new underground ducts, install the new poles, and string conductor.

• **Sepulveda Boulevard at the Expo ROW (Los Angeles):** An overhead single-circuit SCE 66 kV line along the west side of Sepulveda Boulevard would be removed and relocated underground between Pico Boulevard and Exposition Boulevard, as well as along the north side of Exposition Boulevard between Sepulveda Boulevard and S. Bentley Avenue, to avoid conflicts with the proposed Expo/Sepulveda Station. To facilitate the undergrounding of the SCE 66 kV pole line, two new tubular steel riser poles ranging in height between 75 and 110 feet would be installed at the ends of the new underground line on the east side of Sepulveda Boulevard and in the Expo ROW north of the intersection of S. Bentley Avenue and Exposition Boulevard. As part of this work, on the west side of S. Bentley Avenue south of Exposition Boulevard SCE would install a new 35-foot engineered tubular steel guy stub pole. In addition, north of Pico Boulevard on the east side of Sepulveda Boulevard, SCE would also need to replace an existing approximately 100-foot wood 66 kV pole with a new 66 kV wood pole of similar height in order to accommodate additional third party utility relocations. The Expo Authority would perform the underground substructure work, including installing vaults and duct banks. SCE crews would pull all cables through the underground ducts, install all poles, and string conductor. Once the relocated circuit is cutover, SCE would remove its old overhead facilities, and top the existing poles down to the remaining Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) circuit heights to enable LADWP to continue to utilize the poles for its overhead distribution circuits.

In addition, there are various locations along the corridor where SCE will be relocating distribution and telecommunications facilities, including:

• **Venice Boulevard near Robertson Boulevard (Los Angeles):** Overhead SCE Edison Carrier Solutions (ECS) telecommunication lines on the west side of Venice Boulevard would be relocated underground to accommodate the Venice Boulevard underpass. Because several communication companies jointly own or lease space on this pole line, Expo's contractor will install a common joint trench duct bank, through which SCE ECS will pull and splice the converted underground telecommunications facilities. SCE ECS will install two new wood riser poles similar in height to the existing wood pole line to reconnect the underground telecommunications cable to the existing overhead telecommunications pole line beyond the Venice Boulevard underpass, and remove its former overhead lines in the underpass area once cutover.

• **West of Centinela Avenue on the Expo ROW (Los Angeles):** Overhead distribution lines west of Centinela Avenue on the Expo ROW would be removed, relocated, and raised to provide adequate clearance of the approach to the Expo/Centinela Bridge. This single SCE 16 kV overhead circuit consisting of wood poles that are approximately 55 feet tall would be relocated by SCE crews. This work would involve installing three poles ranging in height between 60 and 70 feet to enable the distribution pole line to be raised and remain in place over a proposed mechanically stabilized earth wall, which is being constructed by the Expo Authority, near the proposed Expo/Centinela Bridge.

While not involving any relocation of facilities, SCE may need to replace 1-2 poles at the following location:

• **Overland Avenue near the Expo ROW (Los Angeles):** SCE may need to replace 1 - 2 66 kV poles, pending the outcome of additional engineering studies to determine if existing poles need to be replaced to accommodate new third-party risers associated with the undergrounding of LADWP electric and communications lines along Overland Avenue. Should this be required, SCE anticipates any 66 kV pole(s) requiring replacement would generally be of similar height and type as the existing poles.

SCE's construction is anticipated to begin on or after December 27, 2012, and is expected to be completed by first quarter of 2014.

EMF Compliance: The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires utilities to employ "no cost" and "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMF). In accordance with "EMF Design Guidelines" filed with the CPUC in compliance with CPUC Decisions 93-11-013 and 06-01-042, SCE would implement the following measure(s) for this project:

• Utilize subtransmission structure heights that meet or exceed SCE's preferred EMF design criteria.

• Utilizing underground subtransmission construction per customer request.

Exemption from CPUC Authority: Pursuant to CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III.B.1, projects meeting specific conditions are exempt from the CPUC's requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct. This project qualifies for the following exemption:

"f. power line facilities or substations to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document [Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration] finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation."

In February 2010, the Expo Authority Board of Directors certified the FEIR for the Expo Phase II Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2007021109). The FEIR reviewed the relocation of SCE's utility facilities pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As noted in a subsequent CEQA Clarification Letter issued by the Expo Authority on October 24, 2012, which provides clarification of SCE project elements along the corridor that were certified in the FEIR, the relocation of SCE's utility facilities utilities cause no significant and unavoidable environmental impacts.

Public Review Process: Persons or groups may protest the proposed construction if they believe that the utility has incorrectly applied for an exemption or believe there is a reasonable possibility that the proposed project or cumulative effects or unusual circumstances associated with the project, may adversely impact the environment.

Protests must be filed by November 29, 2012, and should include the following:

1. Your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number.
2. Reference to the SCE Advice Letter Number and Project Name Identified.
3. A clear description of the reason for the protest.

The letter should also indicate whether you believe that evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve factual disputes. Protests for this project must be mailed within 20 calendar days to:

California Public Utilities Commission
Director, Energy Division
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

AND

Southern California Edison Company
Law Department - Exception Mail
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue
Rosemead, CA 91770
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SCE must respond within five business days of receipt and serve copies of its response on each protestant and the CPUC. Within 30 days after SCE has submitted its response, the Executive Director of the CPUC will send you a copy of an Executive Resolution granting or denying the request and stating the reasons for the decision.

Assistance in Filing a Protest: For assistance in filing a protest, contact the CPUC's Public Advisor in San Francisco at (415) 703-2074 or in Los Angeles at (213) 576-7057.

Additional Project Information: To obtain further information on the proposed project, please contact:

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RENTAL
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The complaints stemmed from stays beginning Oct. 5, 2011 through Jan. 1, 2012.

Some alleged that their credit cards were charged multiple times for the same stay and in higher amounts than originally agreed upon, and others said that they arrived at the property only to find out that it had been double-booked with other customers on the same day.

All four agreed that the advertisements for the property were false and misleading, causing them to believe the rental was larger and more luxurious than in reality, said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky.

The rental cost between $2,500 and $3,000 per week, he said.

The property was put up for rent at www.vrbo.com and www.homeaway.com, and the trio operated under business names including MMM Properties, Stone Edge Properties and West Coast Realty Group.

Neither a Stone Edge Properties nor West Coast Realty Group turn up as registered corporations on the Secretary of State website.

It's illegal to rent out spare rooms in one's home to tourists or anyone else within Santa Monica city limits for a period of less than 30 days. An ordinance was passed in 2004 to ban the practice after neighbors complained about the disruption the short-term rentals brought to quiet, residential neighborhoods.

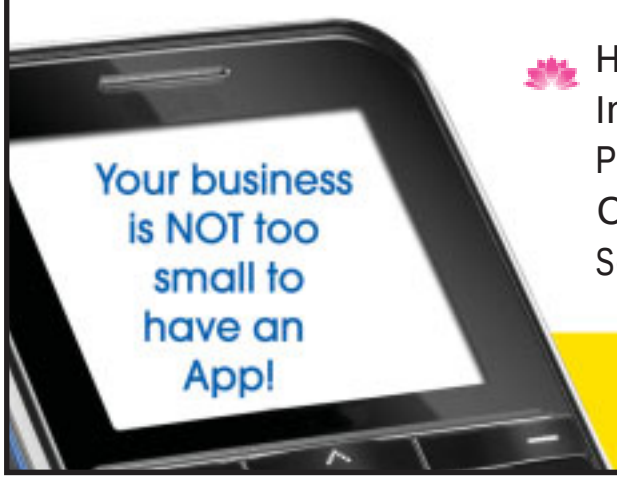
For years, city officials played a passive role in enforcing the ordinance, relying on complaints rather than actively seeking out violators. That changed last year, when code enforcement officials began looking for vacation rental operators on popular websites like those used to advertise the Ocean Park property.

The ordinance hasn't been a factor in this investigation, which has been going on for months, Radinsky said.

The defendants are expected to be arraigned in Los Angeles Superior Court on Dec. 11. Each of the charged offenses is a misdemeanor, and carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a fine of up to $2,500.

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office is continuing to investigate the case. Consumers who have lost money to these businesses or individuals should immediately contact the City Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit at (310) 458-8336 or smconsumer.org.

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Still, Obama is weighing replacements for high-profile officials expected to leave his Cabinet and the White House soon. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton both want to step down but have indicated a willingness to push their departures into next year, or at least until successors are confirmed. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta also wants to retire next year.

"The first thing is to try to find a way out of the box we're in with regards to the fiscal cliff," said Tom Daschle, the former Senate majority leader who is close to Obama. "When the new Congress convenes they'll begin the nominating process for what I expect will be a good number of vacancies."

Obama privately delved into both issues Thursday, his first full day back in Washington following his re-election on Tuesday. The president and his team were also assessing how congressional Republicans were positioning themselves following the election before saying much publicly about his second term.

The president will make his first postelection comments on the economy and the fiscal cliff Friday at the White House.

In his victory speech Tuesday night, Obama offered a call for reconciliation after a divisive campaign. But he made clear he had an agenda in mind, citing a need for changes in the tax code, as well as immigration reform and climate change.

Obama aides want to avoid what they believe was an overreach by President George W. Bush, who declared after narrowly winning re-election that he had "political capital" and intended to spend it. One of Bush's first moves was to push to privatize Social Security, a plan that was roundly rejected by Congress and the public.

The White House believes Obama has a clear mandate on one key issue: raising taxes on families making more than $250,000 a year. Obama senior adviser David Plouffe said voters "clearly chose the president's view of making sure the wealthiest Americans are asked to do a little bit more" to help shrink the federal deficit.

The president has long advocated allowing tax cuts first passed by Bush to expire for upper income earners. But he gave in to Republican demands in 2010 and allowed the cuts to continue, angering many Democrats.

Both parties agree that the combination of tax increases and spending cuts set to hit on Jan. 1 could plunge the economy back into recession.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner said Wednesday that he wanted to compromise with the re-elected president. And he said the House would be willing to accept higher tax revenue under the right conditions as part of a more sweeping attempt to reduce deficits.

The White House wants consistency in its "fiscal cliff" negotiating team, meaning Geithner is likely to put off his departure from Treasury until Obama and lawmakers can reach some agreement.

White House chief of staff Jack Lew is seen as a leading candidate to replace Geithner. Lew is well-respected in Washington by both parties and served as budget director under both Obama and former President Bill Clinton.

Another person often mentioned as a possible successor to Geithner is Erskine Bowles, a White House chief of staff under Clinton and the co-chief of the White House's 2010 deficit reduction commission.

Both Lew and Bowles would bring an intimate knowledge of the intricacies of the federal budget and could be expected to take a leading role in trying to negotiate a broad budget agreement with Congress. The selection of either would signal that the administration intends to make resolution of the government's deficit problems a priority.

At State, the leading candidates to take over as the nation's top diplomat are Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., and Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

But Rice has faced criticism this fall from Republicans for providing initial accounts about the deaths of Americans in Benghazi, Libya, that later proved false. The White House has vigorously defended Rice, but the prospect of starting a second term with a contentious confirmation hearing may be unappealing.

Kerry, an early Obama backer, has long coveted the State Department job. He made a well-regarded foreign policy speech at the Democratic convention and even played the role of Romney during campaign debate preparations this year.

Other Cabinet secretaries who have talked about leaving are Attorney General Eric Holder and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, the only Republican in the Cabinet. Both have said they would speak with the president before making a final decision.

Second term shake-ups are also sure to hit Obama's West Wing inner circle. Plouffe is expected to be among those departing, while Obama's senior adviser and close friend Valerie Jarrett is staying on.

And if Obama taps Lew for the Treasury Department, he'll have to add chief of staff to the list of vacancies







Breastfeeding baby doll: Creepy or groundbreaking?

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NEW YORK We've got dolls that wet, crawl and talk. We've got dolls with perfect hourglass figures. We've got dolls with swagger. And we've got plenty that come with itty bitty baby bottles.

But it's a breastfeeding doll whose suckling sounds are prompted by sensors sewn into a halter top at the nipples of little girls that caught some flak after hitting the U.S. market.

"I just want the kids to be kids," Bill O'Reilly said on his Fox News show when he learned of the Breast Milk Baby. "And this kind of stuff. We don't need this."

What, exactly, people don't need is unclear to Dennis Lewis, the U.S. representative for Berjuan Toys, a family-owned, 40-year-old doll maker in Spain that can't get the dolls onto mainstream shelves more than a year after introducing the line in this country — and blowing O'Reilly and others' minds.

"We've had a lot of support from lots of breastfeeding organizations, lots of mothers, lots of educators," said Lewis, in Orlando, Fla. "There also has been a lot of blowback from people who maybe haven't thought to think about really why the doll is there and what its purpose is. Usually they are people that either have problems with breastfeeding in general, or they see it as something sexual."

The dolls, eight in all with a variety of skin tones and facial features, look like many others, until children don the little top with petal appliques at the nipples. That's where the sensors are located, setting off the suckling noise when the doll's mouth makes contact. It also burps and cries, but those sounds don't require contact at the breast.

Little Savannah and Tony, Cameron and Jessica, Lilyang and Jeremiah ain't cheap at $89 a pop. Lewis, after unsuccessfully peddling them to retailers large and small, now has them listed at half price on their website in time for the holidays this year.

"With retailers it's been hard, to be perfectly honest, but not so much because they've been against the products," he said. "It's more they've been very wary of the controversy. It's a product that you either love it or you hate it."

Critics cite an unspecified yuck factor, or say it's too mature for children. But Stevanne Auerbach loves it. The child development expert in San Francisco, also known as Dr. Toy, evaluates dolls and other toys for consumers, lending her official approval to Breast Milk Baby.

"We felt that it had merit in dealing with new babies for the older child," she said, "and for the curiosity that children have in this area. Breastfeeding in Europe is acceptable and the doll has been successful there. We wanted to open up the opportunity."

Sally Wendkos Olds, who wrote "The Complete Book of Breastfeeding," also doesn't understand the problem.

"I think it's a very cute toy," she said. "I think it's just crazy what Bill O'Reilly was saying that it's sexualizing little girls. The whole point is that so many people in our society persist in sexualizing breastfeeding, where in so many other countries around the world they don't think anything of it."

Olds called Americans "prudish in many ways," adding the doll offers: "bodily awareness. It's realizing that this is OK."

Lewis blames lack of U.S. sales — just under 5,000 dolls sold in the last year — solely on phobia about breastfeeding, something widely considered the healthiest way to feed a baby.

"There's no doubt about that," he said. "The whole idea is that there's still some taboos here. They're difficult to justify and difficult to explain but they're out there. You mention breast and people automatically start thinking Janet Jackson or wardrobe malfunctions and all sorts of things that have absolutely nothing to do with breastfeeding."

Lewis considers Breast Milk Baby "very much less sexualized" than Barbie dolls or the sassy Bratz pack.

Olds, who lives in New York City, agreed, though she thinks the doll's full retail price is too high. "That's my only objection to it. It's a lot of money, but people spend a lot of money on their children in all sorts of ways."

Haven't little girls been mimicking the act of breastfeeding with their baby dolls for centuries without benefit of accoutrement?

"Why do we need anything with bells and whistles? Why did we need a Betsy Wetsy? Children like toys that do things," Olds said, invoking one of the first drink and wet dolls created back in 1935. "So this doll makes noises. She burps, she cries, she sucks very noisily. Big deal."

Lincoln Hoppe, a Los Angeles actor and father of five — all breastfed — said a young child who becomes a big sibling and sees mom nursing might enjoy the doll just fine. "After all, they're going to imitate mom anyway using whatever doll they've already got," he said.

But how about playdates out just out and about in public?

"It's already hard to tell a child they can't take 'that' toy with them to their sibling's soccer game." he said. "There may be a time and place for this doll, but I find the idea kind of creepy."

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Stocks slide on Wall Street, extending sell-off

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks slid on Wall Street Thursday, a day after the Dow Jones industrial average logged its biggest one-day drop of the year, as investors fretted about the potential for gridlock in Washington.

The Dow closed down 121.41 points to 12,811.32, bringing its two-day loss to 434 points. The Standard and Poor's 500 index fell 17.02 points to 1,377.51 and the Nasdaq composite slipped 41.71 to 2,895.58.

The Dow plunged 313 points Wednesday, its fifth worst one-day drop following a U.S. presidential election. The biggest, in 2008, came in the midst of the financial crisis on the day after President Barack Obama won his first term.

The two-day slump came in the wake of Obama's re-election to a second term as investors turned their focus back to Europe's problems and the so-called fiscal cliff, a package of tax increases and government spending cuts in the U.S. that will occur unless Congress acts by Jan. 1. Investors see it as a serious threat to the economic recovery.

"The thinking before the election was that it would remove some of the uncertainty, but it seems to have done the opposite," said Tyler Vernon, chief investment officer at Biltmore Capital Advisors in Princeton, N.J.

Stocks are still up on the year, but well below the peak they reached in September. That was when the Federal Reserve announced a third round of its bond-buying program, which is intended to hold down borrowing costs and encourage lending.

The S&P 500 is 6 percent below its high close of the year, 1,465, which it reached on Sept. 14. That was its highest level in nearly five years. It's still up 10 percent for the year.

Investors may be tempted to sell appreciated stock before a possible increase in the capital gains tax at the end of the year, Vernon said. Tax cuts enacted by President George W. Bush expire at the end of this year and the U.S. government wants to cut a $1 trillion budget deficit.

"The mood of the market has certainly switched," said J.J. Kinahan, chief derivatives strategist at TD Ameritrade, as investors monitor developments on the fiscal cliff and wait for more clues about Obama's agenda.

Investors were encouraged by two reports on the U.S. economy that came out before the market opened. The Dow climbed as much as 48 points in the morning but started to sink after the first hour of trading.

The Dow fell steadily throughout the rest of the day, and more steeply in the last hour of trading. The Dow gave up 73 points in the last 40 minutes, accounting for more than half the day's loss.

The Labor Department reported that the number of people seeking unemployment benefits fell 8,000 last week to 355,000, a possible sign that the job market is healing. Officials cautioned that the figures were distorted by Superstorm Sandy.

A separate report showed that the U.S. trade deficit narrowed to its lowest level in almost two years as exports rose to a record high.

There was also encouraging news from Europe, where leaders shocked markets a day earlier with a dire forecast for economic growth next year.

European Central Bank head Mario Draghi said financial market confidence "has visibly improved" as the 17-country group that uses the euro struggles with its debt crisis. But he said the outlook for the economy remains "weak." Draghi spoke after the bank's governing council left its key interest rate unchanged at 0.75 percent.

The European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union, on Wednesday slashed its outlook for growth for this year and 2013. The report helped set off a sharp decline in stocks in the U.S and Europe.

Spain's government said that it had met its financing needs for the year after raising the equivalent of $6.07 billion in a series of bond auctions on Thursday. Spain became the focal point of the European debt crisis earlier this year amid concern that it would struggle to refinance its debt at affordable rates.

Among stocks making big moves:

— Energy drink maker Monster Beverage sank 57 cents to $44.40 after the company said its revenue growth slowed in the third quarter.

— Kayak Software surged in after-hours trading, gaining $8.14 to $39.18, after the travel website agreed to be bought by Priceline.com for $40 a share.

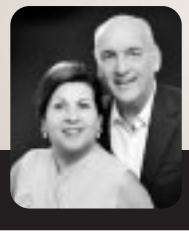
— Burger chain Wendy's rose 13 cents to $4.39 after the company said that a key sales figure rose. Revenue at restaurants open at least 15 months rose 2.7 percent, the sixth straight quarter of growth.

— CBS rose 36 cents to $34.36 after the company said that earnings rose 16 percent as falling ad revenue was offset by higher fees from pay TV distributors.



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Jailed youths chronicled in photos

SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. One picture shows a 12-year-old boy in a yellow jump suit staring at the wall of a tiny, windowless cell at a Mississippi detention center. Another zooms in on the bruised and blackened eye of a 14-year-old Oklahoma girl locked up for running away from a group home.

A third depicts a 10-year-old Nevada boy, barefoot and beltless in a white, concrete intake cell with a sandwich and a small carton of milk.

The stark images are part of an exhibit, "Juvenile In Justice," that photographer Richard Ross hopes will bring changes in the way the nation deals with what he said are the roughly 70,000 youths held in detention or correctional facilities across the country on any given night — many of them for offenses no more serious than skipping school.

"These are no places for kids," the longtime art professor at the University of California-Santa Barbara, adding that he is on a mission to test the limits of the "power of images in social advocacy."

"I'm not a criminologist or a sociologist," he said. "I'm just trying to help arm those people, give them visual tools they don't have to make their case. They can show policymakers this is real."

The exhibit at the Nevada Museum of Art through Jan. 13 — and a book of the same name — are the product of Ross spending parts of the last five years photographing and interviewing more than 1,000 incarcerated youths at more than 300 facilities in 30 states.

Excerpts of the interviews supplement the pictures:

"I spend all day and all night in here," said a 16-year-old boy in a cell at South Bend (Ind.) Juvenile Correctional Facility. "No mattress, no sheets and I get all my meals through this slot."

A 14-year-old boy at the Pueblo (Colo.) Youth Services Center held on a gun charge and probation violation said: "I've been in 15, maybe 16 times ... My dad can't visit 'cause he has warrants out against him. He's in a gang. So are my four brothers."

The stories and the settings are all too familiar to Shawn Marsh.

"It is an accurate reflection," said Marsh, who worked in a number of facilities and now is director of the Juvenile and Family Law Department at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. "In many ways, the photographs are mild. They don't show the abusive side."

"These are not facilities that encourage even the best of the best to be human," he said.

It's a very different view of the world than Ross, 65, used to capture as principal photographer on a number of architectural projects at the Getty Conservation Institute and the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, or shooting pictures for the New York Times, Harpers and others.

"I spent years and years — maybe too much time really — doing beautiful things, creating things with lines and texture, shape and form," said Ross, who quotes Booker T. Washington in the book saying: "The study of art that does not result in making the strong less willing to oppress the weak means little."

"I lecture more now at law schools than art schools," he said. "People are using my images not only in museums, which is great, but also in public policy."

That includes Rebecca Gasca, a juvenile justice advocate and consultant with the Campaign for Youth Justice who intends to take his book with her on lobbying trips to the Nevada Legislature. "We need to put this on coffee tables in every legislator's office," Gasca said.

The project — which opened earlier this year in Paris and is off next to Chicago, Atlanta and New York City — became possible initially when Ross won a fellowship from the Guggenheim Foundation.

With prior experience photographing juvenile detainees, he began to take a more thorough look at the situation and became convinced it was a project he had to do during a visit with a juvenile justice instructor in El Paso, Texas.

"I asked him, 'Do you ever think you'll be so successful that you'll be out of a job?' He said, 'Not as long as the state of Texas keeps making 10-year-olds.'"

Over the following five years, Ross sat on bunks and floors, listening to their stories. "They work with me on how we can take their pictures without their faces," he said.

Public radio's Ira Glass, host of "This American Life," wrote the forward for the 192-page book the Annie E. Casey Foundation helped support along with the overall project.

William F. Dressel, president of the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada, Reno, and a former judge in Colorado, hopes the exhibit will help lead to reforms. He said there will always be a need for consequences for delinquent behavior, but that the system today is extreme.

"I want you to understand that the vast majority of these kids in these pictures have not been found guilty of anything," he said. "They are in pretrial status."

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITY'S PLAN FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

The City Council of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.69.030 to receive public comment on the Annual Review of the City's Plan for Homeless Services for FY 2011-12. The FY 2011-12 Annual Review reports on the performance of the homeless service system. Copies of the Annual Review of the City's Plan for Homeless Services for FY 2011-12 will be available to the public on the web at www.smgov.net/hsd seven days preceding the meeting, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

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China opens power transfer by keeping it off-stage

CHARLES HUTZLER
Associated Press

BEIJING China's ruling communists opened a pivotal congress to initiate a power handover by giving a nod to their revolutionary past and broadly promising cleaner government while keeping off-stage the main event — the bargaining over seats in the new leadership.

All the main players were arrayed on the stage in the Great Hall of the People: President Hu Jintao, his successor Xi Jinping and a collection of retired party insiders. A golden hammer and sickle, the Communist Party's symbol, hung on the back wall. Yet in a nearly two-hour opening ceremony Thursday, scant mention was made of the transition or that in a week Hu will step down as party chief in favor of Xi in what would be only the second orderly transfer of power in 63 years of communist rule.

The congress is writ small the state of Chinese politics today. It's a largely ceremonial gathering of 2,200-plus delegates who meet while the real deal-making is done behind-the-scenes by the true power-holders.

The centerpiece event of the opening of the weeklong congress — a 90-minute speech by Hu — served politics, allowing him to define his legacy after a decade in office, while marshaling his clout to install his allies in the collective leadership that Xi will head.

"An important thing for him is to make sure that there's no critical, no negative summary judgment of the past 10 years," said Ding Xueliang, a Chinese politics expert at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Still, Ding said, "90 percent of the effort is on putting your people in place."

The party's public silence on a leadership transition that everyone knows is taking place and that politically minded Chinese have been discussing has deepened a palpable sense of public unease. Many Chinese feel the country is at a turning point, in need of new ideas to handle a slowing economy, growing piles of debt and rising public demands for more accountable, transparent government, if not democracy.

In signs of the public disquiet, at least five ethnic Tibetans in western China set themselves on fire Wednesday or Thursday in protests against Chinese rule of Tibetan areas, according to overseas Tibet support groups and the Tibetan government-in-exile in India.

At dawn in Tiananmen Square, next to the congress venue, a woman in her 30s threw pieces of torn paper into the air and shouted "bandits and robbers!" — a curse often leveled at corrupt local officials. She was taken away by the security forces, which have smothered all of Beijing for the congress.

In his speech, Hu cited many of the challenges China faces — a rich-poor gap, environmentally ruinous growth and imbalanced development between prosperous cities and a struggling countryside. Yet he offered little fresh thinking to address them and said restoring a relatively high growth would be the best way to deal with public expectations.

Only on tackling rampant corruption did Hu sound the alarm. He called on party members to be ethical and rein in their family members whose often showy displays of wealth have stoked public anger.

"Nobody is above the law," Hu said to the applause of the 2,309 delegates and invited guests, with Xi and other party notables on the dais behind him. He later said, "If we fail to handle this issue well, it could prove fatal to the party, and even cause the collapse of the party and the fall of the state."

Always an occasion for divisive bargaining, the leadership transition has been made more fraught by scandals that have fueled already high public cynicism that Chinese leaders are more concerned with power and wealth than government.

In recent months, one top leader, Bo Xilai, has been purged after his wife murdered a British businessman; a top aide to Hu was sidelined after his son crashed a Ferrari he shouldn't have been able to afford and foreign media reported that relatives of Xi and outgoing Premier Wen Jiabao had traded on their proximity to power to amass vast fortunes.

Public image aside, the scandals have especially weakened Hu, on whose watch they occurred, in the power-broking over the next leadership. In recent decades, the leadership line-ups have sought to balance different factions within the party. Who has prevailed won't be apparent until next Thursday, a day after the congress, when the members of the Politburo Standing Committee appear before the media.

On stage with Hu appeared one of his nemeses, his predecessor Jiang Zemin, who has supported Xi and is angling to fill many of the seats in the leadership with his allies. Nearby, dressed in a Mao jacket, sat 95-year-old Song Ping, a veteran of the revolution and party insider who was Hu's earliest political mentor.

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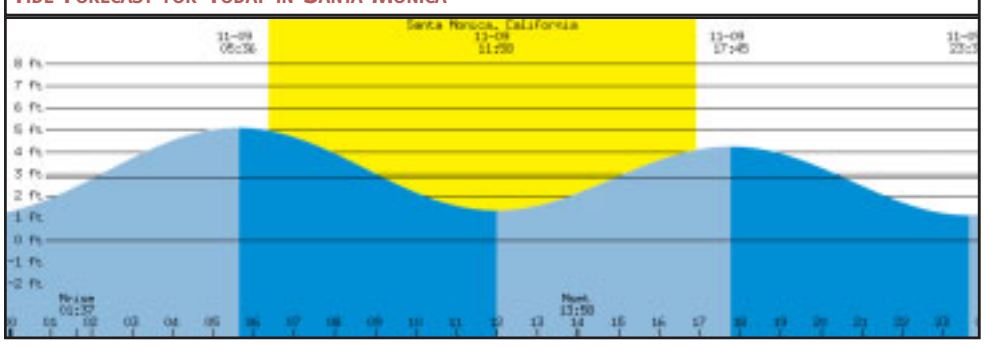
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
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.	C	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A+	A
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
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
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	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A
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.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
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 CBW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ns

LEGEND

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MLB

GMs discuss more replay, September roster changes

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. In between trade talks and early negotiations with free agents, baseball general managers considered some wide-ranging changes that include broader use of instant replay by umpires, changed roster limits for September and protective headgear for pitchers.

On the first day of the GM's three-day annual session, the Colorado Rockies hired Walt Weiss as manager Wednesday and the New York Mets announced they had reached an agreement to terminate outfielder Jason Bay's contract with one guaranteed season remaining. The Los Angeles Dodgers finalized a deal to hire Mark McGwire to be their hitting coach.

Arizona general manager Kevin Towers said he'd listen to trade offers for two-time All-Star right fielder Justin Upton but thought a swap was not likely. And Texas GM Jon Daniels said the Rangers remained interested in re-signing All-Star slugger Josh Hamilton.

During the formal part of the meetings, the GMs talked about instant replay. Video review in baseball began in August 2008 and has been limited to checking whether potential home runs were fair or cleared over fences. Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig has been saying since early 2011 he wants to expand it to two additional types of calls.

"He was talking about really basically fair-foul, trap plays. But we're looking into more than that," said Joe Torre, MLB's executive vice president for baseball operations.

Torre did not detail what types of calls a broader expansion might include.

During tests late this year at Yankee Stadium and Citi Field, MLB experimented with the Hawk-Eye animation system that is used to judge line calls in tennis and the TrackMan radar software used by the PGA Tour.

"We still have some questions on the way it is now, if that's going to fit with baseball," Torre said. "I'm not saying it can't be adjusted or they can do something that would make it work for our game."

Depending on what baseball decides, changes might have to be negotiated with the umpires' and players' unions.

GMs also discussed altering the longtime rule allowing active rosters to expand from 25 to 40 from Sept. 1 through the rest of the regular season. Some teams have been reluctant to use the larger limit late in the season. They have cited not wanting to disrupt minor league teams in their playoffs, and those decisions have led to big league games in which teams have differing numbers of available players.

"Each team should have equal number of players available every day," Torre said. "I just think you play the whole season with one set of rules and the most important time of the year, especially for clubs that are in a pennant race, I just don't think it's fair for it to be done (with a) different number of roster people."

Torre said one possibility would be setting a fixed number of players who must be on the active roster for September games.

"We've talked about 28. We've talked about 30," he said. "It was talked about at length today."

The players' union would have to approve the change.

"This was a subject in bargaining in 2011, but no agreement was reached," union head Michael Weiner said. "If MLB has a midterm proposal to make, we will consider it. This clearly is a mandatory subject."

GMs also went over ways to protect pitchers from injuries after two were hit on the head by line drives late in the season. MLB staff have said a cap liner with Kevlar, the high-impact material used by military, law enforcement and NFL players for body armor, is among the ideas under consideration.

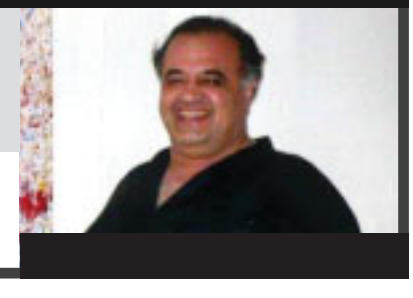
Oakland's Brandon McCarthy was hit on the head by a line drive in September, causing a skull fracture and brain contusion that required surgery. Detroit's Doug Fister was hit on the head by a liner off the bat of San Francisco's Gregor Blanco during the World Series. Fister was unhurt and stayed in the game.

MLB medical director Dr. Gary Green is to give a report at next month's winter meetings in Nashville, Tenn. MLB senior vice president Dan Halem has said protective headgear for pitchers could be in place in the minor leagues for next season.

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Pitch Perfect (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:30am, 2:30pm, 5:20pm, 8:15pm, 11:10pm

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11:00am, 3:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:50pm

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Hang out tonight, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The words "abundance" or "excessive" will be attached to whatever you do or experience. Finding a middle ground with anyone could be difficult at best. Still, you do not need to lose your temper. Tonight: Nice and easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your creativity could peak, especially in a brainstorming session. As a side benefit, there will be many ways to gain financially from your ingenuity. Do not allow a partner to be difficult or touchy with you. Tonight: Use your imagination when making plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might be needed in one place but want to be somewhere else. This conflict immediately causes tension. See how you can find a solution that works for both sides; think outside the box. Tonight: Find a friend who always comes up with strange yet effective ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are not in the mood to mind your words. Yet if you don't, you could discover that an argument could develop. People can accept much more if you are sensitive to their feelings. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be more discreet than usual when dealing with money and others' funds. The less said the better. Not everyone needs to know about an investment that surrounds a key relationship. Curb a need to go to extremes. Tonight: Go for some overindulgence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Just be yourself, and nothing really can go wrong. You have a way of getting caught between obligations and your desires. You probably can juggle it all right now. Be careful with a loved one. He or she could push you beyond your limits. Stay cool. Tonight: Avoid harsh words.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You can't imagine what is going on behind the scenes. If someone pretends not to notice your efforts, it could mean that you are trying too hard. Do yourself a favor: pull back and watch that person come forward with a little time. Tonight: Avoid a disagreement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on a meeting or a gathering of like-minded people. You could feel your morale rising. After having conversations with others, you'll feel much surer of yourself. Still, lie low for now, and let others reveal their thoughts first. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Curb your anger, or you might be sorry. A close associate could lose his or her temper when you least expect it. Others come toward you with only the best intentions. Tonight: The lead player as the weekend begins.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep reaching for another point of view. Make calls, seek out experts and get feedback. Meanwhile, make every attempt to distance yourself from someone who might be involved with you in a difficult situation. Tonight: Go where you'll find music and all sorts of people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You work best with one other person right now, rather than with a group. You could be going overboard by sharing every idea that pops into your head. Others might feel overwhelmed. Tonight: Go off with a special person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You come from a place of security, which makes it easier to deal with any situation. The wise Fish would back away from an explosive situation. Opportunities come through a partner or someone you care a lot about. Tonight: Join friends for drinks.

Happy birthday

This year opportunities fall into your lap, with Lady Luck cheering you on. You will have so many chances to achieve an emotional goal that it would be hard for people to believe if you were not to follow through. If you are single, you'll meet someone through your immediate circle. If you are attached, you socialize more as a couple. You will find yourself even more content in your relationship. VIRGO often creates tension in your life.

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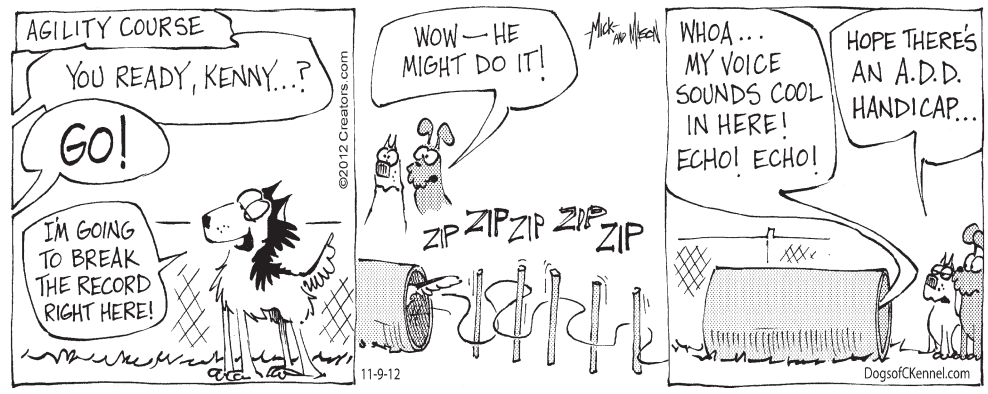
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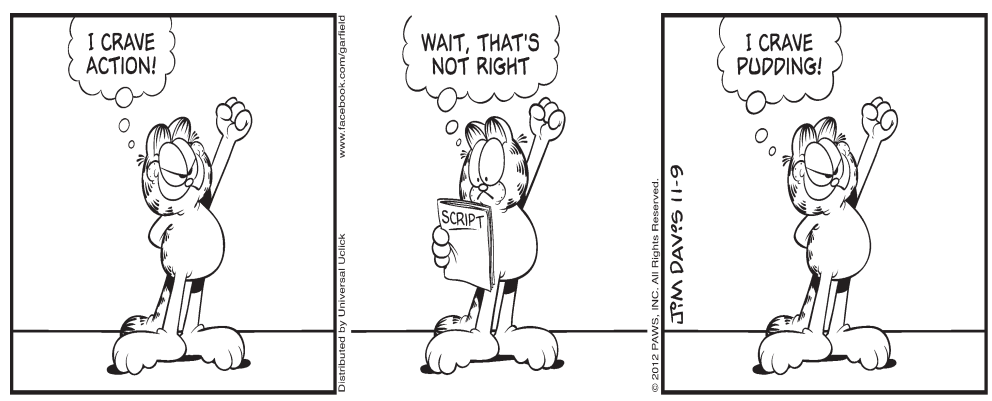
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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 Follow orders
5 "The Wizard of Oz" author
9 Sent a copy
11 Knight wear
13 Espresso order
14 Fall sign
15 Homer's dad
16 Was humbled
18 Lack
20 Golf position
21 Pale
22 Fall short of
23 McKellen of "The Hobbit"
24 [Not my spelling]
25 Display
27 Kind of power
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32 Restrained
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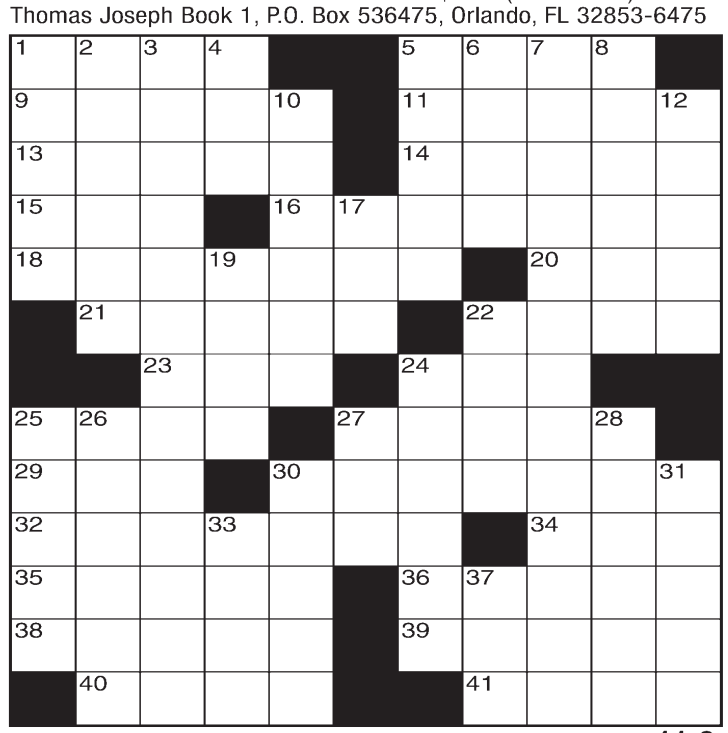
DOWN

1 Words after court or rule
2 Nursery rhyme start
3 Power aid
4 Besides
5 Farm machine
6 Like the Sahara
7 Early source of nourishment
8 Commercial cat
10 Stun with noise
12 Velocities
17 Cargo unit
19 Turn to slush
22 Coconut fill
24 Bulb setting
25 Cheese choice
26 Big cheese
27 Bodily pouch
28 Smelled really bad
30 Grazing groups
31 Future flowers
33 Tinted
37 By way of

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Draw Date: 11/8
MIDDAY: 2 7 5
EVENING: 8 5 9

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Richard Parker Jr., 36, was arrested in New London, Conn., in September after allegedly hitting a man several times with a pillow, then taking his car keys and driving off. (2) An 18-year-old college student who had moved to New York City only three weeks earlier was knocked briefly unconscious in September when a mattress fell 30 stories to the sidewalk from a building on Broad Street in Manhattan.

■ (1) James Davis, 73, has been ordered by the town of Stevenson, Ala., to disinter his wife's body from his front yard and re-bury it in a cemetery. The front yard is where she wanted to be, said Davis, and this way he can visit her every time he walks out the front door. Davis, who is challenging the order at the Court of Appeals, said he feels singled out, since people in Stevenson "have raised pigs in their yard," have "horses in the road here" and "gravesites here all over the place." (2) In October, eight units in the Clear View Apartments in Holland Township, Mich., were destroyed, with two dozen people displaced, when one resident, preparing a meal of squirrel, had a propane torch accident as he was attempting to burn off the rodent's fur.

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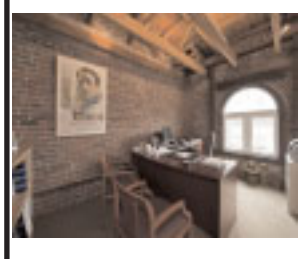
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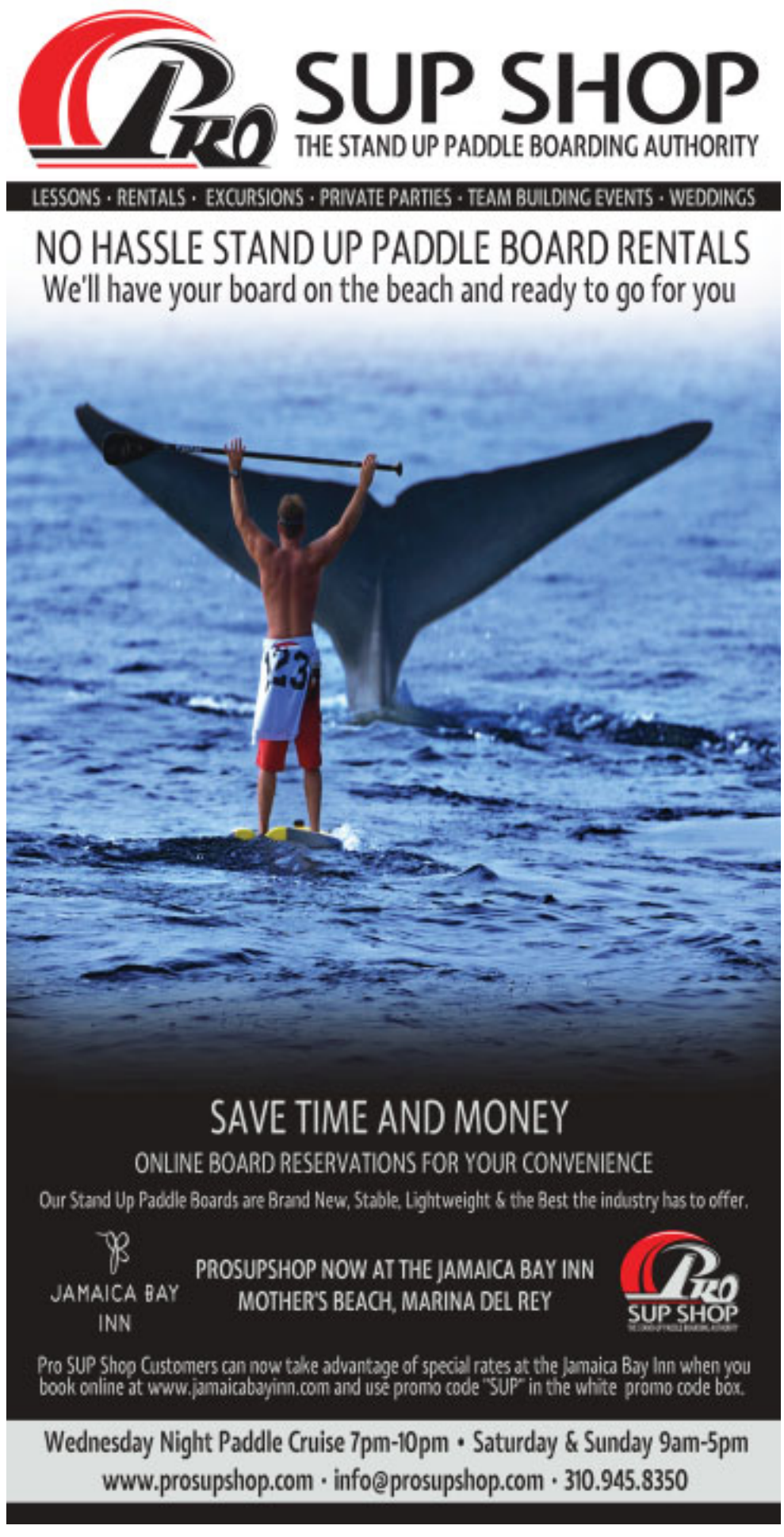
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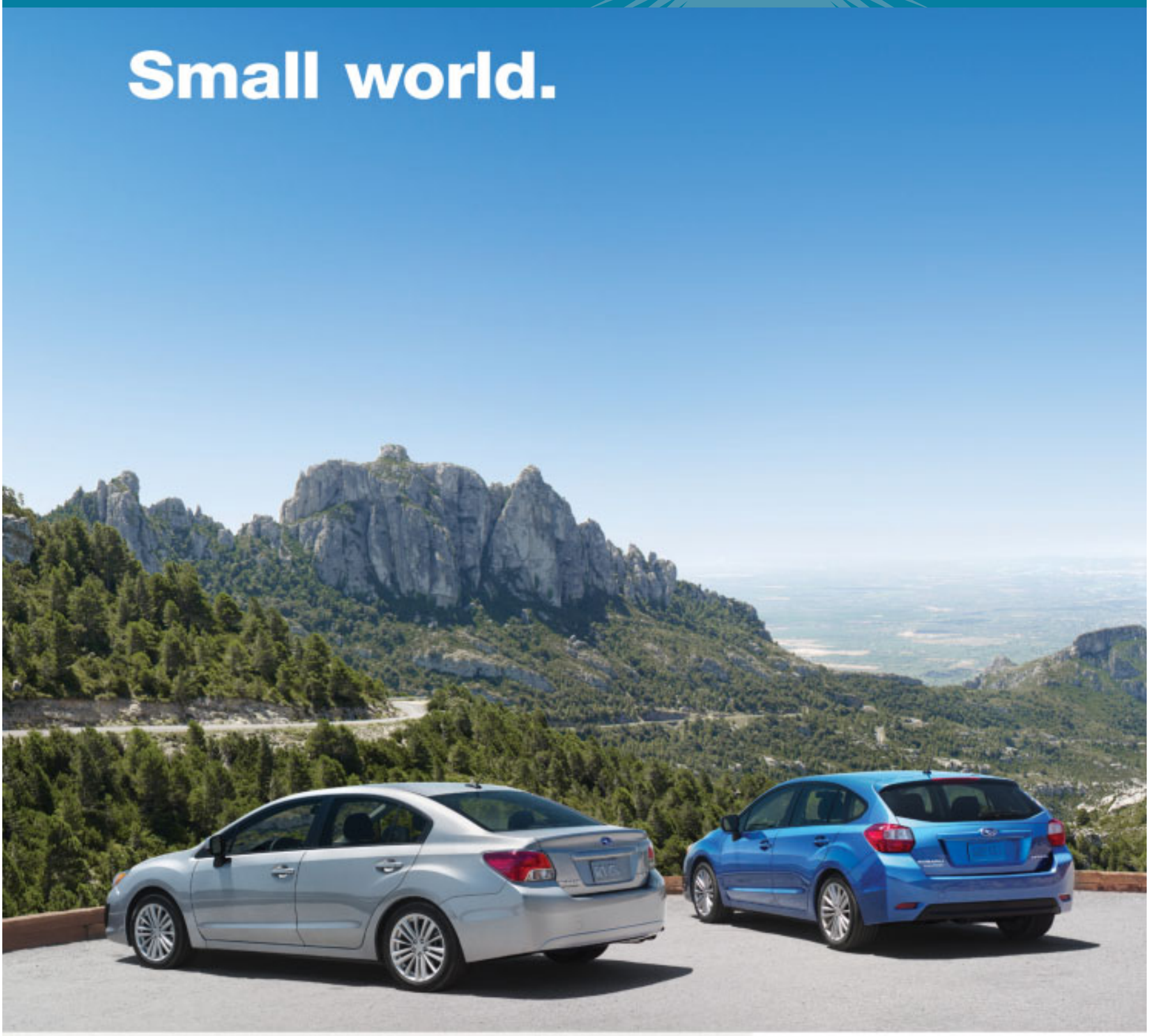
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