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Schools tighten belts, but not too tight

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The scalpel of state budget cuts continues to slice away at school districts in Santa Monica, but prior planning will shield both K-12 and community college students from the worst, officials say.

Gov. Jerry Brown announced in a press conference Tuesday that state coffers were short approximately $2.2 billion in anticipated revenues, triggering $102 million in cuts to the community college system and $79.6 million to primary and secondary education.

"That's where we are today," Brown said. "Cuts to university, in home supportive services, schools and prosecution are not good. This is not the way we'd like to run California. But we have to live within our means."

The cuts were built into the budget, and

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DOWNTOWN

Council approves small apartments with no parking

The City Council approved a developer's plan to build a 56-unit apartment complex at the corner of Fourth Street and Broadway Tuesday, but warned developers not to expect similar projects to pass muster.

The project, designed in two weeks by former chair of the Architectural Review Board Michael Folonis, will take the place of Grigsby's auto repair shop.

It will add 48 small studios and eight one-bedroom apartments to the Downtown housing stock, and will not provide onsite parking for any of the units.

Council members applauded the look of the project, and Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis noted that the project worked because Folonis did not embrace City Hall's proscribed use of stepbacks and other architectural flourishes.

However, council members did not want future developers to believe that 360 square foot units, rented at $1,750 a month in some cases, could become the norm in Santa Monica.

That message came across loud and clear, said Chris Harding, the attorney representing developer Steve Henry.

– ASHLEY ARCHIBALD



IT'S A WRAP!

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Volunteers wrap presents as part of the sixth annual 'Best Gift Ever' toy drive Thursday to benefit the children of the Santa Monica Police Activities League. Santa Monica Place and Downtwon Santa Monica, Inc. helped organize the toy drive. Gifts will be handed out to needy children Saturday.

Site of proposed hotel home to first flying car

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A $30 million hotel planned for the northwest corner of Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue could be shot out of the air by, of all things, a flying car.

The hotel proposed by South Carolina firm OTO Development, a mid-priced Courtyard by Marriott, would take the place of the Midas auto repair shop and Royal Autobody that reside there now.

OTO also hopes to install a Hampton Inn at 501 Colorado Ave., immediately across the street. The two hotels, coming in at 70,000 and 78,000 square feet respectively, are each expected to bring in approximately $1.15 million in taxes and $1.9 million in direct spending per year.

However, evidence proffered by Landmarks Commissioner Nina Fresco suggests that what is now an auto shop was once the birthplace of the world's first flying car, and may be worthy of historic protection.

The contraption now hangs in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

A landmark designation at the site would kill the hotel project, said Taylor Callaham, a

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Dec. 16, 2011

Another door opens
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., 5 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Santa Monica's legendary art complex Bergamot Station comes alive with 30 Open Doors, a colorful open house celebration of art, drink, food and performance, in honor of the site's remarkable past, present and future as the centerpiece of West Coast art. Valet parking will be available on site. This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit http://bergamotstation.com/

Down the rabbit hole
O'Brien's Irish Pub & Restaurant
2941 Main St., 2 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Rabbits Black, an online community of music lovers and artists, is proud to present "Home For The Holidays: A Charity Concert to Aid The Homeless in our Community This Winter." Several bands will performing in this intimate setting. Prizes will be offered and O'Briens will also be donating a portion of the bar sales to the cause. Together with PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), Rabbits is going to move at least three families into permanent homes from the funds raised. Entrance is free with RSVP. RSVP with guest count at info@rabbitsblack.com.

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011

Art sale
First United Methodist Church
1008 11th St., 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Upward Bound house invites people to attend its open house and art sale featuring art, jewelry and other gifts designed by local artists. Upward Bound House is a Santa Monica-based non-profit with a mission to eliminate homelessness among families with children. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.upwardboundhouse.org or call Jaclyn Lantz at (310) 458-7779 ext. 203.

Opening up
Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
The Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. will be hosting an open house featuring Santa Claus and free carousel rides and refreshments. Get a picture with the man in red. For more information go to www.santamonicapier.org or call (310) 458-8786.

Final performance
Santa Monica Conservatory of Music
1501a Colorado Ave., 3 p.m.
John Redfield, Alena Bernardi, and the Santa Monica Conservatory of Music will host the final concert of their fall session. The free event will be in an open house style. The public is invited to see the space, meet the teachers and listen to the music. There will be audience participation and instrument introduction. For more information call (310) 633-4885.

Pub crawl with a cause
Citywide
5 p.m.
Fast becoming a holiday tradition, the third annual Santa Monica Pub Crawl is expected to draw over 3,000 people who will donate food in exchange for deals at local bars. Last year enough food was collected for 21,000 meals, organizers said. Over 20 bars and restaurants will be participating. Remember to dress in holiday attire. For a complete list of bars, pub crawl maps, routes, bus stops, updates, or to download the mobile app, visit the official Web site at www.santamonicapubcrawl.com. Remember, do not drink and drive!

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UPS AND DOWNS

Photo by Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Santa Claus rides Pacific Park's Frog Hopper with some lucky little ones as a curtain of snow falls. Through Christmas day, visitors to the amusement park on the Santa Monica Pier can ride with Santa and have their pictures taken with the bearded one.

Santa Monican to serve as UC regent

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN A local attorney has been appointed for a two-year term to the UC Board of Regents, the chancellor's office announced earlier this week.

Kenneth A. Feingold, a graduate of UC Santa Cruz, will serve the first year as a regent designate and secretary of the Alumni Associations of the University of California (AAUC). He will attend all meetings and participate in policy discussions but without voting rights.

Beginning July 1, 2013, he will serve as president of the AAUC and become a full-voting member of the board.

Feingold is the fourth UCSC alumnus to represent the campus.

His selection comes at a time of cutbacks and systemwide budget uncertainty, following a period of adjustments, layoffs and cuts in state funding.

An Alumni Regent Selection Committee consisting of leaders of the UCSC Alumni Association Council chose Feingold, a Los Angeles-based attorney and mediator with the law firm Feingold & Spiegel.

"Ken will bring the unique Santa Cruz perspective to the regents including an understanding of the role of UC as a vehicle for social mobility for California's families," said Amy Everitt, past president of the UCSC Alumni Council and chair of the selection committee.

From 1991 to 2007, Feingold served as a trustee of the UC Santa Cruz Foundation. In 2003, he became the first alumnus to be elected president of the foundation — a position he held until 2005.

Aside from helping to guide the university, Feingold has worked extensively to help young scholars prepare for the future.



FEINGOLD

In 2000, he and his wife, Moira, whom he met while they were both students at UCSC, established the UCSC-Santa Monica High School Scholarship Endowment Fund, which makes an annual grant to a high school senior planning to attend UCSC.

"I am honored to have been chosen to serve as a regent by the UCSC Alumni Association Council," Feingold said Tuesday. "This is a difficult time for the State of California and the University of California. I pledge to work as an alumni regent to keep our institution strong and responsive to the needs of the students, the faculty and our state."

While Feingold emphasized that each regent must represent the entire UC system, and not just one campus, he said that alumni regents bring fresh perspectives to the board.

In his letter of intent to the selection committee, Feingold noted the "chronic budget shortfalls, which will require the Board of Regents to adopt polices and practices that promote efficiencies, control operating costs, and maintain the university's core values."

Feingold stressed the importance of the regents protecting the interests of students, preserving resources that support groundbreaking research, and promoting the public participation of students and faculty.

Seven years have passed since a UCSC graduate served on The Regents of the University of California's 26-member board.

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DA won't charge campaign treasurer

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said Thursday that it will not prosecute a political campaign treasurer on charges of working without an accounting license because she already faces significant prison time if convicted of federal mail fraud charges.

The misdemeanor charge of working without a license is unlikely to increase the punishment for Kinde Durkee, the office said in a letter to the state Board of Accountancy.

Durkee is charged in federal court with looting $700,000 from a state assemblyman

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Have to do better than that

Editor:

When I ran for Santa Monica City Council in 1975, one of my planks was opposition to the presence of the nativity scenes in public parks as violating the separation of the church and state clause in the U.S. Constitution.

I well recall the astonishing remark of then Mayor Clo Hoover at a City Council meeting: "Many of our merchants, many of our Hebrew merchants contribute to their upkeep."

I am, of course, opposed to Chabad or any other Jewish group erecting anything in furtherance of its religion.

The petition calling for the erection of the scenes justifies them as "beloved traditions."

Inadvertently, letter writer Cheryl Rhoden ("Nothing for nothing," Letters to the Editor, Dec. 15) cites an old, long discredited tradition in U.S. history that it would be foolish to perpetuate because it was, in some parts of the country a "beloved tradition," and I'm sure you who are reading this can think of other practices that were, and still are, traditions that are wrong to perpetuate simply because they are traditions. God (pun intended) knows, history is replete with them.

So please come up with a better reason for your support of the crèches on public land.

R. Rosenthal
New York

Shame on you

Editor:

David Pisarra gets it right although he doesn't go full bore and accuse mothers of using domestic violence to gain a better position in custody cases ("Dads demonstrate against Verizon," What's The Point?, Dec. 13). He also doesn't mention that when an aggressive woman calls the cops, the victim loses his rights to due process, to see his kids, to live in his home and protect his kids from her, and the right to keep firearms to protect those children from any harm.

Many, many times we sit out here in flyover country watching what comes out of California and too often finding ourselves ducking. The saying is that, as California goes, so goes the other states. We're wondering, in the case of domestic violence, what's the hold up out here. Shame on you Verizon. Shame, shame, shame. Tsk, tsk, tsk.

Anthony Sprout
Deerfield, Ohio

Bring back the full display

Editor:

Dear city officials,

I picked up a copy of the weekend edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press and was so saddened to read that my city government did not choose to take a unified stand to allow the display of the full 14 spaces for the traditional nativity scenes in Palisades Park ("Santa Monica nativity scenes displaced by atheist messages," Dec. 10-11).

I took a drive past Palisades Park. What I saw as a representation of our city to residents and visitors during the holiday season made me feel ashamed. I am a lifelong resident of this city, and for the majority of my 59 years the nativity scenes have been a much awaited display each holiday season. They are an anticipated tradition for many of us; a reminder of faith and love.

A person's not knowing whether there is a God or a Santa or a devil is an honest declaration or choice, but the choice to believe gives many of us hope and peace of mind in what, at times, can be a very troubling world. During a very special season of the year for many of us, isn't there enough sadness and ugliness in our world without the need to publicly flaunt negativity and the mistakes of mankind. Please reconsider and allow the tradition of Santa Monica's nativity scenes to continue.

Thank you for listening.

Terrie Centeno
Santa Monica

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Drone, drone on the range

FOR ANYONE OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER back to 1960 the recent photos from Iran of a "captured" American surveillance drone must be reminiscent of another embarrassing saga in American intelligence history. I'd like to say I was still in the crib at the time but I was actually in high school.

This was during the Cold War and the CIA was using the U-2 (a spy plane, not a rock band) to take infrared photos of Russian military installations. U-2s cruised at an altitude of 75,000 feet, considered far too high for Russian radar to detect. Or so everyone thought.

Our government vehemently denied such flights even existed. That is, until on May 1, 1960 a U-2 was shot down and the pilot, Francis Gary Powers, was captured. As Rick Perry might say, "Whoops."

The photos of Powers and the plane were defiantly shown to the world by the Russians much like the Iranians are doing now with our drone. Evidently it's true, those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Curiously, Powers, who died in Los Angeles under mysterious circumstances in 1977, (his helicopter ran out of gas) always believed that his U-2 had been sabotaged by the CIA. Why? Because Eisenhower planned a summit with Khrushchev for mid-May of 1960.

Even though this sounds like a conspiracy theory it makes considerable sense. Even Khrushchev suspected the downing of the U-2 may have been the work of "American aggressive circles" trying to "torpedo the Paris summit, and prevent an agreement for which the whole world is waiting."

Not surprisingly, after the U-2 incident, the summit was called off by the Russians. (And the Cold War "flourished" for arms manufacturers and related industries for another 30 years!) Months later Ike gave his famous farewell address, warning of the "unwanted influence of military-industrial complex" which he felt might steer the country toward war for financial gain. (Can you say Halliburton?)

At the time most thought Ike's admonition came out of nowhere. Perhaps not. In looking back, one thing seems abundantly clear, there's no money in peace.

Currently, we, and much of the world, revile the Iranian regime. But we don't exactly have clean hands. Our interest in Iran began in 1908 with the discovery of oil. Ever since we've looked at Iran as a combination cash register and oil spigot.

Our "bad behavior" culminated in 1953 when we helped remove a democratically elected Iranian prime minister. He wanted to nationalize the oil industry and we couldn't allow that. (As in the question, how did our oil wind up under their sand?)

Imagine if a foreign country interfered in our elections. What if in 2000 a foreign power helped overturn Bush's election over Gore? Actually, that's a bad example for obvious reasons. Actually, I wish they had.

The point is that we'd probably go to war with any country that interfered with our elections. And yet we are aghast that the Iranians aren't our fans. As 1 percent-er Willard Romney says of the U.S., we should "never apologize." (I'm not betting $10,000 on the proposition but it appears that Willard's middle name is "Mittens." Mittens? A cat I could understand, but…)

Currently there's surprisingly little discussion of this drone fiasco, which was clearly a violation of Iranian airspace. (Would we permit the Iranians to fly over the Pentagon?) And yet this story is getting little play, whereas there's tons of heated discussion about Tim Tebow and the upcoming NFL playoffs. What a country.

IN LOOKING BACK, IKE'S FAMOUS FAREWELL ADDRESS TURNED OUT TO BE DARKLY PROPHETIC. THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX BECAME A PERMANENT FIXTURE IN AMERICAN POLITICS.

Personally, I fear it's possible the drone incident will be a precursor to a war with Iran. The fact is we're already in a shadow war there. Just as we are winding down the war in Iraq, we may be ratcheting up one with the Iranians. We seem to love our wars.

But maybe I don't have the right attitude about the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and now possibly Iran. It might make a great sitcom, "Two and One-Half Wars." Remember, Charlie Sheen's available.

Instead of the sitcom being about a jingle writer who lives in Malibu, it could be about a madcap general who lives in a bachelor pad in Chevy Chase, Md. Instead of chasing hot babes he could chase hot wars. Imagine the hilarious hi-jinx.

In looking back, Ike's famous farewell address turned out to be darkly prophetic. The military-industrial complex became a permanent fixture in American politics.

And the "War on Terror" has been as much of a financial boon to the war machine as was the Cold War. In Iraq, for example, our government admitted that as much as $17 billion just "disappeared." Vanished into thin air. (Or various pockets.)

And yet nobody was prosecuted or even fired. There wasn't even much of a collective "whoops." And just think, Iran could be next.

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Reducing deficit requires skill, risk from politicians

THE FAILURE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL "super committee" to reach an agreement on reducing the deficit was not just bad fiscal news. It was a significant failure of political leadership.

Not only did the committee move us one step closer to a genuine fiscal crisis, but also it put the dysfunction of Congress on full display. At a time of great economic stress, its members lost sight of what failure would cost the country in lost economic growth and foregone job creation. They did not fully appreciate that inaction ensures grave economic risks. Even worse, they sent a signal to the American people — who overwhelmingly wanted to believe that common ground is still possible in a divided age — that partisan politics is stronger than the national interest. Failure robbed Americans of hope at a time when they desperately needed some.

Where do we go from here? We did learn some important lessons from the super committee's many weeks of work.

An obvious one is how difficult it will be getting our fiscal house in order. The super committee proved that deficit reduction is hard on the substance and even harder on the politics. The fact that its members could not salvage a formal agreement from their discussions, unlike special committees in the past, makes clear that it will take a supreme effort of political will to move the nation past this point. Though even in failure, the committee could have done much more to educate the American public on the hard choices necessary to get our fiscal house in order.

A second, related lesson is that fixing the deficit will require politicians who can set aside the politics of the moment. The members of the special committee were unable and unwilling to do that. Some gave me the feeling that they wanted to defeat an agreement, not achieve one, and none seemed willing to go against their party priorities. Though they laudably tried early on to keep partisan messaging from derailing their efforts, by the end, each side was trying to make the other look bad. They worked hard to present their own party as flexible and open to solutions on tax increases or spending cuts, and the other as entrenched and unyielding.

Why were the politicians unable to reach a solution when the American people clearly wanted one? The White House and President Obama were mostly silent. Congressional leaders of both parties supported their negotiators' positions, neither demanding an agreement nor pressuring negotiators to reach one. To their credit, rank and file members of both parties did go on record urging the super committee to set aside partisanship and arrive at a resolution. But their voices could not drown out the ideological activists dead-set against raising taxes on the wealthy or finding meaningful cuts in entitlements.

The members of the super committee had neither the influence on Capitol Hill nor the willingness to forge a solution that would lead the country forward. They did not strive for an agreement large enough to allow room for the necessary trade-offs to solve the problem, and in the end, they and congressional leaders seem to calculate that they would pay a greater political price for reaching an agreement than for failing. Those who favored a compromise bear some responsibility here; ideological activists were able to exert more pressure than the majority who wanted to see an agreement. In the future, the voices of moderation will have to be louder.

Meaningful progress on our fiscal problems will require skilled politicians at the highest level to roll up their sleeves and take a risk with their own political bases. It has been done before, when politicians like former Republican Sen. Bob Dole and former Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan stepped up and made hard decisions. They were able, when the occasion demanded, to use their public stature and their political gifts to command attention and sway public opinion.

For the final lesson from the super committee's failure is that it's not about the numbers, it's about political leadership. Our fiscal crisis is still with us. The issues that broke the committee's back have not gone away. Congress has no choice but to press on. Surely the president and members of Congress must now grasp the magnitude of our fiscal problem and the necessity of shared sacrifice to resolve it.

Sometimes in politics, you have to fail before you can succeed. Even in failure, the super committee provided some valuable lessons. Our hope must be that our political leaders can discern them, and that this failure will pave the way for progress.

LEE HAMILTON is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

The Q Line

Purchasing power

The debate over the pace and scope of development in Santa Monica has often been contentious as neighborhood groups favoring slower growth squared off against planners and developers pushing for more height and density. The recent discussion about the Village Trailer Park and the City Council's decision to explore purchasing the park to save low-income housing is a perfect example.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think should happen to the Village Trailer Park? Should the council try to preserve it, or should the market dictate its future?

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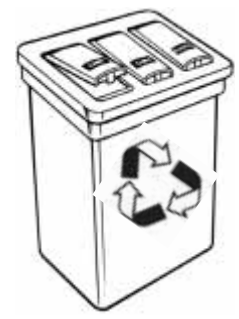


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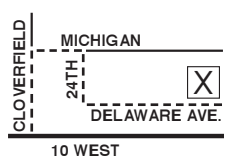


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Calif. tanker fire will force freeway demolition

BY AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

MONTEBELLO, Calif. For the second time in a year, Southern California motorists faced a freeway "Carmageddon." But as the evening commute loomed Thursday there was some good news: A 10-mile stretch of road closed by a gasoline tanker fire could reopen within a day.

In a region where accidents routinely clog rush-hour routes for hours, crews called in heavy tractors to quickly demolish part of a heavily damaged overpass on State Highway 60 east of downtown Los Angeles.

A double-tanker hauling nearly 9,000 gallons of gasoline went up in flames under the Paramount Boulevard bridge in Montebello, east of Los Angeles, on Wednesday. The driver was not hurt but the intense flames and heat melted the truck, cratered the road beneath it and cracked the concrete on the overpass so that chunks crashed onto the pavement below.

Authorities quickly closed the freeway, a major route connecting Los Angeles to dozens of bedroom communities to its east. Rush-hour traffic Wednesday evening and Thursday morning quickly became gridlocked for miles, delaying commuters as much as two hours or more and spilling over onto other freeways and surface streets.

Engineers determined early Thursday that the damaged steel and concrete made the eastern side of the bridge too dangerous to save. Concrete core samples were being examined to determine whether the western side would be pulled down as well.

Either way, the freeway was expected to reopen Friday afternoon in time for the evening rush hour, California Department of Transportation spokeswoman Kelly Markham said.

"You will look up overhead and where you used to see bridge you will see sky," she said.

The overpass was built in 1966. It was unclear how long rebuilding the span might take but it could be weeks or months, Markham said.

That will require closing a stretch of freeway again, although officials said much of the work could be done at night.

"It is an emergency contract. We will do it as quickly as possible," Markham said.

Tens of thousands of drivers use the freeway daily to commute from communities in eastern Los Angeles County and adjoining Riverside and San Bernardino counties. It also is a main route for trucks delivering vast streams of goods from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to inland warehouses.

Among those caught in Thursday's mammoth morning traffic jam was Nakisa Kohanchi, an Iranian immigrant who missed her naturalization ceremony because of the traffic tie-up.

Kohanchi left her home in the Sherman Oaks area of Los Angeles at 7:15 a.m. and headed to the ceremony in Montebello, 20 miles away.

It took her nearly two hours to get there, as she was routed off State Highway 60, got lost and drove in circles.

"I had to exit the freeway and I didn't know how I could get there from the streets," said Kohanchi, who planned to become a U.S. citizen at a second ceremony scheduled later in the day.

The shutdown of a key section of Los Angeles area freeway revived memories of the first Carmageddon earlier this year.

In July, a 10-mile stretch of another freeway was closed for a weekend so a bridge could be demolished. Officials had warned for weeks that the work on Interstate 405 in West Los Angeles could create epic traffic jams, however, and people who got the word stayed far away. Traffic in many areas was actually lighter than usual.

That wasn't the case Wednesday.

"We couldn't warn people about this because it was an accident," California Highway Patrol Officer Luis Mendoza said of the tanker fire.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation. There was no crash so investigators planned to look at other factors, such as possible brake or other mechanical failure.

There were nearly 400 accidents involving tanker trucks hauling chemicals in the U.S. last year and they resulted in five deaths, according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.Most accidents occurred as the tankers were unloading. Only seven occurred in California and none involved a fire.

Gov. vows to prepare Calif. for climate change

BY JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO The United Nations' top climate official on Thursday lauded California's efforts to help mitigate global warming by reducing greenhouse gases but said the state needs to more quickly adapt to the risks that extreme weather and a rising sea pose to agriculture and the coastline.

Rajendra Pachauri, chairman of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, joined scientists, California Gov. Jerry Brown and billionaire Sir Richard Branson at a conference at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park.

Brown organized the conference, he said, to urge people to "wake up" to the risks posed by extreme weather caused by manmade global warming, and to start thinking about what California ought to do to prepare.

He said the state needs to gird itself against floods caused by the faster snowmelts that are already happening, putting pressure on aging levees and threatening the state's agriculture industry.

Warming climate also means longer and more intense wildfire seasons that will threaten homes and infrastructure such as power lines, and affect air quality.

"The greatest obstacle we face is a deep sense of complacency, a sense that things were this way yesterday and were OK and will continue," Brown said.

"It's difficult to see what's not completely obvious ... the buildup of greenhouse gases and climate change, we see it, it's pretty clear," he said.

Brown lumped together global-warming skeptics, including GOP lawmakers and the

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Former child maid from Egypt becomes US citizen

BY AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

MONTEBELLO, Calif. More than a decade ago, 10-year-old Shyima Hall was brought to Southern California by an affluent Egyptian couple who forced her to sleep in a cold garage at night and spend her days working as a maid.

For nearly two years, Hall ironed clothes, washed dishes and handled other domestic chores until authorities freed her.

On Thursday, she met with officials again but this time to proudly take the oath of allegiance to America as a newly minted U.S. citizen — a key step on her path to becoming a police officer or immigration agent to help other victims of human trafficking.

"Now I can move on with my career and start my life the way I want it," the 22-year-old said, her eyes sparkling after the ceremony on Thursday in Montebello. "It's just something I've waited for for a long time."

Hall was sent to work for an Egyptian couple as a domestic servant in Cairo when she was 9. The following year, Abdel Nasser Youssef Ibrahim and his then-wife Amal Ahmed Ewis-abd El Motelib arranged for someone to apply for a tourist visa on her behalf and brought her to the United States, U.S. court records show.

In 2000, Hall set foot in California — but only inside the spacious home where Ibrahim and Motelib lived with their five children in Irvine. She was not allowed to play outside the house or with the other children, but rather slept in the garage without electricity and manually washed her clothes in a bucket, the documents show.

Both Ibrahim and Motelib slapped Hall and told her police would arrest her if they saw her outside the home, the documents show, adding they knew her visa had expired and did nothing to extend it.

For nearly two years, she lived in the garage, worked full time and was not allowed to attend school. A neighbor became suspicious and called police.

After her rescue, Hall wound up in foster care and bounced around from home to home. She was adopted by a family in Beaumont and was able to obtain legal status to remain in the country and eventually got her green card.

Hall — who took her adoptive family's surname — said she felt like the family was more enamored of her case than of her and weren't supportive of her efforts to start her career, which prompted her to move out and start a life of her own.

She took classes at college and got a job. She is now a sales supervisor at an upscale watch store and volunteers for her local police department in the hopes of becoming an officer. Now, with her naturalization certificate in hand, she can pursue her dream.

"No one really can tell you you can't do that or you can't be that person," she said after the naturalization ceremony for 900 new citizens. "I can be who I want to be and that's the most important part for me."

Hall said she doesn't dwell on the past and tries to look forward. She would also like to get her U.S. passport and visit Egypt to see her 10 brothers and sisters.

Mark Abend, a supervisory special agent at Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said he met Hall when she was a frightened child rescued by police.

Over time, she began to confide in investigators about her experience, learned English, graduated from high school and has become an impassioned advocate for trafficking victims, speaking about her experience at training sessions held by law enforcement.

"For her to be able to go through all that and still keep her head up and not be suffering from severe depression... for her to actually pull it all together and become very successful is really amazing to me," said Abend, who attended the ceremony along with Hall's friends and attorneys.

In 2006, Ibrahim and Motelib pleaded guilty to holding Hall in involuntary servitude, forced labor, conspiracy and harboring an illegal immigrant. Ibrahim was sentenced to 36 months in prison and Motelib was sentenced to 22 months. Both were ordered to pay $76,000 to Hall for her work for the family.

The Associated Press reported on the case in a series in 2008 on the exploitation of children in Africa.

Moteilb was deported to Egypt in 2008. Ibrahim was determined to be subject to deportation, but an immigration judge ruled he could remain in the country.

Ibrahim is under an order of supervision and regularly reports to immigration authorities, said Virginia Kice, a spokeswoman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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Cato Institute, calling them a well-funded "cult" that disagrees with the vast majority of published, peer-reviewed climate science.

"The main thing we have to deal with in climate change is the skepticism, the denial and the cult-like behavior of the political lemmings that would take us over the cliff," Brown said.

"The Cato Institute has speakers that say environmentalism is a greater threat to capitalism than Marxism itself," he said, evoking laugher from the audience.

Patrick J. Michaels, a senior fellow in environmental studies at Cato, said the institute has never denied climate change, but disputes temperature projections by the UN, saying the sensitivity of temperature to changes in carbon dioxide levels have been overestimated.

"Governor Brown clearly has not read anything that the Cato Institute has published on global warming. Rather than deny it, we believe that indeed the surface temperature of the planet is about one degree Celsius warmer than it was 120 years ago and that increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide has contributed to this," Michaels said in a statement to The Associated Press.

"On the other hand, it is also clear that the rate of observed warming is falling beneath the midrange projections from the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change."

Pachauri said UN studies show that 95 percent of human deaths associated with extreme weather events happen in developing countries.

Yet he said the world's large economies, such as California's, can make great strides toward helping reduce global greenhouse gas emissions, especially through the simple task of retrofitting existing buildings.

"If one could retrofit buildings to make them more efficient, and if new buildings could be built to current standards, it's really a win-win situation," Pachauri said. "Overall, the building sector has the largest potential for the reduction of emissions."

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



On the bad end of a breakup

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.

MONDAY, DEC. 5, AT 10:38 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2400 block of Oak Street regarding a report of a disturbance. When officers arrived, they made contact with the person who called police. He told officers that his ex-girlfriend came to the front door of his home and created a disturbance over the fact that he had moved on with his life. After several minutes of her allegedly yelling profanities, she appeared to have left the location. When the man went outside to check, he said he saw her sitting in his car, which he left unlocked. The woman was still in the car when officers arrived. During their conversation with her, officers said they noticed she was holding a glass pipe commonly used to smoke crack cocaine. The suspect was removed from the car and placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. She was identified as Veronica Lynch, 35, of Venice, Calif. Her bail was set at $10,000.

MONDAY, DEC. 5, AT 11:47 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2000 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a report of vandalism. When officers arrived, they made contact with four people who were standing next to a garbage bin located next to Eddie's Liquor. During the investigation, one of the men admitted to using spray paint to vandalize the trash bin, which is owned by City Hall. Officers recovered the paint can and placed him under arrest for vandalism. The three other men were released. The suspect was identified as Jonathan Claiborne, 26, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $1,000.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6, AT 10:43 A.M.,
Officers were driving in the 2000 block of 19th Street when they were flagged down by a woman who told them that her house had been burglarized. Officers went to the home and located the landlord and a maintenance worker on the outside of the property. The landlord said she was on the property to conduct a repair that was required by city officials. She said that she gave proper notice to her tenant, who allegedly became angry and attacked the landlord with a machete. The renter told officers that she had a right to defend her property and refused to answer any questions about the machete, police said. After further investigation, officers placed the tenant under arrest. Officers obtained a search warrant and recovered the machete from inside the apartment. The suspect was transported to jail and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. She was identified as Cece Debarge, 49, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $30,000.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7, AT 8:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade — Sephora — regarding a report of four suspicious people shoplifting in the store. Before officers arrived, the suspects left and went to Brookstone. While there, officers and store security detained them for questioning. It was determined that all were in possession of stolen goods from six different stores on the promenade. Those stores included Sephora, Apple, Urban Outfitters, Brookstone, Pacific Sun and Footlocker. All four were placed under arrest for burglary and conspiracy. They were identified as: Trayvon Plummer, 22, of Long Beach; Richard Green, 22, of Los Angeles; Orlando Boatwright, 22, of Los Angeles; and Dominique Tate, 22, of Long beach. Bail was set at $20,000 for each, except Green, who had a warrant for his arrest. His bail was set at $56,000.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10, AT 7:40 P.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol in the area of 1900 Delaware Avenue when they saw a Cadillac Seville driving eastbound with the rear license plate dangling from the vehicle. Officers said the rear license plate light was inoperable. Officers conducted a traffic stop to issue a citation and during their conversation with the driver learned that he did not have any identification. Officers asked for permission to search the car. It was granted and officers said they found crack cocaine in plain view. The officers asked the driver if he had anything on him that was illegal and he allegedly admitted to possessing a glass pipe, which he had hidden in his shoe. The driver was placed under arrest and booked for possession and two vehicle code violations. He was identified as Calvin Lane, 56, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

SUNDAY, DEC. 11, AT 10:13 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of the promenade — Apple Store — regarding a report of attempted fraud. Descriptions of the suspects were broadcast over the police radio and officers located and detained a man and a woman who matched those descriptions as they exited Parking Structure 2. Officers said the man presented a fake driver's license while the woman allegedly tried to hide under some boxes in the backseat of the truck. Officers searched the truck and recovered several fake IDs. The woman was also found to be in possession of fraudulent credit cards, IDs and was under the influence of a controlled substance, police said. The Apple store reported no loss. The suspects were placed under arrest and booked for various charges, including possession of fraudulent access cards, forgery and being under the influence of a controlled substance. They were identified as Christopher McNabb, 28, of Simi Valley and Whitney Mullins, 30, of Los Angeles. No bail was issued for McNabb. Bail for Mullins was set at $20,000.

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DURKEE
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and targeting others, including Santa Monica City Councilman Terry O'Day, Rent Control Board Commissioner Chris Braun and a committee that backed the half-cent sales tax increase to fund local public schools.

"Prosecution is declined in the interest of justice," the district attorney's letter states.

Durkee's work for District Attorney Steve Cooley for several months after the 2000 election had no bearing on the decision, said Jane Robison, a district attorney spokeswoman. Durkee briefly oversaw Cooley's political officeholder account.

The state Attorney General's Office told the accounting board Thursday that it would not prosecute the case, said Lauren Hersh, a spokeswoman for the accounting board.

"We're kind of reassessing our options now," Hersh said.

The Burbank city attorney has already declined to prosecute on grounds of a potential conflict of interest. Durkee, whose office is located in the Los Angeles suburb, was campaign treasurer for a City Council member who participated in hiring the city attorney and will evaluate her performance.

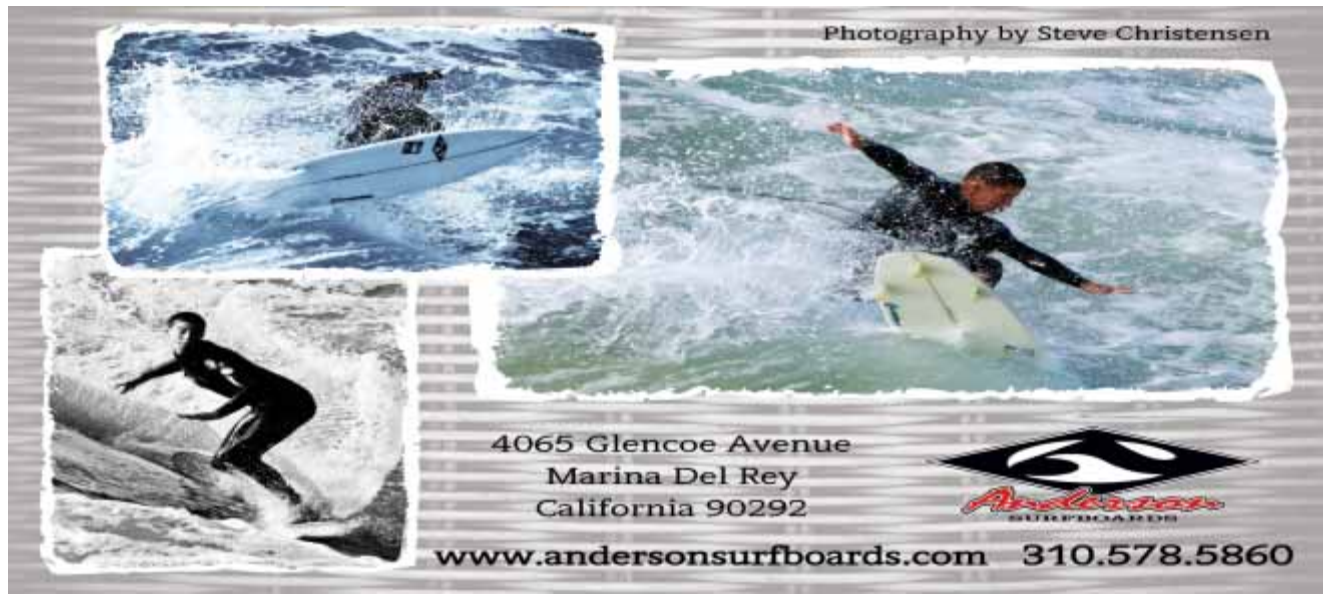
Durkee, who was treasurer for hundreds of Democratic officeholders, candidates and groups, has a preliminary hearing Jan. 26 in Sacramento on federal charges that she siphoned $700,000 from the account of state Assemblyman Jose Solorio. U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein has estimated that she may have lost $5 million.

According to court filings, O'Day's account was drained of roughly $16,000, while the Committee to Protect Community and Schools lost over $14,000.

Working without an accounting license is a misdemeanor offense punishable by up to six months in jail and $1,000 in fines.

Durkee's attorney, Daniel Nixon, did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

Editor-in-Chief Kevin Herrera contributed to this report.





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HOTEL
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representative of OTO Development.

"If one or more of the buildings were left intact and in their current state, it would require us to abandon the project," Callaham said.

The small flying car belonged to a man named Waldo Waterman, who, in the 1930s, began trying to take the budding aeronautics industry mainstream by making a plane for the common man.

He developed his most successful model, called the Aerobile, at the Fifth and Colorado site, and tried to outfit the place with an assembly line to produce them on a larger scale, but a case of appendicitis put the concept on hold indefinitely, Fresco said.

"We need you to help us protect the thinning fabric of historic Santa Monica, which is becoming more and more fragile every day," Fresco told commissioners.

Michael Gallen, also with OTO Development, said that it would be impossible to incorporate the facade of the building into the new hotel, and questioned why the property would become a landmark now rather than three years ago, when the company purchased the property.

Even so, the company was not trying to avoid the landmark consideration, he said.

"We thought it would be more appropriate to present it to Planning and the City Council before going to Landmarks," Gallen said. "We wanted the city invested in the project before going through that formality. It was not our intention to avoid it."

There have been complaints in the past of anti-development factions trying to use the landmark process to curtail construction even when there was little evidence to support such a move.

Even without the obstacle posed by Waterman's flying machine, the two hotels weren't getting off the ground with the Planning Commission.

The developers presented the two hotels during a float-up session, meant to solicit opinions from the commission early on in the development process.

The commission's vote would not impact the future of the development, which would then go on to the City Council for another float-up.

"I kind of support these kinds of uses at this corner," said Chair Jim Ries. "I think the hotel makes sense from a revenue and traffic standpoint, and having it near light rail makes sense to me."

It was the only thing commissioners seemed to support.

The look of the buildings was called "bland," lacked independent retail at the ground floor to appeal to pedestrians and didn't strive to meet a high standard of resource efficiency.

Allowing two corporate chains to flank a prominent entrance to the city — which would be front and center for drivers exiting the 10 Freeway, passengers on the proposed Exposition Light Rail Line and users of the Colorado Esplanade project — offended some sensibilities.

"I don't like these projects and I don't like them together," said Vice Chair Gerda Newbold. "It'll create a mid-range hotel row, and I don't think that's what we want when we get off of our light rail."

Too much public money will pour into Downtown to make it a transportation hub and congregation center for the hotels to be uninteresting shells, commissioners said.

"The two projects as currently envisioned do nothing to make me go ooh or ahh," said Commissioner Ted Winterer. "They fall way short in the design area."

Callaham and Gallen also refused to commit to paying a living wage to hotel workers, and demurred on the subject of letting workers organize into unions.

"I'm not sure that all hotels in Santa Monica pay a living wage, and we would not want to operate at a competitive disadvantage," Callaham said, promising to pay "competitive wages and benefits."

That was not enough for Winterer, who had held the line on unionization for the hotel at 710 Wilshire Blvd., which is currently working its way through the planning process.

The same attorney working on the two hotels handled the 710 Wilshire project, so the demand shouldn't be a surprise, Winterer said.

"We have a nationwide discussion of have and have nots, and if we're not going to support it in Santa Monica, we should just give up," he said.

Commissioners voted that the City Council deny the two proposals if their comments were not addressed in two motions, with Ries against both and Newbold standing against the 501 Colorado hotel.

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WELCOME: **Students attend freshman orientation at Santa Monica College, which is weathering budget cuts by increasing fees and enrolling more foreign students who pay higher tuition.**

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would only be "triggered" if approximately $4 billion in hoped-for revenue failed to appear.

The triggers came in two tiers — higher education and other social services would be cut first, and, if less than half of the expected money came in, K-12 education would feel the knife.

While higher education will feel the full brunt of the loss, K-12 will only lose $79.6 million of the $1.5 billion it faced, said Ana Matosantos, director of the state department of finance.

The cut could equate to half of the transportation budget and approximately $13 dollars per student in state funding, said Jan Maez, the chief financial officer of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

That's fabulous, considering that it could have been 20 times that amount if the state hadn't realized any of its projected revenue.

"Months ago, we heard it would be $181, and we thought that was good news," Maez said. "This is even better news."

The district set aside money to cover potential losses in January, so students will not see any change in services this year, Maez said.

Subsequent years, however, remain a mystery.

Unlike K-12 education, the state college and community college systems and other social welfare programs were promised a $601 million reduction if the state fell short by $2 billion.

Santa Monica College officials put aside $1.24 million from its $12.6 million reserves to help weather the cuts, said spokesman Bruce Smith.

"We have a strong reserve, and thank goodness because with all of the cuts year after year after year, it's been difficult," Smith said.

The newest round of reductions brings cuts in the 2011-12 school year to $502 million for the community college system alone, said Paige Marlatt Dorr, spokesperson for the California Community College Chancellor's Office.

In an attempt to offset some of those losses, state officials imposed a $10 increase per unit on community college students earlier in the year. The newest triggers will mean another $10 increase, raising the per unit cost from $26 to $46.

"That's a 77 percent increase in fees in less than a year," Marlatt Dorr said. "We serve some of the most vulnerable and needy students in the state. We are still the lowest, but for many of our students who are working two jobs, they're barely making it paycheck to paycheck."

The new revenue won't appear until fall 2012, however, and some community colleges will still have to cut class offerings and, in some cases, personnel.

That's not the situation at SMC because of careful money management and a higher population of out-of-state and international students that pay higher fees than California students, Smith said.

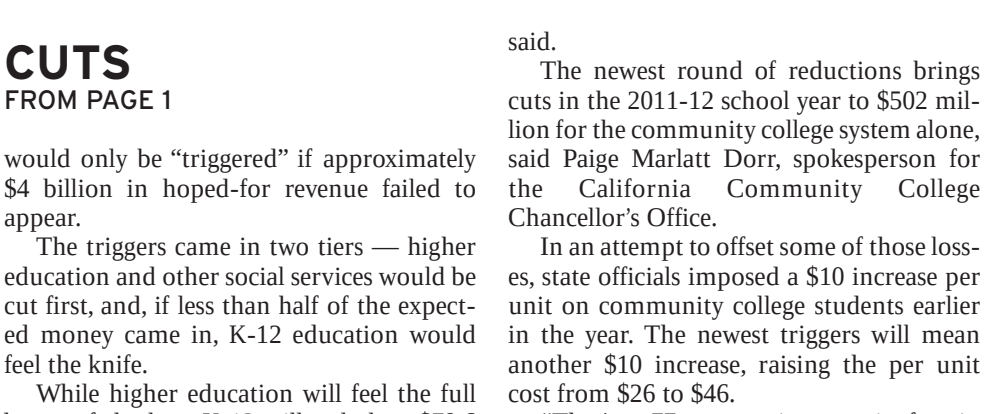
"We have actually hired some new tenure track faculty," Smith said. "At the same time, don't get me wrong, this isn't good news."

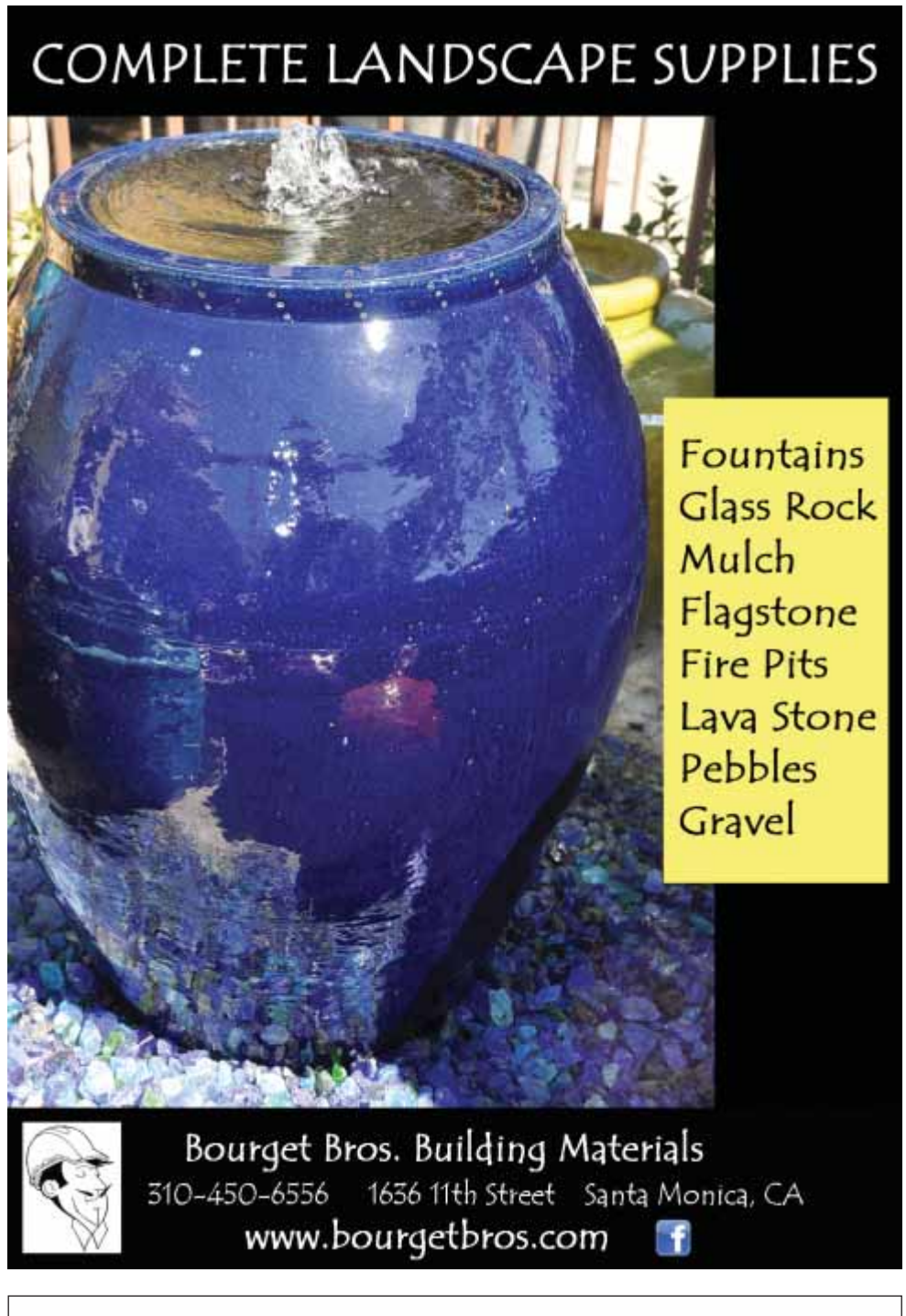
And the bad news could keep coming.

In his speech, Brown promised another round of cuts if Californians vote down a tax measure meant to raise $7 billion, which will appear on the November 2012 ballot.

"Trigger cuts are a process of fiscal discipline. Going forward, we'll have an opportunity in November to vote in the revenue, almost $7 billion, or not," Brown said. "If they do, taxes will be extended for the next few years. If they don't, we'll see even bigger cuts."

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Silence is golden: 'Artist' leads French-y Globes

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. Ah, Paris. City of Light. Land of romance. Gobbler of all the best Golden Globe nominations.

Presented by overseas reporters based in Hollywood, the Globes may be a worldwide affair, but this time, they have a real French flair. The silent film "The Artist," from French filmmaker Michel Havanavicius, led with six nominations Thursday, while the field includes Woody Allen's French romance "Midnight in Paris" and Martin Scorsese's Paris adventure "Hugo."

Steven Spielberg has two nominees with French connections: the World War I epic "War Horse," set partly in France's countryside, and the animated tale "The Adventures of Tintin," based on comic-book stories created in France's neighbor, Belgium.

"Of course, the foreign press is going to like France," joked Seth Rogen, producer and co-star of the cancer tale "50/50," which has two nominations and no obvious French links.

"War Horse" and "Hugo" are up for best drama, along with two George Clooney films, the Hawaiian family story "The Descendants" and the political thriller "The Ides of March"; the 1960s racial saga "The Help"; and Brad Pitt's baseball tale "Moneyball."

"The Artist," "50/50" and "Midnight in Paris" are competing for the Globes' other best-picture prize — for a musical or comedy. Also nominated are Kristen Wiig's wedding romp, "Bridesmaids," and Michelle Williams' Marilyn Monroe tale, "My Week with Marilyn."

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

The Globes help narrow down prospects for the Academy Awards, whose nominations come out Jan. 24. If "The Artist" earns a best-picture nomination then, it will be the first silent movie with a serious shot at Hollywood's top prize since the first year of the Oscars, for 1927-28, when the silent flicks "Wings" and "Sunset" took top honors.

"It's really strange and rare to not hear anything in the theater," said "The Artist" star Jean Dujardin, a dramatic actor nominee for his role as a silent-era superstar whose career capsizes after talking pictures take over in the late 1920s. "It's a new visual and emotional experience for people."

Frenchman Dujardin won the best-actor prize at May's Cannes Film Festival in southern France, where "The Artist" premiered.

Though it has virtually no spoken dialogue, "The Artist" is anything but quiet. The film features clever sound effects and a gorgeous musical score that earned a Globe nomination for French composer Ludovic Bource.

Hazanavicius received directing and screenplay nominations for "The Artist," which also picked up a supporting-actress honor for his wife, Berenice Bejo, who plays a rising star of the sound era.

While the key talent on "The Artist" is French, the film was shot in Hollywood and offers a classy re-creation of the world's film capital in the 1920s and '30s. The supporting cast includes John Goodman, James Cromwell, Penelope Ann Miller and Missi Pyle.

The French connection this year comes heavily from U.S. filmmakers telling stories set in France. Scorsese earned a directing nomination for "Hugo," about an orphan boy living in a Paris train station, where he becomes caught up in a mystery surrounding French film trailblazer Georges Melies. Allen also made the directing cut for "Midnight in Paris," his first film shot entirely in France, the romantic fantasy following an American writer (Owen Wilson) whose nostalgia for the 1920s Paris of Hemingway and Fitzgerald leads him on time-bending adventures.

With a cast that includes French actresses Marion Cotillard and Lea Seydoux and France's first lady, Carla Bruni, "Midnight in Paris" became Allen's biggest hit in decades.

Scorsese also turned nostalgic, crafting a dazzling 3-D Paris of the 1930s and recreating memorable moments from Melies' fantastical silent-film shorts, including "A Trip to the Moon."

"It gave me a chance to work in 3-D, which I've wanted to do since I was young; it allowed me to make a child's adventure, the type of picture that I loved when I was young; and it provided an occasion to pay tribute to one of the cinema's greatest pioneers, Georges Melies," Scorsese said.

Spielberg's "War Horse" follows a resilient steed changing hands among the British, Germans and French during World War I, and his "Adventures of Tintin" chronicles the treasure-seeking exploits of Belgian artist and writer Herge's comic-book hero.

To stretch the Franco angle further, Hollywood exile Roman Polanski, who lives in France after fleeing the United States amid charges he had sex with a 13-year-old girl in 1977, shot his Globe-nominated drama "Carnage" outside of Paris. The film, based on a stage work by French playwright Yasmina Reza, earned musical or comedy actress nominations for Jodie Foster and Kate Winslet as mothers squabbling over their sons' schoolyard fight.

"The Help" and "The Descendants," which tied for second-place behind "The Artist" with five Globe nominations each, are pure American stories.

Adapted from Kathryn Stockett's best-seller, "The Help" earned a dramatic actress honor for Viola Davis and a supporting-actress nomination for Octavia Spencer as Mississippi maids going public with stories about their white employers as the civil-rights movement heats up in the 1960s.

"I'm thrilled for Viola," Spencer said. "I consider myself a rank-and-file actor who's been kicking the can around for 15 years. Viola is a trained Julliard actress who has been doing stage, and now the world is getting to see what she can do."

Co-star Jessica Chastain also had a supporting-actress nomination as Spencer's good-hearted, lonely boss.

CLOONEY'S TRIFECTA

"The Descendants" earned a dramatic actor nomination for Clooney as a father struggling to tend his daughters after a boating accident puts his wife in a coma. Shailene Woodley

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‘Chipmunks’ comes with cheap jokes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

“Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked” Puns like these would be unforgivable coming from a human. From high-pitched rodents, they prompt calls for an exterminator. The third in the noxiously contemporary series of new Chipmunks films, “Chipwrecked” is full of the cheapest kind of pop culture references.

Here is Alvin aping James Bond with a tail that’s “shaken, not stirred,” a suggestion to follow the Chipmunks on “Critter” and (gulp) a Charlie Sheen-ism of “winning.”

This latest Chipmunks film, directed by Mike Mitchell (“Shrek Forever After”), is aimed at a slightly younger demographic than the prior movies (it’s rated G), and perhaps shallow references like these are enough to delight youngsters. But I doubt it. Do parents really want stale, cringe-worthy expressions like “Awkward!” instilled in another generation?

The Chipmunks’ father figure, Dave Seville (Jason Lee, looking vaguely hostagelike), takes his diminutive computer-generated friends on a vacation cruise en route to the Grammy-esque International Music Awards, where the Chipmunks and the Chipettes are an eagerly awaited pop sensation. But the antics of Alvin (Justin Long) throw them overboard and they wash up on a deserted island. David Cross and Jenny Slate do their best to help. G. 87 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

– JAKE COYLE, AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

“Carnage” In Hollywood terms, this is relatively tame violence-wise. A pet hamster may be in peril, a bunch of tulips get mauled and a cellphone gets abused, but that’s pretty much it. There’s more carnage in “Puss in Boots.” But for sheer domestic savagery, this is the film for you.

Based on the 2009 Tony Award-winning play “God of Carnage” by Yasmina Reza and directed by Roman Polanski, the film is a dark comedy that focuses on the collapse of good manners when two liberal, middle-class couples get together to discuss an altercation between their young sons.

Starring a first-rate cast of Jodie Foster, Kate Winslet, Christoph Waltz and John C. Reilly, this may be uncomfortable stuff for yuppies to watch: A polite discussion of child-rearing approaches descends into racial slurs, drunken insults, the airing of dirty personal laundry and some barfing. To fans of the play, relax. Polanski and Reza, who share screenwriting credits, have added no flashbacks or car chases or explosions to what on stage has always been a four-character talk-fest — sometimes a scream-fest — that unspools in real time. In fact, the movie hews so closely to the play that it sometimes feels like a filmed play. R for language. 80 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

– MARK KENNEDY, AP DRAMA WRITER

“The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo” To put it bluntly, this movie kicks butt. Director David Fincher orchestrates a stark but enthralling adaptation of the first novel in late author Stieg Larsson’s trilogy. Its harsh emotional terrain could have wound up softened and sweetened, yet this was an ideal match of filmmaker and material. Fincher is one of the least sentimental directors in Hollywood. If anything, his “Dragon Tattoo” is even bleaker than the 2009 Swedish-language hit.

Rooney Mara, who had a small role in Fincher’s “The Social Network,” gives a controlled detonation of a performance as traumatized victim-turned-avenger Lisbeth Salander. Mara’s the breakout star of the year, a cold, detached waif in form, a fearsome, merciless zealot in spirit. How strange it is to say that the nice guy here is Daniel Craig — who, of all the big-screen James Bonds, comes closest to the nasty, tortured soul Ian Fleming created.

Mara and disgraced journalist Craig make an indomitable screen pair, he nominally leading their search into decades-old serial killings, she surging ahead, plowing through obstacles with flashes of phenomenal intellect and eruptions of physical fury.

Larsson left behind two other novels loaded with more dark doings for the duo. We haven’t seen the last of this tattooed girl. R for brutal violent content including rape and torture, strong sexuality, graphic nudity and language. 158 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

– DAVID GERMAIN, AP MOVIE WRITER

“Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol” Luckily for Tom Cruise, this is one of his finest action flicks, just what he needs to restore his box-office bankability. For director Brad Bird, though, the fourth “Mission,” rock solid as it is, ranks only as his second-best action movie, after the animated smash “The Incredibles.”

It’s the best of the “Mission: Impossible” movies, Bird making a remarkable transition with his first live-action film after three animated ones, among them “Ratatouille.” Bird applies the anything-can-happen limitlessness of cartoons and just goes for it, creating thrilling, dizzying, amazing action sequences.

This time, Cruise and his team (Jeremy Renner, Paula Patton and Simon Pegg) are blamed for bombing the Kremlin, so they go rogue trying to clear their names and stop a madman (Michael Nyqvist) from starting a nuclear war. Cruise is pretty much doing the same-old, playing the stone-face who’s not very interesting when standing still and talking. That work ethic of Cruise, though, shows in every one of the spectacular action moments.

If you have the slightest fear of heights, grip the armrests tightly during Cruise’s climb up the world’s tallest building; even safe in your seat, an unnerving feeling of vertigo is bound to result as you stare down from the 130th floor. PG-13 for sequences of intense action and violence. 132 minutes. Three stars out of four.

– DAVID GERMAIN, AP MOVIE WRITER

“Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows” Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law bicker and banter and bob and weave with diminishing returns in this sequel to the 2009 smash hit “Sherlock Holmes.”

Director Guy Ritchie once again applies his revisionist approach to Arthur Conan Doyle’s classic literary character, infusing the film with his trademark, hyperkinetic aesthetic and turning the renowned detective into a wisecracking butt-kicker. But what seemed clever and novel the first time around now feels stale and tired; a lot of that has to do with the bleak, gray color scheme, which smothers everything in a dreary, suffocating sameness and saps the film of any real tension or thrills.

“Game of Shadows” finds Downey’s Holmes facing off against brilliant supervillain Professor Moriarty (Jared Harris), who’s cooked up a scheme to pit European nations against each other in hopes of benefiting from the demand for arms. Holmes must stop him with the help of his trusty sidekick, Dr. Watson (Law), who’s newly married and not nearly so gung-ho about such wild adventures anymore.

And it shows in the script as well as the performances; Law gets little to do beyond functioning as the skeptical straight man, and the chemistry just isn’t there this time. Noomi Rapace tags along for some reason as a gypsy fortuneteller looking for her missing brother, but the formidable presence she displayed in the original Swedish “Girl With the Dragon Tattoo” and its sequels goes to waste. PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and some drug material. 129 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

– CHRISTY LEMIRE, AP MOVIE CRITIC

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earned a supporting-actress honor as Clooney’s troublesome older daughter, while filmmaker Alexander Payne had directing and screenplay nominations.

Multi-tasker Clooney has three nominations. He’s also up for directing and screenplay for “The Ides of March.” For the acting prize, Clooney will compete against his “Ides” co-star Ryan Gosling, who plays a presidential candidate’s aide. Gosling had a second nomination for best musical or comedy actor as a ladies man in the romance “Crazy, Stupid, Love.”

Glenn Close also is a dual contender, for best dramatic actress as a woman masquerading as a male butler in the Irish drama “Albert Nobbs” and for best song for writing the lyrics to “Lay Your Head Down,” the film’s theme tune.

“What an astounding embarrassment of riches,” Close said.

Joining Close and Davis in the dramatic actress lineup are: Rooney Mara as a traumatized victim-turned-avenger in “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"; Meryl Streep as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in “The Iron Lady"; and Tilda Swinton as a grieving woman coping with her son’s terrible deeds in “We Need to Talk About Kevin.”

Clooney has another pal in the dramatic actor race, his “Ocean’s Eleven” franchise co-star Pitt, who’s nominated for his “Moneyball” role as Oakland A’s general manager Billy Beane.

Gosling, Clooney and Pitt are up against Leonardo DiCaprio as FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover in “J. Edgar” and Michael Fassbender as a sex addict in “Shame.”








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Feds issue scathing report against Arizona sheriff

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD
Associated Press

PHOENIX A scathing U.S. Justice Department report released Tuesday found that Sheriff Joe Arpaio's office carried out an blatant pattern of discrimination against Latinos and held a "systematic disregard" for the Constitution amid a series of immigration crackdowns that have turned the lawman into a prominent national political figure.

The government found that Arpaio's office committed a wide range of civil rights violations against Latinos, including unjust immigration patrols and jail policies that deprive prisoners of basic Constitutional rights.

The Justice Department's expert on measuring racial profiling said it is the most egregious case of profiling in the nation that he has seen or reviewed in professional literature, said Thomas Perez, who heads the Justice Department's civil rights division.

"We found discriminatory policing that was deeply rooted in the culture of the department, a culture that breeds a systematic disregard for basic constitutional protections," said Thomas Perez, who heads the Justice Department's civil rights division.

The findings will force Arpaio's department to make major changes to carry out new policies against discrimination and improve training of staff and officers. Arpaio faces a Jan. 4 deadline for saying whether he wants to work out an agreement to make the changes. If not, the federal government will sue him, possibly putting in jeopardy millions of dollars in federal funding for Maricopa County.

The fallout from the report was swift. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced it is severing its ties with Arpaio, stripping his jail officers of their federal power to check whether inmates in county jails are in the county illegally, a move that was meant to speed up deportation.

Homeland security officials also are restricting Arpaio's office from using a program that uses fingerprints collected in local jails to identify illegal immigrants.

Arpaio did not immediately respond to the complaint, but scheduled a news conference to discuss the allegations leveled in an investigation that began back in the Bush administration. He has long denied the racial profiling allegations, saying people are stopped if deputies have probable cause to believe they have committed crimes and that deputies later find many of them are illegal immigrants.

The Justice Department's conclusions in the civil probe mark the federal government's harshest rebuke of a national political fixture who has risen to prominence for his immigration crackdowns and became coveted endorsement among candidates in the GOP presidential field. Arpaio ultimately decided to endorse Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who denounced the findings Thursday as politically motivated.

Arpaio has built his reputation on jailing inmates in tents and dressing them in pink underwear, selling himself to voters as unceasingly tough on crime and pushing the bounds of how far local police can go to confront illegal immigration. He began aggressive sweeps in immigrant neighborhoods long before the state Legislature passed a 2010 law that cracks down on illegal immigrants and is now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

While widely popular among conservatives nationwide, Arpaio faces numerous problems at home that have him facing almost-daily calls to step down.

Apart from the civil rights probe, a federal grand jury also has been investigating Arpaio's office on criminal abuse-of-power allegations since at least December 2009 and is specifically examining the investigative work of the sheriff's anti-public corruption squad. The squad launched investigations of officials, lawyers and judges who ran afoul of Arpaio, and the cases all collapsed.

Arpaio has also been under pressure from his opponents to resign in the last week after an Associated Press article brought new attention to his office's bungling of sex crime and molestation cases in a predominantly Hispanic Phoenix suburb. His office said more than 400 sex-crimes investigations had to be reopened after the department learned of cases that hadn't been investigated adequately or weren't examined at all.

Officials discovered at least 32 reported child molestations — with victims as young as 2 years old — where the sheriff's office failed to follow through, even though suspects were known in all but six cases. The cases were originally reported by The Arizona Republic and other local media and received national attention in the last week.

Thursday's report said federal authorities will continue to investigate whether the sex

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SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

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crimes are being properly looked at; complaints of deputies using excessive force against Latinos; and whether the sheriff's office failed to provide adequate police services in Hispanic communities.

The report took the sheriff's office to task for launching immigration patrols, known as "sweeps," based on complaints that Latinos were merely gathering near a business without committing crimes.

Federal authorities single out Arpaio himself and said his office has no clear policies to guard against the violations, even after he changed some of his top aides earlier this year.

The report also said he and some top staffers tried to silence people who have spoken out against the sheriff's office by arresting people without cause, filing meritless lawsuits against opponents and starting investigations of critics.

One example cited by the Justice Department is former top Arpaio aide David Hendershott, who filed bar complaints against attorneys critical of the agency along with bringing judicial complaints against judges who were at odds with the sheriff. All complaints were dismissed.

The anti-corruption squad's cases against two county officials and a judge collapsed in court before going to trial and have been criticized by politicians at odds with the sheriff as trumped-up. Arpaio has defended the investigations as a valid attempt at rooting out corruption in county government.

The civil rights report said Latinos are four to nine times more likely to be stopped in traffic stops in Maricopa County than non-Latinos and that the agency's immigration policies treat Latinos as if they are all in the country illegally. Deputies on the immigrant-smuggling squad stop and arrest Latino drivers without good cause, the investigation found.

A review done as part of the investigation found that 20 percent of traffic reports handled by Arpaio's immigrant-smuggling squad from March 2006 to March 2009 were stops — almost all involving Latino drivers — that were done without reasonable suspicion. The squad's stops rarely led to smuggling arrests.

Deputies are encouraged to make high-volume traffic stops in targeted locations. Latinos who were in the U.S. legally were arrested or detained without cause during the sweeps, according to the report.

During the sweeps, deputies flood an area of a city — in some cases, heavily Latino areas — over several days to seek out traffic violators and arrest other offenders. Illegal immigrants accounted for 57 percent of the 1,500 people arrested in the 20 sweeps conducted by his office since January 2008, according to figures provided by Arpaio's office.

Police supervisors, including at least one smuggling-squad supervisor, often used county accounts to send e-mails that demeaned Latinos to fellow sheriff's managers, deputies and volunteers in his posse. One such e-mail had a photo of a mock driver's license for a fictional state called "Mexifornia."

The report said that the sheriff's office launched an immigration operation two weeks after the sheriff received a letter in August 2009 about a person's dismay over employees of a McDonald's in the Phoenix suburb of Sun City who didn't speak English. The tip laid out no criminal allegations. The sheriff wrote back to thank the writer "for the info," said he would look into it and forwarded it to a top aide with a note of "for our operation."




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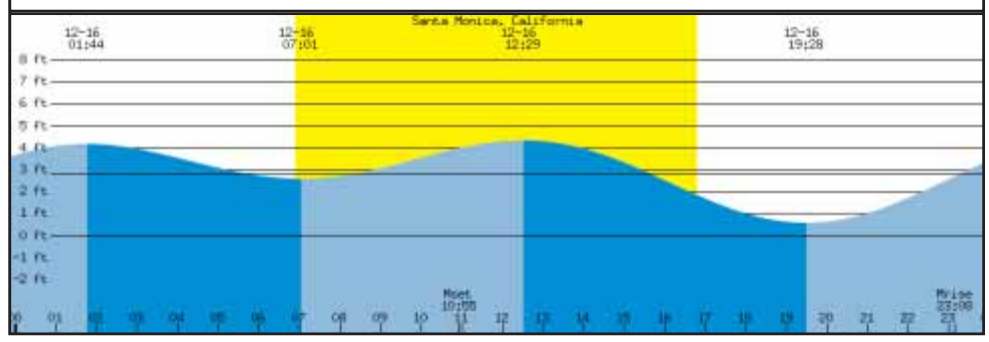
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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

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

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Babes in Toyland (NR) 1hr 17min
7:30pm

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Arthur Christmas 3D (PG) 1hr 37min
2:30pm, 7:40pm

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 1hr 27min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:25pm

Sitter (R) 1hr 40min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Arthur Christmas (PG) 1hr 37min
11:50am, 5:05pm, 10:15pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 1hr 27min
10:00am, 11:00am, 12:20pm, 1:30pm, 2:40pm, 4:05pm, 5:00pm, 6:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:00pm, 9:45pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

New Year's Eve (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:30am, 2:25pm, 5:25pm, 8:20pm, 11:15pm

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
10:20am, 11:00am, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 8:30pm, 11:00pm, 11:30pm

Muppets (PG) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Cook County (NR) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Margin Call (R) 1hr 49min
5:55pm

Crazy Wisdom: The Life and Times of Chogyam Trungpa, Rinpoche (NR) 1hr 29min
3:45pm

Descendants (R) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Melancholia (R) 2hrs 10min
12:45pm, 8:30pm

Dangerous Method (R) 1hr 39min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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1313 Third St.
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Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
11:05am, 2:05pm, 5:05pm, 8:10pm, 11:00pm

New Year's Eve (PG-13) 1hr 57min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:35pm

Sitter (R) 1hr 40min
12:45pm, 3:15pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm, 10:40pm

Young Adult (R) 1hr 34min
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm, 9:45pm, 10:30pm

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Happy Feet 2 (PG) 1hr 45min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm

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Answer 'yes' tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Remain as mellow as possible. Pressure builds quickly, as you could be judging yourself a little too much. Let go of this internal conversation. Go off and accomplish what you must. Tonight: Easy works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ While many people stress out as a misunderstanding sets in, you find unusual solutions. A change in perspective might be absolutely necessary. You have a strong drive and a need to achieve. Tonight: Fun and games, of the TGIF variety.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You are well anchored and determined to achieve exactly what you want. Stay light with a family member who often has to speak of gloom and doom in the name of realism. Have you considered that you might be too gracious? Still, express your uniqueness. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You are full of fun and excitement. Listen to your inner voice about a misunderstanding. What purpose does a misunderstanding serve but to push someone away? Rarely does that behavior serve you in the long run. Give it up! Tonight: Make a caring gesture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of what you have to offer -- not everything can be measured in financial or monetary terms. You might want to express your depth and caring to another person in a way that counts. Tonight: Bring others together for a fun activity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You are all smiles and move through a hassle easily. You might want to do something very different. Do just that. Some of you want to explore a new, different or updated neighborhood. Others might have different fancies. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ You might want to vanish and play it low-key. Your innate creativity points to an imaginative flight of fancy. Others try to get you to land, to no avail. Take action later, when you're grounded. Tonight: Not to be found. Let others wonder.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. A meeting plays a significant role in your plans. You could be confused about a domestic or personal matter. Put this issue on the back burner for now. Let a key person know that you both have been a victim of a misunderstanding. Tonight: Friends will want to join you wherever you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pressure builds wherever you are. You feel overly responsible, as if you must perform. You jump through some unnecessary hoops. Stop and indulge yourself a little. Buy yourself that coveted item. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You discover the importance of breaking past a self-imposed barrier. You will see situations more clearly and feel better ultimately. Make plans before it is too late to meet a friend or loved one halfway during the next few weeks. Swapping gifts in a new setting could be fun. Tonight: Let your mind relax to great music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might believe you are too dependent on another person. Don't worry about it. You are far more independent than you realize. Relax and enjoy this person in your life. Tonight: Try to live more in your heart than your head.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others come toward you and share a lot of themselves. In a professional situation, you might not mind -- personally, you could feel burdened by some of what is said and feel that in some way you are the cause of the problem. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

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

You are unusually direct and precise this year. At times, your candor could distance others. Work could be a source of confusion and/or misunderstandings. Contain this problem to the workplace. A promotion or pay raise could appear. You will need to flex. If you are single, you are in a position to meet many potential suitors. If you are attached, the two of you need to go out more together, bonding you closer. Choose a common commitment. VIRGO can push hard.

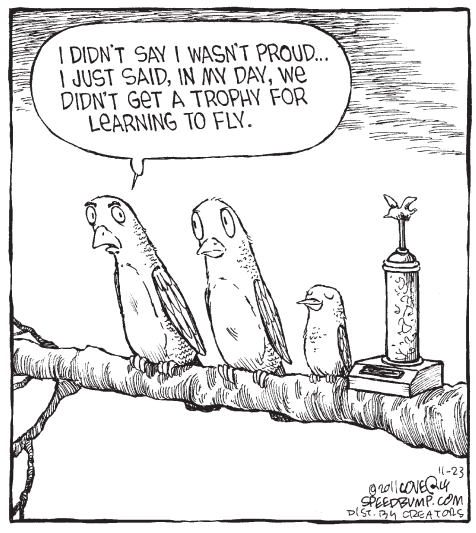


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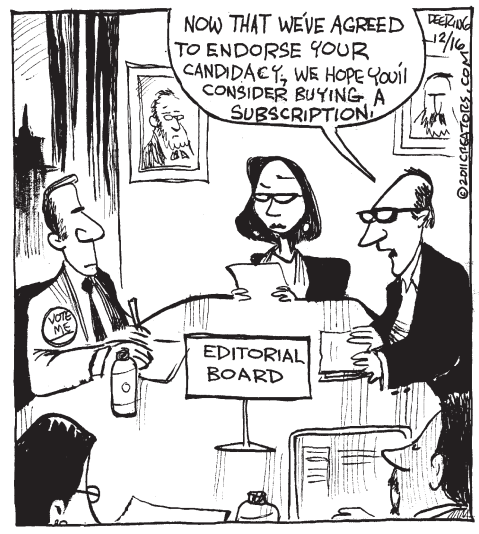
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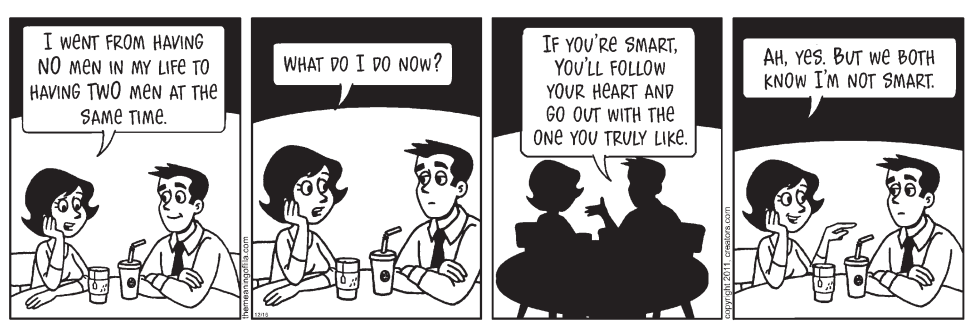
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

	6		8		1		9	
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	7	8				4	1	
				2				
	2	9				6	7	
		3	5		9	1		
	1		7		2		6	

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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

5	4	6	3	8	9	7	1	2
2	3	7	4	6	1	5	8	9
8	9	1	5	7	2	3	6	4
9	8	5	6	4	7	1	2	3
1	2	3	8	9	5	6	4	7
7	6	4	1	2	3	9	5	8
4	7	8	9	5	6	2	3	1
6	1	2	7	3	8	4	9	5
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1 Send in
6 Store fixtures
11 Psycho-analyst Fromm
12 Singly
13 Surgical tool
14 Bravery
15 Twisty turn
16 Holiday lead-in
18 Have debts
19 "The Matrix" hero
20 Lend a hand
21 Harry's friend
22 Has faith in
24 Ump's call
25 Dwelt
27 Narrow point of land
29 Bocelli and Caruso
32 Musical ability
33 Frilly wrap
34 Quarrel
35 2001 biopic
36 Mess up
37 Altar promise
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40 Generous one
42 Make better
43 Without break
44 Sounds from pounds
45 Pub projectiles

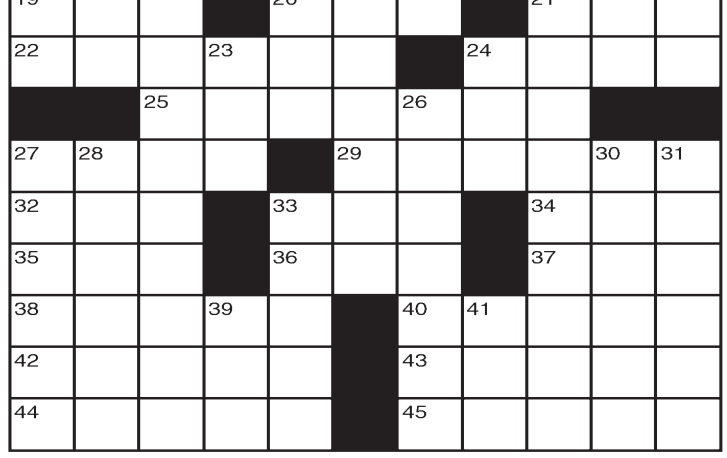
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1 Show mercy
2 Pencil part
3 Omaha is on it
4 Road hazard
5 Menaces
6 Spoke wildly
7 Copying
8 Moab is on it
9 Have information about
10 Peaceful
17 Guest
23 Match part
24 Capitol Bldg. worker
26 Greg Kinnear movie
27 Aquanaut's base
28 Picasso's daughter
30 Rat or muskrat
31 Fencing needs
33 Flexes
39 Tattoos, slangily
41 — heap

R	I	D	E	S	■	I	D	A	H	O
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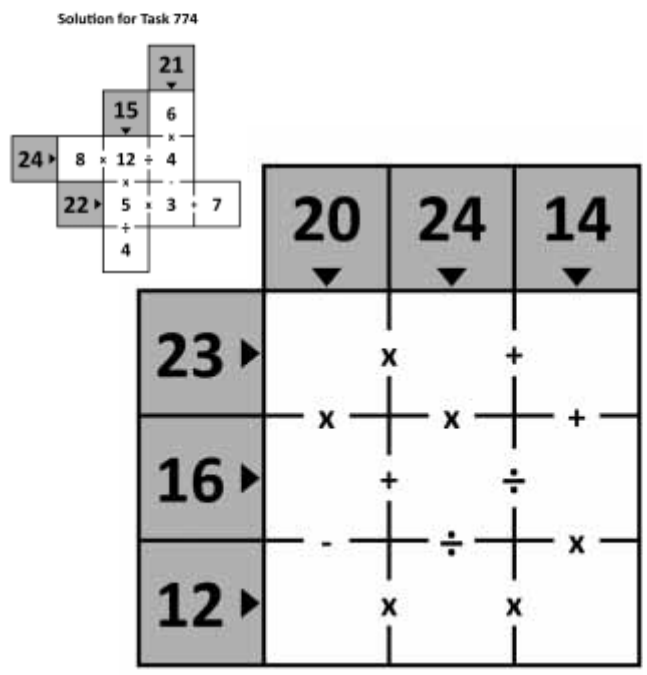
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ How does an extortionist (or kidnapper) safely collect the money that has been dropped off for him? In July, police staking out a vacant field in Colerain Township, Ohio, after leaving the $22,000 ordered by alleged extortionist Frank Pence, waited for about an hour, but Pence failed to show. Then, one officer noticed the money slowly moving across the field and finally caught up to Pence, who was pulling a very, very long, partially concealed rope from a location a distance from the drop site.

■ Authorities in Washington County, Ore., said in October that they would not file charges against a very weird 21-year-old woman who had felt compelled, as a tribute to her horse that had just died of old age, to get naked and climb inside the horse's carcass, to "feel one" with it. Her boyfriend recorded the extremely bloody adventure with numerous photographs (many showing her smiling joyously), which made their way onto the Internet and available to any viewers with strong stomachs. Said Deputy Sgt. Dave Thompson: "At some point in your career, you say, yeah, I've seen a lot of bad stuff (and) you see this kind of picture and you realize maybe you haven't seen everything."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1985 Mafia: In New York City, Paul Castellano and Thomas Bilotti are shot dead on the orders of John Gotti, who assumes leadership of the Gambino family.

1986 Revolt in Kazakhstan against Communist Party of Kazakhstan, known as Zheltoksan, which becomes the first sign of ethnic strife during Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's tenure

1989 Protests break out in Timifloara in response to an attempt by the government to evict dissident Hungarian pastor László TŒkés.

1989 Walter LeRoy Moody begins his terrorist bombing streak when he sends Judge Robert Smith Vance a bomb in the mail, instantly killing him near his house in Birmingham, Alabama.

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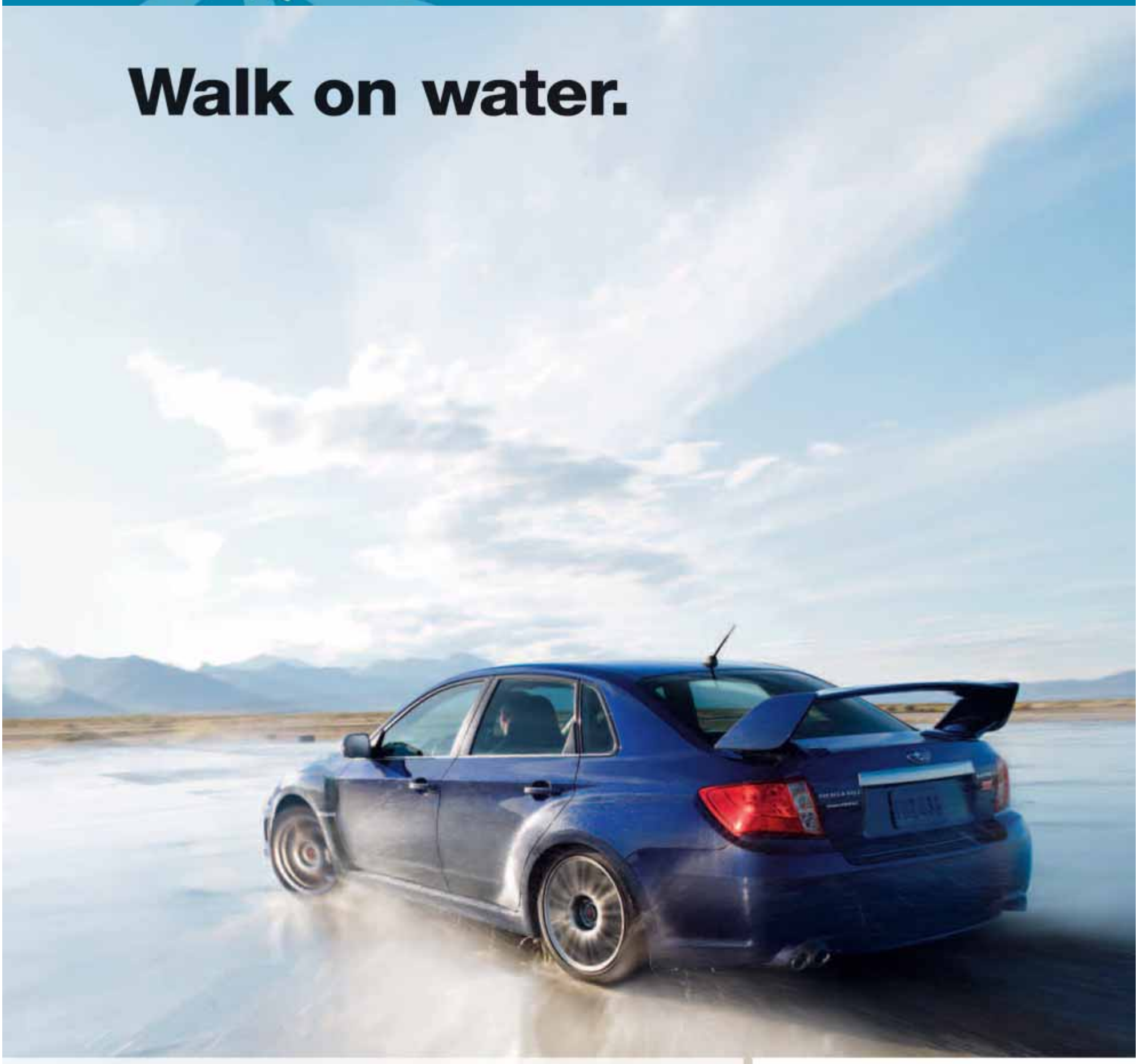
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