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Low-income housing 'highly undesirable,' Huntley relative says

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SECOND STREET A 2011 e-mail from a relative of the owner of the Huntley Hotel expresses concern about the impacts of affordable housing near the luxury hotel, in stark contrast to recent statements denying such sentiment.

Officials with the Huntley say that the e-mail does not represent the views of the hotel itself, and that the individual was "trying to be helpful."

In a June 2, 2011 e-mail, Farzin Aghaipour tells a lobbyist that redevelopment plans for the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, located across the street from the Huntley, include affordable housing on a lot immediately adjacent to the Huntley.

"The traffic and low-income housing consequences are also highly undesirable from a business and social perspective for the surrounding community," Aghaipour wrote.

He requested a referral for legal services, and asked the recipient of the e-mail — the identify of whom could not be confirmed by presstime — to lobby for the hotel.

"You were the first person that came to mind upon learning of the Fairmont plan," Aghaipour wrote. "I was hoping we can possibly retain you for our governmental affairs/lobbying needs."

The e-mail came to light roughly a week after Huntley officials issued a strongly-worded statement denying opposition to affordable housing in response to a flyer by Ocean Avenue, LLC. — the company that

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Somalis convicted in hijacking that left St. Monica parishioners dead

BROCK VERGAKIS
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. All three Somalis convicted by a federal jury on murder, piracy and other charges stemming from a yacht hijacking that left four Americans dead will face potential death sentences at sentencing later this month, including a man defense attorneys had claimed was mentally handicapped.

Court records show the jury found Ahmed Muse Salad, Abukar Osman Beyle and Shani Nurani Shiekh Abrar guilty on all 26 counts against them late Monday. Of those, 22 counts are eligible for the death penalty.

The charges stemmed from the hijacking of the yacht Quest in February 2011. The yacht's owners, Jean and Scott Adam, parishioners of St. Monica Catholic Church in Santa Monica, and their friends, Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay of Seattle, were shot to death several days after they were taken hostage at sea as the U.S. Navy tried to negotiate their release.

The Americans were taken hostage by 19 men who intended to bring them back to Somalia where they hoped to ransom them for millions of dollars. They were the first U.S. citizens killed in a wave of pirate attacks that have plagued the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean in recent years.

Defense attorneys for Salad had argued he should not be eligible for the death penalty because they claimed he is mentally handi-

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TAKING LESSONS: Licensed schools like Learn to Surf L.A. have found that it's common to share the beach with so-called pirate instructors.

Surf instructors battle pirates on beaches

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH Santa Monica's summer is in full swing, and with it come millions of people in search of thrills on its idyllic beaches and gentle ocean waves.

But locals and visitors be warned: There are pirates in these waters.

Before anyone calls in the cavalry, the term "pirate" in this instance refers to rogue surfing instructors, individuals that hawk lessons promising that their students will become the next big thing, or at least be able to stand up on a board.

While they may be able to make good on their claims, that doesn't mean they carry insurance, and they definitely don't have the go-ahead from City Hall to populate the beaches and waters with longboard neophytes.

Licensed surf instructors who pay for the

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Stories, songs and rhymes for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months, accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Big top on the big screen
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
The Main Library presents a screening of the film "Cirque du Soleil-Worlds Away." In this magical fantasy, a woman is pulled into the dreamland of Cirque du Soleil, where she becomes entranced by a handsome aerialist. The movie runs for 91 minutes and is rated PG for some dramatic images and mild sensuality. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Serving up a special dinner
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5 p.m. — 10 p.m.
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Thursday, July 11, 2013

Trailer park in jeopardy
City Hall
1685 Main St., 6 p.m.
The Rent Control Board will discuss the future of the Village Trailer Park during its monthly meeting. The public is welcome to participate in discussion. For more information, call (310) 458-8751.

Becoming an artist after 60
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Author and clinical psychologist Francine Toder will discuss her book, "The Vintage Years," and how seniors over the age of 60 can become artists, whether it be in music, writing or visual art. Toder draws upon her research to discuss the best ways for seniors to stimulate brain growth and creativity in making art. Toder will present her book in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium at the library. There is no cost to attend. For more details, call (310) 458-8600 or visit www.smpl.org.

Jam out under the stars
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier,
7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The pier's 29th annual Twilight Concert Series is returning this Thursday night. The series will kick off with performances from indie band Surfer Blood and rockers Terraplane Sun. There is no cost to attend. The concert series will continue every Thursday night through Sept. 12.

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Bulger, protege partake in angry exchange in court

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON James "Whitey" Bulger and his once-loyal criminal apprentice had an angry, profanity-laced exchange in court Thursday during Bulger's racketeering trial after the former aide called Bulger and his partner "the two biggest rats."

Tensions exploded as Kevin Weeks was questioned by Bulger's lawyer about a plea deal with prosecutors that resulted in Weeks serving five years in prison after pleading guilty to aiding and abetting Bulger in five murders.

Weeks bristled at attorney J.W. Carney Jr.'s suggestion that he had beaten the system and that he wasn't bothered by his participation in five killings.

"How does it bother you?" Carney asked.

"Because we killed people that were rats, and I had the two biggest rats right next to me," Weeks snapped.

"You suck," Bulger said from his seat at the defense table.

"F--- you, OK!" Weeks replied.

"F--- you, too," Bulger said.

"What do you want to do?" Weeks challenged Bulger.

Judge Denise Casper moved to restore order.

"Hey!" Casper said. "Mr. Bulger, let your attorneys speak for you. Mr. Weeks, here's how this works: You answer the questions, OK?"

Weeks was referring to the prosecution's claim that Bulger and his longtime cohort, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, were FBI informants on the rival New England Mafia while they were both committing a litany of crimes.

Weeks, 57, said he decided to cooperate with prosecutors and testify after learning that Bulger and Flemmi were informants.

The outburst came on the second day of Weeks' testimony against Bulger. Earlier Tuesday, he offered gruesome details about three murders he said he saw Bulger commit.

Bulger, 83, is accused of playing a role in 19 killings during the 1970s and '80s while he allegedly led the Winter Hill Gang.

Bulger has pleaded not guilty and insists he was never an FBI informant. During the trial, his lawyers have focused much of their energy on rebutting the informant claim.

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Photo courtesy National Park Service

BUSTED: **This coyote image was captured with a remote wildlife camera used during a Caltrans study near Thousand Oaks.**

Coyote sightings on the rise

BY KRISTEN TAKETA
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE More coyotes have been spotted in Santa Monica in recent months, and the police department has issued a warning for residents to take precautions for their safety.

Coyotes enter — and often live in — urban areas because of the food resources that are available to them, said Justin Brown, wildlife biologist at the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Brown said he doesn't know why coyotes have been more active in urban areas in recent months. It is possible that new coyote pups are starting to move around more as they grow up, he said.

Certain packs of coyotes who live specifically in or near urban areas can also become less fearful of humans if the packs live near people for a long time and become more accustomed to them, Brown said. Coyotes sometimes need to move into urban areas if resources like water become scarce in their natural habitat.

Coyote attacks on people are rare. To protect residents from any possible attacks, however, the police department has the following tips if anyone spots a coyote:

- Do not approach or feed wild animals.
- Use loud noise and aggressive movements to scare away coyotes. Residents can use noisemakers such as a whistle or tin can with coins to scare them away.
- Do not leave pets or small children unattended outdoors.
- Increase fence height to at least 6 feet to prevent coyotes from jumping over them. To prevent coyotes from digging below fences, extend the fence 12-18 inches below ground and line the bottom with rock.
- Do not leave pet food dishes outside.
- Pick fruit when it ripens and do not leave fallen fruit on the ground.
- Call animal control at (310) 458-8595 Tuesdays through Saturdays to report coyote sightings or animals killed or injured by a coyote.
- Call the Santa Monica Police Dispatch at (310) 458-8491 to report aggressive coyote activity.
- Seek veterinary care immediately if a pet is bitten by a coyote.
- Seek medical care immediately if bitten by a coyote.

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Deny developer

Editor:

The final hearing regarding the application for a removal permit for Village Trailer Park (VTP) at the Rent Control Board will be held on July 11. The Board of Friends of Sunset Park urges the Rent Control Board to deny the VTP removal permit.

The VTP developer intends to replace 109 rent-controlled trailer pads in a park-like setting at 2930 Colorado Ave. with 377 apartments. The Rent Control Board, as an independent agency, has the legal authority to deny the removal permit, despite the City Council's approval of the VTP development agreement.

The council should not have approved the development agreement (DA) before a removal permit was granted by the Rent Control Board. The DA itself states that it does not obligate either closure of the trailer park or removal of the existing tenants.

The City Charter states that the purpose of establishing the Rent Control Board was to protect the poor, minorities, students, young families and senior citizens. The Tenant Impact Report at VTP showed that of the households that responded, 19 households had at least one member with mental or physical disabilities, 26 had at least one senior citizen, 11 had at least one who was both senior and disabled, four were at low income, and 23 were at very low income. These are the very people the Rent Control Board is supposed to protect.

State law requires that the Rent Control Board's decision be consistent with the city's General Plan. I.e., 109 "affordable" units must be preserved at VTP, not just 109 "rent-controlled" units in the new development (most of which would rent at market rate). Moving the residents to other locations does nothing to preserve existing affordable housing.

A 2009 report found that the stock of very low- and low-income housing in Santa Monica had declined from 82 percent to 14 percent over a period of 11 years. Approving this removal permit would do nothing to reverse that trend but would, in fact, accelerate it.

The repeated threats of lawsuits by the developer should not be allowed to influence the decision of the Rent Control Board. He/his clients purchased the VTP for approximately $6 million, knowing that it had been zoned residential-mobile home since 1992. He/they gambled that he could get the zoning changed, evict the homeowners from their homes, and apparently realize a $50 million profit. It is not the job of the Rent Control Board to reward that behavior.

Board of Directors, Friends of Sunset Park
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Board of Directors, Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition

Survey riles her

Editor:

Several weeks ago ... I received a call asking me to take part in a survey. Since I have strong opinions on everything, I accepted willingly. It started generally, with questions like: "How do you like living in Santa Monica?" then switched to questions about the two hotels planned for Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue.

The questions seemed to pressure me for a favorable response. For example: "How do you feel about the employees getting higher than minimum wages?" or the enormous (they had a figure which I have forgotten) increase in taxes for the city?, etc. I finally decided the survey was sponsored by the developers, lost my temper and almost shouted at them that I was dead set against the projects and that was my final answer to the projects.

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BIG: This map illustrates how many square miles it takes to support Santa Monica's population.

Santa Monica's sustainable, smart, healthy development

ONE OF THE CORE ELEMENTS THAT defines our city is the concept of sustainability and Santa Monica is, and should be, rightfully proud of its environmental legacy. Our pioneering Sustainable City Plan, unanimously adopted in 1994, is recognized as a model for the world. However, sustainability takes real effort and is not just about what other people do; we all have to participate.

Sustainability is more than just insulation, getting good mileage on your car, putting expensive solar panels on the roof and turning off the lights. It requires us to change the way we live. An ecological footprint represents the amount of biologically productive land area necessary to supply the resources a human population consumes, and to assimilate associated waste. Santa Monica, for all its sustainability, had an ecological footprint of 2,747 square miles in 2000, down from 2,914 square miles in 1990. We have a way to go yet! Full sustainability incorporates the environment, economy and social equity. It is not about preserving what we have; rather it is about systematically striving to reach sustainability goals.

What's the connection between sustainability and development, and do the current developments measure up? The connection is that well located and designed density is a cornerstone of effective sustainability, and, yes, the current development proposals will increase, not decrease, the city's sustainability and decrease its carbon footprint. So why is increasing density sustainable? It has to do with a mode shift in how we live and how our cities work. It means using our resources more effectively and sharing them more efficiently. Like sharing our roads for instance.

A bus with 20 people using twice the road area of a car is still a far better use of resources than a car with two people, by a factor of five, or a bicycle with one, sparingly using the public right of way, or, and this gets to the crux of the matter, pedestrians using even less space per person. Pedestrians as a mode of transit, what a revolutionary concept! Ultimately transportation is about people, even if we are encased in steel. So if we do not need to get in our car, bus, train, etc., then haven't we attained nirvana? Density, the right kind, is the only way we can get there, a place where most of our needs are satisfied within an easy 10-minute walk, one that has the retail businesses, work and entertainment that can exist on its local customer base and that are needed to fulfill satisfying lives. A neighborhood, in short.

We are in trouble. It was announced in May that the amount of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere has exceeded 400 parts per million. Many experts view this as a critical point — maybe a tipping point. Our over energized (heat is energy) environment has created a "new normal" where killer storms are just a hint of what's to come.

Are we willing to do our part?

In 2010 the city of Santa Monica updated its Land Use and Circulation Elements (LUCE) of its General Plan, which focuses on its land use, planning and transportation goals. It generated a focus on compact, walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods near transit and services, and is built on "smart growth" principles that promote sustainability. Smart growth goals include achieving a sense of community and place; expanding transportation options, employment, and housing choices; preserving and enhancing natural and cultural resources; and promoting public health.

And Santa Monica is headed there.

Santa Monica is required to reduce its carbon footprint, mostly by reducing its inefficient and unnecessary use of energy. It is the LUCE's increase in density that enabled the City Council to commit to no new net increase in afternoon rush hour trips. This commitment has the force of law. Only density can allow this to happen. This may be counter-intuitive. As propounded upon earlier, density is conducive to change in the way we live, and particularly in the way we move around.

Vancouver is a prime example of what

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Corruption in your back yard

A RECENT FRONT PAGE STORY IN THE Los Angeles Times raised the curtain on a dirty little secret that local school officials don't want the public to know. Many school boards throughout California have indulged in a process that can best be described as "bribery and money laundering" which grossly inflates the cost of bond debt — the result of which is higher taxes on homeowners.

Here is how it works. A school board determines it wants to pass a bond that will be paid for by property owners. Because government officials are prohibited from using taxpayer dollars to promote a ballot measure, they cut a deal with a bond underwriter to fund the effort and provide expert campaign assistance. In return, the underwriter is guaranteed the commission on the sale of the bonds.

The Times provides the example of the Garden Grove Unified School District that hired a securities firm without competitive bidding. Guaranteed the school district's business, the underwriter gave $35,000 to help pass the bond measure as well as providing campaign services, and in return earned $1.43 million on the sale of the first $130 million in Garden Grove notes. For the guys in the bond business, this is great ROI (return on investment).

Those involved in this sleight-of-hand will be quick to point out that nothing that was done is illegal, and they might be correct. And, securities brokers are not the only ones who contribute to these bond campaigns. Construction companies and suppliers anticipating fat contracts can usually be counted on to chip in.

But the involvement of bond underwriters comes with an additional cost, studies show. Negotiated deals with a single underwriter outnumber competitive deals by about 6 to 1, even though interest rates can be reduced by as much as .77 percent through competitive bidding. This, over the life of a typical $100 million bond, can amount to millions of dollars.

Enter Assemblyman Don Wagner, (R-Irvine), who along with others, including State Treasurer Bill Lockyer, is alarmed by the trend away from competitive bidding for bond sales. Wagner has introduced AB 621, which would bar government officials from hiring securities companies that provide contributions or campaign assistance in support of bond measures.

However, as with all reforms, there is strident opposition from those who benefit from the status quo. School officials claim that the limits Wagner would impose would reduce school districts' "flexibility" and potentially deny underwriters their First Amendment freedoms. Missing from their complaints are any concerns about the cost to property owners of deals made with underwriters that provide those firms with inflated profits in return for their political intervention in local bond elections.

At the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association we have a saying, "It may be legal but that does not make it right." This cozy relationship between school district officials and bond brokers is not only wrong, but lawmakers must make it illegal, too.

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happens and why it works. Over the last two decades Vancouver has increased its population significantly, yet fewer car trips are being taken. How can that be? They have a very effective multi-modal transportation system; cars, trains, trolleys, buses and bicycles. An analysis was done of why fewer car trips, as there were no overt restrictions on cars? Surprisingly, given the population increase, the other modes of transportation did not account for the increase in population. The city was as vibrant and livable as before, in fact in many ways more so. It wasn't until they included pedestrians as a transportation mode that the discrepancy was accounted for. Pedestrians get to enjoy their neighborhoods with all the services they needed a walkable distance from where they lived.

Therefore, there's a bigger environmental impact to development than traffic and it is very positive. Unfortunately, the only impact virtually everyone talks and testifies (loudly) about is traffic, despite the LUCE commitment.

We need to acknowledge that the Los Angeles region, let alone the U.S. and world, will continue to increase in population. Therefore, so must Santa Monica, by regional dictate and, more importantly, because we must do our part to enable people to live a sustainable life to reduce their carbon footprint. Because living closer together in smaller, energy efficient units is more sustainable, the proposed development intensity in the LUCE is positive for the environment and the Downtown Specific Plan needs to continue in this direction.

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The Q Line

To rent or not to rent?

A study by Flipkey.com revealed that Santa Monica is the fifth most popular city in Southern California for short-term residential vacation rentals. City officials say they are trying to crack down, but the issue persists.

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NTSB: Flight attendants ejected during SF crash

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Associated Press

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. Two flight attendants working in the back of an Asiana Airlines Flight 214 were ejected and survived when the plane slammed into a seawall and lost its tail end during a crash landing at San Francisco's airport. Both women were found on the runway, amid debris.

In a news conference Tuesday, National Transportation Safety Board officials didn't explain fully why the plane approached the notoriously difficult landing strip too low and slow, likely causing the crash.

NTSB Chairwoman Deborah Hersman said the pilot at the controls was only about halfway through his training on the Boeing 777 and was landing at the San Francisco airport for the first time ever.

Hersman also said his co-pilot was also on his first trip as a flight instructor.

The NTSB hasn't ruled anyone at fault in the crash, but the new details painted a fuller picture of an inexperienced crew that didn't react fast enough to warnings the plane was in trouble.

Audio recordings show pilots tried to correct the plane's speed and elevation only until seconds before hitting the seawall at the end of the runway, a calamitous impact that sent the fuselage bouncing and skidding across the airfield.

Here is what is known: Seven seconds before impact, someone in the cockpit asked for more speed after apparently noticing that the jet was flying far slower than its recommended landing speed. A few seconds later, the yoke began to vibrate violently, an automatic warning telling the pilot the plane is losing lift and in imminent danger of an aerodynamic stall. One and a half seconds before impact came a command to abort the landing.

The plane's airspeed has emerged as a key question mark in the investigation. All aircraft have minimum safe flying speeds that must be maintained or pilots risk a stall, which robs a plane of the lift it needs to stay airborne. Below those speeds, planes become unmaneuverable.

Because pilots, not the control tower, are responsible for the approach and landing, former NTSB Chairman James Hall said, the cockpit communications will be key to figuring out what went wrong.

"Good communication with the flight crew as well as the flight attendants is something I'm sure they're going to look at closely with this event," he said Tuesday. "Who was making decisions?"

Hall was on the transportation board when a Korean Airlines Boeing 747 crashed in Guam in 1997, an accident investigators blamed in part on an authoritarian cockpit culture that made newer pilots reluctant to challenge captains.

Since then, the industry has adopted broad training and requirements for crew resource management, a communications system or philosophy airline pilots are taught in part so that pilots who not at the controls feel free to voice any safety concerns or correct any unsafe behavior, even if it means challenging a more senior pilot or saying something that might give offense.

If any of the Asiana pilots "saw something out of parameters for a safe landing," they were obligated to speak up, said Cass Howell, an associate dean at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"There are dozens and dozens of accidents that were preventable had someone been able to speak up when they should have, but they were reluctant to do so for any number of reasons, including looking stupid or offending the captain," said Howell, a former Marine Corps pilot.

There's been no indication, from verbal calls or mechanical issues, that an emergency was ever declared by pilots. Most airlines would require all four pilots to be present for the landing, the time when something is most likely to go wrong, experienced pilots said.

"If there are four pilots there, even if you are sitting on a jump seat, that's something you watch, the airspeed and the descent profile," said John Cox, a former US Airways pilot and former Air Line Pilots Association accident investigator.

Investigators want to nail down exactly what all four pilots were doing at all times.

"We're looking at what they were doing, and we want to understand why they were doing it,." Hersman said Monday. "We want to understand what they knew and what they understood."

It's unlikely there was a lot of chatter as the plane came in. The Federal Aviation Administration's "sterile cockpit" rules require pilots to refrain from any unnecessary conversation while the plane is below 10,000 feet so that their attention is focused on taking off or landing. What little conversation takes places is supposed to be necessary to safely completing the task at hand.

Choi Jeong-ho, a senior official for South Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, told reporters in a briefing Tuesday in South Korea that investigators from both countries questioned two of the four Asiana pilots, Lee Gang-guk and Lee Jeong-min, on Monday. They planned to question the other two pilots and air controllers Tuesday.

Choi said recorded conversation between the pilots and air controllers at the San Francisco airport would be investigated, too.

In addition, authorities were reviewing the initial rescue efforts after fire officials acknowledged that one of their trucks might have run over one of the two Chinese teenagers killed in the crash. The students, Wang Linjia and Ye Mengyuan, were part of a larger group headed for a Christian summer camp with dozens of classmates.

Asiana President Yoon Young-doo arrived in San Francisco from South Korea on Tuesday morning, fighting his way through a pack of journalists outside customs.

He said he will look at the efforts of airline employees to help injured passengers and their family members, visit with the NTSB and other organizations to apologize for the crash and try to meet injured passengers.

Yoon said he can't meet with the Asiana pilots because no outside contact with them is allowed until the investigation is completed.

More than 180 people aboard the plane went to hospitals with injuries. But remarkably, more than a third didn't even require hospitalization.

The passengers included 141 Chinese, 77 South Koreans, 64 Americans, three Canadians, three Indians, one Japanese, one Vietnamese and one person from France.

South Korea officials said 39 people remained hospitalized in seven different hospitals in San Francisco.

The flight originated in Shanghai, China, and stopped over in Seoul, South Korea, before making the nearly 11-hour trip to San Francisco.

Robert Plant takes Zeppelin catalog to new heights

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AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Robert Plant knows his fans want Led Zeppelin and he's happy to comply. On his own terms.

Plant is on the road this summer with a new band, The Sensational Space Shifters, and he's offering up fan favorites — rejiggered a bit to keep him excited about the music he's been performing for more than four decades.

"You just hit it, give it a good bang," Plant said. "It's sort of like taking a can of wasps and giving it a good bang with a stick, and then opening the lid. It's just like, 'Ooooh!' That makes me sing better and it makes me go back to not feeling that I'm a cliche, that I'm not actually just going through the motions. ... This is obviously a gig but nonetheless you can still make it into a great pleasure dome for yourself, which is what I do."

Plant is on tour with The Space Shifters through July. He's hitting Red Rocks in Colorado and the Forecastle Festival in Louisville, Ky., this week with stops in Atlanta, North Carolina and Boston before wrapping in Prospect Park in Brooklyn July 27 after successful runs in South America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

He and former Zeppelin bandmates Jimmy Page and John Paul Jones, who ended the band when John Bonham died in 1980, incited public hope for a reunion when they appeared in London and New York together last year to promote "Celebration Day," the film and music release of the band's 2007 concert at London's O2 Arena. The band testily deflected questions about a reunion.

"We rode on the crest of every wave for a period of time, us bunch of guys," Plant said in a phone interview from San Francisco. "And sadly that couldn't last because one of the guys vanished. And so what happens now is I'm a man of the world like so many people, like in his own way Ry Cooder and Peter Gabriel. ... You pick up so much stuff along the way, you know, and you put it all together, you switch the power on and people smile and then they dance and then they sweat and then they scream, and it's either that or sit on a stool and sing George Jones songs."

The tour effectively marks the end of a seven-year Americana period for Plant that started with "Raising Sand," his 2007 Grammy Award-winning collaboration with Alison Krauss and T Bone Burnett, and continued through his most recent work with girlfriend Patty Griffin, Buddy Miller and Band of Joy.

The Space Shifters turn it into something of an abrupt ending.

"I went back to the U.K. and I said to my pals, 'Let's go urban, let's go British, let's go African. Let's turn the volume up and let's just stick the fire underneath it again,'" Plant said.

As the name suggests, the band brings a spacey, psychedelic and sometimes improvisational quality to Plant's back catalog. The group consists of four players Plant used before his Americana period — guitarists Justin Adams and Liam Tyson, bassist Billy Fuller and John Baggott on the keys — and recent additions, drummer Dave Smith and Julmeh Camara, a specialist in traditional African instruments from Gambia.

Once the run ends, Plant may return to the studio for a follow up to "Band of Joy." He says he's already completed an album's worth of material with Miller and will soon take 20 songs with him to Los Angeles where he'll begin work with a producer he coyly would not name.

"I'm going to make an amalgam of all these various elements I've been creating, then I'm going to get a guy who has a bag of fairy dust and sort of chuck it over the whole thing so that it melds together," Plant said. "I need a personality that runs right through the whole lot and I think I know exactly who is going to do it, and how and when. And then I'll go back and be an archaeologist on the Welsh border for a little bit."

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Ordinance Numbers 2425-2429 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinance Numbers 2425 through 2429, which were adopted by the City Council on June 25, 2013.

Ordinance Number 2425 is a development agreement between the City and 1320 2nd Street, LLC for a project consisting of a four story mixed use project, which will include 53 residential units and ground floor commercial. The agreement requires the developer to make a total of over $500,000 in payments to the City for public improvements in the Downtown.

Ordinance Number 2426 amends the Municipal Code to authorize up to four extensions of time to complete construction on projects that include a designated landmark. Previously, the code limited the number of such extensions to three. This is an emergency ordinance.

Ordinance Number 2427 repeals provisions of the Municipal Code related to plumbing retrofits intended to conserve water. The provisions are being repealed because the program has succeeded and is therefore no longer necessary.

Ordinance Number 2428 extends and amends the interim zoning ordinance by modifying the requirements for ministerial processing of 100% affordable housing projects of 50 or fewer units and by exempting outdoor, ground floor dining from calculations of floor area ratio.

Ordinance Number 2429 amends Municipal Code provisions establishing the City's affordable housing production program by revising household income standards to target lower income households and to conform to federal and state classifications.

These ordinances will become effective thirty days after adoption except for Ordinance Number 2426, which became effective upon adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone 310 458-8211.

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HUNTLEY HOTEL

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owns the Fairmont Miramar Hotel — accusing representatives of making derogatory statements about the housing in a public meeting held in 2010.

Shiva Aghaipour, vice president of the hotel, said in a statement on June 28 that the flyer was full of "lies and half truths" and "fabricated quotes."

"The Huntley has been clear in numerous public meetings that affordable housing is NOT an issue," Shiva Aghaipour wrote then.

On Monday, Shiva Aghaipour described the 2011 e-mail as part of a smear campaign against the Huntley.

"As we stated, Mr. Aghaipour is a relative of the owner of the Huntley Hotel who was acting on his own to try to be helpful," Shiva Aghaipour said. "His statements do not represent the Huntley's position, and he was not 'in charge' of finding people to represent the hotel."

The Miramar flyer references a comment allegedly made by a Huntley Hotel representative during a 2010 meeting at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, one of the first times that the proposed development was seen by the public.

The Daily Press reached out to several people who attended that meeting, but while they agreed that the overall tone of the meeting was vicious, they either could not recall the comment or they could not pinpoint who said it.

The two hotels have been engaged in a cold war for several years over the proposed redevelopment, which is expected to go before the City Council sometime next year.

A political organizer with connections to the Huntley's consultant Sue Burnside, Rohnda Ammouri, was revealed as one of the brains behind the Stop the Miramar Expansion group, which put out at least two flyers opposing the Fairmont Miramar project.

Ocean Avenue, LLC. released two flyers in June, the first attacking owner Sohrab Sassounian for his opposition to the project and the second pointing out possible monetary consequences to the school district and other entities if the redevelopment plan is rejected.

The first flyer was met with public recrimination, with many people writing into the paper to call it "racist" for its use of a grainy picture of Sassounian. Ammouri helped opponents craft statements with that language, according to an e-mail exchange between herself and an opponent of the project.

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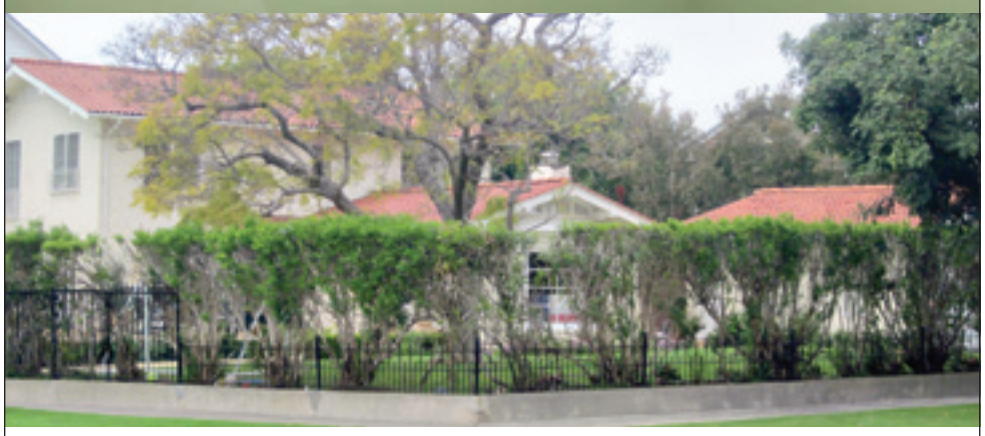

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WAX MAYOR

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A wax figure of former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa enjoys 'A Day At The Beach' compliments of Madame Tussauds Hollywood near the Santa Monica Pier on June 26. Now that Villaraigosa isn't employed, he has plenty of time to just chill.

HIJACKING

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capped. Defense documents say Salad has a low IQ, a poor memory and had difficulty functioning as a child in Somalia. Defense attorneys also noted in court filings that his co-defendants describe Salad as "slow" and inept at fishing.

The U.S. Supreme Court has banned executing those with certain mental disabilities.

Prosecutors said Salad is competent and late Monday, Chief U.S. District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith issued an order concurring with that assessment.

"To summarize, the court finds that Salad failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that he suffers from significant deficits in intellectual functioning or adaptive skills. Thus, he is determined not to be intellectually disabled, and is, therefore, eligible for the death penalty, if so imposed by the jury," Smith wrote in her order.

The eligibility phase of the trial to determine if aggravating factors are present ahead of sentencing begins next week. The sentencing phase of the trial would begin July 22. With piracy carrying a mandatory life sentence, the only major looming question is whether the men will get the death penalty.

The decision to seek the death penalty was made by Attorney General Eric Holder. In a filing by federal prosecutors signaling their intent to seek the death penalty, they noted that the men killed or attempted to kill more than one person during a single episode and endangered the U.S. military. The U.S. Navy was shadowing the yacht Quest when shots rang out aboard the yacht and the Americans were killed "in an especially wanton and gratuitous manner," prosecutors wrote.

The U.S. Attorney's Office declined to comment on the case Tuesday, citing the ongoing nature of the trial.

Executions under federal law are extremely rare, with only a handful out of more than 1,300 executions since 1976 having been carried out by the federal government, according to the Death Penalty Information Center, which tracks death penalty statistics and is opposed to the death penalty.

Eleven other defendants who were aboard the Quest have already pleaded guilty to piracy and have been sentenced to life in prison. During the murder trial, defense attorneys said jurors should question their testimony because they agreed to do so in exchange for the possibility of receiving a reduced sentence.

Four other suspected pirates were killed aboard the yacht. A fifth suspected pirate was released because he was a juvenile. Another man who prosecutors say was a land-based negotiator and the highest-ranking pirate they've ever captured has also been convicted of piracy and sentenced to a dozen life sentences in prison.

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right to teach for a living bemoan the pirates' lack of overhead and their ability to teach larger classes — most instructors are limited to one-on-one classes, and can't reap the benefits of discount lessons and Groupon-like marketing techniques.

Some say that City Hall isn't doing enough to police the system, allowing the pirates to roam free at the beach with little response, even to direct complaints. There are fears that problem will only compound if regulations governing exercise instructors in public parks and on the beach come online, spreading resources thin.

Martin Squires, a surf instructor in Santa Monica, has played both sides of the game.

He operated as a "pirate" until he needed to expand the business, at which point Squires took his Kapowui surf school and secured a permit for both Santa Monica and Los Angeles County.

Kapowui means "pure joy," but Squires sounded less than joyful when he talked about the situation on the beach.

Illicit surf instructors dodge hundreds if not thousands of dollars that Squires himself paid out to make Kapowui legitimate, and some hire additional help to man stations in Los Angeles County and Santa Monica to maximize the profit potential of the two permits.

It causes tension, and sometimes confrontation if a pirate tries to jack a spot on the beach that Squires normally occupies.

"Surfing wasn't supposed to be like this," Squires said. "It was supposed to be fun and free."

Permitted surf instructors have to apply through a formal bidding process and compete for one of 10 individual surf instruction permits and two camps that can serve either 60 or 200 clients, depending on the location.

It's an arduous process that requires instructors have adequate insurance, background checks, and pay at least 15 percent of gross sales.

"It's a pretty extensive process. It's not like the old days when you could just show up and do a surf lesson," said Matt Rosas, a longtime surf instructor in Santa Monica.

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NEW TO THE SURF: A group of students from Learn to Surf L.A. take to the waves on Santa Monica State Beach during the spring.

The "old days" ended out of safety concerns, said Kathy LePrevost, community recreation manager with City Hall.

The permit system came into effect in the summer of 2008. Until that point, Santa Monica's beaches were open season, and it was causing safety issues that forced lifeguards to "blackball" sections of the beach, closing them for use, LePrevost said.

"It's had a tremendous impact by lessening the (amount) of surf instruction and improving the balance," LePrevost said.

Still, pirates abound, both in Santa Monica and other jurisdictions, surf instructors say, and it can be hard to tell who is who.

"I couldn't tell you who's supposed to be there and who shouldn't be there," said Marion Clark, owner of Surf Academy. "I know there's a lot of us teaching out there, and more than are permitted."

She doesn't feel comfortable policing the situation, and it can be a difficult task for authorities as well because lifeguards have to focus on water safety and city officials have miles of open beach to police..

"It's definitely a challenge when you're dealing with the open ocean," Rosas said.

Enforcement is a triple threat — the police department, city officials and Code Enforcement Division all work together along with Los Angeles County lifeguards to keep an eye on rogue instructors, but the beach is vast and even permit holders only have an identification card to display upon request.

Residents and visitors can do their part by doing a bit of research before jumping on a board.

People can find licensed surf instructors by going to the Community & Cultural Services Department website, clicking the "Places, Parks & Beach" tab at the top and then the "Santa Monica State Beach" tab on the left-hand side.

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BULGER
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Weeks, who started working for Bulger as an enforcer in the late 1970s, said Bulger was a mentor, friend and "like an older brother to me."

"He treated me great," he said.

Weeks said he helped Bulger even after Bulger fled Boston in 1994 when he learned he was about to be indicted.

That changed, Weeks said, when he learned that Bulger and Flemmi had been FBI informants for years. He said that went against the South Boston culture to never rat on your friends or your enemies.

Carney asked Weeks if he was concerned that he'd be seen as a rat after he made his deal with prosecutors to testify against Bulger and Flemmi.

"You can't rat on a rat," Weeks said.

Weeks described three killings he said he saw Bulger commit and several others he said Bulger admitted he had somehow engineered.

He said he was at a South Boston house with Bulger in 1985 when he heard that 26-year-old Deborah Hussey, the daughter of Flemmi's longtime girlfriend, would be coming over.

While Weeks was upstairs, he heard a thud coming from below him.

"Jim Bulger had her on the ground, choking her," he said.

Flemmi carried her to the basement but thought she was still alive. Flemmi wrapped a rope around her neck, put a stick in it and strangled her, Weeks said.

He said Flemmi then removed her teeth and they buried her under the dirt floor.

Hussey was one of three people who were buried in the same house after Bulger killed them, Weeks said. He said he helped moved the bodies later when the house was being sold. In 2000, after he began cooperating with the government, he led authorities to the new location in the Dorchester section of Boston.

Weeks said John McIntyre was killed after Bulger heard he may have spoken with authorities about a failed bid to send guns to the Irish Republican Army. He said McIntyre was chained to a chair and interrogated by Bulger, who held a machine gun.

After McIntyre admitted he was cooperating with law enforcement, Bugler wrapped a rope around his neck and tried to strangle McIntyre, Weeks said. The rope was too thick and the pressure caused McIntyre to vomit, he said.

"Jim says to him, 'Do you want one in the head?' and he said, 'Yes, please,'" Weeks said.

Bulger then shot him in the head, Weeks said. When that didn't kill him, Bulger shot him several more times, Weeks said.

During cross-examination, Bulger's lawyer focused largely not on the crimes Bulger is charged with, but instead on trying to get Weeks to acknowledge that Bulger loathed anyone who was a rat.

Carney asked Weeks if, during the two decades he spent working with Bulger, he made it clear that "what he hated above all else was informants."

"We killed people for being informants," Weeks said.

Carney also asked Weeks if Bulger was ever charged, despite being involved in "all manner of crimes," including extortion, loan-sharking, money-laundering and, sometimes "crimes of violence."

Weeks acknowledged that Bulger was not charged until 1995.

The defense contends that Bulger paid FBI agents, state police and local police for information on investigations so he could stay one step ahead of any indictment.

Weeks said he saw Bulger stuffing envelopes with cash at Christmas and Bulger told him the money was for various law enforcement officials, including six FBI agents he claimed he had corrupted.

Former FBI Agent John Connolly was convicted for tipping Bulger off to his 1995 indictment. Bulger fled in late 1994, just before the indictment, and was one of the nation's most wanted fugitives until he was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011.

Flemmi is serving a life sentence for 10 murders.

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Phone companies abandon copper lines

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MANTOLOKING, N.J. Robert Post misses his phone line.

Post, 85, has a pacemaker that needs to be checked once a month by phone. But the copper wiring that once connected his home to the rest of the world is gone, and the phone company refuses to restore it.

In October 2012, Superstorm Sandy pushed the sea over Post's neighborhood in Mantoloking, N.J., leaving hundreds of homes wrecked, and one floating in the bay. The homes on this sandy spit of land along the Jersey Shore are being rebuilt, but Verizon doesn't want to replace washed-away lines and waterlogged underground cables. Phone lines are outdated, the company says.

Mantoloking is one of the first places in the country where the traditional phone line is going dead. For now, Verizon, the country's second-largest landline phone company, is taking the lead by replacing phone lines with wireless alternatives. But competitors including AT&T have made it clear they want to follow. It's the beginning of a technological turning point, representing the receding tide of copper-wire landlines that have been used since commercial service began in 1877.

The number of U.S. phone lines peaked at 186 million in 2000. Since then, more than 100 million copper lines have already been disconnected, according to trade group US Telecom. The lines have been supplanted by cellphones and Internet-based phone service offered by way of cable television and fiber optic wiring. Just 1 in 4 U.S. households will have a copper phone line at the end of this year, according to estimates from industry trade group US Telecom. AT&T would like to turn off its network of copper land lines by the end of the decade.

For most people, the phone line's demise will have little impact. But there are pockets of the country where copper lines are still critical for residents. As a result, state regulators and consumer advocates are increasingly concerned about how the transition will unfold.

"The real question is not: Are we going to keep copper forever? The real question is: How are we going to handle this transition?" says Harold Feld, senior vice president of Public Knowledge, a Washington-based group that advocates for public access to the Internet and other communications technologies.

The elderly and people in rural areas, where cell coverage may be poor or nonexistent, will be most affected by disappearing phone lines, Feld says. "Are we going to handle this transition in a way that recognizes that we have vulnerable populations here?"

Verizon says replacing the lines just doesn't make economic sense. When they were originally laid down, the phone was the only two-way telecommunications service available in the home, and the company could look forward to decades of use out of each line. Now, it would cost Verizon hundreds of dollars per home to rewire a neighborhood, but less than a quarter of customers are likely to sign up for phone service and many of those drop it after a year or two.

"If we fixed the copper, there's a good likelihood people wouldn't even use it," says Tom Maguire, Verizon's senior vice president of operations support.

Verizon also wants to get out of rebuilding phone lines on the western end of New York's Fire Island, another sliver of sand that was flooded by Sandy. The island lacks paved roads. It can only be reached by ferry, and its residents are overwhelmingly seasonal. Some of the copper lines still work, but Verizon is no longer maintaining them, to the frustration of restaurant owner Jon Randazzo.

"Really, what they're doing is abandoning us," says Randazzo, 30.

There's no cable service on Fire Island, making it more dependent on Verizon than Mantoloking, where residents can get phone and Internet service from Comcast by cable. The surviving copper phone lines on Fire Island often double as DSL, or digital subscriber line, Internet connections. As a result, Randazzo's restaurant, The Landing at Ocean Beach, lost Verizon Internet service for a weekend last month, leaving it without a way to process credit cards. The line started working again after four days, but he's afraid it will go out again for good.

"I had to have my waiters write down the credit-card number, the expiration number and the CVV (security) code. It took me over three and a half hours to process all my credit cards on Saturday. That's pretty ridiculous," Randazzo says.

Verizon provided service to about 2,700 lines on western Fire Island before the storm. But even then, 80 percent of calls to and from the island were wireless. Now, few of the lines work, but the cellular service is fine.

New York state regulators have given Verizon provisional permission to consider its wireless Voice Link boxes as stand-ins for regular phone service. Verizon technicians install the 4-inch square boxes with protruding antennas in homes and connect them to the home phone wiring. The home is then linked to Verizon's wireless network. When subscribers lift their phone handsets, they hear a dial tone. But the box doesn't work with remote medical monitoring devices, home alarm systems or faxes. It can't accept collect calls or connect callers with an operator when they dial 0. It also can't be used with dial-up modems, credit-card machines or international calling cards.

Post's house in Mantoloking was built 83 years ago. His wife estimates it has been connected to a phone line for 80 years. Now, to get his pacemaker checked, he heads once a month to a friend's home in Bay Head, the next town over, which still has a copper phone line.

Most of his neighbors in Mantoloking have cable phone service from Comcast Corp. that can do most of the things Voice Link can't. The service, for instance, could relay Post's pacemaker information. But Post just isn't eager to switch to the cable company. He says he doesn't trust them. And he's not alone. Customer perception of cable TV providers has historically been poor, due to service outages and annual price increases, according to surveys for the American Customer Satisfaction Index.

Post's neighbor, Garret Sayia, is fine with cable.

"Everybody here wants the cable for Internet and TV," Sayia says. "The other thing is — who needs wires?" he adds, holding up his cellphone.

Verizon says just 855 of the 3,000 homes it wants to abandon in Mantoloking had traditional phone service before the storm hit.

In other areas, Verizon is replacing copper phone lines with optical fiber, which allows the company to offer cable-like TV services and ultrafast broadband. Water can short out and corrode copper wire, but optical fiber is made of glass and transmits light rather than electricity, so it's far more resistant to flooding. But the cost of wiring a neighborhood with fiber optic lines can run more than $1,000 a home.

"Everybody would love for us to put in fiber, but that's just not practical," Maguire says.

If New York and New Jersey refuse to give permanent permission for the switch from landline to wireless phone service, Verizon could be forced to rebuild the phone network on Fire Island and in Mantoloking. Unlike cable and wireless companies, landline phone companies have regulatory obligations in most states to supply lines at a reasonable cost to anyone who wants one. They also need federal approval to end service.

In late June, New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman filed an emergency petition with state regulators to stop Verizon from replacing copper lines with alternatives in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. He says seasonal residents who find their phone lines don't work at their summer homes are steered by Verizon to its Voice Link wireless product. Only if the customer forcefully refuses will Verizon restore the copper phone line, he says. Verizon says Voice Link is just an option available to customers.

In New Jersey, state regulators are talking to Verizon about Mantoloking but haven't approved the landline-to-wireless switch that Verizon has already started. It could, at least in theory, deny Verizon's application and force it to rewire copper phone lines back into the town.

In Washington, the Federal Communications Commission is looking at an application from the country's largest landline phone company, AT&T Inc. AT&T isn't dealing with storm damage, so it has the leisure of taking a longer view. It wants to explore what a future without phone lines will look like by starting trials in yet-to-be-decided areas.

"We need kind of a process where we can figure out what we don't know," says Bob Quinn, one of AT&T's top lobbyists in Washington. "The trouble is not going to be identifying the issues everybody can see. It's going to be finding the unexpected issues that you have to conquer."

At Public Knowledge, Feld agrees with AT&T's deliberative approach. Among the issues that need to be looked at, he says, is whether consumer protections that apply to landline phone service should apply to whatever replaces it. For instance, if a consumer misses a monthly payment, phone companies are prohibited from cutting landline phone service right away.

"There are all kinds of state and federal rights around your phone bill ... which don't apply to these competitive alternatives," Feld says.

The FCC put together a formal task force on the issue in December, after AT&T put in its request, and has asked the company for more details.

Sean Lev, the FCC's general counsel, said in a blog post that "we should do everything we can to speed the way while protecting consumers, competition, and public safety." But he also points out that most phone companies aren't set to retire their landline equipment immediately. The equipment has been bought and paid for, and there's no real incentive to shut down a working network. He thinks phone companies will continue to use landlines for five to 10 years, suggesting that regulators have some time to figure out how to tackle the issue.

AT&T would like to have all its landline phone equipment turned off by 2020. Verizon's Maguire envisions a gradual phase-out, starting right now.

If a major telecommunications line fails and there are hundreds of people connected to it, Verizon would repair it, he says. But the company wants the option to abandon the failed line and move the remaining households to Voice Link.

"If you're one of the few people on there, and Voice Link seems to fit you, why not?" Maguire asks.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **68.2°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Steep-angled S-SSE swell continues; Larger sets possible for standouts; stay tuned

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high occ. 4ft
New SSE swell builds as old SSE swell eases; larger sets possible in the afternoon at top breaks

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
SSE swell holds; new SSW swell builds; Stay tuned larger sets possible at standout south county focal points

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
SSE swell continues; SSW swell fills in further; Stay tuned larger sets possible at standout focal points

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **July 1, 2013**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 4
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 1
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA, and Grousbeck Family Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.		
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	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 Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	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 Las Tunas County Beach.	ns	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	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+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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

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Two versions of H.W. Bush baseball cards confirmed

HOLLY RAMER
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. Baseball cards depicting former President George H. W. Bush as a Yale first baseman have fetched thousands of dollars each since they were specially-made for the White House in 1990. But experts now believe that many of cards in circulation were not part of the set presented to the president.

The difference? The cards given to Bush by the Topps trading card company have a thick, clear coating on the front, while others floating around do not.

Given their scarcity, both versions likely will remain among the most valuable modern-day cards, said Joe Orlando, president of Professional Sports Authenticator in Santa Ana, Calif. Yet those who have purchased uncoated cards over the years — one sold last month for $3,367 — believing that they got one of 100 cards given to the president may feel a bit duped.

The discrepancy came to light when former White House chief of staff and avid baseball card collector John H. Sununu sent some of the 11 cards he was given by the president to Orlando's company to be graded. Surprised to see the thick coating on each card, experts initially told Sununu his cards weren't produced by Topps.

"I said, now, wait a minute, I've got a fairly good provenance," Sununu recalled Tuesday.

Chagrined, Sununu sent off a copy of the note Bush wrote him accompanying the cards and asked Bush's office to send another card from the president's stash and a letter verifying its authenticity. He also called former Topps CEO Arthur Shorin who, immediately after presenting the cards to Bush in 1990, traded the president three of his own cards for one autographed Bush card.

Shorin confirmed to the authentication company that his card, too, had the glossy coating. And together with Sununu's cards, it was enough for the company to conclude not only that more than 100 cards were produced, but that those given to the president differed from the others in circulation.

Orlando said it's not uncommon for cards to "escape" from manufacturing facilities under a variety of circumstances. In this case, he was told by a reputable dealer that a former Topps employee sold 70 of the uncoated cards after leaving the company.

"For the first time ever, this has been documented and studied, and it's clear that there are two different versions. That's meaningful for collectors," he said. "But it's not like one is real and one is not real. They're both real."

Sununu, a former governor of New Hampshire, was Bush's chief of staff when Shorin called and proposed printing cards commemorating Bush's time as captain of the Yale baseball team. The president didn't want a commercial venture, so he suggested having the company print just 100 cards for the White House, Sununu said.

Sununu estimates he has all but 50 of the cards produced by the two major companies between 1948 and 1964, and spends a lot of time looking to fill the gaps. About two years ago, he noticed the Bush cards popping up on eBay and other auction sites. That made him a bit suspicious, and prompted him to send his own cards off to be graded.

"There was an awfully large number of them, and I knew that nobody that George Herbert Walker Bush gave a baseball card to would sell it," he said. "You'd have to kill me to get these out of my cold hands."

MLB

Padres CEO Garfinkel resigns

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO Padres President and CEO Tom Garfinkel, who assumed the duties of CEO after predecessor Jeff Moorad left early last year, has stepped down.

Peter Seidler, lead investor in the Padres ownership group, and executive chairman Ron Fowler said in a release Tuesday that they had accepted Garfinkel's resignation.

The team says Fowler is assuming Garfinkel's responsibilities until a replacement is hired.

Garfinkel, then the Padres COO and president, assumed the CEO duties in March 2012 when Moorad relinquished them after a failed bid to buy the team.

Garfinkel remained on board when the team was sold to a group including Seidler, a nephew of former Dodgers owner Peter O'Malley.

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12:35pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

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Despicable Me 2 (PG) 1hr 38min
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World War Z (PG-13) 1hr 56min
4:00pm, 10:25pm

This Is The End (R) 1hr 47min
2:25pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

White House Down (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
12:15pm, 10:05pm

Despicable Me 2 in 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
2:15pm, 7:45pm

Heat (R) 1hr 57min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:50pm, 7:50pm, 10:45pm

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1:00pm, 7:00pm

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East (PG-13) 1hr 56min
4:00pm, 9:40pm

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1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Much Ado About Nothing (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

20 Feet from Stardom (PG-13) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Crash Reel (NR) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, VIRGO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might seem to be surprisingly different somehow, according to a friend. Lately, you have become more willing to talk about personal matters, which allows for greater intimacy. Tonight: Paint the town red.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could be more secure if you relaxed a bit and worked through a situation that is going on within your immediate environment. You suddenly might gain a new insight during the day, which will explain a lot. Tonight: Do something special for a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have a way about you that attracts many people. You might be surprised by a dear friend's spontaneity. You would never have expected what happens. Lighten up a conversation, and share more of your day-to-day life. Tonight: Join friends at a favorite spot!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be surprised by what someone says or does. Be aware of how much you have to offer. Make a point of listening to your inner voice; know what your limits are and what you want to express. Do not back yourself into a corner. Tonight: Shop on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You unexpectedly could beam in what you desire and surprise yourself. Express your caring, especially as it is obvious and you can't deny the strength of your feelings. Be willing to put yourself on the line when dealing with a friend or loved one. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ A partner could surprise you with his or her reaction to what you are doing. You might need to pull back more in order to see why a certain situation is developing. Remain upbeat. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You'll wonder about someone's surprising appearance or unexpected availability. Do not assume that this person's action or stance is a because of a change of perspective. Make the most of this special moment. Tonight: Only what you want, and only with the company you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might be far too involved with a situation. Be more aware of your image and chosen direction. You know exactly what you want and why. Do not back off, but do observe others' responses. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You can't go wrong with spontaneity. You might wonder which way to go, and might overthink the issue as a result. Impulsiveness is favored. You could hear some surprising news from a loved one and feel delighted. Tonight: Detach rather than get triggered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. Know that you might need to revise your thinking as a result of this conversation. You will get a better understanding of what someone might be thinking. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You experience events and see people differently from how the majority of others do. That is one of your strengths. Do not feel as if you have to prove yourself. You could be surprised by someone you encounter today. Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ You still might be better off if you say "no" to a risk, especially if it involves your finances. The unexpected runs riot through your finances, and it also affects others' behavior. If need be, express your caring through actions, not words. Tonight: Make a special offer to a loved one.

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

This year you make waves, no matter which direction you head. You are in the first year of a new 12-year luck cycle. This is an excellent year for new beginnings. You are capable of starting projects and/or ideas that you normally would feel are impossible. If you are single, a relationship could be full of surprises. Make sure that you are ready for this. If you are attached, your bond will develop an exciting, dynamic undertone if you remain sensitive to your significant other. Guard against being too me-oriented. LEO can be quite self-centered.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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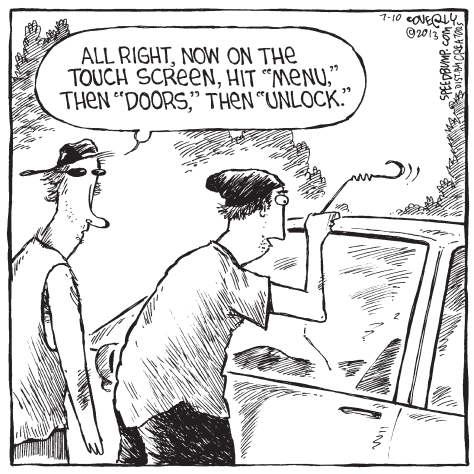

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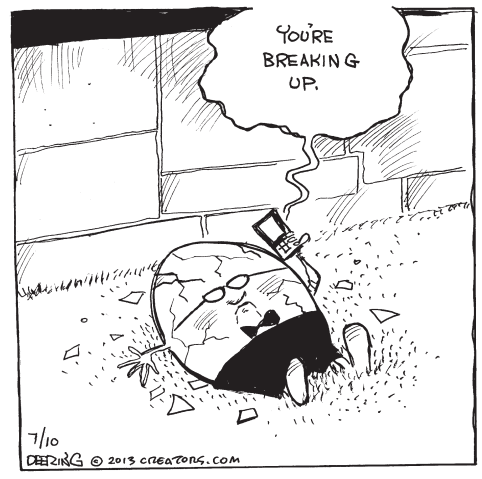

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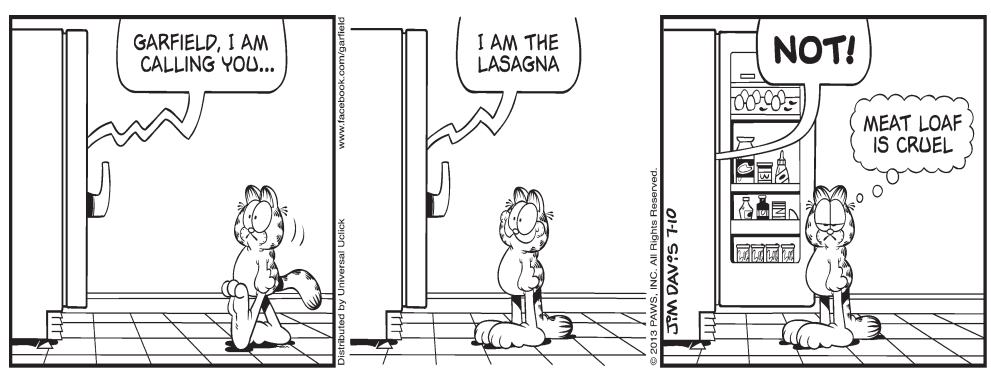

The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

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 ★★★

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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Poet Van Duyn
5 Years gone by
9 Left on a boat
11 Book after Jonah
12 Decimal fraction
13 Florida city
14 Important age
15 Month of fasting
17 Strict disciplinarians
19 Annoy
20 "— evil"
21 Crested bird
22 River part
24 Pi follower
26 Darling
29 Flamboyant wrap
30 Open-sided shelters
32 Protective wall
34 Nest egg choice: Abbr.
35 Concede
36 Trip around the world
38 Long attack
39 Piglet's creator
40 Towel word
41 Entreats

DOWN

1 Alma —
2 Verdi creations
3 Generic
4 Gallery fill
5 Print unit
6 Maine park
7 Pay
8 Show gratitude to
10 Royal roost
11 May honorees
16 "... and — short"
18 Make over
21 Coffee, slangily
23 Small drum
24 Band aide
25 Carpenter's need
27 Like some mushrooms
28 Bold
29 Audacious
30 Assess
31 Fills up
33 Litter members
37 Umbrella part

R	E	P	A	I	R	■	C	H	E	F
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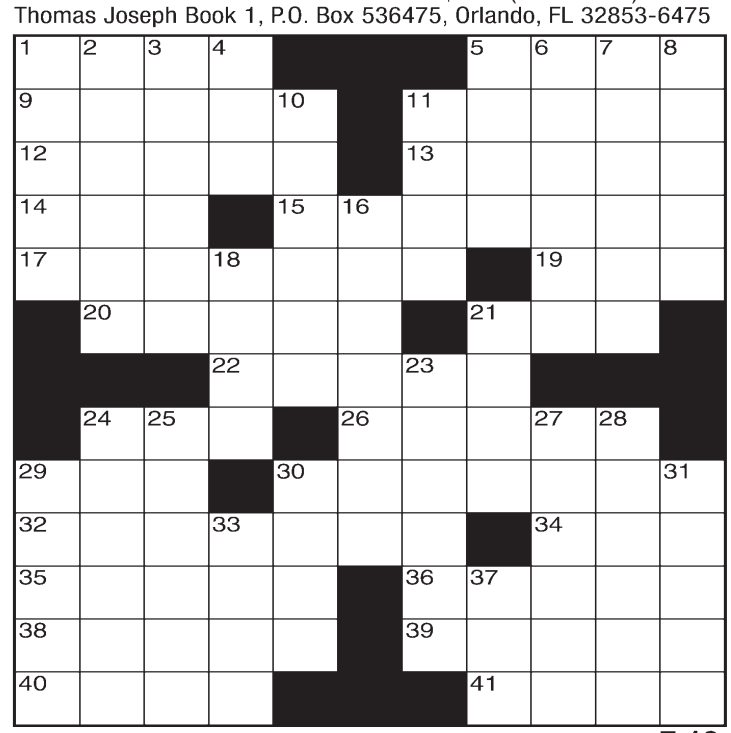

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/6
2 13 35 36 52
Power#: 11
Jackpot: $80M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/5
2 23 41 47 54
Mega#: 42
Jackpot: $12M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 7/6
2 18 20 21 45
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: $29M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/9
8 12 30 32 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/9
MIDDAY: 5 8 1
EVENING: 8 8 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/9
1st: 01 Gold Rush
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3rd: 07 Eureka
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The local council in Brunete, Spain, near Madrid, has now seen a radical drop in unscooped dog droppings after employing volunteers to find the names of derelict dogs. They then matched the dog with the town's dog registrations to obtain the owners' addresses, then mailed them packages containing their dogs' business (terming it "lost property").

■ Elementary school teacher Carie Charlesworth was fired recently by Holy Trinity School near San Diego, Calif. -- with the only reason given that her ex-husband has threatened to kill her. After a January weekend in which Carie was forced to call police three times because of the threats, the husband had shown up the next day in Holy Trinity's parking lot to see her, provoking officials to immediately put the school in lockdown. In a termination letter, officials noted that Charlesworth's students are constantly at risk from the ex-husband, that her restraining order against him is obviously not a deterrent, and that they thus "cannot allow" her to continue her career at the school, according to a report by San Diego's KNSD-TV. (Battered-women support groups, of course, were horrified at the school's decision.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1980 - Alexandra Palace burns down for a second time.

1985 - The Greenpeace vessel Rainbow Warrior is bombed and sunk in Auckland harbour by French DGSE agents, killing Fernando Pereira.

1991 - The South African cricket team is readmitted into the International Cricket Council following the end of Apartheid.

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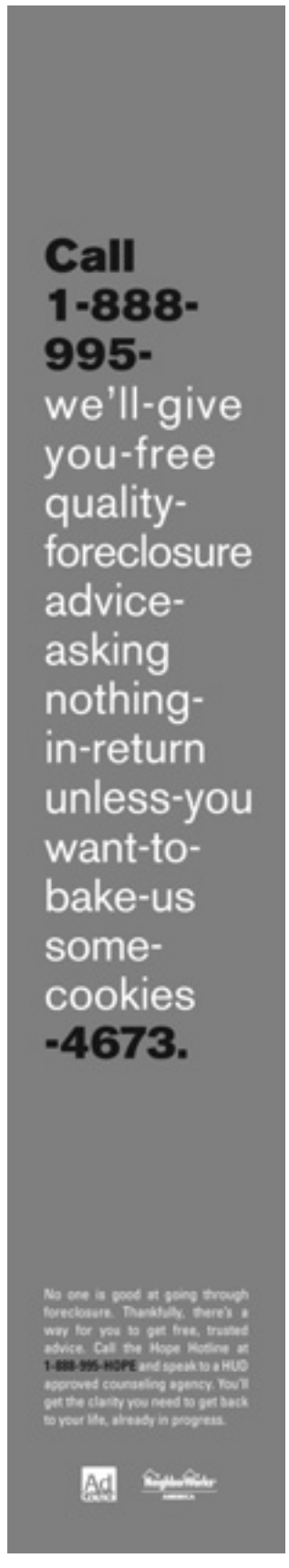

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