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THE UP IT GOES ISSUE

City settles tenant harassment complaints

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

FOURTH STREET An owner and manager of a 60-unit apartment complex in Santa Monica accused of harassing tenants agreed to stop allegedly abusive behaviors or risk reopening an investigation, the City Attorney's Office announced Thursday.

The settlement requires owner M West Holdings, LLC., and property manager Scott Properties Group, Inc. to rescind restrictive new rules and exorbitant lost key fees and create better paths for communication between representatives and tenants regarding construction and tenant complaints, said Eda Suh, a deputy city attorney with City Hall.

The City Attorney's Office will monitor the companies for a year to ensure that they stick to the settlement agreement. If they violate it in any material way, "there will be

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New delays for Downtown Specific Plan

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Downtown Specific Plan could be delayed by up to four months under a new recommendation by city officials to release a framework for public comment and review before pressing forward with a study of its environmental impacts.

The proposal is a shift from just one week ago when officials from the Planning Department asked the City Council to give

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UP HIGH

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Workers on Thursday unveil a banner touting the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Measure BB construction projects during the topping off ceremony for a new building at Lincoln Middle School. Other Measure BB projects include a new building at Santa Monica High School.

Sheriff's deputies capture car theft suspect in SM

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

STANFORD STREET The hunt for a man accused of stealing a luxury sports car in West Hollywood ended Thursday morning when Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies used gas to force him from the car, which had pulled to a stop on Stanford Street.

The chase began at 1 a.m. in West Hollywood. An unidentified white male adult in his 30s allegedly took a BMW 6-

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Tapes of two Elvis concerts added to auction

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. Uncirculated tapes of two Elvis Presley concerts recorded two months before he died have been added to a celebrity memorabilia auction in Santa Monica.

The Mecum Auction Company says the tapes will be among the 2,000 pieces of celebrity-related memorabilia being displayed and auctioned at Santa Monica Airport's Barker Hangar on July 26-27.

Mecum says the concert tapes were made at live Elvis shows in Omaha, Neb., on June 19, 1977, and Rapid City, S.D., two days later. Mecum says the tapes include original audio and video footage.

Elvis died Aug. 16, 1977, in Memphis.

The auction also will include Elvis' 1972 Cadillac Custom Estate Wagon and other Elvis-related items.

A truck owned by Steve McQueen and prescription sunglasses worn by John Lennon are among other highlights of the auction.

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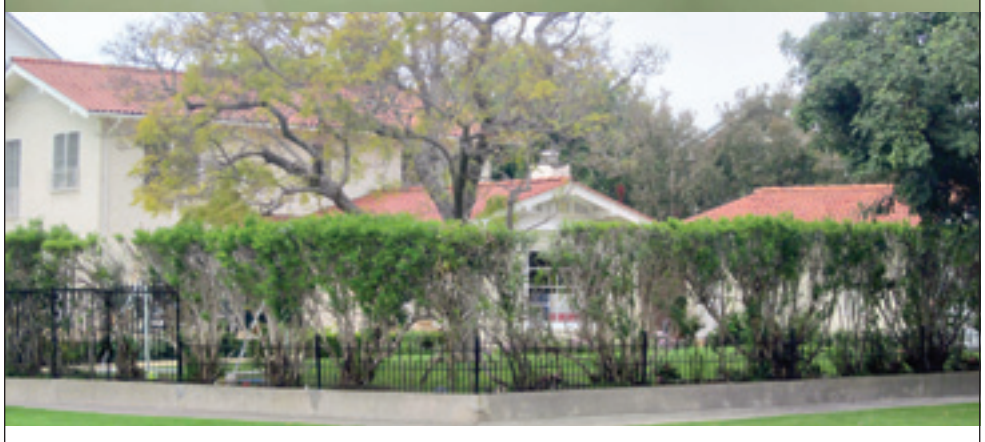
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, July 19, 2013

Tour the Main Library
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Docents will lead tours of the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design gold-rated Main Library building.
For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Cinema on the Street gets despicable
Third Street Promenade
Wilshire end, 7:30 p.m.
The promenade's Cinema on the Street outdoor summer screenings continue with "Despicable Me" in 3D. Free child and adult 3D glasses will be given out before the film. AMC Theaters will be raffling off a family four-pack of movie tickets and there will be a special appearance from a "Despicable Me" minion character. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.downtownsm.com.

Laugh it up
M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater
1323 A 3rd St., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The Unnecessary Evil Stand Up Comedy Event will feature surprise celebrity guests. The event is for ages 21 and over. Tickets are $10 though if purchased online at www.westsidecomedy.com "UE" can be used as a promo code for half off tickets. Call (310) 451-0850 for more information.

Timewarp with Silent Frisco
Wilshire Restaurant
2454 Wilshire Blvd., 9 p.m.
Silent Frisco returns to Santa Monica with 100 more headphones that will let participants tune in to the music of the 1990s coordinated by BSTARR, the '80s by Motion Potion and the '70s disco and soul by Mario Cotto. Admission is $10. Doors open at 9 p.m. and the show starts at 10 p.m. The event is for ages 21 and up. For more information, visit www.silentfrisco.com.

Saturday, July 20, 2013

What's ROGA?
Santa Monica Pier
West end, 8 a.m.
Need a little help getting back in shape this summer? ROGA is back. Free run and yoga class on Saturday mornings with the best views in town. You can join either class or both, in an inclusive no-judgment environment with some of Santa Monica's best instructors.
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Time for excitement
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
8:30 a.m.— 12 p.m.
Get an up-close look at the various construction projects and improvements taking place. City officials will lead the Be Excited! Be Prepared Bus Tour that begins at the Main Library and makes its way around Santa Monica. For more information or to RSVP, call (310) 458-8301.

Learn from the masters
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave.,
9:30 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Master Gardeners provide free tips, solutions to problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers' Market on the third Saturday of each month.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM BEACH

Dangerous rip currents expected

The combination of a peaking south swell and a tidal range near 8 feet will generate very strong rip currents and longshore currents through the weekend at all south-facing beaches, the National Weather Service warned Thursday.

The south swell is expected to peak Friday with breakers between 3 to 4 feet and occasionally as high as 5 feet and then subside through the weekend.

Strong rip currents are being predicted around times of high and low tides and in the vicinity of jetties and sandbars.

Caution should be used when in or near the water, the weather service warned. Stay near occupied lifeguard towers and never swim alone. If caught in a rip current, swim parallel to the shore until you can safely make it back.

– KEVIN HERRERA

COLORADO AVE

Big Blue plans for summer travel

The Big Blue Bus on Thursday launched the "Travel Like a Local" campaign to encourage people to walk, bike or take the bus this summer to provide relief from commuting stress and traffic congestion.

"We always encourage people to take transit, but especially for the summer where it's expected there will be an increase in congestion," said Suja Lowenthal, government and community relations manager for BBB.

She said the plan is to take a page from the locals' book on how they navigate their city.

The American Public Transportation Association reported that 2012 experienced a 7 percent increase in Americans planning "staycations," where they vacation close to home. Traditionally, Santa Monica experiences an increase in the number of visitors during the summer months, city officials said.

In conjunction with the campaign, the Big Blue Bus is also encouraging riders to share videos or photos of their travels on social media sites like Instagram (@bigbluebus), Facebook (facebook.com/smbigbluebus) and Twitter (twitter.com/smbigbluebus). Make sure to use the hashtags #bbblocal or #ridebluegogreen.

– AMEERA BUTT

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TAKING ON MAJOR WAVES: Ross Clarke-Jones surfing Shipsterns Bluff as part of the new documentary 'Storm Surfers 3D.'

Surfing in 3D

Documentary chronicles thrill-seeking duo's exploits

BY ILEANA NAJARRO
Special to the Daily Press

AERO THEATER Santa Monicans who have yet to grab a board and surf can come close to the experience of riding a big wave at the Aero Theatre's screening of "Storm Surfers 3D" this weekend.

Flying over from Australia, the film's stars Tom Carroll, two-time world surfing champion, and Ross Clarke-Jones, big wave surfing pioneer, will hold a discussion after Saturday's 7:30 p.m. screening.

The documentary chronicles the duo's four month expedition across the

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Reputed Boston crime boss faces once-loyal crony

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON His hands on his hips in a you-want-a-piece-of-me stance, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi glared at James "Whitey" Bulger in the courtroom, and the two men snarled what sounded like obscenities at each other.

Bulger and his once-loyal comrade came face to face Thursday for the first time in nearly two decades as Flemmi testified against the reputed Boston crime boss at Bulger's racketeering trial.

In his brief 15 minutes or so on the stand before court recessed for the day, Flemmi, a ruthless underworld executioner, told how he and Bulger were secret FBI informants for 15 years while they ran the Winter Hill Gang, the city's murderous Irish mob.

Flemmi said he was with Bulger and heard him give information to FBI agent John Connolly "hundreds of times" over 15 years.

That comment seemed to rankle Bulger, who insists that he was never an informant and told people that being a "rat" was the worst thing anyone could do, according to testimony.

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Don't ride without protection

Editor:

Thank you to Peter Steinbeg for passing out helmets ("Local lawyer promotes bike helmet use," July 15). That's great! It also prompts me to finally write this letter as I've been meaning to do for two years since my accident.

Summer is here. Allow me to urge people most strongly to please beware of a false sense of security on our gorgeous bike trail by the beach!

Indeed, there are no cars, but particularly in the section between Santa Monica and Venice, there are many other dangers: Children and adults crossing or walking along without looking; beginner rollerbladers (the scariest); fairly sharp curves; sand; and altogether many people on many modes of transportation. Yet, most people, including children, do not wear a helmet. (Interestingly enough, past Venice on to Redondo Beach, where fewer but more experienced riders are found, a majority of us wear them.)

Back to my accident: I have been bicycling for decades, in the San Francisco Bay area (read hills) and now here, with either my road bike for rides such as Mandeville Canyon, or an oldish hybrid for town travel, but a helmet, always. With all my experience, that super easy and friendly bike trail is where I had my only serious bike accident. I probably wouldn't be writing this now if I hadn't been wearing a helmet when I fell. It broke (as it should) instead of my skull. Sorry, but I cannot tell you the details of how it all happened as I suffered a concussion, which erased the memory of the event.

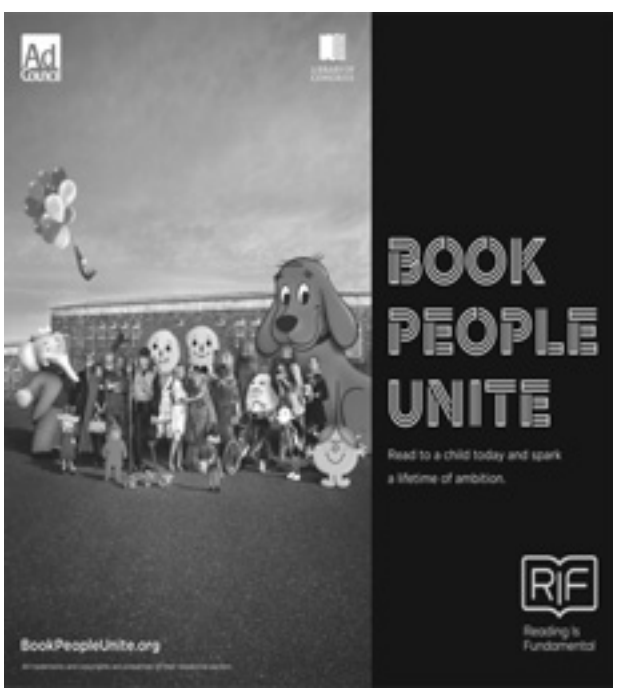
I was riding alone. German visitors stopped to help me, I am told but hardly remember. I don't think I lost consciousness, and probably made some sense right after my fall, as I first called my husband, which is why nobody called 911. My husband reported that on the way to the hospital after he came to get me I was progressively "losing it" in ever more obvious ways and repeated the same questions or silly comments in a way that would have been entertaining if not so scary. I broke my pelvic ramus and spent the night in the hospital under observation, recuperating from the concussion, and again, feeling grateful to my helmet.

Since then I have asked some bike rental shops whether they provide helmets to renters, and the answer was "if they ask for one," in which case, thank goodness, they provide it for free.

But shouldn't they be strongly encouraged to offer one to all renters? Are they afraid to lose customers if they insist too much?

I remember reading an anti-motorcycle article written by a surgeon who ended his tirade with: "If you don't agree, don't bother to reply. I'll see you in the emergency room." Well, I'm not in the medical profession, but please, please wear a helmet – even on the bike trail. And again, thank you, Peter Steinberg.

Françoise Sorgen-Goldschmidt
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Of trials, tribulations (and ratings)

IF YOU DIDN'T FOLLOW THE GEORGE Zimmerman murder trial, consider yourself lucky. I squandered endless hours glued to the HLN Network, hours that I will never get back. (Then again, other than in the Twilight Zone how could one ever get them back?)

Watching the trial I suffered excessively annoying TV hosts including bombastic Nancy Grace (who'd make a great WWE wrestling announcer); Jane Velez-Mitchell, whose normal speaking voice appears to be shouting; and bully-ish attorney Mark Geragos. (He didn't do so well with Scott Peterson and Winona Ryder, which raises the question has Geragos ever actually won a case?)

I found the verdict deeply disappointing, much like the trials of O.J., Robert Blake and Casey Anthony. That said, if I had been on the Zimmerman jury, I might have voted not guilty. That's how weak the prosecution's case seemed to be. The only beneficiaries of the entire tragedy were the TV networks as ratings were unbelievable. What a country.

During the last days of the Zimmerman trial, HLN was already promoting "coming attractions!" Andrea Sneiderman is going on trial in Georgia for her alleged involvement in the death of her husband, Rusty, who was murdered by Andrea's boss with whom she may or may not have been having an affair. There's even a Facebook page devoted to it. (Lord, or higher power, help us.)

The charges in Sneiderman's indictment include murder, attempted murder, racketeering, insurance fraud, perjury and littering. (All right, I made up littering.)

Frankly, I found myself offended by the marketing of this new trial like it was the release of a blockbuster horror movie. (Which actually isn't a bad analogy.) And yet, when I saw that the trial wouldn't begin until the 29th a tiny part of me thought, "How am I going to wait that long?" (OK, maybe not such a tiny part.)

But I must return to the Zimmerman trial, especially since I was unable to get through on the phone to the shows of Dr. Drew, Nancy Grace, Jane Velez-Mitchell, Piers Morgan or Anderson Cooper. (I know, I should get a life. I'm working on it, OK?)

The trial got off to a highly weird note when Zimmerman defense attorney, Don West, began his opening remarks with a tasteless knock-knock joke. (As opposed to a tasteful knock-knock joke?) Here's how this one went: "Knock, knock. Who's there? George Zimmerman. George Zimmerman who? All right, good, you are on the jury." Huh?

The jury's reaction was stunned disbelief. As the late Lenny Bruce used to say, "It was like an oil painting." Can anyone explain where exactly the joke was and what West was trying to accomplish? My advice is he should keep his day job as a career in standup is highly dubious. (Meanwhile, Zimmerman got off, so go figure.)

Considerably more serious, to those who think the verdict was just, I have one essential question. When Trayvon Martin supposedly confronted Zimmerman and asked, "Do you have a problem?" why didn't George identify himself? He could have easily said, "I'm with Neighborhood Watch, do you live here?" and that might have put an end to the problem without any violence.

But, in my opinion, that's not what Zimmerman wanted. In my view he wanted desperately to be a hero. His actions fit a cop wannabe who was set on single-handedly apprehending a criminal, who was in fact, not doing anything illegal unless you count wearing a hoodie.

IF YOU DON'T THINK RACE IS AT THE CORE OF THIS TRAGEDY, IMAGINE IF ZIMMERMAN WERE A 30-YEAR-OLD BLACK MAN WHO SHOT AND KILLED AN UNARMED 17-YEAR-OLD WHITE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

Then again, why did Zimmerman get out of the car against the instructions from the 911 dispatcher? Why did he choose to follow Trayvon when the dispatcher clearly said, "We don't need you to do that?"

To the dispatcher Zimmerman complained that Trayvon was walking so slowly he was "suspicious." Then he complained that Trayvon was running. This raises the question, at 7:30 p.m. in Sanford, Fla., at what pace can a young black male safely walk?

If you don't think race is at the core of this tragedy, imagine if Zimmerman were a 30-year-old black man who shot and killed an unarmed 17-year-old white high school student. But at least one juror (#37B) thought "George had a good heart." Of course she didn't hear evidence about Zimmerman plotting with his wife to hide their money and use his second (and illegal) passport to possibly flee.

Or what does it say about Zimmerman's heart that he seemed to use a racial epithet. Defenders say the word was "goons" but who uses that word in that context. "Gangbanger" maybe, but goon? Give me a break.

As it did with O.J., hopefully the truth will finally come out at Zimmerman's civil trial where he'll have to testify. In the meantime, the anthem at HLN is murder be damned, cue Andrea Sneiderman and let the good times roll.

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'Ender's Game' stars answer gay rights questions at Comic-Con

CHRIS TALBOTT
AP Music Writer

SAN DIEGO Real-world issues are rare at Comic-Con where fantasy almost always trumps reality. But for the stars and the director of "Ender's Game," comments made by Orson Scott Card regarding gay marriage are leading to questions about the issue as they promote the science fiction film.

Card has expressed opposition to gay marriage in the past and that has led some to call for a boycott. There were no signs of protest as stars Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield and Hailee Steinfeld and the film's director, Gavin Hood, began to promote the sci-fi adventure film based on Card's novel. The movie took center stage Thursday with a presentation in the convention's massive Hall H.

Ford addressed the controversy in an interview before facing fans.

"I don't think that issue rears its head in the work. No part of the story concerns Mr. Card's theories about society in terms of gay issues or homosexual issues," Ford said. "So I hold it completely separate. I think it's an imaginative and complex story. And I'm glad he told it. And I'm glad I had a chance to be a part of it. I think he has a right to his opinions and I think he has also made it clear that it was a battle that he fought and lost and would like to get on with the rest of life."

Hood likewise said he was separating Card's perspective on gay rights from his book about children who are called upon to help humanity battle alien threats.

"My view is I've been a member of the Courage Campaign for many years and I'm a little distressed by his point of view on gay marriage," Hood said.

"However, the book is not about that issue, so I hope people can still appreciate the book because I think he wrote a great book, and the themes and ideas in the book, I think, are universal and timeless and applicable, and I hope the book will still be appreciated as a great work of art, even though I don't agree with the author. I optioned the book, not an author, and I love what the author said in that book."

Card turned down an interview request by The Associated Press. He told Entertainment Weekly that the issue is now "moot" given the Supreme Court's recent rulings favoring gay marriage and, "Now it will be interesting to see whether the victorious proponents of gay marriage will show tolerance toward those who disagreed with them when the issue was still in dispute."

Lionsgate Entertainment also issued a statement rebuking Card's position and said it would hold a benefit premiere to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender causes.

Butterfield, who plays the film's title character, said "I agree with rights for everybody" and that Card's views shouldn't change how audiences receive the film or book: "You can't blame a work for its author."

Hood said the book's themes of kindness and compassion are what drew him to the story, and he was surprised by Card's position.

"I think it's slightly bitterly ironic that those themes that are present in the book are not carried through on his particular view on gay marriage," Hood said.

The issue came up once briefly during Thursday's Summit Entertainment panel when a fan began the Q&A session by addressing the controversy. A few in the crowd mumbled at the question, but producer Robert Orci showed support for the LGBT community and asked fans not to "thwart" the good work of the hundreds of people who made the film.

Never-before-seen footage from the film showed massive, visually arresting battle scenes between humans and the aliens and the struggle between good and evil that surrounds the character Ender Wiggin (Butterfield) as he becomes humanity's champion in a space war.

Ford said he felt Card had tapped into something very real when he published the novel in 1985 and was attracted by the complex moral issues.

"This book that was written 28 years ago imagines a world that's become an everyday reality," Ford said. "The ability to wage war away from the battlefield is one of the realities of our life with drone warfare. ... (The film) was something that was really complex and interesting to me. I was delighted to be involved with playing a character that wrestles with these concerns and brought them into public consciousness."

The Q Line

Ride safely

A local attorney is giving bicycle helmets away in an effort to raise awareness of bike safety.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think a law should be enacted to make wearing bike helmets mandatory for adults?

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Mitsubishi blamed in nuclear plant closure

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LOS ANGELES Southern California Edison took an initial legal step Thursday to try to collect millions, or possibly billions, of dollars in damages from the company that built defective equipment that pushed the seaside San Onofre nuclear power plant into early retirement.

In legal documents, the company claimed Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. and Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems are liable for defective steam generators that were installed at the plant in a $670 million overhaul in 2009 and 2010, along with costs ranging from buying replacement power to the investment in the now-shuttered plant that the company earlier estimated at over $2 billion.

"In short, Mitsubishi totally and fundamentally failed to deliver what it promised," said a letter to Mitsubishi from Edison's lawyers.

A Mitsubishi statement called the filing an "expected part of the contract process" but did not address any of its allegations.

The action represents an early step in what could be a protracted battle over blame for the plant's closure and who should cover the losses.

The twin-reactor plant was shut down in January 2012, after a small radiation leak led to the discovery of unusual damage to hundreds of virtually new tubes that carried radioactive water in the generators. Edison announced last month it would close the plant for good, surrendering in a costly and drawn-out fight over whether it was too damaged to operate safely.

In a separate case, state utility regulators are considering who should pay for Mitsubishi's replacement generators, ratepayers or shareholders. A decision could be months, or years, away. Any money Edison recovers from Mitsubishi could reduce the exposure of ratepayers.

"The more they can get from Mitsubishi, that's less they will be asking from ratepayers," said Mark Pocta, a manager with the state Division of Ratepayer Advocates, an independent arm of the Public Utilities Commission.

The filing, known as a notice of dispute, begins a 90-day negotiation under the contract between the two companies. If that fails, SCE said it intends to initiate binding arbitration against Mitsubishi to recover damages.

"Our action is about making sure that Mitsubishi takes responsibility for providing the defective steam generators that led to the closing of (the plant)," Ron Litzinger, president of SCE, said in a statement.

Edison said Mitsubishi agreed to design and build four generators that would operate for 40 years, but "many of Mitsubishi's representations and promises were false."

Majority owner Edison and co-owners San Diego Gas & Electric and the city of Riverside "continue to incur significant financial harm as a result of Mitsubishi's total and fundamental failure to meet its obligations," the filing said.

The company said Mitsubishi promised to address the very problems that ended the plant's life — badly vibrating generator tubes that cause premature wear.

Curiosity rover confirms Martian air is mostly CO2

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES The Curiosity rover has tasted Mars' air: It's made mostly of carbon dioxide with hints of other gases.

The measurements by the most advanced spacecraft to land on the red planet closely match what the twin Viking landers detected in the late 1970s and what scientists have gleaned from Martian meteorites — rock fragments that fell to Earth.

Mars' atmosphere is overwhelmingly dominated by carbon dioxide, unlike Earth's air, which is a mix of nitrogen and oxygen.

There was a small surprise: Viking found nitrogen to be the second most abundant gas in the Martian air, but Curiosity's measurements revealed a nearly equal abundance of nitrogen and argon, a stable noble gas.

Mission scientists are puzzled, but suspect it might have to do with the different tools used to sample the atmosphere.

"It's more or less an interesting observation" but doesn't change the notion that Mars lost most of its original atmosphere to space, transforming the planet into a cold desert, said Paul Mahaffy of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, who is in charge of Curiosity's air sampling experiments.

The nuclear-powered, six-wheel rover set down in an ancient crater near the Martian equator almost a year ago. The atmospheric measurements were detailed in two studies appearing in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

While "there's nothing profoundly different" between what Curiosity found and previous results, the new work is more detailed, said Michael Mumma of Goddard, who is not part of the mission.

Neither study dwelled on the issue of methane gas on Mars. Several years ago, telescopes on Earth detected a surprising and mysterious belch of methane in three regions in the Martian western hemisphere. On Earth, methane is mainly a byproduct of life — from animal digestion and decaying plants. The gas can also be produced by non-biological processes.

Last year, the Curiosity team reported no definitive whiff of methane near the landing site. Since then, the rover has taken several more air samples. There are also plans to sniff the atmosphere for methane during the monthslong drive to Mount Sharp, a 3-mile-high mountain looming from the crater center.

NASA in the fall is set to launch a Mars-orbiting spacecraft aimed at solving the methane mystery.

Called Maven, the craft will target the Martian atmosphere. Scientists want to know if it actually exists, determine the abundance and whether that varies by year or location, said mission chief scientist Bruce Jakosky of the University of Colorado.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Probation check results in pot, meth bust

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, AT 9:20 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1800 block of Euclid Street to check on a known drug supplier on probation. As officers were searching the residence they said they found a glass methamphetamine pipe and several bindles of the drug on top of the dining room table. Inside the bedroom more than 2.5 pounds of marijuana was recovered from a wicker chair. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession of meth, marijuana for sale, drug paraphernalia and for a probation violation. He was identified as Beecher Brumley, 51, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, AT 8:44 P.M.,
Officers on patrol along the 1500 block of Olympic Boulevard saw a man riding his bike on the sidewalk in violation of the Municipal Code. The suspect was stopped for the violation and during a search police said they found methamphetamine. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for possession of meth. He was identified as Roberto Rubalcava, 43, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, AT 3:33 A.M.,
Officers responded to the area of Berkeley Street and Pennsylvania Avenue regarding a fight. When officers arrived they spoke with a woman who said she saw a man and a woman standing near her front door yelling at each other. As she continued to watch, the man extended both arms and shoved the female in her back, causing her to slam into a brick wall. The two continued arguing, at which point the man allegedly slapped the woman in the face. He then walked away from the scene. Police were able to locate the suspect a short time later and he was positively identified. Based on the witnesses' statements police placed the suspect under arrest for domestic violence. He was identified as Valentin Robinson, 21, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $1,000.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, AT 6:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to Santa Monica Place mall regarding a shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived they spoke with store security who said that the suspect was seen putting a Burberry scarf in his pants and then walked out without offering to pay. He was apprehended by security, who found the $375 scarf in his pants. The suspect was placed under arrest for shoplifting. He was identified as Sef Ian Dionne, 34, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $1,000.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, AT 2:15 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 2600 block of Main Street regarding a report of vandalism at a retail store. When officers arrived they spoke with a man who said he was sitting in his car, which was parked on Main Street near a bar. He saw a group of people sitting nearby and asked them if they wanted to get some food. Immediately after that a man with the group stood up and began yelling profanities at the driver. He then allegedly walked to the rear of the car and began punching the trunk and the back window, eventually shattering it with his fist. The driver wanted the suspect arrested, and police obliged. The suspect was booked for vandalism. He was identified as Darren Christopher Antony, 22, of La Palma, Calif. His bail was set at $5,000.

JULY 13, AT 4:48 P.M.,
Officers on patrol in Downtown saw a man urinating in a breezeway on the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade. Officers approached the man and asked him why he didn't just use the public restroom located roughly 50 feet away. The man told them he "had to go." When asked for his identification, the man allegedly became agitated and tried to run. Officers told the man to stop, but he didn't. After a brief struggle the suspect was placed under arrest for urinating in public, resisting arrest and battery on a police officer. He was identified as Jonathan Dante Tyler, 30, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, AT 1:57 P.M.,
Officers responded to the area of Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue regarding a man who was allegedly driving recklessly inside Parking Structure 7 at Third Street and Broadway. A traffic service officer said he was struck by the driver's side mirror. When the traffic service officer tried to stop him, he disregarded his orders and proceeded to back out of the structure to find another spot to park. He then allegedly struck a second traffic officer's arm with his car. While responding to the scene, officers located the suspect vehicle traveling south on Fourth Street and conducted a traffic stop. The driver told officers that his dog was sick and he was trying to find a place to care for it. The driver was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon, reckless driving and a probation violation. He was identified as Ryan Oreif, 22, of Pacific Palisades, Calif. His bail was set at $30,000.

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IN PROGRESS

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Construction crews have been out on Lincoln Boulevard in recent weeks doing curb and sidewalk work in advance of a repaving of the heavily-used street that connects Santa Monica and Venice. Thursday saw crews doing sidewalk repair near the intersection of Lincoln and Michigan Avenue. The project is slated to be completed by Aug. 31.

BULGER

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Flemmi is expected to return to the stand on Friday for what could be a combustible session. Both men have hair-trigger tempers. And one thing that has really set Bulger off in court is being called a rat.

Before Flemmi took the stand, word spread through the courtroom that a former Boston liquor store owner who had hoped to testify against Bulger and openly despised him had been found dead. Authorities said a jogger discovered the body of 59-year-old Stephen "Stippo" Rakes in the woods along a street Wednesday in Lincoln, Mass.

Prosecutors said an autopsy Thursday found no signs of trauma. Investigators trying to establish the cause of death were awaiting toxicology results.

In court, Bulger shot Flemmi a look just after he described the extent of Bulger's informant activities.

Then, as testimony ended for the day and the jury was led out of the courtroom, the 79-year-old Flemmi stood up so that federal marshals could take him away. As he stood there, he put his hands on his hips and glowered at the 83-year-old Bulger, who was about 10 feet away at the defense table.

The two men exchanged obscenities, but people in the courtroom who heard the words differed on exactly what was said. No transcript was made available.

Flemmi testified that he and Bulger provided information mostly on the rival Italian mob, but also on "different people from South Boston."

"Who did most of the talking at these meetings?" prosecutor Fred Wyshak asked.

"James Bulger," Flemmi replied.

Flemmi was asked to describe his relationship with Bulger.

"Strictly criminal," he replied.

But he also said they were close friends, socialized together and went to Europe together.

Asked to describe Bulger's personality, Flemmi replied, "Overbearing," then added, "Forceful."

Prosecutors said Bulger and Flemmi ran the Winter Hill Gang for more than 20 years, making millions by extorting drug dealers, bookmakers and loan sharks.

Bulger is accused of participating in 19 killings during the 1970s and '80s. Flemmi pleaded guilty to 10 killings, extortion, drug distribution and other charges. He is serving a life sentence.

Flemmi said he hasn't seen Bulger since about a week before Christmas in 1994. That was when they got tipped off by Connolly, their former FBI handler, that they were about to be indicted.

Bulger fled Boston and was one of the nation's most-wanted fugitives for more than 16 years until he was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011.

Flemmi was arrested and has been in prison ever since.

Bulger has already had two profanity-laced outbursts during the trial, one directed at his former protege, Kevin Weeks, and the other at a former FBI agent who admitted taking payoffs from Bulger.

As for the dead witness, prosecutors said Rakes and his former wife were forced to sell Bulger their store in 1984 to use as a headquarters for his gang and as a source of legitimate income.

But Weeks, Bulger's former right-hand man, gave a differing account when he testified last week. Weeks said Rakes wanted to sell the store, agreed to a price and then tried to increase the price.



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BUDS: (L-R) Tom Carroll and Ross Clarke-Jones pal around at the Hotel Erwin Venice on Tuesday.

SURFING
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Great Southern Ocean using meteorologist Ben Matson's technology to hunt down the biggest and most dangerous swells Down Under.

A press release of the film noted that the crew made the 3D cameras used to capture all the action out at sea specifically for the documentary, which Clarke-Jones said helped make it a must-see for anyone who has not surfed before.

"They can actually ride a wave, quite a big wave, without the risk of drowning," Clarke-Jones told the Daily Press earlier this week.

While the 3D cinematography added a unique element to the final product, Carroll — who has worked with Clarke-Jones on several 2D film projects — said that the filmmaking process became a hassle with more equipment and the need to frequently wait for a crew of about 25 people to set up in the middle of the ocean.

"Mother nature never waits for anyone," Carroll said.

Regardless, Clarke-Jones said that since first meeting Carroll on the set of the 1987 surf film "Mad Wax," the experience of bringing surfing to a larger and broader audience on the big screen was worthwhile.

"To come 30 years later to be in a feature film documentary together on the biggest scale we've done toward the end of our career, it's been really rewarding," Clarke-Jones said.

Though the long-time friends are reaching the age when they need to start being judicious about choosing what waves to surf, they both agreed that surfing is a lifelong endeavor.

Clarke-Jones added that the day before his father died at the age of 81 he took him out to the water in a life jacket where he was still able to make two strokes.

Carroll added that even if he can only bodysurf at the age of 90 he would still make an effort to go out into the ocean.

Teddy Vecchione, marketing director for ZJ Boarding House on Main Street, said that in Santa Monica he sees surfers as old as 80 and as young as 4 (accompanied by parents) grabbing a board and hitting the water.

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Though the film's stars hope to help non-surfers experience something new, surfers young and old can also gain a unique perspective.

Vecchione said that local surfers might not get a chance to take on big thrills if they stay around Santa Monica Beach where the waves are better suited for instruction than for high-octane adrenaline.

Even with the more moderate surfing conditions, Vecchione said that the city still boasts having a large and perhaps the friendliest surfing community out there.

"Santa Monica has history and a huge community so you're always going to have a plethora of surfers here," Vecchione said.

"Storm Surfers 3D" is co-directed by Chris Nelius and Justin McMillan and runs for an hour and 35 minutes. General ticket pricing is $13 and $11 for students/seniors. Cinematheque members pay $9. For more information, visit www.stormsurfers.com.au.

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COMPLAINTS
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consequences," Suh said.

If not, all 32 tenant complaints lodged against the companies will be dismissed.

"Even at this point, we've come to a resolution that both have agreed to what the rules are, but they're going to have to show it to us and prove it," Suh said.

Tenants went to the City Attorney's Office in the fall of 2012 with a list of concerns about alleged abuses at the property, located at 3111 Fourth St. Many of the complaints rose out of a document called "House Rules and Regulations," which was handed out to tenants in September 2012.

The new rules required a $250 charge for a replacement key, limited hours of access to laundry facilities and prohibited storage of items on decks and patios.

Tenants also said that the owner and manager made it more difficult for tenants to pay their rent by ending a long-standing practice of paying on-site and failed to properly oversee construction at the property, leading to parking, security and other problems for tenants.

It took three mediation sessions with Suh and a mediator to address the issues. Ultimately, Scott Properties Group and M West Holdings agreed to take back some of the more problematic house rules and hire an on-site construction manager to serve as a liaison for tenants.

It also requires a plan filed with the Building and Safety Division for all remaining construction work and that the companies give tenants notice before entering their apartments to do repairs.

Finally, tenants will get a drop-box location to pay rent and a strict protocol for responding to tenant complaints where tenants put their concerns in writing and the company responds with a plan to resolve the problem within 48 hours, Suh said.

Tenants were not asked to compromise under the agreement.

"We were looking at the problematic behavior of the owner and manager," Suh said.

Scott Brody, of Scott Properties Group, said that he was happy to have the conflict with the tenants resolved.

"My job is to run the building the best that we can," Brody said.

Some of the changes that offended tenants were alterations in policy from the previous landlord, who had owned the building for many years.

When Scott Properties Group took over management of the site, some of those practices changed, which discomfited some tenants, Brody said.

"We all got through it," Brody said.

The fight may not yet be over, however.

The settlement agreement only covers the complaints that were common to all tenants. Individual issues, like claims that the new owner was trying to enforce rules regarding pets and roommates that the previous owner had waived, are still on the table, Suh said.

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series convertible and began driving west toward Santa Monica, said Sgt. Richard Bowman with the Sheriff's Department.

Deputies hung back a couple of blocks so that the driver didn't feel the need to break the speed limit, run red lights or otherwise endanger the public, Bowman said.

A law enforcement helicopter kept an eye on the man's progress from above, alerting deputies to his position.

It also awakened some residents, who voiced their frustrations later that morning in e-mails and phone calls to the Daily Press.

The car came to a stop on Stanford Street in Santa Monica, and the driver refused to leave the vehicle, at which point the deputies used tear gas in an attempt to force him out into the open, at which point he was safely taken into custody at approximately 3 a.m.

There is a possibility that he was under the influence, Bowman said.

As of Thursday afternoon, the man had refused to identify himself to investigators, and was insisting on getting an attorney.

Santa Monica Police Department officers assisted in the operation.

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the thumbs up to a set of three heights to study for an environmental impact report for Downtown, which included a separate, higher standard for eight "opportunity sites" that drew criticism from some residents who attended the meeting.

"We were surprised people were so distressed," said Sarah LeJeune, principal planner with City Hall.

The latest proposal includes other changes, such as increased density for developments that produce fewer car trips, like hotels, but planning commissioners balked at the prospect of moving forward with the new recommendation without more time to think through the ramifications of the move.

"There are a whole series of changes that clearly everyone on the Planning Commission is struggling with," said Commissioner Richard McKinnon, worried that officials would come forward with new, dramatic changes after Wednesday night's vote.

The commissioners rejected three other motions during the meeting that dealt with height issues such as studying buildings up to 200 feet.

McKinnon said he thought it was important to get some sort of outline on where the specific plan was headed.

"I would like more time to think about the issues you put forth," he said during the meeting.

Following the discussion, McKinnon said there is some tension between his colleagues and city planners.

"They changed the information when they came in on what they wanted us to do," he said. "The frustration everyone had last night was you are asking us to go ahead with the EIR (environmental impact report), but what does it mean?"

Ultimately, he said what was disappointing was there was no decision made Wednesday night, but that indicated "this remains a contentious issue in our community."

Planning Commission Chair Gerda Newbold said Wednesday night a policy discussion wasn't needed, but the commission needed to come up with outer parameters.

"I think people are uncomfortable with those heights and I feel like I want to look at what that means for our community," Newbold said.

Public reaction to the latest plan varied with a handful of community members speaking out in favor of a broader range of heights to study in the EIR as well as those who were against the heights and densities proposed by planners. Still others were concerned about the environmental impact report.

Frank Gruber, former planning commissioner and local columnist, said he didn't think he could possibly vote if he were still on the Planning Commission on this plan unless he had an EIR that actually told him something about what the alternatives are.

"I hope you can instruct the staff to expand the parameters … to a certain extent but certainly for height because you do not want to have your ability as planning commissioners constrained by what is in the EIR," he said.

"THE DEVELOPERS ARE FRUSTRATED BY THE SLOWNESS OF THE PROCESS, SOME OF THE CITIZENS ARE PERFECTLY HAPPY WITH THE WAY IT IS, OTHER CITIZENS IT'S JUST TOO MUCH,"

Sue Himmelrich,
Planning Commissioner

Susan McCarthy, former city manager, wanted the commission to advocate for the study of the widest range of height options in the EIR, including the heights proposed for projects on opportunity sites.

"Regardless of what the sites are called … , the fact remains these are a handful of truly special locations warranting thought and deliberation. We shouldn't be afraid of information and that's what the EIR is supposed to provide," McCarthy said.

Amy Aukstikalnis, an economist and concerned resident, asked the commission to not move forward with the program EIR because it's "premature."

"While we appreciate the planning staff has updated the maximum heights and densities we were deeply disappointed to see in the new report that no reduction was made in the building height and density in the rest of Downtown despite outpouring of protest," she said.

Everybody is pretty frustrated, Commissioner Sue Himmelrich said, adding the plan is behind schedule.

"The developers are frustrated by the slowness of the process, some of the citizens are perfectly happy with the way it is, [for] other citizens it's just too much," she said. "It's a very difficult issue."

Developers have an incentive for taller heights to be studied and approved. If their projects go beyond what is finally adopted they would be required to shell out extra money to have their projects studied more extensively to determine environmental impacts.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Aug. 7.

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Earnings gains drive stocks higher on Wall Street

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NEW YORK Earnings gains at major U.S. companies and encouraging economic news pushed U.S. stocks to record levels Thursday.

A drop in claims for unemployment benefits signaled a healthier economy and encouraged investors to buy stocks. The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia said manufacturing in its region grew at the fastest pace in more than two years this month.

Among companies reporting second-quarter earnings, Morgan Stanley was one of the standouts, rising $1.16, or 4.4 percent, to $27.70. The New York bank reported sharply higher earnings driven by investment banking gains and said it planned to spend $500 million buying back its own stock. IBM rose $3.44, or 1.8 percent, to $197.99 after its profit beat analysts' forecasts as software sales grew.

Energy companies rose after the price of oil shot up to a 16-month high on signs that the economy is improving. Technology stocks lagged the market after lackluster results from eBay and Intel. Industry bellwethers Google and Microsoft both plunged 5 percent in post-market trading after reporting disappointing earnings after the close.

The stock market is back at record levels after pulling back in June amid concerns that the Fed was poised to reduce its stimulus program. The S&P 500 has gained 5.2 percent this month and is up 18.5 percent for the year, putting it on track to log its best annual performance since 2009, when it rose 23.5 percent.

The Federal Reserve's $85 billion of monthly bond purchases, intended to hold down long-term interest rates, has been a major factor supporting the rally in stocks. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke told the House Financial Services Committee Wednesday that there was no "preset course" for ending the stimulus and that any change would depend on how well the economy is doing. Investors have worried that the central bank might reduce its stimulus before the economy was strong enough. Bernanke repeated the comments to the Senate Banking Committee Thursday.

"The economic data continues to be solid and there's less concern that the Fed is going to take away the punch bowl before the economy is healthy enough to handle it," said Alec Young, a global equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ. "On balance, earnings aren't great but they're coming in ahead of expectations."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 8.46 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,689.37. The index has gained for 10 of the last 11 days.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 78.02 points, or 0.5 percent, to 15,548.54. The Dow's gains were led by IBM and UnitedHealth Group, which reported better earnings than Wall Street analysts were expecting.

The Nasdaq composite edged up 1.28 points, just 0.04 percent, to 3,611.28. The Nasdaq was held back by weak earnings reports from several major technology companies.

eBay fell $3.86, or 6.7 percent, to $53.52 after its CEO John Donahoe said late Wednesday that economic weakness in Europe and Korea will "continue to be a challenge" in the second half of the year.

Intel fell 91 cents, or 3.8 percent, to $23.24 after the world's largest maker of computer chips predicted flat sales amid a decline in PC sales. The company's earnings and revenue fell in the second quarter.

The weak results are in line with what's expected to be a weak second-quarter earnings season for the U.S. technology industry. Profit growth is expected to contract from a year ago.

Companies in the S&P 500 are expected to report profit growth of 3.7 percent for the quarter.

The S&P 500 has advanced for nine of the last 10 months. During that period the only significant setback came between May 21 and June 24, when the index fell 5 percent on concern the Fed was set to pull back on its stimulus. The market's unrelenting march higher is starting to concern some investors.

"It doesn't quite feel right going up in a straight line, pretty much since last November," said Michael Weiner, Chief Investment Officer at Unified Trust, a wealth management firm. "It's really unusual to not have a decent correction."

A correction is typically defined as decline of between 10 and 20 percent.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year note edged up to 2.54 percent from 2.49 percent late Wednesday.

In commodities trading, the price of oil rose $1.56, or 1.5 percent, to $108.04 a barrel. The price of gold gained $6.70, or 0.5 percent, to $1,284.20 an ounce.

The dollar rose against the euro and the Japanese yen.

Among other stocks making big moves.

• UnitedHealth Group Inc., the nation's largest health insurer, surged $4.32, or 6.5 percent, to $70.55 after reporting earnings that beat analysts' estimates.

• Johnson Controls Inc., which makes heating and ventilation systems for buildings, surged $3.09, or 8.3 percent, to $40.43 after the company said its fiscal third-quarter net income climbed 33 percent as revenue improved.

• Dell Inc. rose 24 cents, or 1.9 percent, to $13.12, after the company delayed a vote on founder Michael Dell's plan to take the computer maker private. Activist investor Carl Icahn and the Southeastern Asset Management fund, which own 13 percent of the company combined, have made a competing proposal.

• Sherwin-Williams fell $15.25, or 8.3 percent, to $167.94, after the paint and coatings maker announced disappointing second-quarter results and issued a weak outlook for the current quarter. The company also said Mexican regulators had rejected its bid to buy a paint company there.



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **68.2°**

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
New SW-SSW groundswell builds further through the day ; AM winds favorable

SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high occ. 5ft
Long period SW-SSW swell continues; AM winds look favorable

SUNDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high occ. 5ft
Long period SW-SSW swell continues; AM winds look favorable

MONDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
SW-SSW swell continues

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 10, 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 -- 3
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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 Los Alisos 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.	B	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	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.	D	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.	ns	ns
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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	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.	C	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 DBW 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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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Security experts to test phone anti-theft locks

TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

The top prosecutors in San Francisco and New York say they are bringing in state and federal security experts to test the newest anti-theft features designed to thwart the surge of stolen smartphones nationwide.

San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon and New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced Thursday the security experts will be in San Francisco to test Apple's iPhone 5 with its activation lock and Samsung's Galaxy s4 with Lojack for Android.

Gascon said the experts will treat the phones as if they were stolen and try circumventing its anti-theft features to draw their own conclusions on its effectiveness.

"We are not going to take them at their word," the prosecutors said in a joint statement Thursday. "Today we will assess the solutions they are proposing and see if they stand up to the tactics commonly employed by thieves. "

Last month, Gascon and Schneiderman met in New York City with representatives from Apple Inc., Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., Google Inc. and Microsoft Corp. as part of their "Secure our Smartphones" initiative urging them to create a "kill switch" to render stolen smartphones inoperable.

The prosecutors said they "asked the companies to commit to develop effective solutions to this national crime wave and install them on all new products within one year."

Almost 1 in 3 robberies nationwide involves the theft of a mobile phone, according to the Federal Communications Commission, which is coordinating the formation this fall of a national database system to track cellphones reported stolen.

"Together, we are working to ensure that the industry imbed persistent technology that is effective, ubiquitous and free to consumers in every smartphone introduced to the market by next year," the prosecutors said.

Samsung officials said in a statement Thursday that they appreciated the opportunity to work with Gascon's security experts.

"We plan to take what we learn from the tests today to explore opportunities for further enhancements to our solution," the company said. "We look forward to continuing to work with DA Gascon and his team toward our common goal of stopping smartphone theft."

Representatives from Apple declined to comment.

Nearly 175 million cellphones — mostly smartphones — have been sold in the U.S. in the past year and account for $69 billion in sales, according to IDC, a Massachusetts-based research firm.

Lost and stolen cellphones cost consumers more than $30 billion last year, according to a study cited by Schneiderman in June. In New York, police have coined the term "Apple-picking" to describe thefts of the popular iPhone and other mobile products like iPads.

Phone thefts comprise 40 percent of all robberies in New York City, authorities said. In San Francisco, half the robberies were phone-related last year.

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Bathing Beauty (NR) 1hr 41min
Take Me Out to the Ball Game (NR) 1hr 33min
7:30pm

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

Monsters University (G) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:35pm

Lone Ranger (PG-13) 2hrs 29min
9:30pm

Despicable Me 2 (PG) 1hr 38min
10:45am, 1:15pm, 3:50pm, 6:45pm

R.I.P.D. (PG-13) 1hr 36min
11:00am, 4:15pm, 10:40pm

World War Z (PG-13) 1hr 56min
7:30pm, 10:30pm

Conjuring (R) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

R.I.P.D. 3D (PG-13) 1hr 36min
1:35pm, 8:00pm

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

Despicable Me 2 (PG) 1hr 38min
4:20pm, 9:45pm

Pacific Rim in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
12:15pm, 6:45pm

Pacific Rim (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
10:50am, 3:30pm, 10:00pm

Red 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Grown Ups 2 (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:20pm, 8:15pm, 10:55pm

This Is The End (R) 1hr 47min
1:55pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

Despicable Me 2 in 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 7:30pm

The Heat (R) 1hr 57min
10:30am, 1:25pm, 4:10pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

Turbo 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

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Before Midnight (R) 1hr 48min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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

Way, Way Back (PG-13) 1hr 43min
1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Only God Forgives (R) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

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

GO WITH THE FLOW TONIGHT, ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might be ready to take off at the drop of a hat. If an adventure can last the whole weekend, that's even better. Whether you hop on a plane or go for a long drive to visit a friend at a distance, it makes no difference. Excitement is heading your way! Tonight: Go with the flow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take your cue from others. Make it a point to go along with set plans, as long as they are not offensive to you. Relating to others naturally draws out more information and establishes more of a mutual interest. Think carefully before making a decision. Tonight: Catch up on news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be pushing a hard line with a boss, older person or dear friend. At this point, this person is unlikely to do anything other than re-establish his or her boundaries. Tonight: Defer to a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to differentiate between what is real and necessary and what is superficial and can wait. Through prioritizing, you will cruise through your must-do list. You might want to consider organizing a little get-together over the weekend. Tonight: TGIF! Time to celebrate!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You might not be exactly sure as to which way to turn. Detach, and pretend that you are not a part of the scenario, but simply an onlooker. You will see what direction might be the most appropriate choice for you. Take in the panoramic view. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might consider staying close to home, as you appear to be working through a domestic issue. It is far better to ask too many questions than not enough. Tonight: Make sure the base of operations is your pad!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You'll decide that you must know what is happening between you and someone in your daily life. You might make comments just to see what the reaction is. You could hear a most unexpected answer, if you are not careful. This person reads you cold. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be wondering what your limits are. Some of you might be focused strictly on your finances, while others will be considering the emotional variables. At times, you can be quite stern, and you push people away as a result. Tonight: Treat time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be suffering from a low-level depression, but you'll refuse to let the world see these moments. In the spirit of the weekend, you could take on the role of cheerleader and help others have a good time. Tonight: Lead the celebration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might feel off-kilter right now. Take a few days off. When was the last time you did something nurturing for yourself? Honor a change of pace, but don't feel compelled to be part of it. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: The evening comes and goes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You love people honestly and openly. Still, you might be irked by a pushy relative. Try not to be harsh. Think very carefully before you speak; otherwise, you might be surprised at the words that could come flying out of your mouth. Tonight: Call a few friends to hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be the teacher's pet, but that means that you are carrying extra responsibility as well. You might want to honor a whim or a long-term desire. Tonight: In the limelight and having a ball.

Friday, July 19, 2013

This year you can make a difference because of your ability to run spontaneously in a new direction. You might not be sure of yourself, yet you'll land like a cat on its feet. Listen to your instincts with those at a distance. You will be like a sponge, as you'll absorb a lot of different information. If you are single, you could meet someone whom you put on a pedestal. You will have many choices, so choose your sweetie with care. If you are attached, this might be the year where the two of you will manifest a special dream you both share. SAGITTARIUS can be confusing.

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

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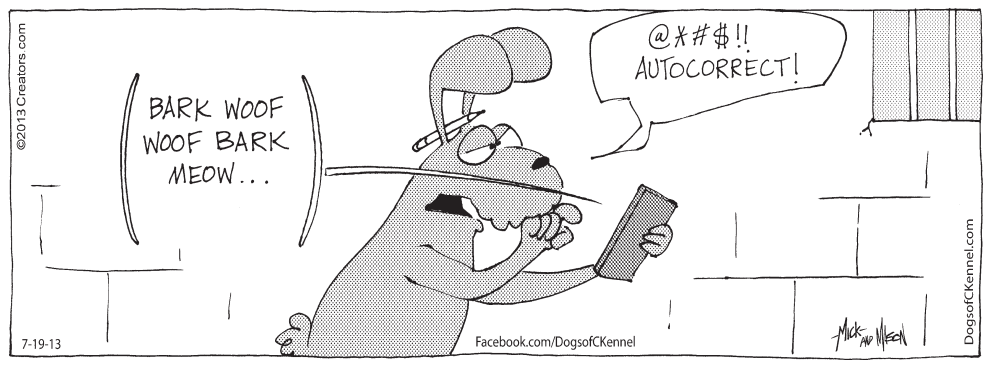
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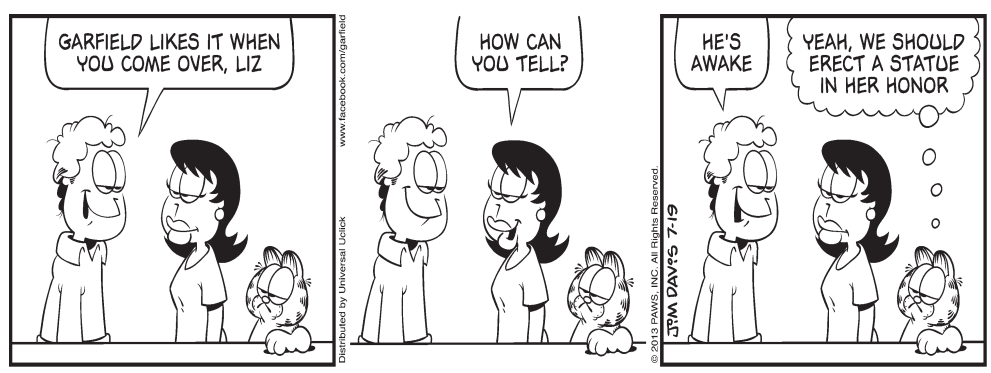
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Meander
5 Yankees slugger Robinson
9 Underway, to Holmes
11 Be penitent
13 Square one
14 Easy runs
15 Yale student
16 Places of worship
18 Coffee table collection
20 Supporter's vote
21 Push away
22 Great serves
23 Old salt
24 Word on a bill
25 Ninny
27 Pines for
29 Schedule C org.
30 Outline
32 50 Cent piece?
34 Hurry
35 Flight part
36 Juan's wife
38 Rich dessert
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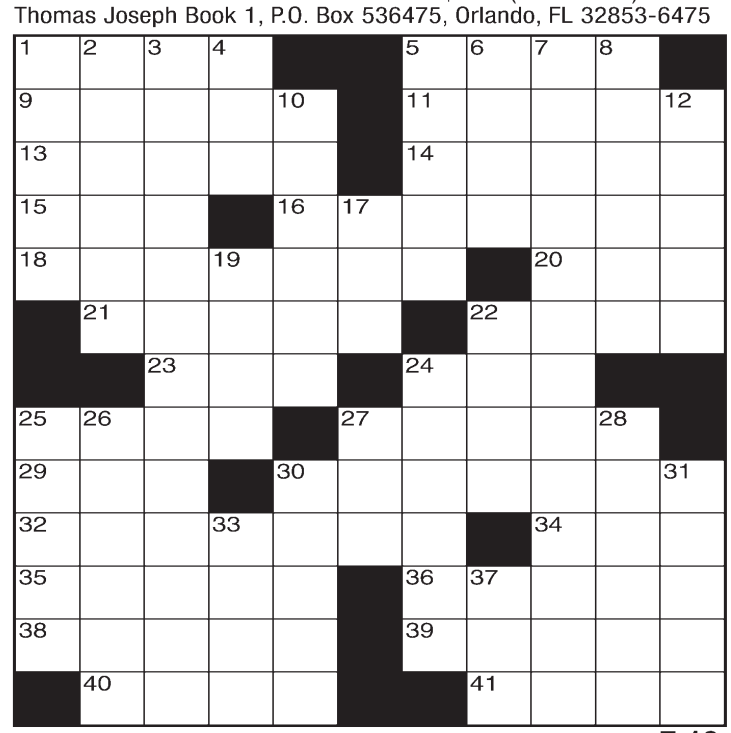
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2 Online return returner
3 Urgent situation
4 Pound choice
5 Placates
6 On the summit of
7 Fugitive's predicament
8 Cyclops feature
10 Sway
12 Slalom curves
17 Snaky fish
19 Milky stone
22 Pop's sister
24 Peril
25 Historic event
26 Stump figure
27 Took the title
28 Orchestra pieces
30 Removed the middle of
31 Brings up
33 Spot
37 Energy

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POWERBALL
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1 22 34 38 42
Power#: 17
Jackpot: $141M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/16
10 14 21 40 53
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: $12M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 7/17
12 17 22 25 37
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: $34M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/18
10 12 16 21 30

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/18
MIDDAY: 3 4 1
EVENING: 5 1 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/18
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:40.39

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Whitby, U.K., town councilman Simon Parkes, 58, confessed to a reporter in June that he had had an extramarital affair -- in fact, an extraterrestrial extramarital affair -- with the 9-foot-tall Cat Queen, and that she had born him a child. Parkes said the Cat Queen is biding her time until technology is available to bring her and the child to Earth. Said Parkes, "There are plenty of people in my position who don't choose to come out and say it because they are terrified it will destroy their careers." Parkes said his wife knows about his periodic meetings with the Cat Queen and is "very unhappy, clearly."

■ It's Good to Be a Dog in the First World: The British company Paw Seasons has created a holiday for dogs (surely to appeal to guilt-ridden owners who leave them behind on their own holidays) priced at the equivalent of $73,000, consisting of a private suite for two weeks, with dog-friendly Hollywood movies, trips to the beach, surfing "lessons," spa and grooming treatment (including pedicure) by Harrod's, outfits from Louis Vuitton, Bottega Veneta, and Mulberry, and the piece de resistance -- a personal dog house created in the image of the owner's own house.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1981 - In a private meeting with U.S. President Ronald Reagan, French Prime Minister François Mitterrand reveals the existence of the Farewell Dossier, a collection of documents showing that the Soviets had been stealing American technological research and development.

1983 - The first three-dimensional reconstruction of a human head in a CT is published.

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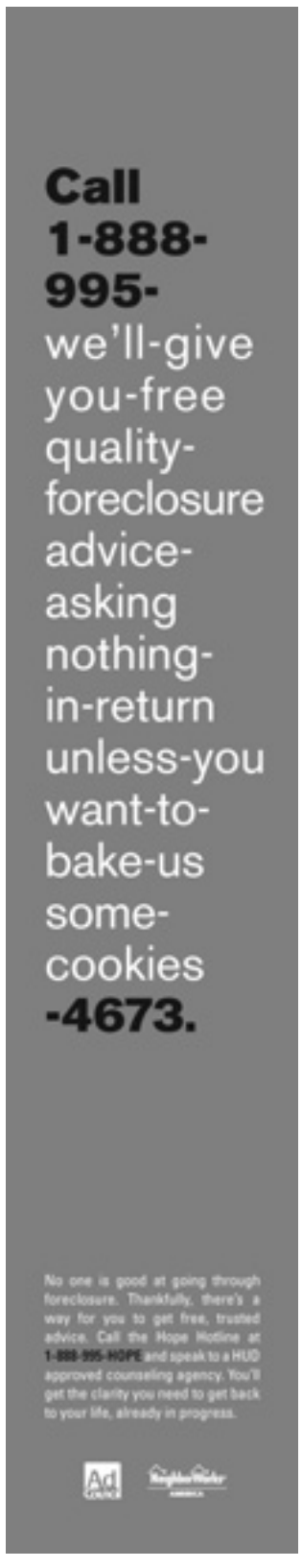
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