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SELVAGGIO

Italian institution Valentino up for sale

BY KEVIN HERRERA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

PICO BLVD Santa Monica's landmark Italian restaurant Valentino, known for its extensive wine list featuring over 100,000 bottles and its dedication to traditional fine dining, is up for sale by owner Piero Selvaggio and it can be yours for only $4.9 million.

The Michelin star-rated restaurant comes with 8,000 square feet of dining space on a 12,500-square-foot lot. All of the furniture and appliances, plus the full liquor license, are up for grabs, but not the treasured wine cellar or its contents, Selvaggio told the Daily Press.

"I've heard so many times over the years from realtors that Santa Monica is just exploding and I have a large piece of real estate and I want to see if it's worth 20 cents or millions," the lighthearted Selvaggio said.

"We are not moving anywhere anytime soon and doubt very much that it will sell tomorrow," Selvaggio said. "All of this is

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Get Obama to the Greek

Two Samohi seniors try to snag a presidential appearance at graduation

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI High school graduations tend to involve lengthy speeches and a lot of name calling, but two Santa Monica High School seniors are plotting something a bit more grandiose.

Nikki Bell and Sam Modabber, both 17, have extended an invitation to President Barack Obama himself.

The leader of the free world is expected to be in Santa Monica on June 7 attending a fundraiser at the home of entertainment executive Peter Chernin, responsible for such television as FOX's "New Girl" and the recent post-apocalyptic thriller "Oblivion." The girls hope to cajole Obama into a cameo at the high school's 100th graduation ceremony, which will be held in the Greek Theater at 5 p.m. that day.

"It seemed like he was so close," Modabber said. "Any kind of response would make the 100th graduating class of Samohi that much more special."

Their campaign, hash-tagged "Get Obama to the Greek," took form over the weekend as the pair wrote, shot and edited the 1:47-minute clip that garnered almost 2,000 views on YouTube by 3:30 p.m. Monday.

In the video, Bell and Modabber appear

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QUENCHING THIRST

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Zane Robinson goes in for a sip of water Monday at one of seven new GlobalTap water fountains installed recently along the Third Street Promenade. The fountains, which cost about $3,9000 each, have a bottle-filling feature and a bowl at the bottom for pets.

Line-up announced for Pier's Twilight Concert Series

Concerts pumped up with star power for the 2013 season

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Consider your Thursday nights this summer planned.

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation, the nonprofit that runs Santa Monica's most famous destination, announced the lineup for its 29th annual Twilight Concert Series

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'Whitey' Bulger to face family members of alleged victims

BY DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

BOSTON People who believe their family members were killed by reputed gangster James "Whitey" Bulger will be allowed to testify at his murder trial but won't be allowed to describe the emotional impact of losing their loved ones.

Bulger's defense lawyers had sought to limit testimony from relatives of the 19 people he and his cohorts are accused of killing.

Attorney J.W. Carney Jr. argued during a pretrial hearing Monday that the families shouldn't be allowed to give victim impact

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Stories for babies
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Computer 101
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Hands-on introduction to computers. Learn how to use a mouse and keyboard, work with Windows and basic computer terms. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Movie night
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Filmmaker Elaina Archer screens and discusses "Born Yesterday" about a corrupt tycoon and his showgirl mistress. Starring Judy Holliday and William Holden. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Future of the Civic
Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Auditorium
2200 Virginia Ave.,
7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
The city of Santa Monica is hosting a community meeting to discuss options for the future of the Civic Auditorium. Provide input on potential uses, operations and ways to finance the Civic's renovation. Big Blue Bus Lines 7 and 11 serve Virginia Avenue Park. Free bike and car parking will be available.

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Animal planet
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St.,
3:15 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.
Join animal lovers for an afternoon of fun and learning about how you can help make a difference in the life of an animal. Employees at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter will be on hand to discuss their work. They'll have some special guests with them as well. This event is part of the Book to Action Series during the month of June at the Ocean Park Branch Library. For more information call (310) 458-8683.

Farm fresh
FIG
101 Wilshire Blvd., 5 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Available for one night only, Chef Ray Garcia combines specialty produce from a different featured farm with his inventive style. This night's farm is McGrath Family Farm. Other dinners are scheduled for July, August and October. For more information call (310) 319-3111 or visit www.figsantamonica.com/

Movie time
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Check out a free screening of the film "Intouchables." The plot: After he becomes a quadriplegic from a paragliding accident, an aristocrat hires a young man from the projects to be his caretaker. For more information call (310) 458-8598.

Planning Commission meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will meet to discuss Santa Monica's transportation demand management program, the goal of which is to get employees out of their cars and onto buses, bikes or carpool. For more information visit www.smgov.net/ and search for the Planning Commission.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAMOHI

Film highlights 'first flush'

Santa Monica High School students are featured in a short documentary entitled "First Flush" that focuses on the amount of trash that flows into the Pacific Ocean following the season's first major rain storm.

Known as the "first flush" the rains bring plastic bags, cigarette butts, soccer balls, hypodermic needles and other debris to the Pico-Cantor Storm Drain in Santa Monica.

Students featured are members of Samohi's Team Marine, a club that focuses on protecting the environment.

"[I]t's like I'm swimming in garbage," said Team Marine member Juliet Jimenez.

The students advocate for reducing the use of plastics, particularly single-use plastic bags and bottles.

Watch the film by visiting http://vimeo.com/66343097

– KEVIN HERRERA

DOWNTOWN

Beauty treatment

Sephora, a leader in the beauty supply retail market, announced Monday that it will be working with the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club as part of Values Inside Out, a partnership program that matches Sephora stores across America with local nonprofits.

Under the program, each store's employees will have the opportunity to choose a local nonprofit they want to help through raising awareness, providing funds and contributing their own "sweat equity" to enable that organization to fulfill their mission over the course of 2013.

Mary Herald, Sephora's executive vice president of human resources and education, said, "At Sephora, our vision for Values Inside Out is to inspire and engage our teams to play a part in making a difference in their communities, and to do so in a way that is completely aligned and integrated with our values."

"We know that beauty is both inside and out and we know our teams will feel proud of what they accomplish for their communities and even more so where they work," she added.

The initiative begins this week, as participating Sephora stores across the country announce their partnership with local nonprofits.

In Santa Monica, Sephora cast members have chosen the Boys & Girls Club as their charity of choice. Cast members will work as partners with the Boys & Girls Club.

"We are pleased to be partnering with Sephora and know our club members will benefit greatly from the positive impact that is created through this partnership," said Aaron Young, CEO and president of the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica.

Sephora plans to measure the results of the program annually by the amount of funds raised by each nonprofit as a result of its partnership in the program and the number of volunteer hours contributed by Sephora employees during the year. To learn more about the program, visit www.sephora.com/values-inside-out.

Founded in 1944, the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica currently serves approximately 8,000 youth through memberships and community outreach. They come from all over Los Angeles County, largely from Santa Monica, Culver City, Venice, West Los Angeles and Inglewood.

Members pay a $20 annual fee for access to all club amenities and programs that span across education, leadership, recreation and more.

In the past six months, the club has added three more sites – at Olympic High School, Broadway Community Corporation Housing, and Mar Vista Gardens. The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica now has eight sites in and around Santa Monica, and plans to open two more sites in 2013. For more information, visit www.smbgc.org.

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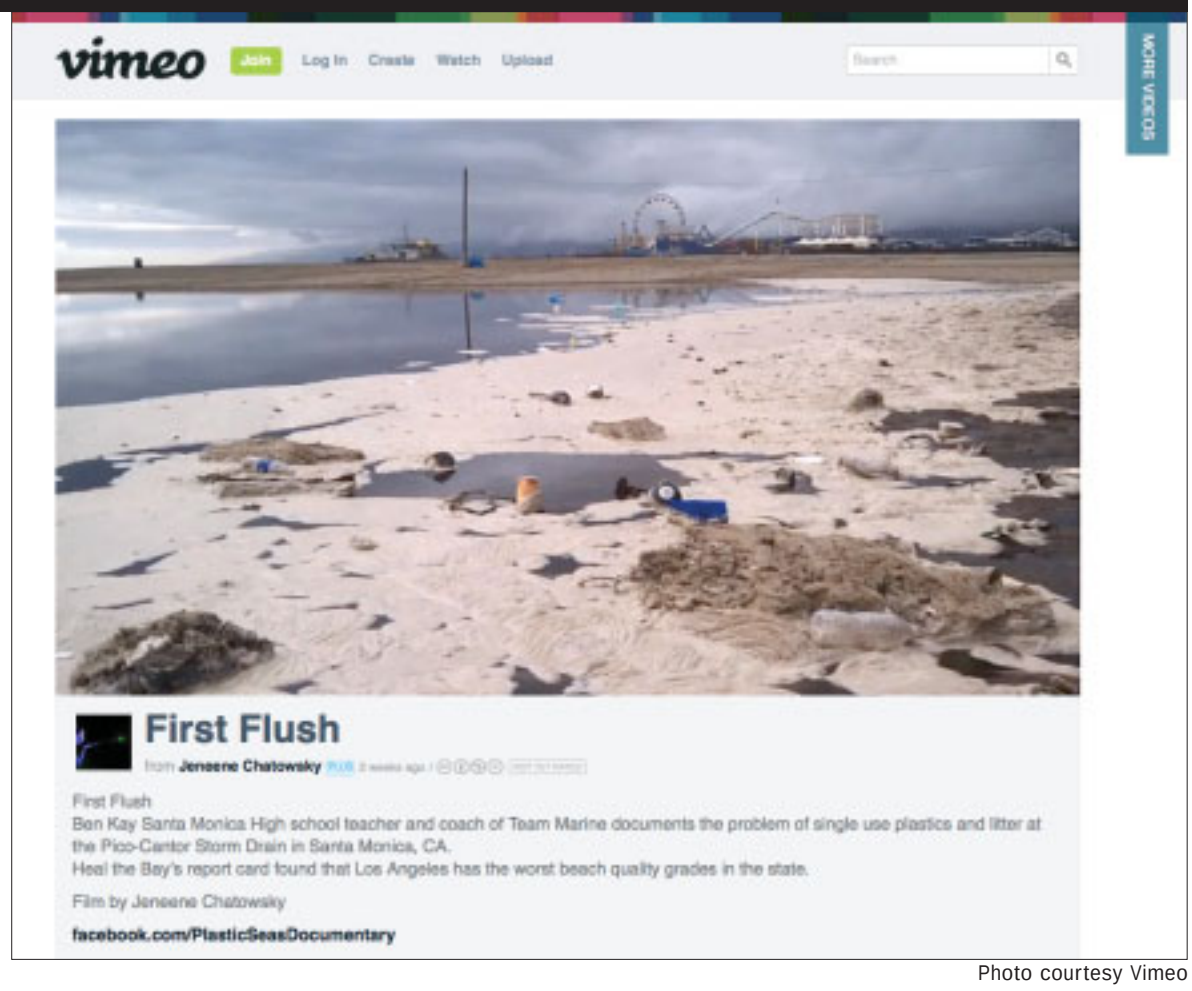


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GROSS: **An image from the short film 'First Flush,' which features students from Santa Monica High School's Team Marine as they chronicle urban debris that washes up on Santa Monica's shore.**

Public asked to help find 'Midnight Bandit'

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Sheriff's detectives asked for the public's help Monday in identifying a suspect who has targeted nearly five dozen gas stations and convenience stores in Los Angeles and Orange counties since April 2012, including one gas station in Santa Monica.

The "Midnight Bandit" typically approaches lone gas station clerks between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., armed with a handgun, and takes money from the cash register, said Nicole Nishida of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

He has been linked to a total of 58 robberies in Anaheim, Bell, Buena Park, Burbank, Culver City, Garden Grove, Glendale, Huntington Park, La Palma, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Monterey Park, Newport Beach, Pasadena, Santa Monica, South Gate and Torrance, Nishida said. The most recent holdup occurred on May 22, she said.

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Better enforcement

Editor:

I understand the City Council is considering converting the priority parking fee into a tax and raising it by one third to gather more revenue for our deficit. I can't imagine the City Council would consider such a tax if they were aware the city no longer tickets vehicles parking illegally in preferential zones.

In the two blocks between my residence and Palisades Park I count the city's lost parking ticket revenue every day when I walk to the park for the sunset. The residential parking signs are still up, but since ticketing stopped months ago, compliance has dropped to around 60 percent. On average, around a dozen cars are illegally parked each evening. At $64 a ticket, that amounts to $768 the city loses each day. These are just the short sides of two blocks – about a thousand feet or so with space for 40 vehicles at most.

If the other two residential parking streets similar to mine are also priority zones no longer being ticketed, then the total annual loss in revenue from just those three short streets would theoretically amount to $840,960, and this doesn't count lost revenue from the parking meters on Ocean Avenue.

Even residents realize our priority parking zone is no longer enforced and don't bother with purchasing a priority permit, as I see several of the same cars parked without a permit every evening.

So why stick the residents, many of whom are seniors living on declining incomes, with yet another regressive tax, when there are significant sums of revenue owed to the city going uncollected? When I recently had a medical emergency and drove myself to the doctor, I ended up with a $64 street cleaning ticket, which are easy to write and only occur during business hours. Priority parking zones have to be enforced at night, and not just between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. as in the past. People aren't stupid. When they see enforcement has been restricted to just 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., they'll interpret that as free parking after 7 p.m.

Many believe the city has suspended parking enforcement in our area to encourage use of our neighborhood as an evening employee parking lot for the Miramar project, the Third Street Promenade and Montana Avenue businesses so as to leave open the maximum number of spaces for people with money to spend. But none of them spend as much as our residents spend just to live here! We already have six hotels packed into our six block area, one of which is threatening to expand into a massive hotel/condo/shopping center with hundreds of employees and thousands of customers. The demolition of the Miramar and construction of this massive development will cause us to lose street parking for the entire block for a period of years, then fill our community with nonstop circling cars looking for parking spaces. This will put us on the exact path of my former neighborhood of Georgetown in D.C. where even with enforced priority parking, residents can spend a half hour looking for a place to park, followed by a long walk home.

Personally, I support a progressive tax system that gathers revenue based on the ability to pay, as opposed to a regressive tax system which falls heaviest on working people and the poor and disguises taxes as fees.

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Santa Monica





After the Bell

Merv Hecht

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The concept of diversification

DIVERSIFICATION IS ONE OF THE LEAST understood aspects of conservative investing. One reason for that is that it is a term with many meanings.

Since many investors think that their portfolio should be "diversified," many of the leading investment houses pick between 20 and 40 stocks in different categories and allocate some to each account. Certainly owning different stocks is a form of diversification, but that form of diversification is not very effective as an investment strategy. That is just diversification for the sake of diversification, not for the sake of putting together a good portfolio.

For example, these same investment advisors almost always include some foreign stocks and some investments in "emerging markets." But in today's world I'm not very impressed with that. If some market is emerging it is much more likely that an enterprising U.S.-based company will take advantage of that new market than some local company in that emerging market. And why buy stock in a foreign country, like China for example, when you can buy a stock like Apple that is more likely than a Chinese company to sell a lot of product there?

Except for special circumstances, I have much less confidence in companies in foreign countries than in U.S. companies. The SEC and the IRS, plus the criminal justice system, are good deterrents to corrupt business practices in the U.S. These protections are rarely present in foreign countries and emerging markets.

There are exceptions. When Brazil discovered a big oil field off its coast I bought some of the Brazil Exchange-traded Fund (ETF). I figured that the influx of money would boost the economy. So far that hasn't happened, but I remain optimistic. And from time to time I've invested in start-ups in Israel because that country is an incubator for a lot of hi-tech products. But I haven't yet hit a really big success story there either.

So, if I want international diversification I look for stocks that are selling into foreign markets, not foreign companies.

Another form of diversification, one often overlooked, is who is handling your money. Perhaps this is not a problem for most investors if their money is with a solid brokerage house and is government guaranteed. Still, when Bear Stearns went under people with accounts there lost some time and suffered a bit of anxiety. But when I suggest to investors that they put some of their portfolio with two or three managers or brokerage houses, and they snicker, I just remind them of Bernie Madoff.

Investment advisors usually diversify by picking a mix of stocks and bonds, and in the equity section they diversify by sector. So they buy some commodities (maybe some gold), some technical stocks, some pharmaceuticals, some companies that sell household items, and so forth. This is certainly a form of diversification, but whether or not it is effective in providing profits depends on several factors.

If the idea, for example, is to buy a bit of everything and sell whichever ones go up and reinvest, that might work if you hold for really long term. But that means that your advisor (or you) has to be on top of the market, set profit goals for each sector and sell when the goal is met.

A better investment model to me is to pick which sectors look best in the midterm, say a year or so out, and put your money exclusively there. For example, I don't think gold is a very good investment for the near or medium term. So why should I own it just because it diversifies my portfolio? If I have confidence in my analysis of sectors, why not put the money instead into pharmaceuticals and housing, which seem to me more likely to go up over the next six to 12 months?

So if gold is such a poor investment, why do I own some? Because opposites attract! The concept of diversification that I follow is to hedge my investments by buying assets that move opposite to each other, and relying on dividends and option premiums on both sides for profit, rather than relying solely on my ability to evaluate companies or even sectors.

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So, for example (although I haven't really done an historical study on this), I figure that when interest rates go up, inflation will also go up. That will adversely affect the overall market and the S&P 500. But gold will then go up as it usually does when inflation goes up. So I own a bit of each. And, when premiums justify it, I sell covered calls on each and take in premium income.

If oil goes up, who suffers? Airlines. So if I were to buy an airline stock, I would also buy some oil stock at the same time. If the oil stock goes up I figure the airline stock will go down, and vice versa. I try to find companies or ETFs in these sectors that pay a nice dividend, and I try to collect in option premiums on them. And when something really hits, I take a profit.

To paraphrase Groucho Marx, "I have my principles, and I believe strongly in them, and if you don't like them, I have others."

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What's the Point?

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Help crossing the street

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW STYLE OF crosswalks that are being put in around town? These newly marked crosswalks have high contrast white paint against deep black paint so that they are more visible. At first I hated them. I thought they were overly garish, harsh in this jarring contrast between the painted black and white. They reeked of overreaction to me.

In the Nanny State that has become our country, I thought there ought to be at least a modicum of protectionist restraint and a dash of personal responsibility left to our citizens. After all, if we are told we are the smartest, most productive, most creative country on the planet, wouldn't it stand to reason that we could handle a simple task like walking safely across a street? The answer, evidently, is no.

No matter how capable we may be in some areas, there are those amongst us who seem to display an insufficient ability to take care of themselves, so we as a society must create and adapt to make up for the deficiencies of others. Hence more visible crosswalks for those driving cars.

Yes, the crosswalks are there not for the walker, but for the distracted and sometimes brain-dead drivers who need to be alerted that there may be a human being walking in front of them and their car should stop.

Theoretically the same increased visibility was behind the push for "green ways" on Ocean Park Boulevard for the bike riders. Those are decidedly garish, obnoxious and I have not grown to tolerate them well, which is probably precisely the point. By being so bright and unnatural, they stand out and give protection to the bike riders.

I write this with the full awareness that the increased visibility is objectively a good thing and that I have been guilty of being distracted (and maybe an opposing counsel or two in family court thought I was brain dead) and perhaps encroached into a crosswalk or bike path lane when I shouldn't have.

Part of being human is making mistakes. We are all going to trip up some time, and that's why insurance industries exist, and personal injury lawyers, and emergency rooms. The point is not that life is risk free, but that we can and should minimize the big risks where we can with minimal effort.

If we wanted to truly limit risk we'd outlaw letting people jog with headphones on, and we'd mandate that pedestrians wear safety vests just like the construction workers do. There's probably a good half dozen other very logical suggestions that could be made to protect the public from itself (in addition to turning off the television set). Obviously I'm joking, but doesn't it sort of make sense?

ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, WE'RE 23 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO GET IN AN ACCIDENT IF WE'RE TEXTING WHILE DRIVING.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, we're 23 times more likely to get in an accident if we're texting while driving. The latest billboards about the topic read "Stop The Texts/Stop The Wrecks," as if there was a real possibility of ending car accidents. Nothing can eliminate accidents, but we can do our best to limit exposure to accident causing situations.

These new crosswalks took a bit of getting used to, but I can say now that I am happy to see the Nanny State making improvements in public safety. I often like to pick on the government. I think that is the job of the press, and as a citizen it is a duty to make my voice heard.

As judgmental creatures, we are quick to make assumptions and determinations and we often state our opinions without the strength of full knowledge. How often do we look at someone and make a judgment call as to what their life is like, who they are as a person and how they will treat us? I do it all the time. I'm happy that I'm growing up enough to learn that my first thoughts are not always correct, and I can see the benefits in things that I at first thought a stupid waste of money.

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The Q Line

Putting tall buildings on hold

City Councilman Kevin McKeown is proposing a freeze on all development in Downtown over 84 feet tall until a more comprehensive land use plan is developed for the area. That could mean at least three major hotels planned for Downtown would be put on the back burner. Supporters of those projects and others say development would help bring architectural diversity and much needed revenue to the city.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Are you in favor of a moratorium or is there a better way to proceed?

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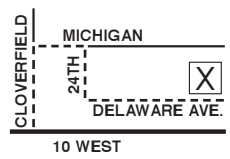


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Climber hit by rock, dies on Yosemite's El Capitan

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. A 28-year-old climber from London has died after being hit by a falling rock on El Capitan, a signature attraction in Yosemite National Park.

The National Park Service says Felix Joseph Kiernan was climbing on the East Buttress of the granite monolith about 600 feet above the Yosemite Valley floor when a rock dislodged and struck him Sunday afternoon. The block of granite fell about 150 feet before striking Kiernan.

Witnesses climbing just below Kiernan and his partner saw the accident and called for help. Yosemite search and rescue teams reached the victim about two hours later.

It's the second major accident in the park in as many days. A 19-year-old Sacramento man was swept over a waterfall Saturday. The search for him is on hold until water levels subside.

Hero dog released from Calif. veterinary hospital

BY MIHIR ZAVERI
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A famed dog that lost her snout and upper jaw saving two girls' lives in the Philippines was released from a California hospital Monday, officials said.

The dog — named Kabang — will be headed back to its owner in the Philippines following treatment at the University of California, Davis veterinary hospital, said UC Davis veterinary professor Frank Verstraete. Doctors at the hospital performed surgery to heal her wounds, though they could not reconstruct Kabang's jaw or snout, Verstraete said.

"She's a very, very happy, functional dog, and that is all that we were after," Verstraete said.

Kabang had her snout and upper jaw sheared off in December 2011 when she jumped in front of a motorcycle in the Philippines. She saved the lives of her owner's daughter and niece, who were apparently in the path of the oncoming cycle.

Nearly a year after Kabang sustained the injuries, a nurse from Buffalo, N.Y. was able to raise the money to bring her to the U.S. Veterinarians in the Philippines were apparently unable to treat her injuries.

Doctors at UC Davis were unable to perform surgery on Kabang initially because she needed to be treated for other ailments, including a tumor and heartworms. Treatment of those ailments would have prevented her wounds from healing.

Doctors took skin from her cheeks, neck, and forehead to cover up sensitive areas that were exposed on her face during the March surgery, Verstraete said.

Kabang is expected to fly back to the Philippines on Thursday.

Mogul to pay $2.5M in settlement

BY JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Facebook billionaire Sean Parker's lavish, $10 million Big Sur wedding got even more expensive on Monday.

The California Coastal Commission and Parker said they have reached a $2.5 million settlement to pay for coastal conservation programs after the Napster co-founder built a large movie-set like wedding site in an ecologically sensitive area of Big Sur without proper permits.

The parties reached the agreement after officials were tipped that Parker had built a cottage, fake ruins, waterfalls, staircases and a huge dance floor near iconic redwoods and a stream with threatened steelhead trout.

The commission learned about the construction at a closed campground owned by Ventana Inn & Spa after a county investigation spurred by neighbor complaints. The Ventana is negotiating a separate settlement for allowing the construction to occur.

The Ventana is located within the coastal zone, an area regulated by the commission, an independent state agency that oversees coastal development. Any significant construction within the zone has to be permitted.

When staff inspected, they found the temporary structures had already been built, but allowed the wedding to proceed anyway.

The commission started negotiating a settlement with Parker and his representatives for the violations instead of shutting the event down.

"Mr. Parker has been extremely cooperative and actively involved in working with Coastal Commission staff to reach this resolution which both addresses our Coastal Act concerns and will result in greater coastal access and conservation in the Big Sur and Monterey Peninsula areas," Charles Lester, the commission's executive director, said in a statement.

Parker, 33, the former president of Facebook who was portrayed by Justin Timberlake in the movie "The Social Network," married singer-songwriter Alexandra Lenas on Saturday in a ceremony with gowns and sets made by a designer for the "Lord of the Rings" films.

Since Parker did not get permits for the construction, commission staff will oversee the breakdown of the vast set so no damage is done to the environment. The commission said no major damage had yet been done, but it wanted to reach a deal quickly so the violating structures could be removed safely.

"Normally (negotiations) happen over a couple of months, but because of the nature of the violations here we wanted to get it out as soon as possible so Mr. Parker could go ahead and do the work the way it should be done," said Lisa Haage, the commission's chief of enforcement.

Money from the agreement may be used to purchase public easements and hiking trails in the Big Sur area and as grants for nonprofits doing conservation projects.

Also, as part of the settlement, Parker will have to produce and distribute a public education video or create a mobile app aimed at helping to identify areas where the public can access the coast.

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HAVE YOU SEEN HIM? **The 'Midnight Bandit,' seen here in surveillance photos, has hit close to 60 gas stations and convenience stores, including one in Santa Monica.**

BANDIT
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The Santa Monica gas station targeted was the Chevron located at the corner of Lincoln and Olympic boulevards, Santa Monica police said.

In a robbery in March, he was captured on surveillance footage driving a silver or gray 2000 to 2004 Jaguar S Type four-door sedan. The suspect is described as a black man in his late 20s, 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall, and weighing between 180 to 200 pounds.

Anyone with information about his identity or whereabouts was asked to contact the sheriff's Major Crimes Bureau at (562) 946-7893.

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BULGER
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statements like those given during sentencing hearings.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Kelly said they would focus only on factual information, including asking the relatives to identify their loved ones in photos taken after they were killed.

"We do not intend to turn it into a sentencing hearing," Kelly said.

The issue was among more than a dozen pretrial motions heard by U.S. District Court Judge Denise Casper on the eve of Bulger's trial. Jury selection is to begin Tuesday.

Bulger, 83, is charged with a long list of crimes, including participating in 19 killings, in a broad racketeering indictment. Authorities say he committed the crimes while he was an FBI informant.

Bulger fled Boston in 1994 and remained one of the nation's most wanted fugitives until he was captured with his girlfriend in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011.

The judge ruled that Bulger's FBI informant file can be admitted as evidence during the trial. Prosecutors have said the file contains more than 700 pages of documents chronicling Bulger's role as an informant who provided information on the New England Mafia, his group's main rival.

Bulger's lawyers deny that he was an informant but had planned to use his claim that he received immunity from a federal prosecutor as a defense at trial.

The judge rejected that request in an earlier ruling, finding that any purported immunity agreement was "not a defense to the crimes charged."

Kelly, the prosecutor, argued Monday that Bulger's lawyers appeared to be trying to use the immunity defense despite the judge's ruling. He cited the defense witness list, which includes FBI Director Robert Mueller, former Gov. William Weld and U.S. District Judge Richard Stearns, all of whom worked in the U.S. attorney's office in Boston when Bulger claims he received immunity from another federal prosecutor in the office.

"It seems clear to us that they are trying to put that evidence before the jury in some fashion," Kelly said.

Carney, Bulger's attorney, said the defense has "other reasons" for calling the men as witnesses, but he did not elaborate.

The government's witness list includes a collection of notorious gangsters, including Bulger's former partner, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, who's serving a life sentence after pleading guilty in 10 murders. Former hitman John Martorano, who admitted killing 20 people, also is expected to testify.

Beginning Tuesday, a pool of 675 people will be called for jury duty. Potential jurors will spend Tuesday and Wednesday filling out questionnaires to be used to screen out people with conflicts. Once the pool is winnowed down, potential jurors will be questioned individually.

The judge has said she hopes to complete the selection process Friday, with opening statements from prosecutors and defense attorneys expected June 10.

Twelve jurors and six alternates will be chosen to sit for the trial, expected to last three months. The judge said the jurors' names won't be made public until after they deliver their verdict.

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OBAMA
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wearing Samohi paraphernalia against the backdrop of the American flag, trading lines offering the date, time and place that they hope the president will appear.

The video then transitions to clips of Samohi students describing the school's accomplishments in sports and academic competitions as well as the students' actions in standing up for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community against members of the ultra-conservative Westboro Baptist Church in February.

Bell and Modabber did most of their filming on an iPhone in about two hours on Friday, May 31 while students were still on campus. Many of the people who appear in the video are friends of theirs, but others are strangers.

"A couple we randomly walked up to and asked," Bell said.

"It was scary," Modabber chimed in, similar to their performance on the video.

The remainder of the footage came together in three hours at a private home, and the editing, accomplished on iMovie, took another hour.

The video went live on Sunday afternoon, and spread quickly through the Samohi community on social media sites like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, all connected by the #GetObamatotheGreek tag.

The mission has already attracted media attention, popping up on local news stations and websites. A representative from Carson Daly's morning show on 97.1 AMP radio reached out to the two girls through YouTube comments as well — Daly is one of Samohi's celebrity alumni.

When Laurie Lieberman, president of the Board of Education, heard about the attempt, she was all for it.

"What a fantastic and inspirational idea," Lieberman said. "Kudos to our wonderful students for seizing the moment and going for it. I will do whatever I can to help get their request to President Obama."

Not everyone has been so supportive, particularly those who take issue with Obama's politics and policies.

"Why would you kids want such a hateful evil petty man and a horribly bad leader to speak to you?" wrote YouTube commenter cheongyei.

At least one protest against the Keystone XL pipeline, which would transport oil from the Alberta oil sands in Canada to the United States, is already planned for his time in Santa Monica.

The girls expected some blowback, and they recognize how thin their chances are of a presidential appearance at their event, but they had to try.

"When we originally had the idea for this, we were like, what if no one views it? People think we're crazy," Bell said. "But it's senior year, we have a week left of school, we decided to just do it."



Photo courtesy YouTube

MAKING A PLEA: **Nikki Bell and Sam Modabber, both 17, have extended an invitation to President Barack Obama to attend their graduation at Santa Monica High School this Friday.**

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under consideration. We'll have to see if there is any interest first."

The renowned restaurant is widely regarded as one of the best Italian eateries in the U.S., if not the world, and has received critical acclaim for its food, wine and service by industry elite such as Wine Spectator, Bon Appetit, Gourmet, Food & Wine, and the James Beard Foundation, among others.

Packing in patrons has been a challenge because of the size of the restaurant, so Selvaggio would like to see what life is like in a smaller, more intimate setting, he said. He wants to continue with the fine dining tradition and still offer the best in Italian cuisine, which includes antipasti and pasta that is not overpowered by sauces. He and his chefs use farm-to-table ingredients and offer numerous vegetarian and gluten-free dishes.

Selvaggio and a partner opened Valentino just over 40 years ago "on a $4,500 investment," according to the L.A. Times.

"This city has been very good to me and the location as well, even if it's not a prime spot," Selvaggio said.

The restaurant is located on a stretch of Pico Boulevard near Interstate 10 that has recently attracted new eateries like Upper West and Next Door, a less formal offshoot of Chef Josie Le Balch's namesake Josie, another fine dining establishment. Lares, a family-run Mexican restaurant with a long list of authentic dishes, is also located nearby.

"We've always been a destination restaurant, more famous internationally than locally," Selvaggio said. "It's a special occasion restaurant. … We'll see where we go."

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Selvaggio also owns a Valentino restaurant located in Las Vegas at the Venetian Hotel & Casino, but that location will be shuttering in July.

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CONCERTS
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Monday.

The series of 10 concerts kicking off in July will feature major musical firepower like Jimmy Cliff, the reigning godfather of reggae music, and newcomer Hanni El Khatib, a Los Angeles-based artist who's been tearing up the airwaves and festival circuits all year.

Meshell Ndegeocello — the 10-time Grammy-nominated musician whose latest album, "Pour une ame soueraine," attracted the talents of Sinead O'Connor and Lizz Wright — will also make an appearance, and things get an international flavor with Australian singer-songwriter Xavier Rudd.

"As someone once told me, summer starts and ends with the twilight concerts at the pier," said S. Jay Farrand, the executive director at the nonprofit. "Where else can you hear great bands with friends for free over the sound of crashing waves?"

The concert series took on a new life this year when producer Rum & Humble joined up with fellow concert production company Spaceland Presents to pack the series with talent covering a wide range of the musical spectrum like rock, neo-soul, punk, R&B and jazz.

Spaceland Presents is a sister company to quintessential Los Angeles music destinations The Echo and Echoplex, and is responsible for booking "First Fridays" at the Natural History Museum, a chance to dance amongst the dinosaurs in Downtown L.A.

"I always strive to merge the most exciting artists with the most spectacular venues in order for the audience to have a transformative experience. Partnering with Spaceland to do just that at the pier is a dream situation for me and my company," said Martin Fleischmann, owner of Rum & Humble.

Long-time partner and local public radio station KCRW lent its name and musical credentials to the mix, as did alternative station 98.7 FM.

The crew hopes to surprise newcomers and old hands alike with a variety of new food offerings in the form of gourmet food carts and new restaurants that will be opening on the pier shortly, as well as a beachside beer garden.

This year, people don't even have to be in Santa Monica to enjoy the show (although they'll be missing out) — for the first time, the Twilight Concert Series will be live-streamed so fans across the globe can tune in to see a little slice of Santa Monica's homespun tradition.



Photo courtesy Google Images

STAR POWER: **Reggae legend Jimmy Cliff will be performing at this summer's Twilight Concert Series.**

The Twilight Concert Series has seen major changes since Rum & Humble first took over production from King and Co., the company that led the series for its first 26 years, in 2011.

That year, Fleischmann had less than two months to book all the concerts, but still managed to land famous rockers the Bangles to anchor the series otherwise filled with eclectic bands.

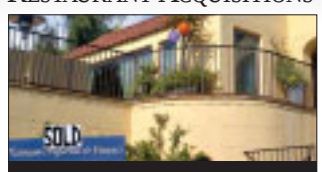
Even with the behind-the-scenes chaos, 2011 meant upgrades, including a beer and wine garden and a large screen brought on to satisfy the growing number of concert goers who chose to enjoy the music from the sand below the pier.

Dance-focused nights got a groovy new spin with the installation of a dance floor as part of the Tango on the Timbers, a night of free dance lessons to Latin music.

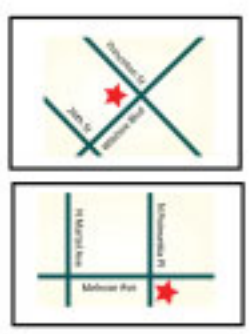
By the time 2012 came around, the series had hit a groove under the new leadership, rounding out its season with a concert by the famous L.A.-band Best Coast and NO.

The first of the concerts kicks off July 11, and the last chord will be struck on Sept. 12. Several of the bands have not yet been announced, so check in at santamonicapier.org/twilightconcerts for updated information, times and parking locations.

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New IRS head says taxpayers no longer trust the agency

BY STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON His agency under relentless fire, the new head of the Internal Revenue Service acknowledged to Congress on Monday that American taxpayers no longer trust the IRS amid a growing number of scandals — from the targeting of conservative political groups to lavish spending on employee conferences.

But Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel declared he was "committed to restoring that trust." He said he has installed new leadership at the agency and is conducting a thorough review of what went wrong and how to fix it.

He promised the transparency that was lacking for several years as tea party groups complained about harassment by the IRS, only to be met with denials from the agency.

"We must have the trust of the American taxpayer. Unfortunately, that trust has been broken," Werfel told a House Appropriations subcommittee in his first public appearance since taking over the agency nearly two weeks ago. "The agency stands ready to confront the problems that occurred, hold accountable those who acted inappropriately, be open about what happened, and permanently fix these problems so that such missteps do not occur again."

"It has to start," Werfel added, "with a recognition that a trust has been violated."

Werfel testified at a difficult time for the agency. Criticized from inside and outside the government, Werfel went to Capitol Hill to ask for a big budget increase. President Barack Obama has requested a 9 percent increase in IRS spending for the budget year that starts in October, in part to help pay for the implementation of the new health care law.

House Republicans have voted 37 times to eliminate, defund or partly scale back the Affordable Care Act, and many are not eager to increase funding for an agency that will play a central role in enforcing compliance.

"We will have to think very carefully about how much money to provide to the IRS," said Rep. Ander Crenshaw, R-Fla., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on financial services and general government.

Werfel acknowledged that it would be a "mistake" to ask Congress for more money to address the agency's recently revealed problems. But, he added, the IRS is seeking additional money to enforce tax laws, improve taxpayer services and implement initiatives.

"I'm prepared to defend the increase that we're asking for," he said.

An inspector general's report last month said IRS agents improperly targeted conservative political groups for additional scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status during the 2010 and 2012 election campaigns.

The revelations have prompted investigations by three congressional committees and the Justice Department. The inspector general, J. Russell George, is also continuing his review.

George, who testified at the same hearing as Werfel, hinted Monday that more revelations could be coming. George told lawmakers he is also looking into bonuses received by IRS employees, and expects to release a report in the fall. He did not elaborate, however.

The agency's previous acting commissioner was forced to resign, another official retired and a third was placed on paid administrative leave.

A new inspector general's report, to be released Tuesday, says the IRS spent $50 million to hold at least 220 conferences for employees between 2010 and 2012.

The conference spending included $4 million for an August 2010 gathering in Anaheim, Calif., for which the agency did not negotiate lower room rates, even though that is standard government practice, according to a statement by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Instead, some of the 2,600 attendees received benefits, including baseball tickets and stays in presidential suites that normally cost $1,500 to $3,500 per night. In addition, 15 outside speakers were paid a total of $135,000 in fees, with one paid $17,000 to talk about "leadership through art," the committee said.

"I am absolutely appalled at the apparent waste of taxpayer dollars on frivolous conferences," said Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., chairman of the full Appropriations Committee. "It seems we have a new misstep every day at the IRS."

Werfel has called the conference "an unfortunate vestige from a prior era."

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the president had not seen the forthcoming report dealing with IRS spending, but he also said Obama believes the IRS conduct was not appropriate.

"He is concerned by, and has been, excessive spending by the IRS and other agencies when it comes to conferences and travel, and has taken action accordingly," Carney said. "It's very important ... that the American people have faith that the IRS, in particular, is applying our tax laws in a fair and responsible way."

Obama appointed Werfel as acting head of the IRS and ordered him to conduct a 30-day review of the agency's operations.

"Wherever we find management failures or breakdowns in internal controls, we will move to correct these problems quickly and in a robust manner," Werfel said. "As we move forward with our work, we will be transparent about what we learn, our specific plans for improvement, the actions we take and the results achieved."







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TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New SW-SSW swell; minor NW windswell

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
BIGGEST LATE - minimal NW windswell and Southern Hemi swell continue early; long-period forerunners of new SW-SSW groundswell move in with shoulder high+ sets by the late afternoon

THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7ft
Building long-period SW-SSW swell due to fill in through the day,
with larger sets likely at top breaks; Beachbreaks likely walled

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **5-6 ft** head high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7ft
SW-SSW well peaks, larger sets at top breaks; minimal NW windswell; Beachbreaks likely walled

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Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
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Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	F	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A+
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Los Tunnos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	D	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

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

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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NHL

Kings stumble home to host surging Blackhawks

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. The Los Angeles Kings have been in all types of jams during the past two postseasons. Just a few weeks ago, they even escaped the same 0-2 deficit they're now facing in the Western Conference finals.

"We've been here, what, three weeks ago?" forward Justin Williams asked, referring to the Kings' great escape in the first round against St. Louis. "Obviously it's not do-or-die (in Game 3), but it is."

Yet the defending Stanley Cup champions aren't sure they've tangled with an opponent that could match the depth and versatility of the Chicago Blackhawks, who might even be the team to end Los Angeles' 2 1/2-month run of dominance at home.

After back-to-back losses in Chicago, the Kings are hoping they can stay perfect at Staples Center in a crucial Game 3 on Tuesday night. The Kings have won 14 straight at home since March, and they've won seven straight home playoff games dating to last season's Stanley Cup clincher.

The Kings have no idea why they've been unbeatable at Staples Center, but they realize their repeat hopes depend on it.

"Home ice is something we've been able to rely on, and have in our back pocket," Williams said Monday after the Kings' team meeting at their training complex. "I'm (also) not sure why we went 10-1 on the road last year (in the playoffs). Certainly our confidence is high for us coming back home. There's been a lot of success there. We've won every which way there, and it's going to have to continue."

Even two solid efforts in Chicago by coach Darryl Sutter's estimation weren't enough to turn back the Presidents' Trophy winners, who chased Jonathan Quick out of Game 2 by scoring four goals against the Conn Smythe Trophy-winning goalie — something nobody had done in 34 straight playoff games over the past three years.

But Quick still isn't the problem for the Kings, who have won a series after trailing 0-2 just twice in franchise history. Williams realizes the Kings aren't sustaining any offensive pressure on the Blackhawks, whose forechecking has kept the Kings pinned in their end for long stretches.

"It's nice taking both at home, especially given how well they've been playing at home back in L.A.," Chicago's Patrick Kane said. "We've still got our work cut out for us against this team. They're going to be good in their own building, but it's nice to get a day off, then get back at it."

Los Angeles' scoring struggles are getting ugly, with just 29 goals in 15 playoff games — easily the lowest scoring average for any team that won a playoff round. It's not nearly enough to hang with the Blackhawks, whose talented lineup generates goals from all four lines and its defense.

The Kings have never been an offensive dynamo, but they didn't struggle like this in the regular season. Their top scorers in last season's playoffs also are struggling mightily this year: Star center Anze Kopitar has just two goals in 15 games after enduring a lengthy goal-scoring slump to end the regular season, while captain Dustin Brown has a mere four points in the playoffs.

"It's pretty fair to say as a line, we're collectively in a slump," Brown said of his partnership with Kopitar and Williams. "We know what we need to do better."

Center Mike Richards missed Game 2 with symptoms from an apparent head injury, and the Kings don't know if he'll play in Game 3. Richards, who hadn't missed a game all season, is Los Angeles' leading postseason scorer with 10 points.

At least Tyler Toffoli is an intriguing addition to the lineup in Richards' absence. The big rookie picked up a goal in Game 2 while playing alongside top goal-scorer Jeff Carter, who moved over to center without Richards alongside him.

"Going back to six games left in the regular season, we've had trouble scoring," Sutter said. "It's not a home-road disparity at all. We're trying to surprise the team that finished first overall. ... We're not a team that gets ahead of ourselves or down on ourselves or up on ourselves. Doesn't matter if we're down two (games) or up two. The other team knows what they're going to get."

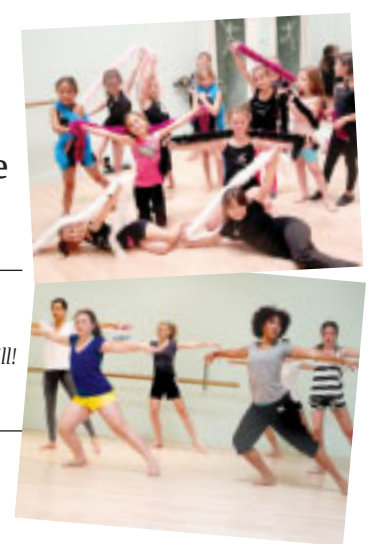
The Kings' championship poise might be their greatest asset in the next two games. With the confidence of last season's 16-4 run through the playoffs still fresh in most players' minds, Sutter's club doesn't really get rattled even after winning just twice in its last seven playoff games.

"You can draw on the fact we've been in this situation before," Brown said. "The series is long from over in our mindset."

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HEAD HOME TONIGHT, ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your concern is not only about your finances, but also whether you have the power and strength that is necessary to make a difference. You might be concerned about the outcome of a certain situation.Tonight: Happily head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You could be dragging in the morning, but by afternoon you'll start to feel your Wheaties. You'll feel empowered, and you won't hesitate to discuss an idea. If someone is negative, be resilient and refuse to take on his or her energy. Tonight: Be where you want to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ It is likely that you need to head in a new direction. Many of you will see this fact clearly during the day, and some will see it at night. The end results will be the same. Tonight: Do for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. A discussion could shed some light on the potential problem. Do not necessarily count on your idea or resolution being the best one. Tonight: Where the fun is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Make time for a discussion with an expert on an issue you are dealing with. In the afternoon, you'll need to listen to someone who demands your time and attention. You also might decide to distance yourself from an unpleasant situation. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might need to evolve to a new level of understanding when dealing with a partner and a financial matter. You have the control you desire. Be aware of your limits with someone you care a lot about. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others will want to call the shots, but you could have a lot to share. You'll command their attention. No decisions can be made without your "OK." Tonight: A loved one makes you smile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to what is being shared, and know that you might not like everything you hear. Your version of what is possible could change. Honor your needs more openly than you have in the recent past. Tonight: Share, if it would make it easier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your creativity soars. You laugh and see life from a new perspective. How you handle someone could radically change because of what you now know. Fatigue plays into your mood late afternoon. Tonight: Just for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might feel pressured by a personal issue. Your ability to break down barriers now will directly affect your ability to relax later. Your lighter side could emerge. A misunderstanding or a difficult meeting could leave you feeling off. Tonight: Your creativity flourishes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Get busy, make phone calls and schedule meetings. Keep conversations moving, and understand that there could be a difference of opinion among those around you. By afternoon, you might want to play the role of recluse, as you have so much to do. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be extremely tired and withdrawn, especially with a demanding associate or family member. Avoid taking any financial risks, and you will be happier as a result. Later today, conversations will run more smoothly than in the recent past. Tonight: Chat the night away.

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

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

This year you often will feel as if you cannot be direct enough. Realize that you could get some strong reactions as a result. Other times, you'll want to cocoon. You will succeed in a key project. If you are single, you will attract more than one suitor who appeals to different parts of your character. If you are attached, your multifaceted personality does not surprise your sweetie, though he or she might have a preference as to which way you should go. Though you may want to vanish at times, you still enjoy each other. ARIES can be pushy.

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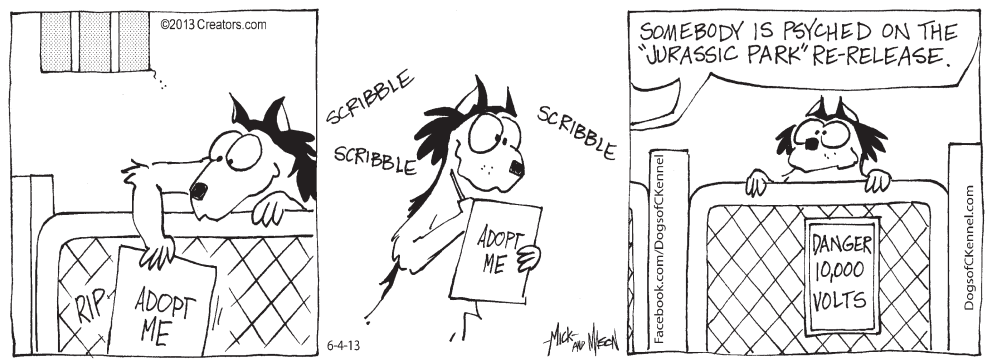
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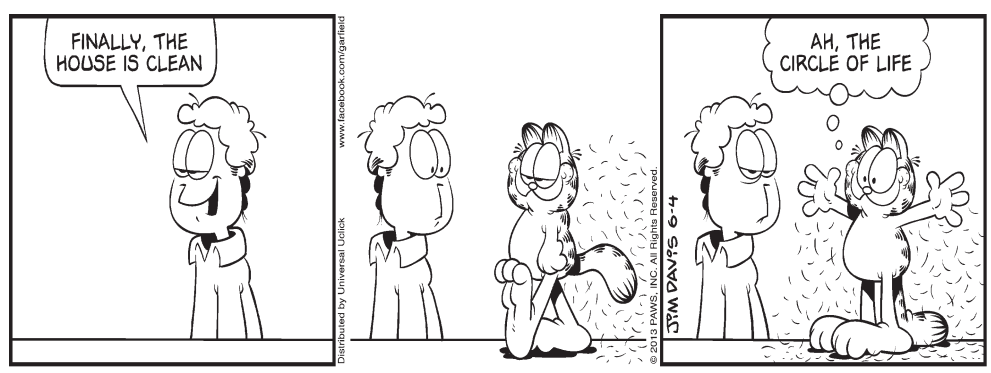
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Sudoku

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

8	1	6	5	4	3	9	7	2
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6	9	7	3	5	4	2	8	1
4	2	8	9	1	6	3	5	7
5	3	1	7	2	8	4	9	6
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

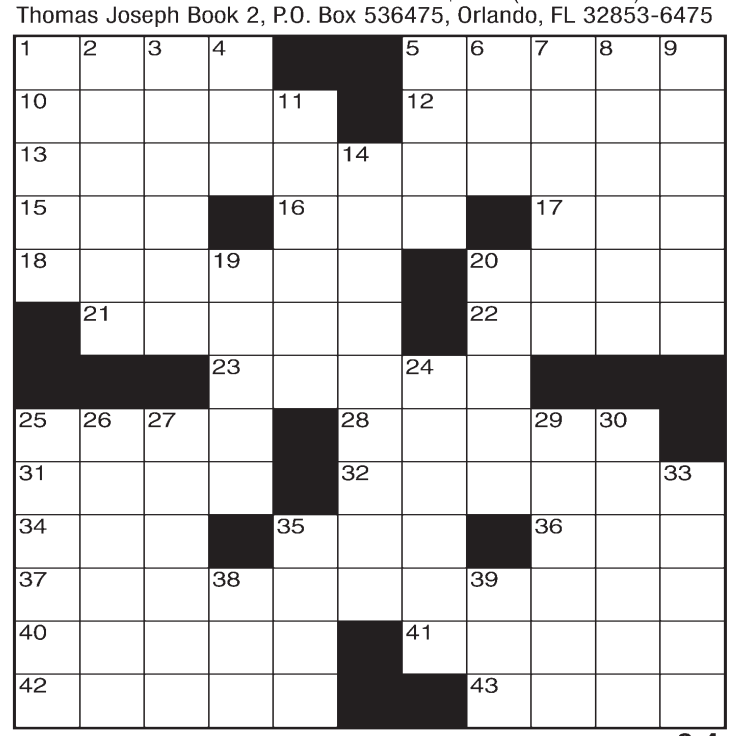
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1 Angel's instrument
5 Supply food for a party
10 Like some college walls
12 Spiny plant
13 Cat owners' purchases
15 Letter after sigma
16 Life story, for short
17 Suffix for hero
18 Radio nuisance
20 Butte's cousin
21 Delight
22 Pop star
23 Congress coverer
25 Prepare for a trip
28 Aids in crime
31 Gorillas and gibbons
32 Less well off
34 Coq au —
35 Rep.'s rival
36 Hot blood
37 Places for apartment mail
40 Shark's home
41 Pious sort
42 Words of action
43 Club costs

DOWN
1 Dagger parts
2 Fly high
3 Ceremony
4 Parrot or puppy
5 Baja resort, familiarly
6 In the past
7 Headed for the hangar
8 "Just the same ..."
9 Caulk again
11 Owed amounts
14 Thin Japanese wrapping
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26 Each
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A report circulated in April that an apparently Orthodox Jewish man (likely a "Kohen") had tied himself up, head to toe, in a plastic bag while seated on an airline flight -- likely because his teachings told him that flying over a cemetery would yield "impurities." News of the Weird mentioned a similar report in 2001. Airlines have made accommodations in the past, even in the face of criticism that a man in a plastic bag is a safety hazard. (Exceptions to the Kohen belief: Accidental tears in the bag are excused, but pre-punched air holes not; Kohenim unaware of the cemetery overflight in advance do not need protection; and deceased family members yield no impurities.)

■ Accountability: The chairman of the National Showcaves Center in a Welsh national park, aiming to halt a recent downturn in tourism business, threatened in April to sue the U.K. National Weather Service for its "all too (frequent) ... gloom and doom reports." The NWS had called for snow and cold weather over Easter weekend, but no snow fell, and the cold weather was tempered by sun and blue skies. (He also suggested adding "health"-type warnings to forecasts, e.g., beware that weather reports might be wrong.)

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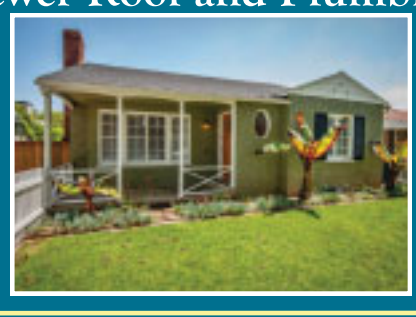
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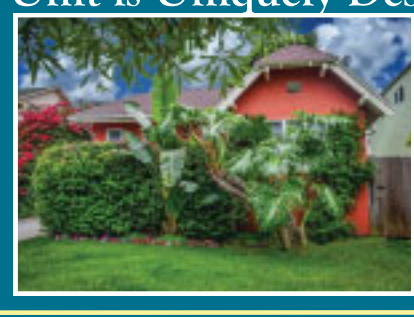


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