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Santa Monica police go online to auction unwanted items

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Bicycles. Clothes. Rare coins and jewelry.

Those are just a few of the hundreds of unclaimed items the Santa Monica Police Department auctions off online with the help of an East Coast-based company.

After it's decided items have no more evidentiary value, the SMPD property unit, which is responsible for receiving, storing, tracking and releasing evidence and property, sends them to PropertyRoom.com. The company was founded by a former New York detective who originally wanted to pro-

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Photo courtesy Heal the Bay

AT THE TOP: **Ruskin Hartley has been selected as the new CEO of environmental watchdog Heal the Bay. He is leaving Save the Redwoods League.**

Redwood guardian to lead Heal the Bay

BY GREG ASCIUTTO
Special to the Daily Press

SM BAY Santa Monica-based environmental watchdog Heal the Bay announced Tuesday the appointment of Ruskin Hartley as its new chief executive officer.

Hartley is a veteran environmentalist who most recently held the title of executive director at the Save the Redwoods League in San Francisco.

In his 15-year stint with the organization, Hartley protected 70,000 acres of redwood forest, raised $100 million of public and private support and launched an initiative that studied the effects of global warming on ancient forests, according to a new release.

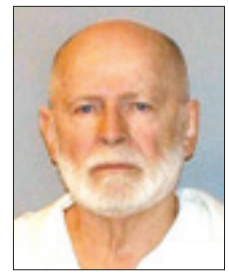
The conservationist has also conducted research on traditional irrigation systems in Oman and worked as a post-war environmental planner in Kuwait.

"Ruskin Hartley is a leader who will

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Families seek a say at Bulger's sentencing

BY DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press



BULGER

BOSTON Federal prosecutors asked a judge Tuesday to allow family members of 19 people Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger was accused of killing to make victim impact statements at his sentencing hearing, even though Bulger was not convicted in all the deaths.

Prosecutors said they plan to seek a life sentence for Bulger, who turned 84 last week.

Bulger was convicted last month of racketeering, including 11 killings, as well as extortion, money laundering and weapons charges. The federal jury found that prosecutors had not proven that Bulger participated in seven of the killings and made no finding in one of them.

Assistant District Attorney Brian Kelly said 14 or 15 family members want to speak during Bulger's sentencing in November, while others want to submit written statements. He cited legal precedents for allowing testimony at sentencing on "acquitted conduct."

Bulger's attorney, J.W. Carney Jr., would not say whether the defense plans to oppose the request. He said he would file a written response in court but acknowledged that "it's a matter left in large measure to a judge's discretion."

The request from prosecutors came during a status conference in court.

During the hearing, Kelly told Judge Denise Casper that prosecutors plan to ask for a sentence of life, plus 30 years or life, plus 35 years.

Carney would not say what sentence he plans to recommend. He also declined to say whether Bulger plans to make a statement during his sentencing hearing.

"As of right now, I don't know what his decision will be," Carney said.

Bulger kept prosecutors and spectators guessing about whether he would testify in

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013

Remembering those lost
All fire stations, 6:45 a.m.
In recognition of those who perished in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Santa Monica Fire Department will hold a solemn remembrance ceremony. The public is welcome to participate. To find your nearest fire station visit www.santamonicafire.org/ or call (310) 458-8761.

Find a career
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Meet with professional career counselor Carina Lin and find the career that's right for you. The 90-minute workshop will help adults, teens and seniors research career interests and provide industry information.

Planning Commission meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will study a development proposed by Hines Corp. called the Bergamot Transit Village at 1681 26th St. This is a significant development that will include 471 rental housing units, 27 artist work/live units, up to 374,423 square feet of creative office space, up to 15,500 square feet of restaurant space, and up to 13,891 square feet of neighborhood retail space. For more information visit www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/

Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013

What's new?
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Come discuss current events happening across the globe. Jack Nordhaus will moderate the discussion.

Ready to read
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:45 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.
Learn the five early literacy practices that will help your child get ready to read. This will be an interactive presentation for parents, babies and preschool-aged children.

Sustainable living
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Discuss sustainable eating and literature with author Frances Moore Lappé. The event will begin with a short film about sustainable food in Santa Monica followed by a discussion of Lappé's latest book, "EcoMind: Changing the Way We Think to Create the World We Want." There will be a reception and book signing after the event.

Rent control
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Rent Control Board will hear testimony for landlords regarding a petition to register a rental unit that was built illegally and to remove three units from rent control because the owner is occupying at last one.

Final time
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Enjoy the final event of the 2013 Twilight Concerts series. Reggae legend Jimmy Cliff will headline the show. The Delirians and Ethan Tucker will also perform.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MAR VISTA GARDENS

SM Boys & Girls Clubs to open new branch

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica received a $1 million donation Tuesday to develop a new community branch in the Mar Vista Gardens apartment complex.

The gift comes from local real estate businessman John Jones, after whom the new center will be named.

"I believe the Mar Vista Gardens Boys & Girls Club site represents a safe, secure and positive learning environment for starting and keeping youngsters on the right path," Jones said. "All children deserve an opportunity to reach their full potential and modest beginnings need not limit opportunities for success. Our community's future strength lies in the minds and actions of children – they are our future."

The Jack and Cindy Jones Youth Center will provide numerous educational, recreational and social resources to the 600 children that live in the Mar Vista Gardens complex.

Youth ages 6 to 18 will be able to visit the center during non-school hours to receive tutoring, develop social skills, have access to technology and participate in sports, healthy lifestyle programs, and leadership and community service projects.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica serve approximately 8,000 youth from across Los Angeles County.

There are eight branches in and around Santa Monica – two more are expected to open in 2014.

– GREG ASCIUTTO

HOLLYWOOD

Halloween TV special filming in SM

American cable television's Hub Network announced it will film its inaugural "Halloween Bash" special at Barker Hanger in Santa Monica next month.

The network, which features programming for young children and families, has likened the event to "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve."

"Saturday Night Live" cast member Kenan Thompson will host the two-hour special.

The "Halloween Bash" airs on Oct. 26 and will include a nationwide costume competition, musical performances and celebrity presenters.

- GA

SM HISTORY MUSEUM

Celebrating silver



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After 25 years of operation, the Santa Monica History Museum remains a treasure trove of historic documents and artifacts to the Westside community.

Opened in 1988 with less than $30,000 to keep it afloat, the museum will host its silver anniversary Gala Dinner celebration at the Casa del Mar Hotel on Sept. 15.

The theme of the night will be the "Gambling Ship Rex," a tribute to the vessel that rested in the waters of the Santa Monica Bay in the 1930s.

Writer Larry Balmagia will give a history of the Rex, which at its peak hosted the likes of Clark Gable and other celebrities.

Museum founders Louise and Bob Gabriel, architect Kristina Andresen and Pacific Park CEO Marry Ann Powell are the event's honorees.

Reservations for the dinner are $150 per person, and each attendee will receive a commemorative History Gazette Newspaper with photographs and details about the history of the museum and the Gambling Ship Rex.

For more information, call (310) 395-2290.

– GA

New Samohi principal is a familiar face for many

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI New Santa Monica High School principal Eva Mayoral doesn't want the students to spend one second of their time hiding from their teachers what they don't know.

"Because then, it's just about trying to preserve an image and it's not really about being open and vulnerable," she said.

That's what Mayoral told roughly 3,000 Samohi students over the loud speaker on their first day of school this semester.

Mayoral replaces Laurel Fretz, who resigned after two years on the job. Fretz clashed with different groups on campus and was criticized for having an aggressive, some would say abusive, management style. However, she did lead the school during some challenging times and oversaw an increase in test scores.

Mayoral, who was previously principal at John Adams Middle School, hopes to create a sense of family with the administrators, teachers and students, and put forward a unified team that supports the educational endeavors of students.

She said she wants nothing more than a "collaborative model" at the high school, and to focus on the ball, which is "how do we all help kids thrive?" Her plan is to not to let students down, but also not let them off the hook.

"[It's] not look at kids as little deficits but say, 'look you have some great strengths how do we build on these?' and 'how do we care about you like we care about our own biological kids?'" she said.

Calling herself a "teacher" at heart, Mayoral said she's a coach.

"I'm not looking to come in and body slam. I'm looking to come in and say 'what can I do from a coaching standpoint to help you better serve kids?'" Mayoral said.

The new principal has also come back full circle to the school where she spent time teaching as an AP chemistry and biology teacher, a house teacher leader and eventually serving as a house principal for six years. For the first six years of her career, she taught at Fairfax High School in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Mayoral had all the elements to support staff and provide the right kind of educational environment for the students, said Sandra Lyon, Superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

"I think she's an exceptional leader and I think she's going to be a huge asset at Samohi and I'm excited she's there," she said.

One of her strengths is building a strong community, Lyon said, adding Mayoral understands instruction and motivates school staff.

Lyon said she and the principals districtwide are focused on the five goals laid out for the entire school district that range from response to instruction and intervention to common core, or a set of expectations adopted by states across the country that emphasize a new style of learning that values critical thinking over rote memoriza-

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Swimming with the sharks

AFTER MANY YEARS IN L.A.'S CROWDED surf lineups, I've seen many things I'd rather forget: neon wetsuits, sophomoric fist fights, curmudgeonly longboarders.

But last weekend I witnessed something in Santa Monica Bay that I'll always remember.

My friend Geoff and I were in our customary Saturday morning surf spot, about 50 yards offshore in front of the smokestacks at the El Segundo/Manhattan Beach border. On flat days we spend a lot of time mindlessly bobbing, scanning the horizon for any kind of bump that might signal an oncoming wave. As we sat on our boards and stared out at the nearby oil tankers, a sinewy mass of flesh suddenly shot up from the sea, twisting and glistening in the early morning sun. It was like a mini torpedo launched from the depths, spiraling through the ocean surface. Straining briefly for the sky, the fish fell back to the sea with an alarming splash.

A 4-to-5-foot juvenile white shark had just breached a mere 20 feet away from us.

Stunned, we both gave each other one of those "Did-you-just-see-what-I-just-think-I-saw?" looks. We compared mental notes — the shape of the shark, the coloring, the size, the fins, the structure of the still-developing jaws. We knew we had indeed just seen the stuff of myths, a white shark in the wild.

I'm accustomed to seeing other kinds of small sharks at this spot. Connecting rides to the inside, I've had to dodge leopard sharks skittering in the clear, warm shallows south of the jetty. Looking for sand crabs, their mouths the size of a quarter, these sharks are completely harmless. But I still get the willies when my feet accidentally bump against their wriggly, squishy bodies.

But white sharks — no matter their size — are a different kettle of fish. When I tell friends about the sighting, many wonder why I didn't get out of the water immediately. Seeing the pup, my mind and heart raced, but I had surprisingly little fear.

After all, I had heard reports on the news and from fellow surfers about shark sightings this summer in Santa Monica Bay. No one seemed that alarmed. (For a humorous or scary read, depending on your point of view, check out recent citizen-reported shark sightings off our coast on the Shark Research Committee website.) Manhattan Beach and Sunset Point in Pacific Palisades seem to be prime local real estate for the adolescent great whites. My surfboard shaper, Mark Brog, thinks the growing popularity of standup paddleboarding may be a reason for increased sightings the past few years. Circling up and down shorelines, SUPers have an ideal vantage point for spotting sharks.

At this point of their lives, the great whites scour our sandy bottoms in search of the smaller fish that make up their diet. As they grow, the sharks see their appetite switch to larger marine mammals and they migrate up the central and northern coasts, where more seals and sea lions can be found. Some theorize that any circling and jumping done by the juvenile sharks in local waters is their way of practicing for the hunt that will soon dominate their lives, like a puppy playing with a soup bone.

Maybe I'm whistling by the graveyard, but the juvenile sharks I've read about — and now seen — don't seem big enough to pose a real threat to people. The shark we saw was about as wide as my thigh. Nonetheless, as my feet dangled in the water for the rest of the session, I couldn't help but think that my toes might be tempting to our new friend.

After we got out, Geoff reported the sighting to a nearby lifeguard. I didn't expect him to close the beach, but he seemed a bit blasé. He and his colleagues had been hearing similar stories for the past two weeks and now believe there are two juveniles patrolling the waters near the jetty. My coworkers were more excited to hear about my encounter, but Peter in our office planted some seeds of doubt by wondering if maybe we had seen a salmon shark instead of a great white. Hey, the two species do look alike, but at the end of the day, a shark's a shark.

Geoff's been doing too much reading since our encounter, and now says he won't get back in the water in Manhattan Beach without a group. He even suggested we abandon our usual spot for a while and head up to County Line the next few weekends. But aggressive teenagers aside, who knows what dangers lurk up there?

It's a blessing to recreate in an ocean teeming with life. This summer, pods of dolphins have been commonplace in Southern California and the once-threatened brown pelicans are out in force. Enormous squid runs have come early and, in a highly unusual phenomenon, giant manta rays play off the coast near Dana Point.

However, great whites face tremendous pressure, despite the recent sightings. Some researchers estimate that there may only be a few hundred adult great whites in the Northeastern Pacific, from the Bering Sea to Baja. Pollution, incidental catch by net trawlers and other stressors may be limiting populations of a critical apex predator. The California Fish and Wildlife Department is now evaluating whether the white shark merits listing under the State Endangered Species Act. Given the importance of Santa Monica Bay to these animals, Heal the Bay's science and policy team is following the process closely.

Before summer ends, get in the water. You'd be amazed at what you might find.

MATT KING is the director of communications for Heal the Bay. Learn more at www.healthebay.org. The Santa Monica-based nonprofit is looking for volunteers for its largest beach cleanup event of the year, to be held Sept. 21.

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The Taxman

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Proposition 13 protects against the yo-yo effect

EVEN FOR THOSE WHO AREN'T IN THE market, it's hard to ignore all the news about rising home prices. According to the California Association of Realtors, median home prices are up nearly 30 percent over just the last year. California has not seen this big of a one-year increase since 1977 when it jumped 28.1 percent.

But the huge increase in values in 1977 brought as much anger and fear as anything else because that was just before voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13 to rein in property taxes that were out of control. Those taxes were going up as fast as home prices and forcing many from their homes.

Under the pre-Proposition 13 system, homeowners shuddered in fear when their tax bill arrived because it would be based on what someone else was willing to pay for a home like theirs, not on what they had paid or could afford. Those whose property values were increased by hyperinflation in the housing market were treated as if they were now "rich guys" who should be taxed on their "paper profits." But those who were committed to homeownership were seeing no benefit. If they did sell their home and realized a profit, they would find that they would need every cent if they wanted to buy another house at the new inflated values.

Some homeowners today will say it is about time home values rebounded, clearly remembering that many homes lost more than 30 percent of their value when the housing bubble burst half a dozen years ago. However, most will not be troubled by this real estate market yo-yo effect, because Proposition 13 makes their taxes predictable from year to year. A buyer who pays $250,000 for a house knows that they will be taxed at a 1 percent rate and that annual increases in assessed value are limited to 2 percent. This means that the basic property tax — voter approved parcel taxes and bonds are extra — does not increase by more than 2 percent, and this certainty allows the owner to budget for future taxes.

While providing security to homeowners, Proposition 13 also guarantees stable — and almost always increasing — revenue to local governments. The take from property taxes is estimated to increase in the 4 to 5 percent range this year. However, even in years when property values are down, the Proposition 13 system acts like a shock absorber stabilizing revenue, because most property owners continue to pay under this system that allows an annual 2 percent increase. The exception is for those who bought at the top of the market and have seen a subsequent decline in value below the purchase price. These folks are entitled to a temporary tax reduction until the marked goes up and full value is restored.

While Proposition 13 continues to benefit both government and property owners, taxpayers must be alert to the defect that seems inherent in most city councils, county boards of supervisors and other agencies that receive property tax revenue. One can visualize the eyes of local officials bugging out when they see an uptick in the revenue stream. Just as during the recent housing bubble, most of these local politicians and bureaucrats will be unable to resist the temptation to commit the new-found tax dollars to new programs as well as higher pay and benefits to government employees. Their short-term thinking will result in pain next time property values decline, which they surely will. Officials will respond to a less robust revenue stream by pushing for new per parcel property taxes, utility user taxes and sales taxes.

The last thing we need is for the local politicians to make commitments that overextend taxpayers so that the only choices in bad economic times are to raise taxes, cut services, or both. Local officials need to be reminded that any revenue windfall should be used to pay off debt, contribute to a prudent reserve and fully fund one-time capital improvements because, even with Proposition 13, taxpayers are still vulnerable.

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The Q Line

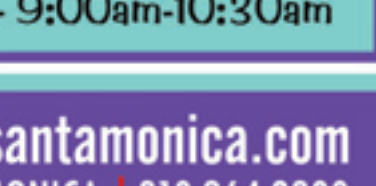
Park it

A new group has come together that wants to transform Santa Monica Airport into a park.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Would you like to see the airport turned into a park and why?

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Apple introduces new iPhones

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY & MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writers

CUPERTINO, Calif. Apple's latest iPhones will come in a bevy of colors and two distinct designs, one made of plastic and the other that aims to be "the gold standard of smartphones" and reads your fingerprint.

Apple unveiled the latest iPhone models during an event at its Cupertino, Calif., headquarters. The move comes as rival phones from Samsung and other manufacturers are challenging Apple's hold on the smartphone market.

The iPhone 5C will be available in five colors — green, blue, yellow, pink and white. CEO Tim Cook calls it "more fun and colorful" than any other iPhone. The 5C has a 4-inch Retina display and is powered by Apple's A6 chip. It also has an 8 megapixel camera, live photo filters and a rear cover that lights up.

The iPhone 5C will cost $99 for a 16 gigabyte model and $199 for a 32 gigabyte model with a two-year wireless contract. The phone is expected to help Apple boost sales in China and other areas where people don't have as much money to spend on new gadgets as they do in the U.S. and Europe.

The second phone, the 5S, is "the most forward-looking phone we have ever created," said Phil Schiller, senior vice president of worldwide marketing at Apple. It will come in silver, gold and "space gray" and run a new chip, the A7 that is up to twice as fast as the A6.

Schiller said the new phone can run more health and fitness applications. These apps have become increasingly popular as more people use them to track exercise routines, calorie intake and even sleep patterns.

The camera in the 5S received some major upgrades, including several automatic features designed to produce better photos. It has larger pixels, which helps capture more light. The phone also has a two-tone flash feature that is designed not to clash with the colors in the room or a person's skin color — something Schiller said has not been done on a phone before.

The camera, called iSight, has "auto image stabilization," which helps avoid blurry pictures, and a slow-motion camera for video.

The 5S also includes "Touch ID," which reads fingerprints at a "detailed level," Schiller said. He said it is "fun and easy" to teach the 5S about your fingerprint and once you do, you can just touch the home button to unlock the phone.

Tying the fingerprint scanner to payments could also open new revenue channels for Apple.

Apple also said its next mobile operating system, iOS 7, will be available as a free download on Sept. 18.

Craig Federighi, head of software at Apple Inc., said at an event at the company's Cupertino, Calif., headquarters that "downloading iOS 7 is like getting an all new device."

The new system can be downloaded on the iPhone 4 and later models, as well as on the tablets beginning with the iPad 2.

Apple also says it expects to ship its 700 millionth iOS device next month. Apple CEO Tim Cook predicts that iOS 7 will become the most popular mobile operating system in the world. Investors seemed unimpressed. Apple's stock price fell $3.17 to $503.10 during the event.

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Utility: Claims from Calif. gas line blast $565M

BY SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Pacific Gas & Electric Co. expects to pay a total of $565 million in legal settlements and other claims from a deadly 2010 gas pipeline explosion in a San Francisco Bay Area suburb, the utility said.

The figure includes $455 million that PG&E has already agreed to pay and $110 million it expects to pay in connection with recent settlements and remaining claims, PG&E said in a filing with federal regulators on Monday.

The company reached settlements with 347 San Bruno blast victims on Friday and Monday, PG&E spokeswoman Brittany Chord said. It had previously reached settlements with 152 people. Two plaintiffs' cases remain.

Asked what was holding up the two remaining cases, Chord said she could not speak to the specifics of any particular case.

"We are committed to resolving these matters as quickly and as fairly as possible," she said.

The money for the claims will come from shareholders, not ratepayers, Chord said. Some portion will also be covered by insurance.

"It's a huge deal," attorney George Corey, whose firm represented about 120 of the victims, told the San Jose Mercury News. "It took a long time for PG&E lawyers to get the company to stand up to the serious facts of this case. But they finally did, and it was fair."

The explosion of a high-pressure transmission line on Sept. 9, 2010, sparked a gas-fueled fire in San Bruno that destroyed 38 homes and laid waste to parts of the same neighborhood. Eight people died, and others suffered burn injuries.

PG&E was hit with about 160 lawsuits from people who lost family members, suffered injuries or had property damage.

The National Transportation Safety Board has blamed failures by PG&E and weak oversight by regulators for the blast, which it said was directly caused by substandard welds and other problems dating back to the installation of the pipeline decades earlier.

The company's inadequate inspection program for pipelines, which allowed the bad welds and other weaknesses to go undetected, also contributed, the board said.

State investigators have said PG&E violated safety rules and kept poor records.

PG&E has accepted liability for the disaster in numerous public statements but has denied most of state investigators' allegations.

PG&E is also facing a potential $2.25 billion penalty that includes required system upgrades and a $300 million fine. State regulators recommended the fine in July, saying it would amount to the largest fine ever levied by the state Public Utilities Commission.

Mindy Spatt, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco-based Utility Reform Network, a watchdog group, said PG&E needed to be held accountable for mismanaging its pipeline system before the explosion.

"After the explosion, every PG&E customer probably wondered, will I be next, and those concerns are not addressed in this settlement," she said. "The settlement is meant to resolve these individual cases, but it is still the PUC's job to resolve the harm done to PG&E customers as a whole."

BULGER
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his own defense during his two-month trial. But at the end of the defense's case, he called the trial a "sham" and said he would not testify because he had been prohibited from presenting a defense using his claim that he had received immunity for his crimes decades ago from a now-deceased federal prosecutor.

Bulger, who was not present in court Tuesday, waived his right to attend the hearing, Carney said.

Casper did not immediately rule on the request for impact statements from relatives of all 19 people. She said everyone who is allowed to speak will get five to 10 minutes to talk about the victim and the loss they suffered because of his or her death.

The sentencing hearing will begin Nov. 13 with arguments from prosecutors and Bulger's lawyers, followed by victim impact statements, and conclude the next day when Casper hands down the sentence.

Bulger was convicted of running a violent criminal enterprise that made millions from illegal gambling, drugs and extortion in the 1970s and '80s. He became one of the nation's most-wanted fugitives when he fled Boston in 1994 ahead of an indictment. While he was on the run, court hearings revealed that Bulger was also an FBI informant who provided information on the rival New England Mafia and others.

Bulger was finally captured in 2011 in Santa Monica.

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tion and application of concepts to real-world situations.

"It's really working with staff to always be looking at what they want students to know and do," Lyon said. "What are they going to do for students who have come in knowing it or don't know it?"

Mayoral said if she is going to be the best principal she can be, she has to be vulnerable to the superintendent and share concerns or struggles with Lyon.

One of the biggest indicators on how far the school district has come is when a few years ago, there was a decision to eliminate a house because of lower enrollment at Samohi, Mayoral said. The school eliminated one administrator because the house didn't have a principal anymore, but the first year, two advisors for the house stayed on to continue working with the kids. Eventually, Mayoral said two administrators were decreased as well.

She said in the beginning there was concern over changing the structure of Samohi. Now, Mayoral said people have recognized the school can communicate more effectively and serve the needs of individual students in smaller groups.

"From a parent's standpoint, it's very comforting," Mayoral said. At Samohi, students are placed in house classes for their core subjects like English, math and social studies in the same hallway for the first two years. That gives students the opportunity to be in the hallway where the house principal and two advisors are situated, Mayoral said. There are about 600 students in each house, she said.

Before coming to Samohi this year, Mayoral served as principal of JAMS for the past three years.

"I think all of it really helped me to hit the ground running and have a sense of exactly what it's like to teach this age group," Mayoral said of her experience at JAMS.

At Samohi, Mayoral said she works as principal among colleagues of hers who are teachers. She also said she brings a validity with what she says because she's had experience as a teacher.

"They [teachers] know I care," Mayoral said.

Mayoral was extremely supportive of teachers, said Claudia Bautista-Nicholas, a Spanish teacher who teaches ninth through 12th grades at Samohi. Mayoral was Bautista-Nicholas' mentor teacher when she started teaching at Samohi more than a decade ago.

Bautista-Nicholas had a student in her Spanish class who couldn't put together two sentences, but said Mayoral got the student to write elaborate observations.

"She was able to get out so much from students as a teacher," Bautista-Nicholas said. "She adores them. She's one of those teachers students ran to give a hug in the hallway because she cared so much about them."

Bautista-Nicholas said she remembers the announcement Mayoral made on the first day of school and because Mayoral is so "authentic," students, who are usually trying so hard to be "cool," respond to her.

"Kids really turn around and pick up their trash and be kind to each other," Bautista-Nicholas said. "It's little things, but I think they feel loved and cared for."

Lisa Balfus, Samohi's PTA president, said she sees Mayoral as a "returning principal" since she left Samohi as a house principal. She said Mayoral's philosophy is "first, we love our children and then we teach them."

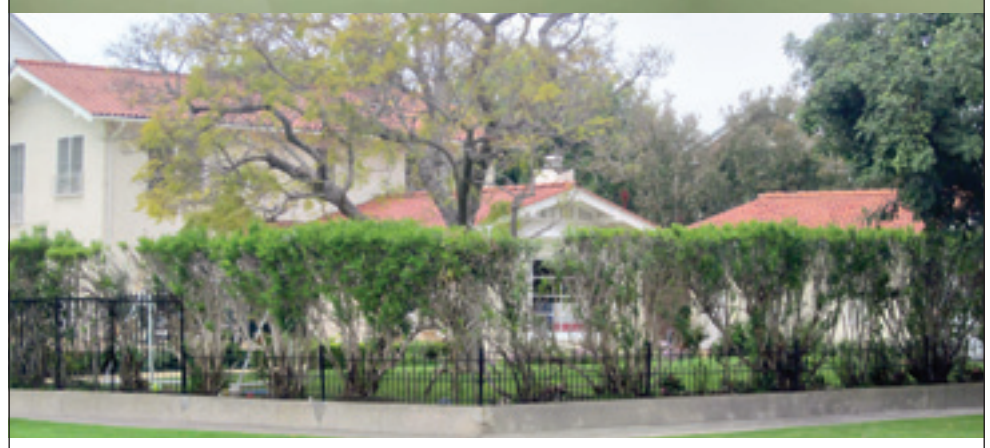
She doesn't think enough people are coming from that perspective in public education.

"I think some of them are, but people get so bogged down in curriculum and in racing to the top and test scores and high achievement at any cost," Balfus said. "I think Eva really understands children are whole people, and that they need to grow in multiple ways."

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CEO
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inspire, motivate and lead Heal the Bay's talented staff," said Stephanie Medina, chairperson of Heal the Bay's Board of Directors.

"He's a noted speaker on environmental issues with a collaborative science-based conservation orientation. His skill as a strategic planner and his ability to bring vision and clarity to our mission will support Heal the Bay's reputation as an environmental champion."

Hartley, who begins his tenure Sept. 16, said he is excited to build upon his experience with urban conservation in Santa Monica.

"For me it's all about protecting these iconic places," he said, noting that he looks forward to the challenge of persuading Southern Californians to take to heart the issue of ocean preservation.

"If we can't get it right in Santa Monica and Southern California we can't get it right anywhere — we've got to keep the ocean clean," he said.

"It's about getting people to understand that."

Hartley and his team aim to direct the organization as it navigates four key policy issues this year: advocating for the implementation of a strong stormwater permit for Los Angeles County; working to uphold the moratorium on oil drilling in Hermosa Beach; developing a beach water quality model to disclose potential bacterial pollution; and consulting with local governments to push forward policies protecting coastal communities from the effects of climate change.

"Given the complexity of the issues coming forth — water quality, population change — if we get those issues right, if we're able to get … people living down there enjoying clean water, it can be a model for around the world," Hartley said.

"[Santa Monica] can be a laboratory for other cities."

Hartley will get his feet wet next week preparing for the Sept. 21 national Coastal Cleanup Day, an annual event in which Heal the Bay takes a leading role.

According to Heal the Bay's website, the organization coordinated more than 60 beach, inland, dive and kayak cleanup sites in Los Angeles County last year.

The day gives Hartley and other environmental activists across the state a platform to promote their fight to keep the oceans clean and protected.

"People are busy, they have a lot going on in their lives," he said.

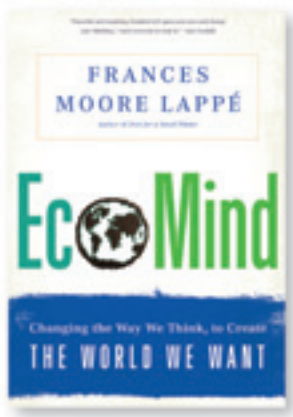
"There [are] a lot of people who put the beaches first, and there are a lot of people who assume they've always been there and always will be there."

"That's the role of … Heal the Bay, to help other people bring in that focus and realize those dreams."

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vide online auction services solely to law enforcement agencies.

Now, PropertyRoom.com caters to more than 2,800 police departments, municipalities, airports, museums and aquariums nationwide.

The SMPD, which was among the first 200 to 300 police departments to use online auctions, has contracted with the company for roughly a decade, said P.J. Bellomo, CEO of PropertyRoom.com, which has its headquarters in Maryland.

"Santa Monica is pretty progressive overall," he said. "They were way ahead. That is totally cutting-edge thinking."

In the past, SMPD used to have personnel run an auction at the old headquarters' parking lot.

Every quarter, SMPD sends off around 250 to 300 items for auction, and that number can fluctuate, said Johnny Tarasut, property/evidence supervisor. Those can be items that come from completed investigations to property that's been recovered by police or good Samaritans and never claimed.

For every 100 items sent to auction, the department donates 200 items to charity, he said. City Hall has received between $200 to $5,000 every quarter from PropertyRoom.com based on the sale of various items, Tarasut said. The money goes into the city's General Fund, which pays for essential services like police and fire protection.

The unit tends to see a lot of bicycles turn up, between 50 to 85 bicycles per quarter. That may be because Santa Monica is a big biking town along with Los Angeles and Marina del Rey, Tarasut said.

Clothing stolen from stores is also put on the auction block if the store no longer wants the threads.

The department makes every effort to try and find the owners before property is sent off to auction, Tarasut said.

In the past bikes have been donated to the Samohi Solar Alliance, which fixes them and donates them to needy kids.

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Police chiefs are ahead of mayors and bureaucrats of cities in using the Internet to auction off items, said Bellomo, adding police chiefs don't want their personnel distracted by a retail auction.

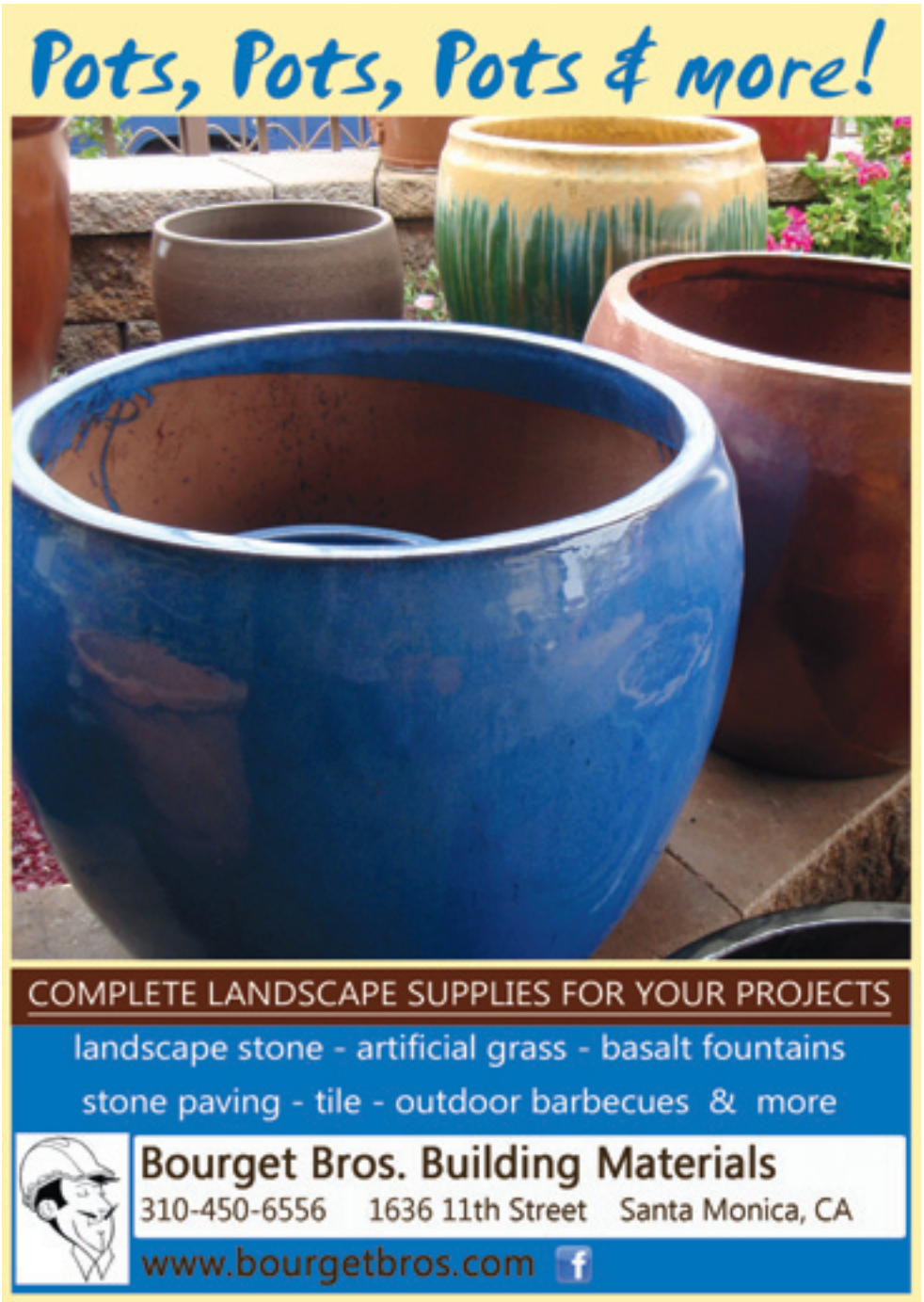
Once the items get onto PropertyRoom.com, anyone from the public can bid on them. The typical opening price for everything, except automobiles, is $1. Automobiles start at $100, Bellomo said. In the event a person notices their item is up for auction on the website, the auction is shut down and the item is returned free of charge. That's happened with class rings, guitars and custom bicycles.

The items aren't arranged for sale under a specific police department on the website because, logistically, it's not practical, Bellomo said.

"From a practical standpoint, they've [police departments] done their job," he said. "We like to say 'we haul away headaches and send back money.' If I was a citizen of Santa Monica, I don't want my police department to be a retail auctioneer. That's not what I want them to be good at."

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9/11 ceremony will be a quiet 'last' for N.Y. mayor

BY JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK When this year's Sept. 11 anniversary ceremony unfolds at ground zero, the mayor who has helped orchestrate the observances from their start will be watching for his last time in office. And saying nothing.

Over his years as mayor and chairman of the National Sept. 11 Memorial & Museum, Michael Bloomberg has sometimes tangled with victims' relatives, religious leaders and other elected officials over an event steeped in symbolism and emotion.

But his administration has largely succeeded at its goal of keeping the commemoration centered on the attacks' victims and their families and relatively free of political image-making. In that spirit, no politicians — including the mayor — were allowed to speak last year or will be this year.

Memorial organizers expect to take primary responsibility for the ceremony next year and say they plan to continue concentrating the event on victims' loved ones, even as the forthcoming museum creates a new, broader framework for remembering 9/11.

"As things evolve in the future, the focus on the remembrance is going to stay sacrosanct," memorial President Joe Daniels says.

At Wednesday's ceremony on the 2-year-old memorial plaza, relatives will again read the names of the nearly 3,000 people who died when hijacked jets crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and near Shanksville, Pa. Readers also will recite the 1993 trade center bombing victims' names.

At the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, where Wednesday's ceremony will include bell-ringing and wreath-laying, officials gathered Tuesday to mark the start of construction on a visitor center. The Pentagon plans a Wednesday morning ceremony for victims' relatives and survivors of the attacks, with wreath-laying and remarks from Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and other officials, and an afternoon observance for Pentagon workers.

Deciding how to mark the anniversary of the worst terror strike in U.S. history was a sensitive task for Bloomberg and other leaders in the months after the attacks, perhaps especially for the then-new mayor. Officials were planning a memorial service for thousands of families from 90 countries, while also setting a tone for how the public would commemorate 9/11.

"That was the challenge that we faced, and it was an enormous one," recalls Jonathan Greenspun, who then was part of Bloomberg's community affairs unit and now is a political consultant. "There was a recognition, by the mayor, that the ceremony had to transcend typical memorial services and the politics that are sometimes associated with them."

Officials fielded about 4,500 suggestions — including a Broadway parade honoring rescue workers and a one-minute blackout of all Manhattan — before crafting a plan centered on reading names at ground zero.

"Our intent is to have a day of observances that are simple and powerful," Bloomberg said as he and then-Gov. George Pataki announced the plans in 2002.

For years, the ceremonies did include politicians reading names and texts, and Bloomberg made remarks that over the years touched on Hurricane Katrina, the 2005 London subway bombings and the Biblical King David's grief at the death of his son Absolom, among other topics.

Bloomberg's role hasn't always been comfortable, especially for a mayor whose brisk, pragmatic personality and early criticisms of the memorial struck some victims' relatives as insensitive.

When the ceremony was shifted to nearby Zuccotti Park in 2007 because of rebuilding at the trade center site, some victims' relatives threatened to boycott the occasion.

The lead-up to the 10th anniversary brought pressure to invite more political figures and to include clergy in the ceremony. And when Bloomberg mentioned the idea of ending the name-reading the next year, some of the relatives were aghast.

By next year's anniversary, Bloomberg will be out of office, and the museum is expected to be open beneath the memorial plaza.

While the memorial honors those killed, the museum is intended to present a broader picture of 9/11, including the experiences of survivors and first responders.

But the organizers expect they "will always keep the focus on the families on the anniversary," Daniels said. "We see ourselves as carrying on a legacy."

That focus was clear as relatives gathered last September on the tree-laden plaza, with a smaller crowd than in some prior years.

After the throng and fervor that attended the 10th anniversary, "there was something very, very different about it," says Charles Wolf, whose wife, Katherine, was killed in the trade center's north tower. "It felt almost cemetery-ish, but not really. It felt natural."

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Thousands to volunteer to honor Sept. 11 victims

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Thousands of volunteers will honor Sept. 11 victims on Wednesday with good deeds performed around the globe.

The anniversary of the terror attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people 12 years ago was designated a National Day of Service and Remembrance in 2009. This year, a constellation of volunteer networks around the world will spread goodwill through volunteerism to honor those who died.

Public volunteer projects throughout the week in New York, Dallas, Washington, D.C., and other cities will convene at firehouses and fire academies to show gratitude for first responders by painting and cleaning the facilities.

In Boston, the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund is organizing a care package drive for active duty military service members and homeless veterans. In Seattle, the nonprofit group Habitat for Humanity is organizing special interfaith building ceremony.

It's impossible to say just how many people will participate but thousands have pledged to perform a good deed on Sept. 11 on the website 911day.org.

"We get about 50,000 posts each year from people saying what good deeds they're going to do for 9/11," said David Paine, who helped found the day of service in 2002 with his friend Jay Winuk, whose brother was killed at the World Trade Center. "This week alone, we had 19,000 posted on our website."

People have promised to give blood, donate books, pass out blankets at homeless shelters and volunteer at soup kitchens, among other things. One man is flying from Los Angeles to Boston handing out Starbucks gift cards to the flight crew, Paine said.

"It's very inspiring, to be honest with you," Paine said. "Our goal all along was just that something good would come from the day."

Quiet, not stormy, weather for U.S. so far this year

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON After a couple of years of wild, deadly and costly weather, the United States is mostly getting a lucky break this year. So far.

Summer is almost over, and as of Tuesday morning, not a single hurricane had formed this year. Tornado activity in 2013 is also down around record low levels, while heat waves are fewer and milder than last year, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Meteorologists credit luck, shifts in the high-altitude jet stream, and African winds and dust.

"It's been great," said Deke Arndt, climate monitoring chief for NOAA's National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C. "I hope that we ride this pattern out through this year and following years."

There have been eight tropical storms in the Atlantic. Not one has reached the 74 mph wind threshold to become a hurricane, though Tropical Storm Humberto off the coast of Africa is likely to become one soon.

If Humberto stays a tropical storm through 8 a.m. EDT Wednesday, it will be the latest date for the first hurricane of the season since satellites started watching the seas in 1967, according to the National Hurricane Center.

This year, overall storm activity in the Atlantic — an index that combines number and strength — is about one-fifth the average. That's despite warmer-than-normal seas, which usually fuel storms.

It has also been a record of nearly eight years since a major hurricane — one with winds of 110 mph — blew ashore in the United States. That was Hurricane Wilma, which hit Florida in October 2005.

Meteorologists say dry, stable and at times dusty air blowing from Africa is choking storms instead of allowing them to grow. On top of that, shifts in the jet stream — the same river of air some blame for wild weather in 2011 and 2012 — have caused dry air and wind shear, which interfere with storm formation, said Gerry Bell of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

Plain old random chance is also a big factor, said MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel.

"Nobody's complaining," said former National Hurricane Center director Max Mayfield.

Bell and NOAA last month forecast a 70 percent chance of a busier-than-normal hurricane season, with six to nine hurricanes and 13 to 19 named storms. Bell said he is sticking with that forecast because it was just an unusually slow August, adding: "There's going to be more hurricanes; that's just a fact."

People shouldn't let their guard down because several past seasons have started off slow and ended quite busy and deadly — 1967, 1984, 1988, 1994 and 2002, said Ryan Maue, a meteorologist with the private firm Weather Bell. Hurricane season starts in June and runs through the end of November

"All it takes is one bad hurricane to ruin an otherwise quiet hurricane season," said Weather Underground meteorology director Jeff Masters, a former hurricane hunter. "Recall that last year's worst storm — Hurricane Sandy — didn't occur until the third week of October."

In the nation's heartland this year, tornadoes are flirting with a record for the fewest, with just a bit more than half the normal number of nearly 1,300 twisters reported by mid-September. A shift in the jet stream is credited.

While the West has seen heat waves and major wildfires, the summer heat overall hasn't been nearly oppressive and extensive as last year's record-setter. Last year, weather stations around the U.S. set more than 59,000 heat-related records through Sept. 9. This year they have set 21,254.

In 2011, the U.S. had 14 weather disasters that cost at least $1 billion. Last year it was 11. While NOAA hasn't counted them yet this year, the number is far lower, but includes two terrible Oklahoma tornadoes, meteorologists said.

National Weather Service Director Louis Uccellini said climate change tends to push the world toward more extreme weather, but sometimes natural variability pulls the weather more back to normal, and this is one of those years for much of the U.S. However, China, Japan and Korea have had many extremes, especially heat waves, Masters said. And Uccellini has one big warning: "This year is not over yet."

Russia chemical arms plan upends Syria showdown

BY BRIAN MURPHY
Associated Press

A Russian-brokered proposal to place Syria's chemical arsenal under international control for eventual destruction would resonate far beyond Damascus and highlight the stakes at play among Assad's friends, foes and nervous bystanders struggling with the complexities of Syria's civil war.

A look at the possible winners and losers under Moscow's 11th hour plan:

ASSAD'S ALLIES

Syria's main backers Iran and Russia have strongly opposed Western military retaliation over a suspected sarin gas attack on Aug. 21 — questioning the West's contention that Assad's forces were to blame instead of rebels, and warning of an even wider conflict in the Middle East. Both countries would certainly emerge claiming victory in the latest brinksmanship.

For Moscow, it means recognition of its role as an international mediator that can do more than just try to block Western initiatives at the U.N. Security Council. It also drives home the importance of Russian participation in any future efforts to negotiate an end to Syria's civil war, which has claimed more than 100,000 lives. Syria remains Russia's main foothold in the Middle East and an important Mediterranean port.

Russian President Vladimir Putin repeatedly stressed that his nation is an essential player in the Syrian crisis and can — if its interests demand — work with the U.S. and others on potential solutions. U.S. President Barack Obama said the Russian proposal had been raised during his 20-minute meeting with Putin on the sidelines of last week's G-20 summit in St. Petersburg.

Iran has even more on the line. It depends on Syria as its linchpin Arab world partner and a pathway to Iran's proxy militia, Hezbollah in Lebanon. Anything that could weaken Assad's hold on power is seen with deep unease in Tehran. But while the Islamic Republic often trumpets its loyalty to Assad, it has gradually put forth the idea that the leader is expendable but his power structure is not. Iran has proposed peace initiatives — rejected by rebels — that would allow elections that could oust Assad but leave intact key elements of his Iran-friendly rule.

Iran's quandary over Assad has been compounded by the alleged government-backed chemical attack. Iranian troops suffered chemical clouds during the 1980-88 war with Saddam Hussein's Iraq and the deaths and suffering of veterans is a centerpiece of Iran's commemorations of the conflict.

SYRIA

Assad's choices bring together survival and surrender.

The Russian plan would allow the Syrian leader to avoid the damage that U.S.-led strikes, no matter how narrow and limited, would certainly inflict on a Syrian military already stretched thin and under tremendous strain from a more than two-year civil war. It also would block a possible stepped up rebel offensive linked to any Western military action.

Yet Assad would be forced to relinquish his chemical arms stocks and open the door to possible deeper international probes into the extent of his wider arsenal as inspectors look for chemical stores. The Syrian opposition accuses the regime of using such weapons on several occasions, but the casualties from such purported attacks have been a mere fraction of the total death toll in the conflict.

Some critics have called Assad's quick support of the Russian plan a potential stalling tactic, allowing him to quell Western debate over military action while drawing out the process of actually turning over the chemical stocks. In any case, Assad has benefited in the past from unexpected directions, including al-Qaida inspired militants joining the rebellion and raising concern in the West about whether extremist forces could gain ground if Assad was toppled.

WASHINGTON AND ALLIES

Obama led the calls for military action in partnership with European allies, but also with the knowledge that support was weak at home for another U.S. strike in the Middle East.

The Russian plan provides Washington with something of a dignified retreat. Obama can claim that the threat of American-led attacks had a double effect: Forcing Assad to promise to give up his chemical weapons and admit to the world he possessed such an arsenal. The White House also can say its muscle prompted Russia into quick action to move its plan beyond just words. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Tuesday that his country was working out the details with Syria. Russia would then finalize the plan with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The diplomatic energy allows Obama to shift his message to Congress. Instead of trying to sell a military strike that has limited public support, he can let the current initiatives move ahead and possibly avoid a political collision course. Sixty-one percent of Americans want Congress to vote against authorization of military strikes in Syria, according to an Associated Press poll. The poll, taken Sept. 6-8, had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

Since the Russian proposal emerged earlier this week, Obama has been in near constant contact with French President Francois Hollande and British Prime Minister David Cameron, who also would be handed the equivalent of a political escape clause after being deeply embarrassed last month when parliament rejected his call to back the possible military strikes.

REBELS AND THEIR BACKERS

On its surface, the deal was aimed at providing protection for the opposition by preventing chemical attacks against them. But rebel factions are left potentially disappointed that, after more than two years, the West would not commit to even limited military strikes against Assad. The main opposition group had been hoping the chemical weapons allegations would prove a tipping point to provoke military strikes from abroad that would shift the balance in the war of attrition between rebels and Assad's forces. The Syrian National Coalition has dismissed the Assad government's turnaround as a maneuver to escape punishment for a crime against humanity.

The Russian plan will likely force the rebels to increasingly look to key backers in the Western-backed Persian Gulf states, led by Qatar and Saudi Arabia, as their most reliable and predictable backers. Delaying or calling off potential military strikes is also likely to be met with disapproval by Washington's Arab allies in the Gulf, which have been funneling money and arms shipments to the rebels.

ISRAEL

Though Israel was among those most supportive of a military strike on Syria — and some Israeli politicians have already voiced skepticism about the effectiveness of Russia's proposal — Israel appeared generally pleased with the emerging deal.

The government hasn't commented publicly, but officials speaking anonymously to Israeli media said Syria's agreement to give up its chemical weapons is a direct result of the American threat and sends a strong message to Iran — that only a credible military option can truly deter. Israel hopes that just as Syria folded when faced with military might, so will Iran and ultimately abandon its nuclear program.

David Shain, an expert in international relations who specializes in Iran, wrote Tuesday in the Maariv daily that for Israel the main upside is that Assad's chemical weapons will no longer be able to threaten it. "The only ones who won't be happy about accepting the Russian proposal are the citizens of Syria," he wrote. "It's clear to everyone that accepting the proposal will mean more of the brutal Syrian civil war."

Israel's Justice Minister Tzipi Livni neither welcomed nor rejected the Russian proposal, but said that the threat of force should remain on the table no matter what becomes of Syria's weapons arsenal.

Associated Press writers Ryan Lucas in Beirut, and Aron Heller and Tia Goldenberg in Jerusalem contributed to this report.







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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **63.5°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New SSW swell fills in late as old SW swell eases

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
New SSW swell builds further - slightly larger sets for standout late in the day

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
SSW swell tops out - plus sets for standout focal points; potential small NW swell blending in

SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
SSW Swell holds; minor NW swell easing; larger sets for standouts

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 **September 4, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / xx
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / xx

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

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

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
- **xx** -- no sample taken

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Billie Jean King celebrates 40th ahead of her 70th

BY MELISSA MURPHY
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK For Billie Jean King, 70 is the new 40.

The tennis great, who turns 70 in November, has been celebrating the 40th anniversary of equal prize money at the U.S. Open, the formation of the WTA tour and her victory against Bobby Riggs in the "Battle of the Sexes" match.

King was 29 when she accomplished those feats in 1973. On Tuesday, PBS highlighted her career with the national premiere of "American Masters: Billie Jean King."

The series' first profile of a sports figure focuses on the professional tennis tour's start amid the women's movement and features interviews with Gloria Steinem, Chris Evert, King's doubles partner Rosie Casals and her brother Randy Moffitt, a former pitcher for the San Francisco Giants.

Thanks to King's efforts decades ago, Serena Williams earned a check for $2.6 million — the same as Rafael Nadal — for winning the U.S. Open last weekend.

Here's a five-part Q-and-A with King, who these days is giving tips to young tennis players Sloane Stephens and Victoria Duval:

Q: You received about two-thirds less in prize money for winning Wimbledon in 1968 compared with Rod Laver. What kind of leverage did it take to get equal prize money at the U.S. Open in 1973?

A: The U.S. Open was way ahead of its time, actually, compared to how long it took the other three majors to come around (Wimbledon last in 2007). We did it quietly, behind the scenes. There were two sponsors who said they would make it equal — they would put in the money to make up the difference. I said, "Now we're talking, because now we're talking business."

Q: Why were sports an effective way to express what the women's movement was about in the 1970s, especially the tennis match you won against Riggs?

A: I talk about feminists, how they were all from the neck up in the '70s. This was not from the neck up, it was the whole body. It's very important for people to trust their bodies. It was the first time women started to think about all of themselves, instead of just their brains. It's really about their physicality. Sports are very different from other performing arts because you can't rehearse, you have an opponent and you sweat.

Q: You wanted the men's and women's tours to team up in the 1970s. Why do you believe the WTA managed to flourish and become a successful global enterprise that now offers $118 million in total prize money for 54 events in 33 countries?

A: I think because we had to and we showed that there is a market for women's sports. This wasn't really about me and the few of us, this was about the future generations. We had great early leadership.

Did I want the men and women together to have one voice? Absolutely. But the men rejected us and that's life and so you go to Plan B. Everybody pulled together eventually and we made it happen.

We also have a mentoring program, which I think is really important for the women. I do a power hour, two sessions every U.S. Open. They bring in a lot of the young players, our future top 10 or 20. We talk about the history, we connect. As rookies, they have to learn the history of the WTA. All of those things combined add up to the cohesiveness that we have as women athletes in the WTA.

Q: What are your thoughts on gay rights in Russia and a possible boycott ahead of the Sochi Olympics?

A: You have to ask the athletes and whatever they decide. I've talked to some of them and they're trying to figure out what's best. They believe in no discrimination at all, in anything, especially sexual orientation.

I'm not the athlete trying to go there and win a medal in the Winter Olympics. I can't walk in their shoes, exactly. I personally, as an athlete, would be very happy not to go to protest. But am I doing more good by going and being there or doing things with it or am I better off not to? That's always the challenge.

The LGBT community, it's the civil rights issue of the 21st century, at least the first half of it. We're at the tipping point.

Q: Could you have imagined the accomplishments in your life?

A: I knew as a youngster I wanted to be No. 1 in tennis. I knew by 12 my platform would be tennis, but my real life was going to be wrapped around equality and social justice. I felt like I had a tremendous sense of destiny. I don't know why.

As King points out in the documentary, "I know I'm very idealistic. I'm off the charts on it. But that's OK — I think that's what keeps me going. I've been yelling and screaming that I've got one big thing left in me."

City of Santa Monica

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Ordinance Number 2438 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2438, which was adopted by the Santa Monica City Council on August 27, 2013:

Ordinance Number 2438 amends the Municipal Code to expand the protections available to domestic partners by ensuring that they have the maximum protections against eviction that are afforded by both state and local law.

Ordinance Number 2438 will become effective thirty days after its adoption. The full text of the ordinance is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone 310 458-8211.

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Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Prisoners (R) 2 hrs 26 min
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

This Is The End (R) 1hr 47min
1:15pm, 7:15pm

World's End (R) 1hr 49min
1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Lee Daniels' The Butler (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Jobs (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
4:15pm, 10:00pm

Grandmaster (Yi dai zong shi) (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

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

Elysium (R) 1hr 49min
11:25am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Planes (PG) 1hr 32min
11:00am, 1:25pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

Getaway (PG-13) 1hr 34min
11:40am, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

We're the Millers (R) 1hr 50min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Closed Circuit (R) 1hr 36min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

One Direction: This Is Us in 3D (PG) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Riddick (R) 1hr 59min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:55pm, 10:45pm

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

Spectacular Now (R) 1hr 35min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Way, Way Back (PG-13) 1hr 43min
1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Blue Jasmine (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

TV Man (NR)
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

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HANG OUT TONIGHT, LIBRA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A partner seems to go from being remote to being friendly, and you'll like the transformation. Communication will open up and create good feelings. Tonight: Be entertained.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might think that others are taking charm pills, as they are so agreeable and easy-going. You also could find that certain key people are more attractive and interesting than usual. Tonight: Go with someone else's choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Defer to others, and they will show their appreciation in a way that pleases you. Your high energy often is a draw, yet some people might find it difficult not to feel drained. You are full of fun around a close friend. This person appreciates this quality in you. Tonight: Where people are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Listen to your inner voice when dealing with someone whom you see daily. Follow through, because this person might need a special "hello." Be aware of the importance of the role of this person in your life. Tonight: Off to the gym, or get some other form of exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You beam, and others can't help but respond. As a result, both your personal and professional interactions will gain intensity. A conversation could provide an opening for you to ask for a raise or some kind of similar benefit. Tonight: Why not celebrate the moment?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Honor your feelings rather than do what you should. As a result, you might prevent a problem from occurring. Obligations can be a problem, especially if your feelings are pointing you in a different direction. Your self-discipline is admirable. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You naturally offer good conversation, give sage advice and enjoy being around others. Today, your people skills will break down a barrier that has existed for too long. You might be surprised by the other party's reaction. Tonight: Hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ When it comes to shopping and spending, it would appear that you have on rose-colored glasses that prevent you from seeing the consequences of your actions. Something's value might not be enough of a reason to purchase it. Tonight: In the mood to indulge a little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You have reason to be upbeat: The winds of good fortunate are blowing in your direction. A partner could be very challenging at this point, but you will choose to take his or her focus in a positive way and simply respond. How smart! Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to reassess your involvement with someone who is very difficult to access and who could have many problems. In this case, think long and hard before making a decision. Tonight: Visit with a dear friend or family member, even if it is just through Skype!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might see past the obvious yet choose to say little. You could feel so challenged by a situation that you'll think it is best not to reveal your vulnerability. Tonight: Join your friends. Do not be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Some of the tension you feel now could be the result of you trying to please someone who has no interest in being pleased right now. This person might prefer to be critical and difficult. Tonight: Up late.

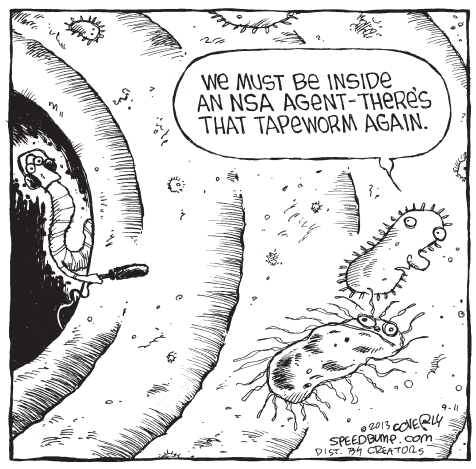
Wednesday, September 11, 2013

This year you move in a new direction, and you'll be more open to being approached. As you gain an inner sense of well-being, you will become more trusting. If you are single, you don't need to work on meeting someone -- it will happen naturally. You might need to discern whether a potential suitor is emotionally available. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from spending a lot of time together. Plan at least one special vacation for just the two of you. SAGITTARIUS is a daredevil.

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

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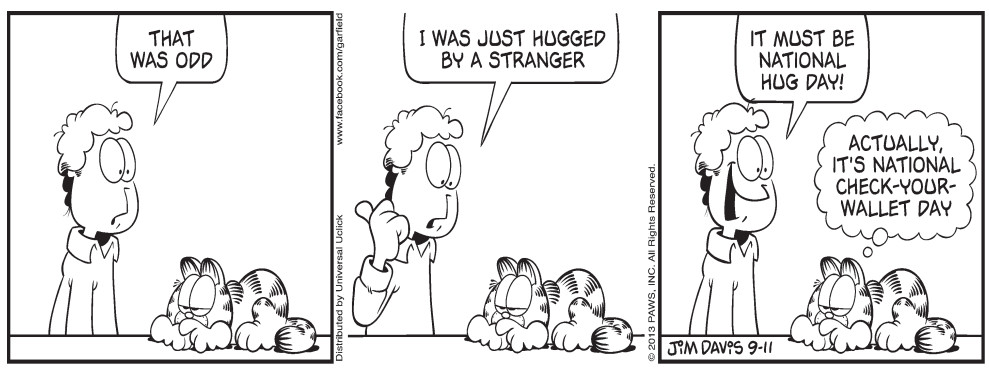
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The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

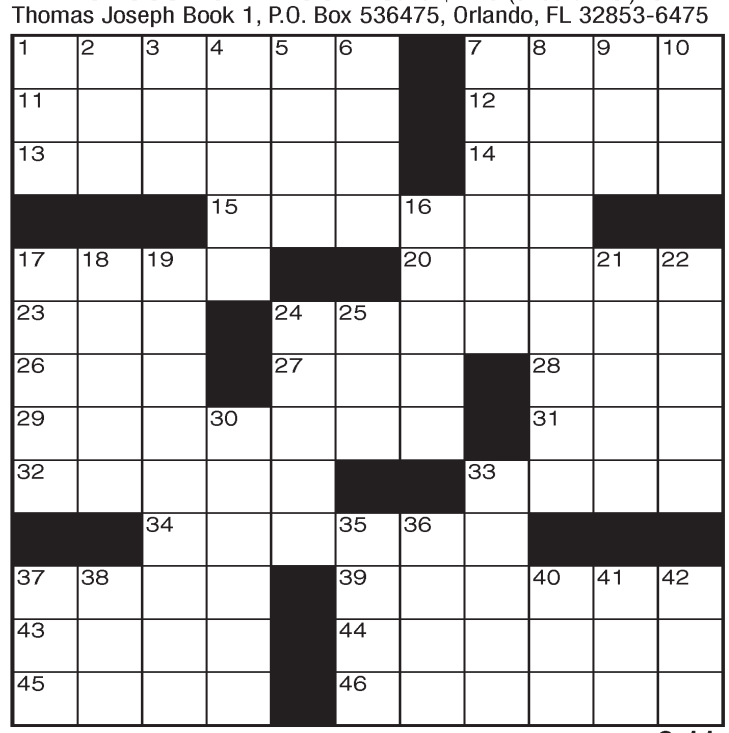
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7 Tattoo site
11 Artemis' twin
12 Refer to
13 Change the title of
14 To boot
15 Sports-caster Howard
17 Ailing
20 Suit pieces
23 Writer Tarbell
24 "Darn!"
26 Sushi choice
27 Sought a seat
28 Groom's answer
29 Ship kitchens
31 Ruin
32 Commer-cial cow
33 Ship's wheel
34 So far
37 Investor's hope
39 Make definite, as plans
43 High point
44 Kindle
45 Banana leftover
46 Provide

DOWN
1 Watering hole
2 Clumsy fellow
3 Heir, often
4 Not taut
5 Sesame Street youngster
6 Low digits
7 Justice symbol
8 Occupies oneself while waiting
9 "— a deal!"
10 Fresh: Prefix
16 Country singer Sara
17 Prolonged attack
18 Perfect
19 Asks for a break in play
21 Kind of wave or basin
22 Tempest
24 Dog show category
25 Place down
30 Music's Hampton
33 Wading bird
35 Miles off
36 Bike part
37 Ravine
38 Tennis feat
40 Coffee, in slang
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
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■ An Anglican parishioner complained in August about the "blasphemous" bumper sticker she saw on the car of Rev. Alice Goodman of Cambridge, England, but Rev. Goodman immediately defended it as not irreligious (although, she conceded, perhaps "vulgar"). The sticker read "WTFWJD?" which is a play on the popular evangelical Christian slogan "WWJD?" -- "What Would Jesus Do?" ("WTF" is a vulgar but omnipresent acronym on the Internet.) Rev. Goodman pointed out that even Dr. Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, seemed not to be shocked by her sticker when he saw it.

■ Actually, That's Why She's in Trouble: In August, a federal judge in Seattle sentenced Alicia Cruz, 31, to four years in prison for violating court-ordered drug treatment stemming from a 2011 conviction for stealing the identities of more than 300 people. Cruz had won a second chance (drug treatment, instead of prison) by convincing the judge that she was no longer a crook -- that this time, she would abandon her identity-theft life and go straight. Added Cruz, "I'm a different person now."

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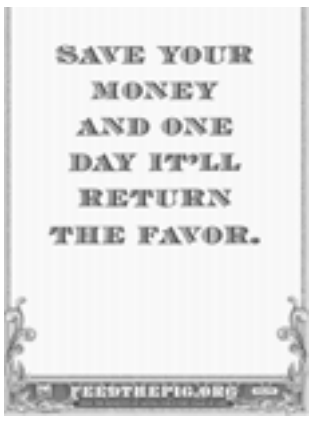
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