Whitey Bulger, Boston gangster, found slain in prison at 89

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Associated Press

James "Whitey" Bulger, the murderous Boston gangster who benefited from a corrupt relationship with the FBI before spending 16 years as one of America’s most wanted men, was slain in federal prison. He was 89.

Bulger was found unresponsive Tuesday morning at the U.S. penitentiary in West Virginia where he'd just been transferred, and a medical examiner declared him dead shortly afterward, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Authorities did not immediately release a cause of death, but Justin Tarovisky, a prison union official, told The Associated Press it was being investigated as a homicide.

Bulger, the model for Jack Nicholson’s ruthless crime boss in the 2006 Martin Scorsese movie, “The Departed,” led a largely Irish mob that ran loan-sharking, gambling and drug rackets. He also was an FBI informant who ratted on the New England mob, his gang’s main rival, in an era when bringing down the Mafia was a top national priority for the FBI.

Bulger’s rap sheet started as a juvenile, and he spent three years in Alcatraz, the infamous island prison off San Francisco.

Bulger fled Boston in late 1994 after his FBI handler, John Connolly Jr., warned him he was about to be indicted. With a $2 million reward on his head, Bulger was one of the FBI’s “Ten Most Wanted” criminals, with a place just below Osama bin Laden.

There was no love lost for Bulger on the Boston streets he once ruled.

Accommodations available for voters with kids

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Parents take their young children to school every day, but they might not know they can bring them along when their schools become polling places on Election Day.

Studies show that among the 6.2 million eligible voters in Los Angeles County, parents of young children is one of the demographics with low voter turnout, according to First 5 LA, a public early childhood advocacy organization. Researchers say parents of young children often forgo voting because of obstacles to finding childcare or the difficulty of managing a child’s behavior in long lines at polling places.

But what some California parents may not know is that state law allows them to bring their under-18 children to the polling place and into the voting booth.

First 5 LA is trying to raise awareness about voting accommodations that can benefit parents, such as voting by mail or surrendering their early ballot at the polling place to avoid long lines. The organization is also publicizing the free rides available from Metro and Lyft on Election Day as a resource for parents.

“It’s a wonderful example parents can provide for their children,” said First 5 LA’s Isabel Tarovisky. “It’s about using the resources that are available to us as a society.”

Officials: Pipe-bomb suspect had hit list of targets

CURT ANDERSON & MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

Law enforcement officials aren’t sure whether they’ve discovered the last of the pipe bombs mailed to prominent Democrats and other opponents of President Donald Trump. They’ve said the packages were staggered, and more could be on the way.

Malibu school-site consolidation on upcoming school board agenda

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

As Malibu continues to advocate for district autonomy, the possible school district to the west has some schools looking for autonomy, too.

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Wednesday, Oct. 31

GED/HiSET Prep Class
Get prepared to take the Language Arts sub-topic of the GED or HiSET. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Halloween Horror Movie: Get Out (2017)
Celebrate Halloween with a screening of this nerve-jangling horror film, the story of a young man who goes home with his girlfriend to meet her parents, but is unprepared for the disturbing truth behind their welcoming facade. (105 min.) Fairview Branch Library 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Halloween Mini-Carnival
Come in costume to play games, make crafts and have some spook-tacular fun before you trick-or-treat down Montana Avenue. For families. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 2 – 4 p.m.

Baby Story Time
Story time series for babies 0-17 months. A ticket is required to attend. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, 15 minutes before the program, at the Information Desk. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 11:15 – 11:35 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 1

Sugar Skull Decorating
Decorate ceramic skulls and learn about the history of sugar skull art, used to celebrate Day of the Dead. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before the program. Ages 4 - 10. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 4 – 5 p.m.

Remember Me: Día de los Muertos Altar
Bring a picture to add to the día de los muertos altar and honor those who have passed away. Draw a picture of their favorite food, drink, or activity, and make a paper flower. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 1 – 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 2

Guest House open
Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 4 – 7 p.m. http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture

Saturday, Nov. 3

News Media Literacy Boot Camp
Need help separating fact from fiction? BuzzFeed researcher Rachel Schnitzer leads a discussion about the public’s relationship with news media and shows you how to interpret the news using tools available through the Center for Media Literacy. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 – 3 p.m.
**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**Citywide**

**Tesla’s Musk buys about $10M in company stock**

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has added nearly $10 million worth of company stock to his portfolio.

**Los Angeles**

**US scholar awarded $1 million Berggruen Prize for philosophy**

U.S. philosopher and scholar Martha Nussbaum is the winner of this year’s $1 million Berggruen Prize for philosophy and culture.

**Sacramento**

**Audit: California paid $4B in questionable Medi-Cal claims**

California paid at least $4 billion over four years in questionable Medi-Cal premiums and claims because it failed to follow up on eligibility discrepancies, according to an audit released Tuesday.

**Monterey**

**1,000 brooding octopuses found off California coast**

Scientists exploring the sea floor off the coast of central California found more than 1,000 octopuses tucked between rocks with their tentacles inverted and covering clusters of white eggs—a pose common among brooding females.

**Pasadena**

**Pasadena suspicious object was container for hiding drugs**

An investigation of a Southern California bomb scare took an unusual turn with more than 1,000 octopuses tucked between rocks with their tentacles inverted and covering clusters of white eggs—a pose common among brooding females.

**Pico Blvd**

**SMC Student and Campus Leaders Hold Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Pittsburgh Synagogue Massacre Victims**

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**Pico Blvd**

**SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH**

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Rabbi Eli Levitansky of Chabad of Santa Monica; the Rev. Eric Shafer, Senior Pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Santa Monica; SMC student Mustafa Abdulla Seth of the Muslim Student Association; and Ira Roohani of the Santa Monica Baha’i Center participated, sharing messages of solidarity—derived mostly from the scripture of their respective faiths—against hate, and speaking of love, comfort and peace.

AS President Isabel Rodriguez read out the names of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting victims and led the crowd in a moment of silence. She stated that the service also honored the memory of the two victims who lost their lives in a Kroger grocery store shooting in Jefferson, Kentucky on Oct. 24.

Rabbi Levitansky led the student and campus leaders in a ceremonial lighting of candles in memory of the victims. SMC Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery shared with the audience a message she had sent to friends and colleagues in the wake of the news.

"I was stunned that, yet again, another community had been targeted by . . . another senseless act of hatred, bigotry, and careless disregard for human life," she said. "I am saddened that you are touched in any way by this act of hate and violence . . . we have so much work to do to bridge divides of all kinds. However, I am convinced [that] the task, though daunting, is doable. We are together in this world we share. Some of us like that fact more than others. May we all be protected and guided safely on our journey forward. We still have so much good to accomplish."
DEPRESSED?

Plenty of good reasons, many in your own backyard (where burglars got in, or the front sidewalk you can no longer safely walk down, or the driveway you can no longer get your car out of...)? Fatigued? Paranoid?!! You know what they say about feeling paranoid: if you don’t, you’re not paying enough attention.

If I were Jewish, I think I would have to find some ancient path to keeping my sanity these days. Thousands of years of this horrible unthinkable lethal nonsense crap, and here it comes again? The Holocaust didn’t shock all humanity into... humanity, once and for all? Humans have short memories (thus the necessity of “Never Forget!”), and in their casual and foolhardy ignorance too many humans seek out revised history, something they can like better than what really happened.

Brazil just elected a Trump stand-in who denigrates women and minorities (don’t forget: women are not a minority, they’re just treated that way). Sadly, I could go through a list of nations that have been swerving right now for all the wrong reasons, and they leave tire tracks on their local enemies (“of the people?”) Only time will tell.

They say that political leanings in this country are likeブランドルム when it swings too far in one direction it swings back. I’m not so sure anymore.

“OUR SYSTEM IS COMPLETELY BROKEN” — my well-informed and wise 20-something daughter declared this morning, not for the first time, upon hearing some latest bit of depressing news. I couldn’t disagree with her, but offered that I felt the structure is worth saving, even with serious flaws in the foundation.

For a lit’l ol’ example, only white male property owners got to vote and run for office in the beginning of USA; the foundation was cemented with the slavery — slavery — of certain humans for the economic gain of certain others. It took a horribly bloody civil war to change that because half the country would fight and die to keep those certain humans enslaved, and the persistent ugly echoes to this day are our biggest national weakness and shame. And look how long it took to give women just the “right” to vote. Still not paying them enough, or giving them equal protection under the law.

OK, I do have a blueprint for fixing the whole thing, not going to roll it out here but let’s just say, emphatically, that it begins with wresting power from Trump and his traitorous, cowardly, Putin-pushing puppets in Washington. We’ve wait to see if the Mango Mussolini would let’s just say, emphatically, that it begins with wresting power from Trump and his traitorous, cowardly, Putin-pushing puppets in Washington. We’ve wait to see if the Mango Mussolini would let’s just say, emphatically, that it begins with wresting power from Trump and his traitorous, cowardly, Putin-pushing puppets in Washington. We’ve wait to see if the Mango Mussolini would let’s just say, emphatically, that it begins with wresting power from Trump and his traitorous, cowardly, Putin-pushing puppets in Washington. We’ve wait to see if the Mango Mussolini would let’s just say, emphatically, that it begins with wresting power from Trump and his traitorous, cowardly, Putin-pushing puppets in Washington. We’ve wait to see if the Mango Mussolini would let’s just say, emphatically, that it begins with wresting power from Trump and his traitorous, cowardly, Putin-pushing puppets in Washington. We’ve wait to see if the Mango Mussolini would let’s just say, emphatically, that it begins with wresting power from Trump and his traitorous, cowardly, Putin-pushing puppets in Washington. We’ve wait to see if the Mango Mussolini would let’s just say, emphatically, that it begins with wresting power from Trump and his traitorous, cowardly, Putin-pushing puppets in Washington. We’ve wait to see if the Mango Mussolini would let’s just say, emphatically, that it begins with wresting power from Trump and his traitorous, cowardly, Putin-pushing puppets in Washington. We’ve wait to see if the Mango Mussolini would

CORRECTION: An insignificant one, perhaps, but I always intend to get it right. I repeated the inaccurate that all the members of the Rent Control Board are lawyers, and I would bullet vote for the non-incumbent candidate who was not and was the only apartment owner (triplex). I don’t know why I even mentioned the lawyers, except to further set apart that candidate, but I was really off; there are two (21) non-lawyers on the board at this time. I don’t personally, like Shakespeare, condemn all lawyers. I know one or two who are decent folk (of course, they’re retired), I’ve been talking people for the last year that olde Will got it wrong: he should have opined, Kill all the Bankers.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically shaped to think in only one direction. I refuse to accept the view that mankind will ever see things only in one dimension, that man is single-minded and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 32 years and wouldn’t live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love for rebuke to him at therealmusic@gmail.com
The disclosure of the list came as 56-year-old Cesar Sayoc made his initial court appearance in Miami federal court Monday, and after bomb squads were called to a post office in Atlanta about a suspicious mailing, authorities have said they identified him through fingerprint and DNA evidence. He faces more than 50 years in prison if convicted on all charges. None of the bombs exploded and no one was injured.

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The FBI said via its Twitter account that one of its editors was on a list of potential targets of the mail-bomb suspect. Later that day, an envelope addressed to CNN President Jeff Zucker says all mail was opened by New York police, and showing rifle crosshairs over liberals including Clinton, commentator Van Jones and filmmaker Michael Moore. Sayoc was arrested Friday outside a South Florida auto parts store after investigators said they identified him through fingerprint and DNA evidence. He faces more than 50 years in prison if convicted on all charges. None of the bombs exploded and no one was injured.

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ENDORSEMENTS LIST - NOVEMBER 6, 2018

US Senate: Kevin de Leon
US House: Ted Lieu
State Senate: Ben Allen
State Assembly: Richard Bloom
Gubernatorial: Gavin Newsom
Attorney General: Xavier Becerra
Secretary of State: Alex Padilla
Controller: Betty Yee
Treasurer: Fiona Ma
Insurance Commissioner: Ricardo Lara
Superintendent of Public Instruction: Tony Thurmond

City Council:
- Sue Mimmackrih
- Kevin Keown
- Greg Morrison
- Mayor

Rent Control Board:
- Nicole Phillips
- Naomi Sultan
- Steve Duran

Statewide Ballot Measures:
- Prop 1 - YES
- Prop 2 - YES
- Prop 3 - NO
- Prop 4 - YES
- Prop 5 - NO
- Prop 6 - NO
- Prop 7 - YES
- Prop 8 - YES
- Prop 9 - YES
- Prop 10 - YES
- Prop 11 - NO
- Prop 12 - YES

State Senator:
- Alex Padilla

US Senator:
- Richard Blumenthal

Local Ballot Measures:
- YES on TL
- YES on SMS
- YES on W

Our club meets monthly in Santa Monica, always free and open to the public.

To find out about upcoming events or to join, please visit:
santamonicademocrats.com
AGENDA
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Schools into one campus as well as create a separate middle school.

The alignment will also separate Malibu Middle School from Malibu High School, placing the middle school on the soon to be vacant Juan Cabrillo campus. This will give MMS more operating freedom as well as free up space for the reimagined MHS.

According to a staff report, superintendent Dr. Ben Drati and Malibu community members support moving forward with the alignment project this year with operations at the sites to begin at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

District staff believes combining Juan Cabrillo and Point Dume into one campus would be beneficial for many reasons, such as better serving the schools for inquiry and project-based learning and increasing engagement among teachers and students while reducing expenditures of running two small schools (both schools operate with around 200 students).

A staff report says that over time, hopes are that the new combined elementary school campus and Malibu's other elementary school, Webster, will balance their enrollments.

Additionally, hopes are that the alignment will give Malibu's schools more autonomy and identity as well as result in savings due to combining services and staff.

In the alignment, middle school students (Grades 6-8) from MMS would be moved and identity as well as result in savings due to combining services and staff. The permanent phase would replace the portables with two permanent buildings (depending on funding), a two-story Classroom Building and a single-story Administration Building.

Attendance boundaries for schools in Malibu would change due to the consolidation: Point Dume's boundaries would need to be expanded to include all of Juan Cabrillo's existing attendance boundaries. Additionally, Juan Cabrillo's boundaries would be changed to the entirety of Malibu for middle school students.

The district also surveyed the environmental impact of the project, choosing urban planning team PlaceWorks to perform an environmental review before any work begins. Plans found that the alignment project could cause significant environmental impacts which could be decreased significantly with certain mitigation measures. In a public hearing to discuss mitigation measures and the alignment, no comments were received in regards to the environmental impacts or mitigation measures.

Public opinion was overwhelmingly positive for the alignment and Malibu High reimagining at a May 3 board meeting. Many Malibu public speakers and residents praised superintendent Dr. Drati and board member Craig Foster.

One resident added, "[Malibu] haven't felt listened to like this since Neil Schmidt."
**DAILY POLICE LOG**

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 360 Calls For Service On Oct. 29. HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Auto burglary Main/Bay 12:11 a.m.
Person down 300 block Santa Monica Pier 12:42 a.m.
Public intoxication 1300 block Yale 01:55 a.m.
Person w/gun 1500 block Ocean 02:04 a.m.
Public intoxication 1300 block Yale 02:22 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block The Beach 06:28 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block The Beach 07:09 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1300 block Euclid 07:10 a.m.
Burglary attempt 1900 block Main 08:21 a.m.
Battery, 3rd Prom/Broadway 08:28 a.m.
Animal related incident 14th/Santa Monica 08:57 a.m.
Battery 1400 block 2nd 08:58 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 17th 09:39 a.m.
Injured person 800 block 4th 10:38 a.m.
Identity theft 1600 block Main 10:39 a.m.
Encampment 1800 block Ocean 10:59 a.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block 17th 11:24 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 7th/San Vicente 11:26 a.m.
Family disturbance 1200 block Wilshire 11:28 a.m.
Grand theft 100 block Wilshire 11:32 a.m.
Encampment 1000 block The Beach 12:11 p.m.
Grand theft 100 block Santa Monica Pl 12:48 p.m.
Fight 1500 block Lincoln 1:40 p.m.
Public intoxication 4th/Civic Center Dr. 1:40 p.m.
Fight 1500 block Lincoln 1:42 p.m.
Vandalism 1100 block 9th 1:55 p.m.
Battery 1300 block 20th 2:13 p.m.
Animal related incident 1700 block Michigan 2:23 p.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block 17th 2:29 p.m.
Public intoxication 800 block Grant 2:42 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 7th 2:47 p.m.
Family disturbance 1800 block 11th 3:35 p.m.

**DAILY FIRE LOG**

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 25 Calls For Service On Oct. 29. HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Emergency Medical Service 300 block Santa Monica 12:42 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Santa Monica 12:48 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injury Euclid/Michigan 01:38 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 6th 02:15 a.m.
EMS 800 block Bay 04:04 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Franklin 06:21 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2700 block Colorado 07:11 a.m.
EMS 2600 block Kansas 07:39 a.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 08:56 a.m.
EMS 800 block 14th 09:30 a.m.
EMS 800 block 4th 10:38 a.m.
EMS 300 block Colorado 11:13 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 10th/Wilshire 12:34 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 2:53 p.m.
EMS 300 block Colorado 3:37 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 4:04 p.m.
EMS 700 block Wilshire 4:31 p.m.
EMS 1200 block California 5:25 p.m.
EMS 1800 block 20th 5:51 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Palisades Beach 7:00 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 10th 7:39 p.m.
EMS 800 block Lincoln 9:34 p.m.
Automatic alarm 600 block Santa Monica 10:34 p.m.
EMS 800 block 14th 11:50 p.m.
WORD UP!

hocus-pocus
1. unnecessarily mysterious or elaborate activity or talk to cover up a deception, magnify a simple purpose, etc.
2. a meaningless chant or expression used in conjuring or incantation.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S CROSSWORD

Solutions to yesterday’s Sudoku

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.

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Puzzles & Stuff

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAKE

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Mysteries and Stuff

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
A loved one will lean on you, and you’ll likely be glad for the opportunity to be of service. Halloween alter ego: A character from the cartoon “Bob’s Burgers” speaks to the bovine in you. 

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Today’s main feature will arrive with a humble presence and continue to grow in importance. Halloween alter ego: A couple’s costume is the ideal for the twins, for instance, the two sides of an area or a pair of sneakers.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
No one is expecting you to fix all the problems, only to make facing them a little less lonely. Halloween alter ego: A seaside classic is perfect for the crab. Consider the realm of mermaids or “SpongeBob SquarePants.”

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
When you believe something is going to be easy, you make it easy for yourself. So think a good thought, and then open the door. Halloween alter ego: Black Panther, Hello Kitty or any number of feline options.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Loved ones are the best at pushing your buttons because experience has taught them where said buttons are. Halloween alter ego: an earthy nurturer like Mother Earth, Little Bo Peep or Farmer John.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Kindness and acceptance are not only virtues; they are your most useful habits. Halloween alter ego: A political character like lawyer Saul Goodman or a famous judge would be ideal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Expect big things from those in your inner circle. Halloween alter ego: A character from a Halloween movie such as the classic monster Michael Myers or Movis from “Hotel Transylvania.”

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You’ll notice a change in your reasons for doing a job. Halloween alter ego: You will be most satisfyingly complete with a group costume. For instance, going out as the cast of “Catwoman”

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You will upgrade yourself in small but meaningful increments. You identify with the intelligent forces of the universe so your Halloween alter ego is perfectly aligned with Einstein or Edna from “The Incredibles.”

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
There is magic in your voice, so speak up. You’re likely to influence a decision or make a difference. Halloween alter ego: a game character such as Brite Bomber or Dark Voyager from “Fortnite.”

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
If you step back and throw up your hands, you’ll be amazed at how things sort themselves out. Halloween alter ego: A peaceful mood prevails, pointing costume options toward a gentle unicorn or a Bob Ross painting.

Zack Hill
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Jersey shore "SpongeBob SquarePants."
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