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THE FIRST WEEK SOLO ISSUE

SMMUSD to receive more funding for low-income students

BY KRISTEN TAKETA
Special to the Daily Press

SMMUSD Santa Monica's public schools will receive more money for low-income and English-learning students under a new state funding model, detailed in a report released this week by the Legislative Analyst's Office in Sacramento.

The model, called the Local Control Funding Formula, was adopted in late June when Gov. Jerry Brown signed this year's state budget into law.

In the past, some school districts regularly received more money from the state than others. But the new formula will standardize school funding from the state by giving every district the same dollar amount for each student, depending on the student's grade.

All school districts will also receive 20 percent extra funds — anywhere from about $1300 per student to $1700 per student — for each low-income and English-learning student in the district.

Districts with higher numbers of low-income and English-learning students historically receive less funds and have lower student performance rates than other districts, said Edgar Cabral, with the Legislative Analyst's Office.

"(There's a) general understanding that students who are from low-income families do require additional services, and so the formula does that," he said.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified is expected to receive additional funding for about 31 percent of its total student enrollment, or

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'Whitey' Bulger won't testify, calls trial a sham

BY DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON James "Whitey" Bulger called his racketeering trial a "sham" Friday as he revealed he would not testify in his own defense, a decision that prompted a cry of "coward!" from the widow of a man he is accused of killing.

The highly anticipated decision came after Bulger met with his lawyers behind closed doors for about 20 minutes.

After attorney J.W. Carney Jr. announced the decision, Judge Denise Casper asked Bulger if he had consulted with his lawyers and if he was making the decision voluntarily.

With the jury out of the room, Bulger told the judge his decision was made "involuntarily."

"I feel that I've been choked off from having an opportunity to give an adequate defense," he said. "My thing is, as far as I'm concerned, I didn't get a fair trial, and this is a sham, and do what youse [sic] want with me. That's it. That's my final word."

Bulger railed against the judge's decision prohibiting his lawyers from using an immunity defense. Bulger has claimed he received immunity from a now-deceased federal prosecutor, Jeremiah O'Sullivan.

"For my protection of his life, in return, he promised to give me immunity," Bulger told the judge.

Casper ruled before trial that the supposed immunity was not a legal defense to

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

LISTENING IN: **Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks and Sgt. Rudy Camarena sit down for lunch on Friday with foster youth and answer questions about careers in law enforcement.**

Helping foster kids follow their dreams

UCLA-First Star summer program connects youth, City Hall

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL They said the program felt like "home" and being surrounded by family.

Twenty-seven high school-aged foster kids participated in a pilot program — First Star Bruin Guardian Scholars Academy — this summer, which officers high school and college credit courses as well as a slice of college life on the UCLA campus.

Since its inception three years ago, the program admitted 30 students from high schools across L.A. County and will follow them as rising ninth graders until college. Educators said it was an opportunity to be

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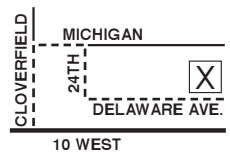
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013

Vets celebrate summer

L.A. VA Healthcare Center
11301 Wilshire Blvd., 12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
The third annual veterans Summer Celebration & Picnic will feature entertainment, live music, guest speakers, food and fellowship on the Grand Lawn of the VA campus. Hosted by Vietnam Veterans of American, Region 9. Former Lakers star James Worthy and U.S. Army Boxing Champion Carlos Palomino are expected to be in attendance. For more information, call (310) 490-6495 or visit www.veteranstoday.com/

Swing with me

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
12 p.m. — 1 p.m.
Relax and listen or get up and dance to the swinging sounds of Big Town in the Main Library's North Courtyard. Big Town specializes in vintage dance music from the swinging 1930s to the soulful '50s. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. For more information on Santa Monica Public Library programs, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

Celebrate the seas

Heal the Bay Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk,
12:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Learn all about the habitats and inhabitants of the Santa Monica Bay this Saturday and Sunday during Ocean Appreciation Weekend. This annual tribute to the ocean — and celebration of the role it plays in our lives — focuses on the four habitats of the Santa Monica Bay: the sandy bottom, the kelp forest, the rocky shore and the open ocean. Admission is free for children 12 and under. For all others, there is a suggested $5 donation or a $3 minimum admission. For groups of 10 or more, admission is $2 per person, regardless of age. For more information about the weekend, visit www.healthebay.org/smpa or call (310) 393-6149.

LEGO lovers unite!

Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
A monthly club for LEGO fans. Come and build with the library's LEGOs or bring your own. For ages 4 and up. For more information call (310) 458-8681.

Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013

Get festive

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m.
The Festival of Chariots, a celebration of Indian culture, will begin at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium parking lot and head down Main Street to Venice Beach. There will be a free feast for thousands, entertainment and exhibits. For more information visit http://lalive.info/fofc/information.html

Food tour

1400 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
If you love food, take a tour of some of Santa Monica's hottest restaurants. During the three-hour tour you will sit down and relax with an interesting mix of people while you enjoy distinctive food and wine. Admission: $59. For more information visit http://destinationfoodtours.com/

Relax on the lawn

Stewart Street Park
1836 Stewart St., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Santa Monica Cultural Affairs present the eighth annual Jazz on the Lawn summer concert series. Bring a picnic, blanket, beach chair, and family and friends of all ages for a sampling of jazz each Sunday in August. This Sunday be entertained by the sounds of Conganas, a Los Angeles-based Latin jazz and salsa quartet with the sound of a full ensemble. The event is free and open to all ages. For more information visit www.smgov.net/jazz

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For more information on any of the events listed, log on to **smdp.com/communitylistings**



Jury recommends life for pirates who killed St. Monica parishioners

BY BROCK VERGAKIS
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. A jury recommended Friday that three Somali pirates be sentenced to life in prison in the slayings of two St. Monica Catholic Church parishioners and their friends aboard a yacht off the coast of Africa.

Prosecutors had sought the death penalty, and 22 of the 26 crimes they were convicted of were death-eligible offenses. But a federal jury in Norfolk, Va., recommended the only other possible sentence for 20-year-old Ahmed Muse Salad, 25-year-old Abukar Osman Beyle and 29-year-old Shani Nurani Shiekh Abrar.

During the sentencing phase of the trial, defense attorneys attempted to raise doubts about the certainty of the crimes the jury had convicted them of. Salad attorney Claire Cardwell noted that nobody was able to definitively say which person shot which victim, and that much of the evidence presented relied on testimony of other convicted pirates. If the jury and the government wanted to dole out justice by taking an eye for an eye, "Which eye, for which eye?" she asked.

Formal sentencing for the men will take place in October and November, and they will face numerous life sentences and additional time.

The three men were among 19 who boarded the Quest in February 2011 several hundred miles off the coast of Somalia in hopes of taking the Americans back to Somalia and ransoming them for millions of dollars. The plan fell apart when the U.S. Navy began shadowing the sailing vessel.

The yacht's owners, Jean and Scott Adam of Marina del Rey, Calif., and their friends, Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay of Seattle, were shot to death a few days after negotiations with the Navy broke down. The Adams were active members at St. Monica's.

"Scott Adam, Jean Adam, Phyllis Macay, and Robert Riggle lost their lives and their families lost their loved ones. Nothing can make this right; nothing can make their families whole again - but we hope today's verdict and sentences will bring some closure to their nightmare that began two years ago on the Indian Ocean," U.S. Attorney Neil H. MacBride said in a statement.


THE ADAMS

The Navy had told the pirates that they could keep the yacht and a small Navy boat in exchange for the hostages, but they refused to take the deal because they didn't believe they would get enough money. The only person authorized to negotiate the Americans' release was also based in Somalia.

With the yacht nearing the Somali coastline, the destroyer USS Sterett began maneuvering between the Quest and the Somali shore when a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at it. Soon after, gunshots were fired on board the Quest. Prosecutors said the murders were planned, as evi-

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Feds pledge to spend more on homeless vets

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

WASHINGTON, DC Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) Eric Shinseki has made a commitment to fund and support an array of services to help homeless veterans in Los Angeles starting next month.

At a meeting this week in U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein's Washington office, attended by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) and L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Shinseki announced he has directed his department to expand housing vouchers for homeless veterans, increase medical outreach workers and have a dedicated homeless center at the West Los Angeles VA facility.

The VA has been under fire from homeless advocates who say the agency has not done enough to treat and house veterans suffering from post traumatic stress disorder and addiction. The ACLU is suing the VA on behalf of homeless veterans who are demanding the VA provide housing and supportive services to the more than 6,000 veterans in L.A. who are homeless on any given night. Housing is critical so

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Crossing the bridges when City Hall gets to them

Planning underway to replace California Incline, Pier Bridge

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVENUE Residents will get a taste of what traffic will feel like around the California Incline next year when northbound lanes from Ocean Avenue to Pacific Coast Highway close next week to repair potholes.

Although construction to completely replace the incline won't begin until the latter part of next year and in 2016 for the Santa Monica Pier Bridge, which also needs replacing, city officials say they are trying to keep construction headaches and congestion to a minimum.

Both bridges don't meet the current structural standards required for bridges and fall in the 30 range out of 100 in the rating formula used to evaluate structural strength of bridges, city officials said.

"Anything under 50 is in need of replacement," Martin Pastucha, director of public works, said.

Lee Swain, city engineer, said the rating formula involves looking at the structural adequacy and safety, service ability and functional usefulness of the bridges.

The estimated cost of the incline will be $14 million, with the majority being federally funded by Caltrans, Pastucha said.

Swain said the incline is "one of the lower ratings in the country." He said the bridge is going to be rebuilt in its current location.

He said there are a series of five separate bridges on the incline, which will be made into one, continuous bridge and widened about 5 1/2 feet to allow bicyclists and pedestrians.

The incline reconstruction is moving forward into the design, construction and drawing phase, Pastucha said. The bridge, which was built in the 1930s, has concrete that is over 80 years old and has been breaking down over time, he said.

Residents will use Moomat Ahiko Way as a primary detour route when construction begins, city officials said.

City Hall has also been working with surrounding areas like city of Los Angeles, Malibu and Caltrans because some of the impact will spill outside of Santa Monica.

"We are encouraging everybody to use that going northbound and improvements will be made to the intersection of Ocean [Avenue] and Moomat Ahiko Way," Swain said.

City Manager Rod Gould said residents and businesses can take comfort that City Hall is taking care of its infrastructure.

He said there would be two shifts working on the replacement of the incline, which will cut construction work by six months.

"Instead of a year and half, it will be a year of inconvenience," Gould said.

For the pier bridge, city officials said they are in the first of three design phases and expect construction to begin in 2016. The plan is in the project scoping and public outreach phase, Swain said.

"We are still analyzing. We need to get an environmental

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Curious City

Charles Andrews

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Only a nobody walks in L.A.

BUT THIS IS NOT L.A. SO, I'M WALKING every street in Santa Monica. Every last one. Also every avenue, boulevard, court, drive, dead end, dead man's curve, cul-de-sac, circle, way, roundabout (we have a couple that pretend to be, but aren't), lane, terrace, place. No alleys. (That's a whole different trip. Maybe later.)

And since I'm a music guy, of course I have my walking soundtrack.

"I'm Walkin'," "Walk This Way," "Walk Like a Man/an Egyptian," "Walk on the Wild Side," "Walking on Sunshine/Broken Glass/the Moon," "Walk on By," "Walk Right Back," "Walk Away," "Walk Away Renee," "Walk—Don't Run," "Walkin' the Dog" (I don't, but it seems like the rest of Santa Monica does), "Walkin' Blues" and of course, "Walking in L.A. (Nobody Walks in L.A.)."

What device do I use? My iPod, iPhone? Walkman? Boombox on my shoulder? (Hey, I'm old school.)

No. Nothing, actually. It's fun to see how many great songs there are about walking (that's just my short list, above). But I decided at the beginning of this project that I wouldn't listen to music while I'm doin' the stroll.

TUNES OFF TO TUNE IN

There seems to be lots of people who can't walk to the bathroom without being plugged in to their sounds. I've never rock and rolled that way. Because I value music infinitely and supremely, I like it upfront of everything, being able to listen with focus and without interruption. Listening in the car is almost perfect for that. Background music? An oxymoron. That says I'm not really listening. Do I ever? Yes, sometimes, and it's often classical. (Don't read too much into that.)

But even if you consider yourself a great multitasker, everything that's input demands some attention and has to be subtracted from your 100 percent. I have two goals when I walk: to observe what I see around me, and to take advantage of the time and isolation to be able to think.

Before I started I wondered if I shouldn't have some specific goals in place: comparisons of architecture, landscaping, trees, neighborhoods, traffic and pedestrian flow, business groupings. But that looked like it would mean consistent areas of focus and note-taking and follow-up, and I wanted to just see what showed up, that I might not even imagine at the beginning. Not so much that I was looking for some grand scheme to reveal itself, but that I wanted to be open to whatever came my way.

And I knew that when my thoughts weren't on what was slowly passing before me, I'd have plenty of time to think about other things. Sometimes there's something personal that is pressing, and it's great to have a long stretch of time to be able to sort things out. Other than that, I have a couple of books I'm working on and this is the perfect opportunity to ruminate and let structure and characters reveal themselves.

I had an initial fear that repetition and boredom would torpedo this effort, but after 75 "map trips" out (I mark my route each time with colored markers on a map so I'll know when I've finally covered every single street), everything's cool. Oh sure, there are some times I have to force myself out the door to get that exercise, but who hasn't?

So at this point I can say with assurance that this was a good idea, and I recommend it to anyone. We all need that alone time, and most of us have to make a real effort to find it. With a routine like this, it's built in, while you get your exercise, fresh air, walking tour, sunshine and cool sea breezes. Ah, Santa Monica. Don't try this in Duluth.

SIPPIN' WINE WITH THE GURU

Of course I didn't invent this, and I finally got to hang out with my guru! My inspiration for walking with this particular methodology was the one and only Mr. Blatz. Berkeley Blatz has been a legendary figure at Santa Monica High School for a quarter of a century. Ask any student who has taken a class from him, ask them 10 or even 20 years after the fact: no one forgets Mr. Blatz.

I'd be surprised if the numbers who rate him an exceptional teacher aren't in at least the 80th to 90th percentile (you can't please everyone), certainly among what you might call good students.

Mr. Blatz (it's hard not to call him that, based on my daughter's knowing him that way, and all her friends, and besides, he just has that demeanor that commands a Mr.) is on his sixth circumnavigation-by-foot of Santa Monica, so I pestered him to meet with me to share his walking wisdom.

That was just an excuse. I really just wanted to get to know him a little better. No real artifice intended; you can't fool Mr. Blatz. But when we finally convened in the lounge atop the roof of the Shangri-La Hotel, with views all the way to Catalina or maybe Hawaii, I was surprised that three-fourths of our conversation was about music, a wide range of music, and not walking.

One of Mr. Blatz' fortes is the piano, and for some years he has been accompanying individual talented singers at the school, working up enough material with each to be able to go into local hotel lounges that have pianos (fewer and fewer, he said) and run through a couple of sets of jazz and pop standards. I've not heard him play but I'm familiar with some of the singers he's worked with, and they are really good. But most concentrated on choir director Jeffe Huls' ensemble programs, and I'm sure it was an empowering experience for those young singers to step out on their own and see how they could command a room solo. Yes, walking is only one of many activities Berkeley Blatz pursues with excellence and a unique style.

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The Q Line

A LITTLE ADVICE

We regret the departure of Ashley Archibald, our staff writer for the past couple of years, but with that comes the arrival of our new writer, Ameera Butt.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What words of advice would you give Ameera as she begins her tenure with the Daily Press and why?

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"AMEERA, PLEASE ASK THE DAILY Press publisher to provide you with a laptop with a battery so that when you cover meetings at City Hall, the staff doesn't have to keep warning you that the power cord from your computer is creating a tripping hazard."

"WELCOME AMEERA BUTT AND GOOD luck. Please never use the expression 'very unique' and don't rely only on spell check to have a column without spelling mistakes."

"YOUR REPORTER SHOULD UNDERSTAND that the political party, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, has ruled our town for 35 years. Since our city has 70 percent renters, their rent control propaganda insures that they continue running everything. Every department is controlled by this bunch of crooked commies. The City Council, Planning Department, Rent Control, City Attorney's Office, school board and everyone else is a SMRR. So if you want to complain about our town being sold out to tourism and big developers, and the traffic and costs have gone crazy, then the real problem is that SMRR is so powerful that everyone is afraid to even say anything bad about them!"

"READ THE MIRROR. I AM BEING SERIOUS, not snarky."

"WHEN ISSUES REGARDING UNDERSERVED youth and gang activity are in the forefront, don't run to Oscar de la Torre for quotes! At this point, he causes more harm than good. Why not seek input from Tony Vazquez on the City Council, Maria Leon-Vazquez (can anyone spell nepotism?) and Jose Escarce on the school board."

"I THINK IT'S A VERY GOOD IDEA, critical, that the new writer not go in with a jaundice view. I used to be a landlord in the city of Samolicious and not all landlords are bad. Let's have more of an input about good food. And of course more entertainment things because my son is an actor, and a fine one at that."

"BE A JOURNALIST; GET BOTH SIDES of the story. Don't just print one-sided press releases from the city. Check with the residents affected. If someone says he's in favor of a development on X Street, ask him whether he has a financial interest in the project. Is he its architect, lawyer, investor? There's an old reporter's joke: 'If your mother says she loves you, check it out.' Trust, but verify."

"THE VERY BEST THING MS. BUTT CAN do is not follow in the footsteps of Ms. Archibald. Gushing of unearned praise on political hacks and City Hall development scams is not the way of an intrepid reporter. Journalism professors now teach up-and-coming students that they are here to save the world by changing it to Socialist-approved educational mumbo jumbo. Nowadays reporters are taught to feel entitled to lead the unwashed masses towards a so-called new age educational view. The job of a good reporter is to get the facts of an event. Dig in hard against the hypocrisy and complacency of both public and private slugs. Give people the information they need to make an informed decision."

"IT SEEMS TO ME THAT MANY MODERN reporters forget the first rule of reporting, that is, report the story fairly without injecting their own beliefs (it's OK if you are a columnist, of course). Remember when some famous reporters wouldn't tell anyone to which party they belonged or didn't even vote to show that they were fair? Sadly, that was a long time ago. Now, in the modern world, reporters often think that it's completely OK to be on one side or the other. So, my advice:

1. Fairly tell both sides of the story and always seek out someone from the other side and report it in the article. Listen well.
2. If the subject of your article quotes statistics, check the statistics out. The same if they reference surveys (a survey from Rand Corp., for instance, might carry a heavier weight because of better methodology than a survey done by a partisan group).
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BLM launches assessment of Calif. oil, gas leasing

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Federal land managers have decided to launch a statewide scientific assessment of oil and gas development in California.

The Bureau of Land Management announced Friday that it will conduct the in-depth environmental study of hydraulic fracturing and other oil and gas recovery projects in a cooperative project with the state.

The decision comes after a federal judge last year determined the BLM violated environmental law by auctioning off the rights to drill or frack on 2,500 acres of prime public lands in Monterey County.

The BLM says the outcome could establish additional environmental protections on land leased for such exploration in Central California.

Preliminary issues to be addressed include surface and ground water, air quality, greenhouse gases and the impacts of the chemicals pumped into shale to loosen deposits.

High court refuses to delay release of Calif. prisoners

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON The Supreme Court on Friday refused to delay a court order for California to release nearly 10,000 inmates by year's end to improve conditions in state prisons.

The court rejected a plea from Gov. Jerry Brown, over the objections of three justices. Brown argued the early release would jeopardize public safety.

Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas said they would have granted the state's request.

The court ruled 5-4 in 2011 that the state must cut its inmate population to deal with unconstitutional prison conditions caused by overcrowding.

State officials said conditions have improved dramatically since a lower court order in 2009. The order calls for the population to be cut to about 110,000 inmates.

Scalia, joined by Thomas, said the state's evidence shows that it has made "meaningful progress" and that such reductions in the inmate population are no longer necessary.

The Brown administration argued in its July 22 filing with the Supreme Court that most of the less dangerous inmates already are being diverted to county jails or have been released from state prison.

The state says it has fewer than 1,800 inmates defined as low-risk, who have not committed felonies while in prison or do not have gang affiliations.

Releasing the additional 10,000 inmates, it says, will involve violent criminals and overwhelm the abilities of local law enforcement and social services.

"No data suggests that a sudden release of inmates with these characteristics can be done safely," the state says in its filing. "No expert has recommended doing it. No state has ever done it."

A special three-judge federal panel and attorneys representing inmates have consistently rejected that argument. Other states have marginally reduced inmates' sentences without sparking an increase in crime, they say.

They have said that further delay in reducing prison overcrowding will further the substandard delivery of medical and mental health care and, by extension, lead to more inmate deaths and injuries.

In recent years, the special panel of judges has accused Brown of attempting to delay and circumvent their orders. They threatened to cite the governor for contempt if he does not comply.

The judges waived all state laws in June as they ordered Brown to expand good-time credits leading to early release. They also directed the governor to take other steps, including sending more inmates to firefighting camps, paroling elderly felons, leasing cells at county jails and slowing the return of thousands of inmates now housed in private prisons in other states.

If those steps fail, the judges ordered the state to release enough inmates from a list of lower-risk offenders until it reaches the maximum allowed population.

In its latest filing with the Supreme Court, the state argued that no governor has the unilateral authority to take the steps ordered by the three-judge panel. They would require approval in the Legislature or "judicial pre-emption of California's core police powers," the administration wrote.

At issue is whether the state has done enough to improve medical and mental health care in recent years and whether the original inmate population cap ordered by the federal courts remains relevant in light of those improvements.

Brown has argued that prison conditions have substantially improved and that circumstances have changed since the federal courts' original order four years ago to reduce the prison population.

The state is spending $2 billion on new or expanded facilities for inmate medical and mental health treatment. That includes seven new centers for mental health treatment and the opening last June of an $839 million prison hospital in Stockton that will treat 1,722 inmates requiring long-term care.

The state also has boosted hiring and salaries for all types of medical and mental health professionals.

The judges want the population reduced to 137 percent of the designed capacity in the state's 33 adult prisons by the end of the year, to a total of 110,000 inmates. That means the state will have to let about 10,000 inmates out before they have served their full sentences, after already reducing the population by 46,000 inmates since 2006.

More than half of the decrease that has occurred so far is due to a two-year-old state law — referred to as realignment — that is sentencing offenders convicted of crimes considered non-violent, non-serious and non-sexual to county jails instead of state prisons.

Senate seeks numbers from NSA on phone collection

BY DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Exactly how many phone records of Americans does the National Security Agency collect in its massive surveillance program?

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, tucked a provision into the 2014 fiscal year defense spending bill that would require the NSA to report to Congress — within 90 days after the legislation becomes law — on the precise number of phone records collected, the total reviewed by NSA employees and all bulk collection activities, including how much they cost and when they began.

The NSA also would have to provide Congress with a list of potential terrorist attacks that have been thwarted due to the information obtained through the sweeping data collection program.

The Senate Appropriations Committee backed the report request on Thursday in voting for the overall bill. It first Senate effort aimed at the program since revelations two months ago that the NSA was collecting hundreds of millions of Americans' phone records as part of an effort to combat terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The disclosure has revived the debate — in the nation and Congress — over whether secret national security programs encroach on Americans' privacy rights. Skeptics wary of the program are pressing for changes though wholesale revisions are unlikely as surveillance efforts have the strong support of the Republican and Democratic leaders in the House and Senate.

The NSA has said that its two surveillance programs — the other sweeps up Internet usage data — have stopped at least 50 terror plots across 20 countries.

"We're talking about some changes in the program, some disclosure in the program that would still keep it in some form as a tool to fight terrorism but would also assure the American people about the limits of its use," Durbin said in a telephone interview on Friday.

The senator was one of several lawmakers — proponents and critics — who met with President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden at the White House on Thursday to discuss the surveillance programs.

Durbin said the purpose of his measure is to obtain basic information about the program, which has largely emerged piecemeal.

"There is a lot of misunderstanding about what's collected, why it's collected and how much is being used," said Durbin, chairman of the Appropriations defense subcommittee and a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger of Maryland, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said Friday that "almost everybody except for a few" understand that the NSA program is vital. The task in the coming weeks is to make Americans understand that constitutional rights aren't being trampled.

"What we have to do is educate the public and we have to make some changes to show that so that we can be more open but not give the information to the enemy," Ruppersberger told reporters in a brief interview.

The House Intelligence Committee likely will incorporate some changes in its authorization bill in late September or early October, he said. The counterpart Senate panel and House and Senate Judiciary committees also are likely to act this fall.

In a letter to Ruppersberger, Rep. Rick Larsen, D-Wash., pressed the committee to include several proposals circulating in Congress while insisting that "the government be more transparent in how these programs ensure national security and protect Americans' civil liberties."

Among them is requiring that the secret federal court that oversees the program publicly disclose specific opinions and that the Senate confirm judges appointed to the court.

Last week, the House narrowly rejected a challenge to the program. Libertarian-leaning conservatives and liberal Democrats had joined forces on a measure that would have canceled the statutory authority for the NSA program, ending the agency's ability to collect phone records and metadata under the USA Patriot Act unless it identified an individual under investigation.

"The vote in the House was amazing," Durbin said. "Within seven votes of basically putting an end to an intelligence program or changing it dramatically and that is unheard of."

He said it was a "call to action for those who want to maintain program to be more open about it and also to be open to changes that will make it more trustworthy."

Among potential changes are who should do the basic metadata collection, how they'll do it and how it will be used, Durbin said. Another possible change is an effort to demystify the secret court, creating greater opening without compromising national security.

US employers add 162K jobs; rate falls to 7.4 pct.

BY CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON U.S. employers added 162,000 jobs in July, a modest increase and the fewest since March. At the same time, the unemployment rate fell to a 4 1/2-year low of 7.4 percent, a hopeful sign.

Unemployment declined from 7.6 percent in June because more Americans found jobs, and others stopped looking and were no longer counted as unemployed.

Still, Friday's report from the Labor Department pointed to a less-than-robust job market. It suggested that the economy's subpar growth and modest consumer spending are making many businesses cautious about hiring.

The government said employers added a combined 26,000 fewer jobs in May and June than it previously estimated. Americans worked fewer hours in July, and their average pay dipped. And many of the jobs employers added last month were for lower-paying work at stores, bars and restaurants.

For the year, job growth has remained steady. The economy has added an average 200,000 jobs a month since January, though the pace has slowed in the past three months to 175,000.

Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at IHS Global Insight, called the employment report "slightly negative," in part because job growth for May and June was revised down.

Scott Anderson, chief economist at Bank of the West, said it showed "a mixed labor market picture of continued improvement but at a still frustratingly slow pace."

The reaction from investors was muted. The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 9 points in midafternoon trading. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.62 percent from 2.71 percent.

The Federal Reserve will review the July employment data in deciding whether to slow its $85 billion a month in bond purchases in September, as many economists have predicted it will do. Weaker hiring could make the Fed hold off on any pullback in its bond buying, which has helped keep long-term borrowing costs down.

Beth Ann Bovino, senior economist at Standard & Poor's, said she thinks Friday's report will make the Fed delay a slowdown in bond buying.

"September seems very unlikely now," she says. "I'm wondering if December is still in the cards."

Still, it's possible that the lower unemployment rate, along with the hiring gains over the past year, could convince the Fed that the job market is strengthening consistently.

"While July itself was a bit disappointing, the Fed will be looking at the cumulative improvement," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics. "On that score, the unemployment rate has fallen from 8.1 percent last August to 7.4 percent this July, which is a significant improvement."

The government uses a survey of mostly large businesses and government agencies to determine how many jobs are added or lost each month. That's the survey that produced the gain of 162,000 jobs for July.

It uses a separate survey of households to calculate the unemployment rate. That survey captures hiring by companies of all sizes, including small businesses, new companies, farm workers and the self-employed.

The household survey found that 227,000 more people said they were employed last month. And 37,000 people stopped looking for work and were no longer counted as unemployed.

The number of self-employed jumped 241,000, or 2.6 percent, to 9.7 million — the most in eight months. This group includes freelance workers, construction contractors, lawyers and other professionals with solo practices and farmers and ranchers.

Combined, those factors explain why the unemployment rate declined from 7.6 percent to 7.4 percent.

More than half of July's job gain came from lower-paying industries, extending a trend that is limiting Americans' incomes and possibly slowing consumer spending. Retailers, for example, added nearly 47,000 jobs — the biggest gain for any industry last month. Restaurants and bars added 38,400.

One Atlanta-based retailer, Cellairis, which sells mobile phone accessories, says it hired about 75 employees last month to meet growing demand. The company has 650 U.S. outlets, nearly all of them mall kiosks. It plans to add 45 walk-in stores this year.

"People are willing to spend more now to protect and personalize their devices," said CEO Taki Skouras.

By contrast, employers in higher-paying industries, like Stripmatic, a steel parts maker in Cleveland, remain wary. Stripmatic hasn't hired anyone since adding five workers in the first three months of the year. Revenue has been 10 percent below projections this year.

The company's exports have picked up a bit in Mexico and Brazil but remain flat in Asia. Company President Bill Adler says he's concerned that slower growth in China could hamper his overseas sales this year.

Low-paying industries have accounted for 61 percent of jobs added this year, even though they represent only 39 percent of U.S. jobs overall, according to Labor Department numbers analyzed by Moody's Analytics. Mid-paying industries have accounted for fewer than 22 percent of the jobs added.

Some job gains were made in higher-paying fields last month. Financial services, which includes banking, real estate and insurance, added 15,000. Information technology added 4,300, accounting 2,500. And manufacturing added 6,000 jobs, though that figure was offset by an equivalent loss in construction.

One growing source of better-paying jobs is local governments. They've now added jobs for five straight months and have helped offset job cuts by state and federal governments.

The result is that governments overall are much less of a drag on hiring than they were earlier in the economic recovery. All told, they've shed 39,000 jobs in the 12 months that ended in July. That's down from a loss of 137,000 in the 12 months that ended in July 2012.

Most of the hiring by local governments has been for teachers and other jobs related to education. Local property tax revenue, a key source of funding for counties and cities, fell after the recession but has begun to recover in some communities. Nationwide, home prices have risen steadily, a trend that typically leads to higher property tax revenue.

More broadly, many of the jobs added in July are only part time. The number of Americans who said they were working part time but would prefer full-time work stands at 8.2 million — the highest since last fall. Part-time jobs account for 65 percent of the jobs added in July and 77 percent of those added this year.

The percentage of Americans either working or actively looking for work dipped in July to 63.4 percent. This is called the "labor force participation rate." The participation rate has been generally declining since peaking at 67.3 percent in 2000. That's partly the result of baby boomers retiring and leaving the workforce.

Job gains are being slowed by the economy's tepid growth. It grew at an annual rate of just 1.7 percent in the April-June quarter, the government said this week. That was an improvement over the previous two quarters, but it's still far too weak to rapidly lower unemployment.

Recent data suggest that the economy could strengthen in the second half of the year. The housing market is rebounding. Factories increased production and received a surge of orders in July, propelling the fastest expansion in more than two years.

Businesses have ordered more equipment for four straight months. Europe's troubled economies are showing signs of recovery, potentially a lift to U.S. exports.

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TAKE A BITE: **New menu items include the SCReaM'n burrito, filled with spicy grilled chicken, mushrooms and Mr. Lee's Spicy Chili Sauce.**

Celebrating 25 years, Wahoo's unveils new menu items

BY KRISTEN TAKETA
Special to the Daily Press

WILSHIRE BLVD It's a fast food place with fish that could be served as quality sashimi. It's a restaurant chain that is growing throughout California and now across the ocean to Tokyo, but its owners still would rather wear T-shirts and board shorts than slacks and a tie at a press event.

Wahoo's Fish Tacos celebrated its 25th anniversary last month at a special event in West Los Angeles, debuting new menu items and showcasing several promotions through which its customers can win special prizes.

Customers who visit Wahoo's during August and September and get a loyalty card stamped each time can be entered to win a trip to Hawaii or a Wahoo's electric scooter, prizes that will be awarded at the end of the year.

Wahoo's is also giving back. For instance, on July 27, customers who visited a Wahoo's location in Southern California with a special flyer from the Wahoo's website got 20 percent of their purchase donated to the Sheckler Foundation, which provides services to injured athletes and opportunities for autistic children to skateboard. The foundation was started by pro skater Ryan Sheckler.

Among the new food items, the restaurant has added wild Pacific salmon to the menu, which is well-paired with spicy white Cajun beans and brown rice.

Other new menu items include the SCReaM'n burrito, filled with spicy grilled chicken, mushrooms and Mr. Lee's Spicy Chili Sauce; and the Citrus Slaw Taco, containing a cool cabbage mix infused with cilantro, spices, lime juice and other vegetables that tastes like the Wahoo's signature salsa.

The citrus slaw and wild Pacific salmon will be added to the eclectic list of Wahoo's menu items, including marinated steak bowls and Wahoo's signature charbroiled fish taco, often paired with white rice and black beans.

Wahoo's Tacos' three founders — brothers Mingo Lee, Wing Lam and Eduardo Lee — grew up in the food business. They were raised in Sao Paulo, Brazil and lived above their family's Chinese restaurant, where they would help prepare food and wash dishes, Mingo Lee said. The food business is in their blood.

After moving to Orange County, the three thought of combining the Mexican food they loved with a Southern California vibe, Lee said, a vibe of skateboarding, surfing and sunny beaches. Thus, Wahoo's was born.

The casual skateboarding and surfing vibe is prominent in each restaurant, where the walls, doors and windows are all smattered with boarding stickers, some from Wahoo's and others from those who stop by.

Now, Wahoo's has 67 locations, many of them in Southern California (including one in Santa Monica), but also in states as far as New York and Hawaii. It is opening its first international location in Tokyo next month.

Despite the company's success, however, its management refuses to compromise quality for profit, said Steve Karfaridis, chief operating officer of the company and a former restaurant manager.

Wahoo's prides itself on using fresh fish instead of fish that has been long frozen then fried. Food is prepared and cooked in small batches rather than all at once to save time, Karfaridis said. The company, however, has still felt pressure to find ways to make money, he added.

But the management at Wahoo's Tacos has chosen to make their own sacrifices such as pay cuts rather than give up food quality, Karfaridis said.

"We don't make the same profits other companies make," he said. "But I don't think [compromising quality] is an option."

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Chef Mede a great catch for Casa

IN EUROPE, MANY OF THE BEST restaurants are located in hotels. This has not been the tradition in the U.S., but it is gaining traction, especially in Santa Monica with its collection of luxury hotels located close to the city's famous Farmers' Markets.

There are a lot of advantages for a restaurant in a hotel. There is the patronage of guests, often a preferred location, shared parking and sometimes assistance with the rent.

Catch is in the iconic Casa del Mar Hotel at 1910 Ocean Way in Santa Monica. What a great location: Unparalleled view of the Pacific Ocean from every table, and close to the many activities in Downtown.

After a period of negative reviews on the Internet during most of 2012, Catch is now catching up, and on the way to becoming one of the premier seafood restaurants in the city by the sea.

In July of 2012 the kitchen was turned over to chef Sven Mede. His credentials are worthy of the position, as he has worked in a number of world class restaurants, including some time as sous-chef at Charlie Trotter's famous restaurant in Chicago, and several Michelin-starred restaurants. As soon as he took charge, the restaurant took on a whole new atmosphere and menu.

As one would expect from the name, the emphasis is now on seafood. And the style is modern, straightforward preparations without much complexity or sauces. His signature dishes include Hawaiian big-eye tuna crudo with preserved carrots and crispy ginger, and Japanese yellowtail crudo with shaved radish, cucumber and Meyer lemon.

Then there is my favorite, the grilled Spanish octopus with smoked potatoes, paprika and olive oil. Moving away from the ever-present Japanese influence and Spanish touch, there is the typical French steamed mussels served in the traditional cast iron pot with saffron cream, garlic, basil and grilled morcilla. This is one of the favorite dishes in the south of France, but hard to find in Los Angeles. A nice selection of the common local fish is on the menu. And, I hear that bouillabaisse is on the way.

As befits a restaurant looking out over a sand beach, the restaurant is casual and not dressy. That's a good thing because on the first Sunday of every month they serve an eat-with-your-hands, multi-course prix fixe menu of shellfish favorites. You wouldn't want to order that in your new tux!

It's difficult for a hotel restaurant to create an image because it is there partly to serve a wide variety of guests as well as the outside clients. For that reason there is often a wide selection of different foods on the menu. At Catch, in addition to the specialties mentioned above in the main dining room, they serve sushi (as well as small plate menus) in the adjacent lounge. A few times when I've been there live music was offered and there was a nice crowd really enjoying it — as I did.

I think it's a good idea that they don't serve sushi in the main dining room, since I can't help but think that it's a mistake to try to compete with all the Japanese run sushi houses in Santa Monica. Santa Monica really needs a good, high-end traditional seafood restaurant, and sushi is the wrong image.

There are a few negatives. Parking is a nightmare, and the valet is expensive. Until they offer free parking and make that known, a lot of people will still stay away.

There are several Internet-posted experiences that suggest that sometimes the service is just awful. I assume that management is working on that, as it seems to be the major negative challenge facing the reputation of the restaurant.

And, as is the case in almost every hotel restaurant, the wine list is a problem. On the one hand the selection is excellent; just about any type of wine one would want can be found on the list. But the prices are marked up to an unreasonable level forcing most couples to order by the glass. The wait-staff is not trained in wine so they are of little or no help.

There is a particularly good selection of sparkling wines, which is wonderful for a seafood restaurant with a few raw fish selections. But the cheapest Italian white wine, just to pick an example from the six on the list, is $43. The muscat is listed with the Rhones, but not identified as a sweet wine. And why are the Rhone and Spanish wines linked together?

The least expensive Loire wine is $45, from a region known for inexpensive wines. The least expensive pinot noir is $60. The Crozes Hermitage Domaine des Lises 2010, which should cost about $10 wholesale since it sells retail at $20, is listed at $75! And the Turley zinfandel, which sells (just because of the name) for $115 on the list, should cost about $32 and be listed for about $85.

According to the PR people, the central price point for the red wines is $85 and $60 for the whites. The central price point for the wines by the glass is $14. So now that they have the menu and kitchen under improvement, the next step is to start offering some good bottles of wine in the $30 to $40 range, and glasses at $8 to $12. When they get their first Michelin star they can go back to overpricing.

In spite of these drawbacks, this is an up-and-coming restaurant (in a very competitive area) and I predict continuing improvement. And for lunch or a sunset dinner overlooking the ocean, Catch can't be beat.



Photo courtesy John Blanchette

TEACH A MAN TO FISH: **Sven Mede, executive chef at Catch in Casa del Mar beachfront hotel, with his grilled branzino and roasted vegetables.**

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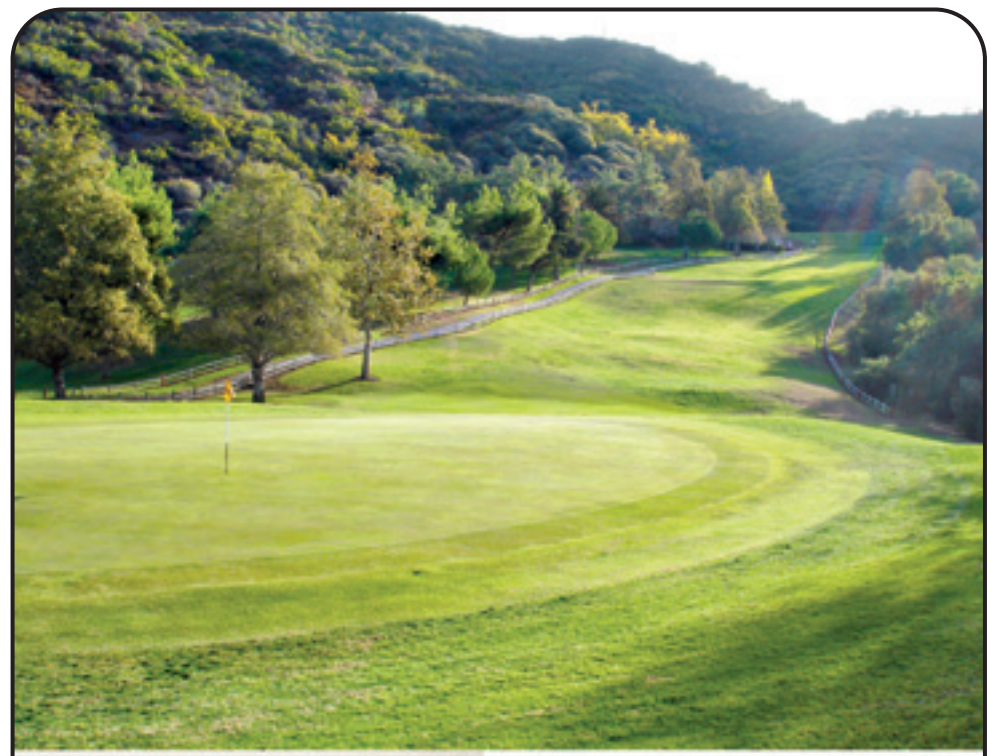
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3,500 low-income and English-learning students in the district, said Jan Maez, chief business officer for SMMUSD.

Santa Monica, however, will not benefit as much as other districts will from the new formula, since it does not have a large percentage of low-income and English-learning students nor as large a need for extra funding, she added.

Currently, Santa Monica doesn't receive much less or much more funding than other districts, Maez said. Last year, Santa Monica's total general fund revenue, which includes state and other funding sources, was at $10,570 per student, about 20 percent more than the average for unified school districts.

"This last recession was a difficult time, and so yes, the additional funding comes as a very welcome relief," Maez said. "(The funding) will put us in a much better position."

Maez said Santa Monica has had to increase class sizes and make cuts in staffing and supplies in recent years.

"(It's) not that we can really restore much of what we've had to cut, but at least we don't have to cut further. That's probably the best thing there," she said.

Under the new funding model, school districts will also be required to have an average class size of 24 students for grades K-3, will have more flexibility in how they can spend their money, and will be required to make their funding decisions more visible to the public.

Districts will have to write specific plans outlining steps they will take to improve several areas of success, such as student engagement and student achievement, as well as how they plan to support low-income and English-learning students. These designated priorities will change how a school's success is measured by the state, which has typically relied mostly on testing scores as a gauge of success, Cabral said.

Districts will be required to show their performance and spending plan to a parent advisory committee, then respond to the committee's comments on the plan. Districts will also be required to hold public hearings about their plan and allow members of the public to submit their own comments.

If a school district fails to meet certain performance standards, the state superintendent now has the power to revise a district's budget, suspend or revoke a school board's action, or change the district's plan to improve its performance.

"There is a sense of concern that there are many districts, particularly (districts) that have underserved populations, that have not been able to improve performance as much as people would hope," Cabral said. "This is one way to sort of keep track of that and provide additional support to those districts."

Santa Monica currently has comparatively successful performance rates. About 79 percent of its schools met the state's performance target in terms of API, or academic performance index, last year. None of its schools were in the bottom three deciles.

The Local Control Funding Formula will cost the state an additional $18 billion to implement. The formula will be implemented over the course of the next several years.

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PIRATES
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denced by threats from the pirates to the Navy, but Cardwell said that made no sense for them to kill their hostages. By the time Navy SEALs scrambled aboard, all four Americans had been mortally wounded. Prosecutors said the Americans had been shot 41 times.

"Let's call it what it is. It was a massacre," Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph DePadilla told jurors while arguing for the death penalty during closing arguments earlier this week.

The victims were the first U.S. citizens killed in a wave of pirate attacks that have plagued the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean in recent years. In their justification for seeking the death penalty, prosecutors wrote that the men killed or attempted to kill more than one person during a single episode. They also said their actions endangered the U.S. military and that the Americans were killed "in an especially wanton and gratuitous manner."

In the case of Salad, prosecutors said he has demonstrated a lack of remorse in the Americans' deaths and made boastful statements about them.

Defense attorneys for Salad had argued he should not be eligible for the death penalty because they claimed he is mentally handicapped. Defense documents say Salad has a low IQ, a poor memory and had difficulty functioning as a child in Somalia. Defense attorneys also noted in court filings that his co-defendants describe Salad as "slow" and inept at fishing.

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

Prosecutors argued Salad is competent, and Chief U.S. District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith issued an order that concurred with that assessment.

The decision to seek the death penalty was made by Attorney General Eric Holder. Executions under federal law are extremely rare. Only a handful out of more than 1,300 executions since 1976 having been carried out by the federal government, according to the Death Penalty Information Center, which tracks statistics.

Eleven other defendants who were aboard the Quest have already pleaded guilty to piracy and have been sentenced to life in prison.

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

Michael Scharf is a Case Western Reserve University international law professor who has provided training for prosecutors in other piracy cases around the world. He noted that this case was different because most pirates convicted in other countries receive relatively light sentences.

"To the Somalians, who live in miserable conditions, a short sentence in a foreign jail, where they receive three meals a day, exercise, and educational training, isn't much of a deterrent," Scharf said in an e-mail. "So the U.S. sought the ultimate punishment, not just because U.S citizens happened to be the victims, but to send the strongest possible signal. That the jury returned a life sentence instead may blunt that somewhat."

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BULGER
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crimes including murder.

"I understand, sir, if you disagree with it," Casper replied.

Family members of Bulger's alleged murder victims looked dejected over his decision not to take the stand. Patricia Donahue, the widow of one alleged victim, yelled "you're a coward!" while Bulger was speaking.

"If you think you had an unfair trial, then get up there and tell all," she said outside the courtroom afterward. "I am so disappointed in this whole trial. I thought that at least he would be man enough to get up there."

Bulger, 83, is on trial in a broad racketeering indictment that accuses him of participating in 19 murders in the 1970s and '80s as leader of the Winter Hill Gang. He has pleaded not guilty.

He fled Boston in 1994 and was one of the nation's most wanted fugitives until he was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011. Bulger was living with a girlfriend in a rent-control apartment just blocks from Palisades Park and the Third Street Promenade. When FBI agents arrested him they found thousands of dollars and a number of weapons hidden inside the walls of the apartment.

O'Sullivan, who died in 2009, headed the New England Organized Crime Strike Force and was known for his aggressive pursuit of cases against local Mafia leaders, Bulger's rivals.

Outside the courthouse, Carney said Bulger was describing an agreement he claims he had with O'Sullivan under which "in return for assuring that Jeremiah O'Sullivan would not be killed, O'Sullivan promised him that he would not be prosecuted for as long as O'Sullivan was head of the strike force."

Carney did not elaborate, but Bulger seemed to be implying that O'Sullivan's life was in danger because of his pursuit of the Mafia.

After Bulger made his remarks, the defense rested its case.

Prosecutors and Bulger's lawyers are scheduled to make their closing arguments to the jury Monday. The jury is expected to begin deliberations Tuesday.

Earlier Friday, former Bulger hit man John Martorano was called as a witness by Bulger's lawyers. Martorano had spent days on the witness stand earlier in the trial, describing what he said was Bulger's role in a string of murders, including some he orchestrated, others he helped with and some he committed himself.

Bulger's lawyers called Martorano to challenge testimony by Bulger's former partner, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, about the killing of Flemmi's girlfriend Debra Davis.

Flemmi had said he watched as Bulger strangled Davis.

When pressed by Bulger's attorney Friday, Martorano acknowledged that Flemmi had once told him he killed Davis.

"He said it was an accident — he strangled her," Martorano said, describing a telephone call he had with Flemmi in 1981 after Davis disappeared. At the time, Martorano was a fugitive hiding in Florida.

Carney asked Martorano if he asked Flemmi how strangling someone could be accidental.

"Is it fair to say he never went into any further details about it?" Carney asked.

"Correct," Martorano said.

Earlier Friday, Carney said Bulger wants the $822,000 in cash seized from his Santa Monica apartment to go to relatives of victims who won monetary judgments in lawsuits but then saw those awards overturned by a federal appeals court because the statute of limitations had expired.

It appears that two families fall into that category: Relatives of Michael Donahue and Edward "Brian" Halloran. In 2011, the First U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld an earlier decision that ruled the two families didn't file their lawsuits against the FBI in time.

Other victims' families have had their lawsuits tossed before trial and some have won judgments against the government, but Carney specifically cited those whose judgments were thrown out by the First Circuit.

Bulger is accused of fatally shooting Halloran, a Bulger associate, and Donahue, an innocent bystander who had offered Halloran a ride home in May 1982.

Prosecutor Brian Kelly said it has always been the government's intention to give Bulger's seized assets to victims' families, but he said he isn't sure Bulger "can dictate which ones" get the assets.

If he's convicted, Bulger would have to give up his assets anyway. It is routine for the government to seek forfeiture of assets acquired through illegal activities.

HOMELESS
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that veterans can have a stable environment to continue treatment, the lawsuit states.

"Candidly, this is a disgrace and a chronic problem that we can do something about," Feinstein said. "The VA made a commitment to increase support services to these veterans, and I intend to hold them to that commitment. Our nation's veterans need to know they have our unwavering support and that starts with access to the services they need when they return home."

"Secretary Shinseki showed a sincere desire to turn the crisis of veteran homelessness in Los Angeles around," Waxman said. "He has committed to ending veteran homelessness by 2015 and it simply cannot be done without a good strategy for the chronically homeless. He is putting real weight into this fight."

Los Angeles County has the largest populations of homeless veterans in the nation — an estimated 6,291 homeless veterans sleep on the streets every night.

Secretary Shinseki pledged to make more housing available and to strengthen services for homeless veterans by:

- Expanding Project 60, which provides permanent supportive housing to severely mentally ill chronically homeless veterans;
- Increasing HUD-VASH vouchers, which provide housing and therapeutic services to homeless veterans;
- Securing temporary use of vacant beds in the State Veterans Home at the West LA VA to house homeless veterans, until full state funding becomes available for veterans who are on the waiting list for nursing home care;
- Developing a Comprehensive Homeless Center at the West LA VA to serve as a "one-stop shop" for homeless veterans to obtain services;
- Expanding Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams, to identify and engage homeless veterans on the street to bring them into permanent supportive housing and to assist the veteran to remain housed;
- Renovating Buildings 205 and 208, which have been designated to house homeless veterans and provide therapeutic services, through public-private partnerships.

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BRIDGES
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document approved and certified by the (City) Council before we can start final designs," Swain said.

City Hall is working with the Santa Monica Pier Corporation Board and the Landmarks Commission to get their input on the pier bridge.

They estimated the cost of the project to be in the $10 million-plus range.

He said the pier didn't meet current structural standards.

"We just ripped off some of the very narrow sidewalks that were there. They were very high," Swain said. "We had a lot of pedestrians spill into the street when the pier was heavily used. If we built the bridge today, we wouldn't build it the way it is now."

He said City Hall was pursuing replacement of these two bridges as quickly as possible.

Laurel Rosen, president and CEO of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber is supportive of anything City Hall has to do to protect not only residents but visiting tourists. She said everyone knows the incline is unsafe.

"When you have a kind of safety rating the incline has, there is no choice, you have to put safety of the people first," Rosen said.

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AN UPHILL BATTLE: The California Incline, a critical bridge for commuters, has one of the worst ratings for structural integrity in the nation. Just look at all those potholes. City Hall is planning to replace the bridge in 2015.

YOUTH
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immersed in college life and increase the number of foster youth going to college.

It was also the program's first career field trip to City Hall to hear officials talk about their own careers and learn about sustainability and emergency preparedness.

Carlos Collard, senior administrative analyst, introduced the idea of a career field trip to the program. He said it was important to get a glimpse of local government because it's part of every day life.

"It's really all encompassing education but also life education and that exposure to different things in life they don't have access to," Collard said Friday.

Collard, who is a former L.A. County foster youth, said the possibilities are endless for the kids.

There are 35,488 children receiving child welfare services in L.A. County as of June 2013, according to the Department of Children and Family Services website. Studies have shown that foster youth change schools more often than their non-foster peers. Children who change schools frequently make less academic progress than their peers, and each time they change schools they fall farther behind.

Kenny, one of the high school students who's been with the UCLA program since its inception in 2011, said initially, the thought of staying on a college campus for a whole month was exciting. The Daily Press was asked to not publish the last names of the youth enrolled in the program.

At 16, he's been in the foster system his entire life.

"I've gotten a lot out of the program period. It's like a support group," Kenny said. "These people I live with for a month, even though it's a month, I felt like I've known these people for a lifetime."

He said he wants to double major in music production and business with a minor in kinesiology and his dream university is UCLA, which he calls "home." He said he enjoys writing music and can play the guitar and drums.

The program is a collaboration between UCLA and First Star, Inc., a national charitable organization that advocates for abused children.

Only 2 percent of foster youth will receive a college degree, Yolanda Wright, director of First Star Bruin Guardian Scholars Academy, said. She said Santa Monica was a good choice to visit for the field trip because of the proximity between the city and UCLA.

"Even though our students represent so many different high schools they feel UCLA is home. They feel connected, it's their third summer and they feel part of UCLA and the community," Wright said.

Most of the applicants were referrals from the Department of Children and Family Services who wrote an essay and were accepted, Wright said. The college courses are taught by UCLA staff while the high school courses are taught by certified teachers, Wright said. The students stay in UCLA dorms for four weeks.

The program, which ended with a celebration Aug. 3, has the students come back to the UCLA campus once a month for college workshops and tutoring for the rest of the year until the following summer.

Andrea, 16, who has been in the foster system since she was 6 years old, said the program changed her perspective. Now she said she wants to go to college and do something better with her life because of the mentors she made in the program.

"It's a great opportunity," Andrea said. "I just wish more people were able to do more of the same things I am doing now because it's going to be great for the future."

Kenny said the end of the program will be "bittersweet."

"It's in between," Kenny said. "I don't want to go home because I know life gets back to regular. I'm also excited to go back to school. I just like going to school."

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **63°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
SW swell gradually fills in further; occasional chest high sets in the PM at standouts

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high occ. 4ft
SW swell holds - larger shoulder high+ sets for standouts; stay tuned

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
SW swell eases

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
SW swell drops out

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.		
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	B	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	ns	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	ns	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns

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

LEGEND

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

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NFL

Eclectic group to enter Hall

BY BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

CANTON, Ohio While his six other classmates for this weekend's enshrinement sported blue golf shirts given them by the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Cris Carter was dressed in suit and tie.

He might never take them off.

"Man, I am in the Hall of Fame. I am wearing a suit every day," Carter said Friday as the 50th anniversary festivities for the hall began.

Carter will join Jonathan Ogden, Larry Allen, Bill Parcells, Warren Sapp, Dave Robinson and Curley Culp as the newest inductees on Saturday night. He was, by far, the most emotional during a news conference Friday as festivities began for the 50th anniversary celebration of the hall.

The only member of the Class of 2013 who didn't win an NFL title, Carter used a handkerchief to wipe away the tears when asked about his career and the fact it took six tries to get elected.

"Minnesota fans didn't judge me when a lot of bad things were being said about me," Carter said, frequently pausing to regain his composure. "They always cheered for Cris. The only thing I really wish is we could've won that championship for those people. What they did for my life, every day I went out there, I played for those people."

Carter was exiled from Philadelphia in 1989 after off-field problems, including drug and alcohol issues. The first one to call him and offer a job was Parcells.

Carter even told his agent he wanted to go to the Giants, but he wound up with the Vikings, who had a stronger need for a wide receiver. All Carter did the rest of his 16-season career was wind up second at his retirement in 2002 behind Jerry Rice for all-time receptions and touchdowns. He's fourth in those categories now.

As he mentioned, though, he doesn't have that championship. For the other six, those Super Bowl rings will have a blinding shine to them Saturday night.

Parcells was a winner of two NFL titles as a coach and master of the franchise turnaround. Ogden, one of the premier offensive tackles of his time, grabbed a Super Bowl ring in 2000. Larry Allen, a 1995 champion with Dallas, was the rare equal of Ogden on the offensive line in their era.

Sapp, an outstanding defensive tackle with a personality as big as any football stadium, won the 2002 championship in Tampa Bay. Robinson, a major cog in Green Bay's championship machine under Vince Lombardi, won the first two Super Bowls. Culp, one of the original pass-rushing demons at defensive tackle, got his ring with the 1969 Chiefs.

Quite a group, and a record 121 hall members are expected to attend the ceremonies.

"It's somewhat overwhelming," said Ogden, the Baltimore Ravens' first-ever draft choice and the first team member elected to the hall. "You look around and there's Joe Greene and Joe Namath — heck, they are all there, you can't stop naming names."

Ogden, Allen and Sapp have the distinction of making the hall in their first year of eligibility. It's all the more impressive considering all three were linemen.

Allen became the anchor of the Cowboys' blocking unit for a dozen seasons, then finished his career with two years in San Francisco. He made six All-Pro teams and 11 Pro Bowls, playing guard and tackle.

"It's great, great company to be in," said Allen, who Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones believes "would have been a Hall of Famer at guard or tackle, and either side. He was special like that."

Adds Curtis Martin, the Jets and Patriots running back who was inducted last year: "If there were two guys I would have wanted to run behind, it would be Larry and Jonathan."

Sapp, whose induction speech might be the most anticipated because he's liable to say anything, was a cornerstone of Tampa Bay's powerful defense that was the key to winning the Buccaneers' only title after decades of futility.

"We took a place where they said careers came to die to a place that's become a destination," Sapp said, noting the Tampa 2 scheme is now played by defenses everywhere.

As for his speech, Sapp said he has "been trying to imagine how everything will feel and still haven't gotten it. My anticipation is nowhere near complete."

Like Sapp in Tampa, Parcells also was heavily involved in making popular — and successful — a specific alignment. The 3-4 defense came to life under Parcells with the New York Giants, and he led them to the 1986 and 1990 championships.

Parcells, who also took the Patriots, Jets and Cowboys from the bottom to near the top of the NFL as head coach, says it was his duty to provide a prosperous environment.

"You give the players a chance to succeed to the best of their ability," he said. "That's your job as a coach, your responsibility."

Parcells mentioned his coaching tree, which includes the likes of Tom Coughlin, Bill Belichick and Sean Payton — all Super Bowl-winning coaches planning to be on hand Saturday — as among his proudest achievements. He promised to bring that up during his induction speech.

Robinson and Culp were voted in as senior members. Considering their pedigrees, it's stunning it took so long for them to make it; Robinson retired in 1974, Culp in 1981.

"That bust means an awful lot," Robinson said. "That bust will last forever."

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Saturday, Aug. 3
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7:30pm
Introduction by film historian Jeremy Arnold, author of "Lawrence of Arabia: The 50th Anniversary."

Sunday, Aug. 4
Wild Salomé (NR) 1hr 35min
Salomé (NR) 1hr 18min
5:00pm
Discussion following with Al Pacino.
This event is now sold out. The program repeats at the Egyptian Theatre on Aug. 10.

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Red 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Heat (R) 1hr 57min
11:45am

Conjuring (R) 1hr 52min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

To Do List (R) 1hr 40min
2:40pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Fruitvale Station (R) 1hr 25min
11:55am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

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Despicable Me 2 (PG) 1hr 38min
10:50am, 4:10pm, 9:45pm

Pacific Rim (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 6:45pm, 10:15pm

Turbo (PG) 1hr 36min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Smurfs 2 (PG) 1hr 45min
10:30am, 1:20pm, 7:00pm

Grown Ups 2 (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:20am, 2:15pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Wolverine () 2hrs 06min
10:35am, 4:50pm, 11:15pm

Despicable Me 2 in 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
1:35pm, 7:15pm

2 Guns (R) 1hr 49min
11:30am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm, 11:20pm

Wolverine in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
1:45pm, 8:00pm

Smurfs 2 in 3D (PG) 1hr 45min
4:30pm, 9:50pm

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11:45am

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Happy Birthday

Cole Vaughan: Surfer, skater, paddler, artist, and all around ripper.

Say 'yes' to an invite, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could be met by some resistance, even if you have good intentions. Focus on your family, specifically one or two individuals. If you have had a lot of difficulty with a particular person lately, today is not the day to smooth things over. Tonight: Stay close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything you want to get done. The good news is that you will enjoy crossing tasks and responsibilities off your to-do list. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Head to a fair or maybe a casino, as you naturally will have a great time around a lot of people. The observer in you will be delighted by the eccentric crowd around you. Keep to your budget, and don't allow your spending to get out of control. Tonight: Make it your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You have a warmth about you that few people would think to doubt, as you are so genuine. Your natural charm draws in exactly what you desire. Through a loved one, you could meet someone very interesting who could become a long-term friend. Tonight: Just be yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Touch base with a loved one with whom you don't often have time to visit. Taking off for the day together could be immensely rewarding. You even might be tempted to cancel other plans you made for later in the day. Tonight: Remember, you don't need to share everything!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Once you join friends, whether it's for a community project or at a ballgame, you will have a great time. You'll discover a new sense of camaraderie with one of your friends or perhaps someone new. Tonight: Don't play into a control game.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Know when to defer to an older friend or relative. You could be overwhelmed by everything you want to accomplish, especially when it comes to fulfilling others' wishes. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be more forthright when dealing with a sibling or loved one. You might want to rethink a situation more carefully. Your awareness of what is needed probably will not be appreciated by this person. Try to take a step back and observe more. Tonight: Go where there is great music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Plan on spending some time with a friend or loved one you have not seen in a while. Whether it's running errands or seeing a movie together, you will bond on a deep level. One-on-one time keeps this connection close. Tonight: Say "yes" to a fun invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ For a while, you might be OK with someone stealing the stage, but as the day goes on, you will notice that your temper starts to flare up. Try not to give so much of yourself away, and focus on staying levelheaded. Tonight: Claim responsibility for your share of a problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have certain plans and projects that you feel you must complete no matter what. To your delight, you will complete them with ease, and you also will be able to fit in some fun shopping or join friends for a spontaneous get-together. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Allow more of your creativity to flow. You might not recognize your limitations in a situation involving friends. Do not accept a leadership role, even if it is something as simple as throwing a party. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

August 3-4, 2013

This year you will experience a lot of good luck if you are able to center yourself and follow your instincts. In fact, you might be surprised at how well you land. If you are single, the people you attract could be emotionally unavailable. Remember, it takes only one person to be the right one. If you are attached, the two of you make an excellent couple. Sometimes you enjoy going off together without anyone else; other times, you like having your own downtime. CANCER understands you better than you do!

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

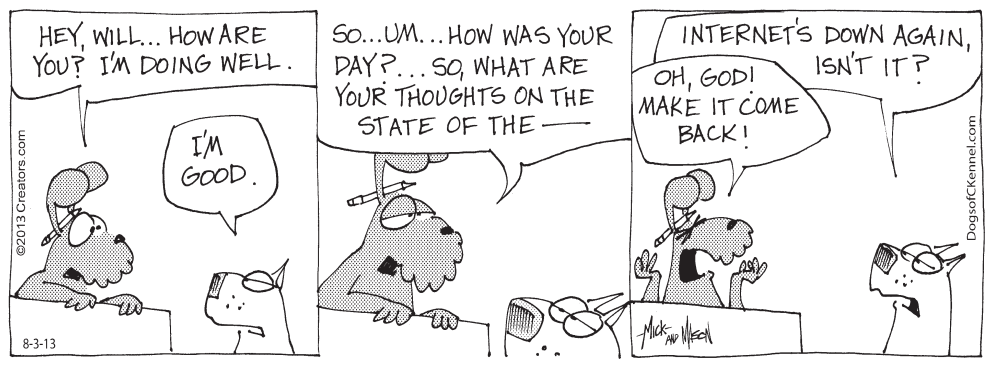
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Tic
6 Chinwags
11 "Alfie" star
12 Draconian
13 Cook's wear
14 Sun Valley setting
15 Masses
17 Collins base
18 Pupil's place
19 Like driftwood
22 June honoree
23 Gizmo protector
24 Truman's hometown
25 Broccoli bit
27 Beatles descriptor
30 Iron target
31 Fertility clinic topic
32 Center
33 Didn't punish
35 Acrobatic
38 Next to
39 Danger-ous gas
40 Mountain group
41 Genesis event
42 Places for pads

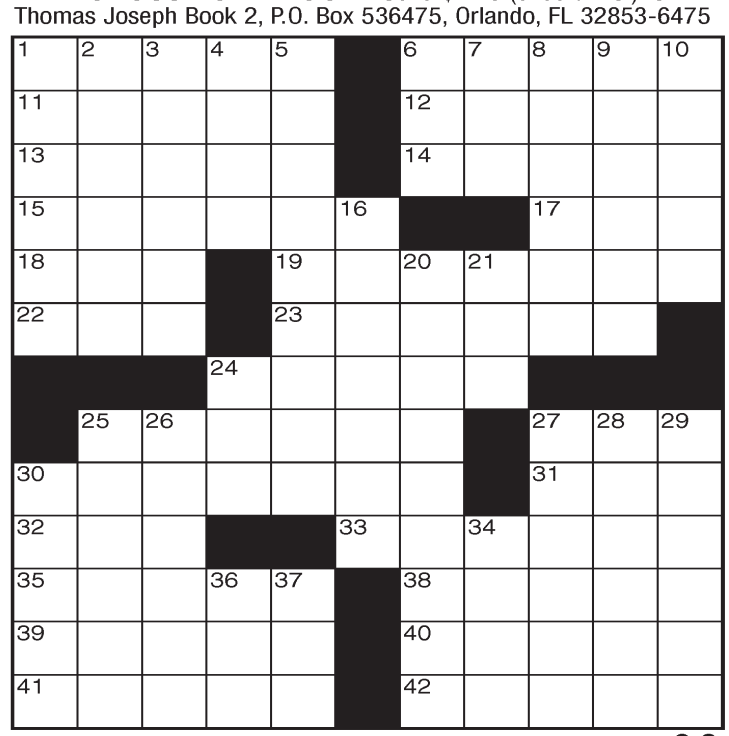
DOWN

1 Trembling
2 Tropical fruit
3 Cot alternative
4 Snooty fellow
5 Edison's home
6 Greek's X
7 Suffered from
8 Region of Spain
9 Casual top
10 Was bright
16 Some paints
20 Hiker's spot
21 That ship
24 First name in horror
25 Thrifty
26 Lusty urges
27 To give an example
28 Right, in a way
29 Scout's awards
30 Docking spot
34 Singer Jackson
36 John, to Ringo
37 Wrap up

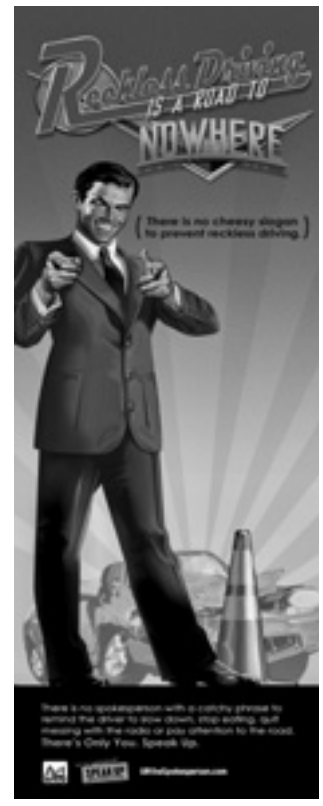
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■	■	E	T	N	A	■	N	E	S	T
H	A	H	A	■	L	I	M	A	■	■
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Apprentice Brooklyn, N.Y., tree-trimmer David Fleischer, 21 (and son of the company owner), had to be rescued by firefighters in July after he apparently violated the cardinal rule in the business by cutting lower branches first -- until he was stranded at the top of the tree. "He is a good boy," said "Izzy" Fleischer, "but he is learning." (2) Emergency crews in Fort Worth, Texas, responded to a Quik Trip gas station in June when an unidentified man got his finger caught in his car's gas cap after he poured in some additive. Rescuers had to use a hammer and screwdriver to break the plastic around the cap and finally freed the man's hand, unscathed, after a 20-minute struggle.

■ What is believed to be the world's only commercial lounge openly serving cocaine operates in La Paz, Bolivia, though the owners of "Route 36" have to change locations from time to time, depending on the moods of the bribed authorities. An August (2009) dispatch in London's The Guardian reported that a nearly pure gram costs the equivalent of about $14 ($22 for "premium"), served by waiters in an empty CD case, with straws, but bar drinks are also available. Route 36 is well-known to backpacking tourists. Recalled one waiter, "We had some Australians; they stayed here for four days. (T)he only time they left was to go to the ATM."

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