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THE NEED TO KNOW ISSUE



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COMING ATTRACTION: **The California Supreme Court ruled Monday that construction on the Expo Light Rail Line connecting Culver City to Santa Monica can continue. The bridge over Cloverfield and Olympic boulevards was the site of activity on Monday afternoon.**

High court throws out Expo Line lawsuit

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The California Supreme Court on Monday upheld previous lower court decisions and denied a challenge from a group of Westside homeowners to stop construction of the Expo Light Rail Line from Culver City to Santa Monica, finding the environmental review was sufficient.

In the 6-1 decision, the court agreed the environmental report failed to disclose the effects the project will have on existing conditions in the project area, but the report satisfied the California Environmental Quality Act requirements by including mitigation measures for potentially significant spill-over parking impacts in the neighborhoods of certain planned rail stations.

In 2010, Neighbors for Smart Rail filed a lawsuit to block construction of phase two of the transit line out of concern that the Exposition Construction Authority allegedly failed to properly study the project's impacts on traffic and the environment by using hypothetical traffic conditions as a baseline.

"We are gratified that the California Supreme Court has affirmed the lower court rulings," said Expo Construction Authority CEO Rick Thorpe in a news release. "Today's decision is a win for taxpayers and the future riders who will soon benefit from a direct connection between downtown Los Angeles and Santa Monica. We remain focused on finishing the Expo Line on time and on budget in 2015."

County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who represents much of the Expo Line alignment, said in an e-mailed statement, "with this litigation now behind us, Westside residents can look forward to an exciting new public transit option when the Expo Line is scheduled to open in 2015."

In the decision, Justice Kathryn M. Werdegar said the Expo Authority should have analyzed the project's effects on existing traffic congestion and air quality conditions. But she said, failure to do so didn't deprive the agency's decision makers or the public of substantial information relevant to approving the project.

Mike Eveloff, board member of Neighbors for Smart Rail, couldn't understand the court's decision.

"We're confused because we won. We were right on the law," Eveloff said.

He said the legal battle was "emotionally draining." He added it was never the goal of Neighbors for Smart Rail to stop the line.

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City Hall unveils plan to increase affordable housing

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Realizing that living in the city by the sea is expensive, city officials are introducing a new plan that may increase construction of more affordable housing.

The new proposed housing element will get its first draft review Wednesday in a Planning Commission hearing. The 2013-21 draft housing element, which is renewed every eight years or so, is a tool used by City Hall to plan for broad-based, long-range housing needs.

City officials said the objective is to build market rate and affordable housing near the Expo Light Rail stations.

Elizabeth Bar-El, senior planner in the strategic and transportation planning divi-

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Bulger lawyer says underworld witnesses told lies

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON James "Whitey" Bulger's lawyers used their closing arguments Monday to go after three gangsters who took the stand against the reputed Boston crime boss, portraying them as pathological liars whose testimony was bought and paid for by prosecutors.

A federal prosecutor, meanwhile, summed up the government's case by calling Bulger "one of the most vicious, violent and calculating criminals ever to walk the streets of Boston," and urged the jury to convict him of charges that include 19 killings committed during the 1970s and '80s.

The jury is expected to begin deliberating Tuesday in the racketeering case against the 83-year-old Bulger, whose 16 years on the run exposed the FBI's corrupt relationship

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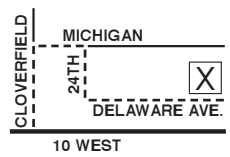
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What's Up Westside

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Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013

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

Speaking up for a clean ocean
Heal the Bay
1444 Ninth St., 1 p.m.
Heal the Bay is having a training session to teach volunteers how to give educational presentations on coastal pollution in L.A. County. Volunteers will give talks on the importance of saving the environment and keeping the oceans clean.

Bubble up
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St.,
2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Step inside the entrancing and magical world of bubbles, literally! Tickets required. Tickets will be distributed at noon the same day. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Find your (tai) chi
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 5:30 p.m.
For both beginning and continuing students, this tai chi class teaches the 24 movements of the Yang style simplified form. For more information, visit beachhouse.smgov.net.

Hiroshima vigil
Civic Center
1800 Block Main St., 6 p.m.
A vigil will be held to remember the victims from the WWII nuclear bombings at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles and Save Chain Reaction are also holding the event to support an end to nuclear weapons. For more details, call (310) 399-1000 or visit ConradProjects.com.

National Night Out
Civic Center parking lot
1685 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The Santa Monica Police Department is holding an event to celebrate the 30th annual National Night Out, which promotes community involvement in crime prevention and community partnerships with police to reduce crime. The event will feature inflatable rides, food and entertainment, police cars and a fire truck. Free parking will be available at the Civic Center's parking structure. For more information, call (310) 458-8474.

Dealing with divorce
YWCA Santa Monica/Westside
2019 14th St., 6:30 p.m.
YWCA is holding a workshop on how to handle the financial, legal, social and psychological issues of divorce. The workshop costs $25. For more information, call (310) 452-3881, visit smywca.org or e-mail Stephanie at smaloney@fs4divorce.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013

Get chopping
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 3:30 p.m.
Get creative with food. Use your culinary creativity to make a spontaneous dish. Secret ingredient to be revealed at event. Grades 5 and up. Advance registration required. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Getting specific on Downtown
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will be discussing the Downtown Specific Plan, which will guide development in the area for years. For more information, visit smgov.net.

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Drunk walking leads to pedestrian fatalities

JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Just as drinking and driving can be deadly, so can drinking and walking. Over a third of the pedestrians killed in 2011 had blood alcohol levels above the legal limit for driving, according to government data released Monday.

Thirty-five percent of those killed, or 1,547 pedestrians, had blood alcohol content levels of .08 or higher, the legal limit for driving, according to data reported to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by state highway departments.

Among the 625 pedestrians aged 25- to 34-years-old who were killed, half were alcohol impaired. Just under half the pedestrians killed who were in their early 20s and their mid-30s to mid-50s were also impaired. Only among pedestrians age 55 or older or younger than age 20 was the share of those killed a third or less.

By comparison, 13 percent of drivers involved in crashes in which pedestrians were killed were over the .08 limit.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx released the data as he kicked off a new effort to reduce pedestrian deaths. There were 4,432 pedestrian fatalities in 2011, the latest year for which data is available. That was up 3 percent from the previous year.

Jonathan Adkins, a spokesman for the Governors Highway Safety Council, which represents state highway safety offices, said

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Making reservations made easier

A new online system allows members of the public to reserve City Hall-owned facilities such as tennis courts, soccer fields and meeting rooms more easily, city officials said Monday.

The system, found at www.smgov.net/reserve, also lets users see which facilities are available to be reserved and when.

Residents who have Activity Passports for drop-in recreation centers like Memorial Park, Santa Monica Skatepark and the Swim Center can also reserve their passes on the new system.

Individuals who had an account with the previous RecEnroll system can use their same RecEnroll usernames and passwords for the just-established reservation system.

"The new registration and reservation system will make it easier for the community to stay active and take advantage of the valuable programs and services the city makes available for its residents," officials with the Community Recreation Division said in a statement.

– KRISTEN TAKETA

DOWNTOWN

Local launches countywide food drive

Laura McHolm, co-founder of NorthStar Moving and a Santa Monica resident, recently launched a food drive with Coldwell Banker offices in Los Angeles and Orange County to benefit the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.

According to a press release from the nonprofit, the need for food pantry services increased by 73 percent in 2011.

"Factors such as the high unemployment rate and government cutbacks have led to hunger becoming a more critical problem," wrote Michael Flood, president and CEO of the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.

McHolm, moved by the growing demand for food assistance, reached out to the real estate company as a corporate partner for the cross-county food drive competition.

"We are so pleased to partner with Coldwell Banker to bring awareness to this critical need taking place right in our back yard and raise as much food and money as we can through our friendly competition," McHolm said in a press release.

Santa Monica Coldwell Banker offices are competing against each other and against those across the two counties to see which one can collect the most food. They will also be raising funds for the food bank.

Residents have until Aug. 19 to donate all kinds of canned and boxed goods to their local Coldwell Banker office (one at 1608 Montana Ave. and the other at 2444 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 102).

– ILEANA NAJARRO



Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

GOTCHA: Richard Perez. 32, catches a shark from the Santa Monica Pier last year.

Shark Week prompts popularity, concerns

BY KRISTEN TAKETA
Special to the Daily Press

NINTH STREET The Discovery Channel's popular Shark Week premiered on TV this Sunday, generating not just social media buzz, but also concerns about how it portrays the infamous marine predator.

Shark Week's programming and online videos aim to inspire an awe of sharks and encourage viewers to participate in shark conversation. Last year, Shark Week also partnered with three organizations that focus on shark conservation.

But the programming also features images that some say portray sharks as bloody killers. Videos on the show and its website feature, among other things, a first-hand story of a shark attack survivor, as well as footage of several shark attacks.

Officials at Heal the Bay said they are concerned Shark Week's programming perpetuates deep-seated fears people have of sharks. They are concerned these fears

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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V for victory

Editor:

Aug. 6 is here. No doubt, activists will hold a vigil at the "Chain Reaction" sculpture for the victims of the Hiroshima bombing. Too bad they can't seem to care much about the victims of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

That is what started the war, the atomic bomb ended it by making an invasion of Japan unnecessary. That saved lives in Japan, but it saved American lives. That is what matters. They can call the sculpture "Chain Reaction" if they want. I'll call it "Victory" instead.

Mike Kirwan
Venice, Calif.

Short and not-so sweet

Editor:

Re: "Mission of Faith: Progressive church celebrates 40 years of service," July 31, Church in Ocean Park.

Absolutely repulsive!

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my right to free speech.

David Long
Santa Monica



Our Town

Zina Josephs — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Traffic counts show a gridlocked Santa Monica

ON AUG. 13, THE CITY COUNCIL IS expected to discuss the proposed Bergamot Area Plan. Here's what residents need to know.

According to the city's Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), "While Santa Monica is generally blessed with a fine grid of inter-connected streets, the grid breaks down in several places, particularly in the north-south direction. In fact, there are only five corridors that traverse the whole city from north to south … . Some of these, particularly 26th Street and 23rd Street, were never designed to carry heavy vehicle volumes."

Development agreements already in the pipeline or recently constructed in the Bergamot area (bordered by Colorado Avenue and Cloverfield, Centinela, and Exposition boulevards) are estimated to generate more than 20,000 additional daily car trips. Many of those cars will be traveling north and south.

The only north-south "through street" between Lincoln and Centinela from the Bergamot Area to the south city limit is the Cloverfield/23rd Street corridor, right through the center of the Pico and Sunset Park neighborhoods.

The densities in the proposed plan, as measured in "floor-area ratios" (FARs), will lead to increased traffic. For example, replacing 109 mobile homes at Village Trailer Park (VTP) with 377 apartments will increase daily trips from the current 200 to nearly 2,000. Planning staff claims that the 2.5 maximum FAR is being met by VTP and other projects, but only because developers are being allowed to include new streets in their FAR calculations, contrary to the Municipal Code and LEED certification regulations, which allow only buildable space to be included.

Planners now admit that the LUCE goal of "no new net trips" is only a citywide goal for the year 2030. Traffic consultant Jeff Tumlin tried to assure the Planning Commission that Bergamot area traffic will initially increase and then "flip," but when will that happen?

What's traffic like now around the Bergamot area? Here are 24-hour traffic counts, as of 2006, from the city's

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT DIVISION:

20th Street, Wilshire to Pico – 25,427
26th Street, Wilshire to Olympic – 17,752 (mostly two-lane)
Cloverfield, Santa Monica Blvd. to Olympic – 42,937
Cloverfield, Olympic to 10 freeway – 29,458
Wilshire Blvd., 17th to Centinela – 39,806
Santa Monica Blvd., 17th to Centinela – 28,238
Colorado, 20th to Centinela – 17,749 (mostly 2-lane)
Olympic Blvd., 20th to 26th – 28,577
Olympic Blvd., 26th to Centinela – 33,880
Pico Blvd., 20th to Centinela – 26,663

Which intersections are most congested? Here are some of the intersections rated "UNACCEPTABLE" in the Bergamot Transit Village Center Final EIR (Environmental Impact Report):

Lincoln & Ocean Park Blvd.; 20th & Pico; 23rd & Ocean Park Blvd.; Cloverfield & Santa Monica Blvd.; Cloverfield & I-10 westbound off-ramp; Cloverfield & I-10 eastbound on-ramp; Cloverfield & Ocean Park Blvd.; Yale & Broadway; Stewart & Olympic; Centinela & Santa Monica Blvd.; Centinela & Colorado; Centinela & Ocean Park Blvd.

How much traffic will large Bergamot area development agreement projects add?

Village Trailer Park: 1,863 daily car trips; Roberts Center: 1,654 trips; Colorado Creative Studio Project: 2,092 trips; SMC Academy of Entertainment & Technology: 1,482 trips; Herb Alpert Educational Village: 2,500 trips (guesstimate); Paseo Nebraska: 4,000 trips (guesstimate); Bergamot Transit Village Center: 7,585 trips; Agensys, Inc.:1,395 trips.

How do developers propose to "mitigate" the traffic impacts from their projects? Two proposed Bergamot area projects plan to reduce the impact of their 1,866 new daily car trips traveling through the 23rd and Ocean Park (OPB) intersection by removing three parking spaces on eastbound OPB to create a right-turn-only lane. How much difference will that make to either 23rd (24,000 trips) or OPB (27,189 trips)?

Let's look at the plan's trip reduction scenarios. An older woman will sit alone reading a book in a (non-existent) Bergamot area park rather than driving to an exercise class at the YMCA. Rather than driving, a young woman will ride the Expo to work, attend an evening event at the Santa Monica College AET campus, then ride her bike home from the Farmdale Expo station (between La Brea and Crenshaw) late at night. A family of four will ride their bikes to shop for groceries rather than driving. Is this realistic?

Trip reduction strategies also rely on "local shopping for retail goods and services," i.e., an assumption that neighborhood-serving cafes, grocers, pharmacies, and cleaners will spring up so residents can run errands on foot or by bike. However, existing mixed-use buildings on Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh streets have yielded no such businesses, and new mixed-use projects on Main Street seem to have resulted primarily in more nail salons. Will the Bergamot area be different?

What do residents think? Neighborhood groups have surveyed their members. Here's a summary of about 400 of the comments on 2013 Friends of Sunset Park membership forms in response to the prompt, "My greatest concerns are:"

"Traffic; commuter traffic; horrible traffic; traffic gridlock on Ocean Park Blvd.; lane reductions with increased traffic gridlock; gridlocked traffic east after 3 p.m.; traffic congestion on 23rd; increased traffic on residential streets; traffic racing down alleys.

"Increasing density; rampant development in the pipeline; over-development generating greater traffic congestion; smart growth; out-of-control growth; overbuilding of Santa Monica and the loss of family businesses; we are losing the soul of Santa Monica.

"Parking problems; loss of parking; long-term planning and development; SMC construction, encroachment, endless expansion; parking sprawl; traffic which causes pollution and congestion; uprooting trailer parks."

Do residents want more traffic, more gridlocked intersections, and more air pollution from cars idling on our streets? If not, they need to tell the City Council that they want the Bergamot Area Plan revised downward on Aug. 13.

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That's why they're called classics

SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER MOVIES ARE mythic in this town. The goal of the blockbuster is to take kids who are out of school and put them in air-conditioned theaters munching away on tons of popcorn and candy. The darkened theater has been the locale of many a budding romance and for many is the ultimate date place.

This year the summer blockbusters have been more like blockbombs. Hollywood is not doing as good a job as in years past at getting the audience to listen and attend. It's not really surprising when you consider they're relying on extended fight scenes like in "Man of Steel" to engage the audience and keep the word of mouth going.

I liked "Man of Steel," but frankly I thought it was about 30 minutes too long, and most of that was in the culminating fight scene that should have been cut out. The problem that the movie industry is having is that with social media it's very easy for me to share that opinion with the thousands of people who are in my extended Facebook family.

3D was supposed to be the savior of the industry and make the "movie-going experience" an event again. Well, maybe for some people, but for me, I've seen only two "Big Studio" movies over the past five years that I think the 3D effects actually made the movie more enjoyable: "Avatar" by James Cameron and this summer's "Star Trek: Into Darkness."

All of this is a lead up to my new love for the Aero Theatre on Montana Avenue. This nonprofit theater, run by the American Cinematheque, has been getting more of my money and time as they put on great movies and have an audience that is made up of adults who act like adults in a theater.

Two weeks ago, I was treated to a 3D movie in this old-style movie house and, frankly, I was very nervous. We arrived late, even though I bought tickets online at Fandango.com, so we were down front on the far left side. Anyone who has ever attended a 3D movie knows that the only good spots are dead center in the house, and then the quality of the viewing experience just drops off until the movie is unwatchable at the sides and front seating.

We were there to see "Storm Surfers" in 3D. This movie was about tow-out surfers who are hard-core adventure seekers looking for new waves in ever increasing sizes. The film was shot with a mix of cameras, including specially made 3D Hero GoPros that were handheld, which take us right into the water with the surfers. Amazing footage was captured of immense waves.

Luckily for me, the quality of the new 3D projection systems allowed for a perfect viewing experience from the third row at the front of the theater on the left side. I was very impressed with the creative use of the 3D technology and it achieved the goal, which was to make me feel like I was in the water with the surfers.

Feeling like you're there is what makes a movie such an invigorating experience. The best movies transport us not just visually, but viscerally. I had another great time this past weekend when the Aero Theatre screened a new 70 mm print of "Lawrence of Arabia." I had seen bits and pieces of this epic film over the years on television, but I would flip right past this deep and dramatic story by T.E. Lawrence.

Viewing a great movie on a large screen is truly an event not to be missed. The craftsmanship that went into making "Lawrence" will likely never be seen again due to the huge costs and impossible logistics. Today that movie would be made on a greenscreen and the impressive backgrounds painted in with a computer. It just can't compete with real film of the real world. The imagery that was captured has a depth and character that no computer program can recreate.

Technology is amazing. It can take us places we would likely never get to otherwise, like inside the massive wall of a wave or into the starry night of deep space. But at the end of the day, we need a real story, with real imagery, to make a real impact.

To see something amazing, and to feel something spectacular, go see a classic movie at the Aero Theatre. It's just better up there.

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The Q Line

Early reviews

The United States Postal Service recently closed the post office on Fifth Street in Downtown and opened its replacement on Seventh Street, just off Colorado Avenue.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What are your early impressions of the new location? Is it a suitable replacement?

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L.A. to cut small-time offenders some slack

TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES If you drive without a license, camp on the beach, or use a fake ID to buy alcohol, you'll no longer face a criminal charge in Los Angeles.

An internal LAPD memo dated July 25 that was sent to commanding officers detailed 91 violations that are now considered infractions instead of misdemeanors. That means the violations won't appear in U.S. Department of Justice criminal records, and they no longer figure into department crime statistics tracking misdemeanors and felonies.

The memo was sent out in response to the city attorney's office revision of its filing guidelines in May. The change is an effort to make the system more efficient and save taxpayer dollars, said Rob Wilcox, a spokesman for the newly seated city attorney, Mike Feuer. Such offenses, which number in the thousands each year, were usually downgraded to infractions anyway upon review by the city attorney's office, Wilcox said.

"These were already treated as infractions, it's just flipping how they were reviewed so there is not another review process here," Wilcox said. "They'd be written up as infractions by the police officer."

The department said the changes create penalties that actually reflect reality, especially when budgets are tight. Misdemeanors, however, can bring a year-long sentence in jail, but it rarely happens.

"We're not talking about murder, rape, robbery," said Deputy Chief Kirk Albanese who heads the department's detectives and sent out the memo. "We're talking about quality of life crimes."

Such changes have been done elsewhere, including Sacramento and San Diego, as resources have dwindled during tough budget times. The Sacramento County district attorney's office in 2010 downgraded nine misdemeanors to infractions, according to a memo on their guidelines: including gambling, failure to return lost property and theft of free newspapers.

The San Diego city attorney's office has repeatedly revised its filing guidelines over the years but never at the cost of public safety despite diminishing resources, said Marlea Dell'Anno, assistant city attorney in charge of criminal division.

"The playing field is a little bit different now and so we have to look at things a little bit more carefully," Dell'Anno said.

In the last year the office has changed its filing guidelines so that certain circumstances of driving without a license or on a suspended license are treated as infractions instead of misdemeanors.

Dropping the 91 violations to infractions in Los Angeles will also likely help reduce a citywide crime rate that's already been decreasing significantly. Other violations that are no longer considered misdemeanor crimes in Los Angeles under the new guidelines include possessing or purchasing alcohol as a minor, drinking in public, gambling, defecating in public, trespassing and not having your dog vaccinated for rabies.

The memo states that if an officer wants to have one of these 91 violations prosecuted as a misdemeanor because of extenuating circumstances the officer must write a narrative explaining why. Albanese said the new guidelines will not change the department's pursuit of people violating the law, but this will take some burden off the city attorney's office and court system.

Ill female inmates eyed for possible early release

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. More than two dozen seriously ill female inmates could be among the first in line for release as California moves to meet a federal court order to reduce prison crowding by year's end, officials said Monday.

The U.S. Supreme Court last week refused to delay a lower court order requiring the state to free nearly 10,000 inmates to help ease overcrowded conditions.

A federal official who controls prison medical care has given corrections officials the files of about 30 women who could be released on medical parole as part of the state's response.

They are among 900 inmates statewide who have been preliminarily identified as eligible for medical parole, said Joyce Hayhoe, a spokeswoman for the federal receiver.

"We're starting with the inmates with the most serious medical conditions," Hayhoe said. "These are ones that likely will need to be placed in nursing homes."

A state law that took effect in 2011 allowed inmates to be medically paroled only if they were permanently incapacitated while in prison, meaning they require 24-hour care and cannot perform activities of basic daily living.

The state said it would expand that definition as one way of freeing more inmates, though officials are awaiting a final court order waiving the existing state law so they can begin considering the broader standard.

None of the 30 women under consideration are in a coma. Some have paralysis, but many can get around at least to some extent on their own, Hayhoe said. They range in age from 26 to 86.

Prison officials decided to start with female inmates because of serious crowding in women's prisons. In addition, male patients with major medical problems can be transferred to the new California Correctional Health Care Facility in Stockton that will house 1,720 male inmates by year's end.

Opening the Stockton facility was another step in meeting the court's order.

Gov. Jerry Brown's administration also reported last week that it has expanded inmate firefighting camps to remove an additional 1,200 inmates from crowded prisons. It also is developing criteria for paroling elderly felons and expanding good-time credits leading to early release.

The state also is seeking final court permission to keep nearly 9,000 inmates in private prisons in other states.

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Assembly crafting leaner water bond proposal

Assembly Speaker John Perez says his chamber is working on a $7 billion to $8 billion water bond proposal to replace a $11.1 billion bond first slated for the ballot in 2009.

The Democratic leader told reporters Monday that he sees "an absolute appetite" in the Legislature for a package to pay for water infrastructure projects. A ballot measure to provide that funding has been postponed twice amid lagging public support.

Perez, of Los Angeles, says he expects to win support from most of the interested groups to replace the bond proposal currently slated for the 2014 ballot. He says the money is needed to improve access to quality water and boost storage capacity.

An Assembly working group is still crafting the revised bond proposal.

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LOS ANGELES

Boy found in washing machine dies

Authorities are investigating the death of an 8-year-old Southern California boy who was found inside a washing machine at his home.

Authorities say the boy's father found him head-first with his legs sticking out of a water-filled top-loader at their Castaic home last Wednesday night and pulled him out.

Los Angeles County sheriff's officials say the father had been working in the yard and the boy's mother had gone to the store.

The boy wasn't breathing when firefighters arrived. He was resuscitated and hospitalized but died Sunday. His name wasn't released.

Sheriff's homicide detectives are investigating the death.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

50 Cent pleads not guilty to domestic violence

Rapper and actor 50 Cent stood silently before a judge on Monday as his attorney entered his plea of not guilty to domestic violence and vandalism charges involving an ex-girlfriend who is the mother of his child.

The performer, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, was given a long list of instructions by Superior Court Judge Bernard J. Kamins, who told him to stay away from Daphne Narvarez and forbid him from contacting her by phone or e-mail.

He also was told not to possess any weapons or try to dissuade witnesses from coming to court.

The 37-year-old "In Da Club" singer was ordered to return to court on Sept. 4 for a pretrial hearing.

Jackson was charged after Narvarez reported that he had trashed her Toluca Lake condo and kicked her during an argument. Police said property worth $7,100 was destroyed.

Outside court, defense attorney Scott Leemon said his client denies the allegations.

Narvarez told police that during a June 23 argument, Jackson began destroying property at her Toluca Lake condo before she locked herself in a bedroom. She also said Jackson kicked open the bedroom door and kicked her, causing injury.

Police said Jackson was gone when they arrived, and they saw broken items including chandeliers, furniture and a television.

Narvarez said she had a three-year relationship with Jackson.

He was charged with domestic violence and four counts of vandalism.. If convicted, he could face up to five years behind bars and $46,000 in fines

– AP

LOS ANGELES

Report: Major county jail probe nearing completion

Federal officials are wrapping up an investigation into allegations that Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies brutalized inmates and committed other misconduct in the nation's largest jail system.

"My sense is the investigation, one way or the other, will culminate certainly before the end of this year," U.S. Attorney Andre Birotte Jr., who is overseeing the probe, told the editorial board of the Los Angeles Times (http://lat.ms/15G82AC) last week.

Birotte did not provide details but said he has been briefed on the investigation every couple of months and has urged investigators to be thorough.

"There's a lot of information. It's a big investigation," he said. "I'm very big on the notion that you dot your I's and cross your T's."

The investigation has been underway since at least 2011, after dozens of abuse allegations were made public by the American Civil Liberties Union. It has resulted in one conviction – a jailer who acknowledged taking a bribe to smuggle a cellphone to an inmate.

Sheriff Lee Baca and many of his top commanders have been interviewed and the sheriff has agreed to sweeping reforms aimed at preventing abuse in the jail system, which has about 18,000 inmates, the Times said.

In December, the Sheriff's Department arrested one of its own deputies after an internal investigation determined he twice assaulted inmates then falsified reports about the incidents.

– AP

RICHMOND, Calif.

Chevron agrees to pay $2M in refinery fire

Chevron Corp. on Monday agreed to pay $2 million in fines and restitution and pleaded no contest to six charges in a fire last summer at its refinery in the San Francisco Bay Area city of Richmond that sent thousands of residents to hospitals, many complaining of respiratory problems.

The San Ramon-based oil giant entered the plea to charges filed by the California Attorney General's Office and the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office, including failing to correct deficiencies in equipment and failing to require the use of certain equipment to protect employees from potential harm.

Both Chevron and government investigations determined that corrosion in a pipe caused a leak that sparked the Aug. 6, 2012, fire, sending a plume of black smoke over nearby residential areas. The investigations found Chevron failed to replace the 1970s-era pipe despite numerous warnings from its own inspectors.

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HOUSING
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sion, said there are a higher proportion of renters in the city, so what City Hall can do is create opportunities for more affordable housing and provide incentives.

But that could be an uphill battle in a city that is already built out with very few vacant plots of available land, which sells at a premium. With demand high and the supply low, prices for single-family homes make it almost impossible for working families to buy.

In 2013, the median home price for single family residences in the 90403 zip code is at $1.8 million, according to the Multiple Listing Service. For all of 2012, the median home price was $1.6 million.

In the Sunset Park area, homes are going for $1.2 million to $1.8 million, Robert Kronovet, broker and owner of Kronovet Realty Companies, said. He said homes were selling for $2 million to $3.5 million north of Wilshire Boulevard.

Kate Bransfield, realtor with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage on Montana Avenue, said homes that do exist in Santa Monica are in such demand in the last six months that they're selling for higher than their asking price and receiving multiple offers.

"It's a very strong market. This year has been typical of most years where we had the buying frenzy in the spring and it's leveled off somewhat now," Bransfield said. "We're in the middle of the summer doldrums. It's still strong. It's such a desirable place to live."

Santa Monica's reputation for being a technology hub, which earned it the moniker Silicon Beach, has only increased demand for housing, Bransfield said.

Bar-El said home ownership is a "big issue" in Santa Monica, where more than 70 percent of residents rent.

In the draft housing element plan, the Southern California Association of Governments, the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, has assigned Santa Monica the objective to build 1,674 units, according to the plan documents.

"This time, we said no, but we are still aiming pretty high," Bar-El said. City Hall has an objective for 1,346 new housing units to be constructed, broken into several affordability categories, over the next eight years, she added.

"The reason we are expecting that high of a number [is] because it fits into our transit-oriented mixed-use neighborhood plan. We are not going to try to insert that number into our residential zone. The LUCE [Land Use and Circulation Element] said we are protecting neighborhoods," she said. "The land we are showing as available is the Bergamot area, Downtown and Memorial Park as well, and they're near the Expo stations."

She said in most cases a lot of the units will be proposed as rental, but in terms of ownership, "if you're able to build more units on the property, the theory and the market is they can be more affordable."

Bar-El said the question on whether units will be built for ownership or rental is one that will be answered by developers who propose building the units.

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City officials will go to the City Council for review in August and then for adoption toward the end of the year, she said.

The loss of redevelopment funds has dealt a major blow to City Hall's efforts to create more affordable housing. Before Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature killed redevelopment agencies across the state and redirected tax money to help pay off California's crushing budget deficit, City Hall used those funds to support the nonprofit Community Corporation of Santa Monica, the city's leading builder of affordable housing.

To continue supporting Community Corporation, the City Council would have to either take money from the General Fund, which pays for essential city services, or find another revenue stream, such as a bond.

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BULGER
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with its underworld informants.

Bulger's lawyers attacked the credibility of three key government witnesses: former hit man John Martorano, one-time Bulger protege Kevin Weeks and ruthless killer Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi.

Defense attorney J.W. Carney Jr. said the three — all former Bulger loyalists — decided to "add a little Bulger to the mix" to almost every crime they were questioned about so they could get time shaved off their sentences.

"The witnesses are selling their testimony to the government," Carney said. "The currency that's used here: How much freedom is the person going to get? The currency is the power of the government to keep someone locked up in a cell, surrounded by four concrete walls topped by barbed wires."

Martorano and Weeks have completed their prison sentences and are free. Flemmi struck a deal to avoid the death penalty and is serving a life sentence.

"You have to sit there and ask yourself — why are they still walking the streets? If they're so vicious and violent and our government knows about it, why are they out there right now?" another Bulger attorney, Hank Brennan, asked the jury.

The defense went after Flemmi in particular, saying Flemmi, not Bulger, had a motive to kill the two women who are among the 19 murder victims. According to testimony, Flemmi had been sexually abusing one of the women — his own stepdaughter — for years.

"He killed his stepdaughter so she wouldn't say what he had been doing to her," Carney said.

During the government's closing argument, prosecutor Fred Wyshak recounted grisly details of the killings Bulger is accused of committing or orchestrating.

Among the victims, he told the jury, were two men who were chained to chairs for hours, interrogated, then shot in the head, two women who were strangled, and two men who died in a hail of gunfire as they left a South Boston restaurant.

Wyshak said Bulger, as the boss of the Winter Hill Gang, South Boston's Irish mob, was a hands-on killer who carried out many of the slayings himself.

He described the gang's array of guns, knives, a souped-up "hit car" and walkie-talkies used when the group decided to kill someone.

"They hunted their targets," Wyshak said. "These men didn't hunt animals, ladies and gentlemen, they hunted people."

In addition to the killings, Bulger is accused of numerous instances of extortion, money laundering and hoarding of guns.

Prosecutors say Bulger was secretly working as an FBI informant during the same period — a claim his lawyers have strongly disputed.

He fled Boston in 1994 after being tipped off by a retired FBI agent about his indictment and was one of the FBI's most-wanted fugitives until he was captured with his longtime girlfriend in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011.

His disappearance proved a major embarrassment for the FBI. Investigators have said Bulger corrupted FBI agents and state police with payoffs while continuing to conduct his murderous business under their protection.

During the trial, Bulger's lawyers spent much of their time disputing allegations he was a "rat" who informed on the rival Italian mob and people in his own gang.

In addition, the defense tried to counter allegations Bulger strangled two women — something he also apparently considered a violation of his underworld code of honor.

SHARKS
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will make it harder to earn public support for the conservation of sharks, whose populations are declining due to human activity.

"There are hundreds of species of sharks, and only four of them have ever been recorded to have bitten human beings," said Ana Luisa Ahern, interactive campaigns manager for Heal the Bay. "They're not nearly as deadly or terrifying as the media portrays them to be."

Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay put up its own shark week blog post series in response to the Discovery Channel's programming. The blog posts include first-person accounts with sharks, bearing titles like "How I learned to love swell sharks," as well as facts about the rare chances of being attacked by a shark.

According to the International Shark Attack File at the Florida Museum of Natural History, 80 unprovoked shark attacks occurred last year in the whole world, of which seven were fatalities.

Meanwhile, experts estimate that humans kill about 100 million sharks a year in commercial fisheries.

Without sharks to regulate the marine ecosystem, populations of fish and other marine animals would grow out of control, Ahern said.

"(Sharks) are the king of the jungle in a way," she said. "They're incredibly important to the ecosystem."

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California Incline closure
On Thursday, Aug. 8 the California Incline will be closed to northbound (downhill) traffic from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for pothole repairs and weed abatement. Southbound (uphill) lanes into Santa Monica will not be impacted. For further information, contact Sylvester Mabry, Street & Fleet Services manager, at (310) 458-8505.

Expo Light Rail Line
Note the following activities:
1. Colorado Avenue: Expect westbound and eastbound lane closures during daytime hours. Expect reduction of travel lanes during the non-peak day between Seventh and 17th streets along Colorado Avenue. Alleys on the north side of Colorado between Ninth and 17th streets and Fifth Court will have limited access at Colorado.
2. Colorado Avenue between Main and Sixth streets: Expect westbound and eastbound lane closures during non-peak travel hours, 9 p.m.-8 a.m. (Sunday to Thursday).
3. Lincoln Boulevard between Olympic and Broadway: Expect northbound and southbound lane closures during non-peak travel hours, 9 p.m.-8 a.m. (Sunday to Thursday).
4. Olympic Boulevard between 20th and 26th streets: Westbound and eastbound lane closures during non-peak travel hours, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
5. Cloverfield and Olympic boulevards: Street closure on Cloverfield south of Olympic for bridge construction. One night closure between 10 p.m.-6 a.m. is tentatively scheduled for the week of Aug. 12.
6. Colorado Avenue Light Rail and Station Construction: K-rail (barriers) will be installed in the middle of Colorado between and Ninth and 17th streets, as early as Aug. 12.
For more information about the Expo Line Project, visit BuildExpo.org or call (213) 922-EXPO (3976).

Annual Street Resurfacing
The contractor will be repairing sidewalks north of Wilshire Boulevard and east of 20th Street. Impact to traffic should be minimal but partial lane closures may be necessary at times. For more information, contact Hany Demitri, civil engineer, at (310) 458-8721 ext. 5385.

Lincoln Boulevard Resurfacing
Concrete work will occur in the southbound and northbound lanes between the daytime hours of 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Grinding and paving work will occur between the evening hours of 8 p.m.-6 as follows: Wednesday night, from south city limit to Ashland Avenue; Thursday night, from Ashland Avenue to Ocean Park Boulevard; Friday night, from Ocean Park Boulevard to Pearl Street; Monday night, from Pearl Street to Pico Boulevard; and Tuesday night, from Pico Boulevard to Interstate-10. There will be partial lane closures, but one lane will remain open in each direction. Expect delays and use alternate routes whenever possible. For more information, contact Hany Demitri, civil engineer, at (310) 458-8721 ext. 5385.

Santa Monica Pier Renewal
Construction will continue and is estimated to conclude in spring of 2014. The pier and its businesses will remain open during construction. Contact Curtis Castle, civil engineer, at (310) 458-8721 if you have any questions.

Advanced Traffic Management Systems Project
The contractor will be installing fiber optic communication cables on Neilson Way between Pico Boulevard and Marine Street and also performing traffic signal work on Ocean Park Boulevard between Lincoln Boulevard and 34th Street. Impact to traffic will be minimal and at least one lane of traffic will remain open in each direction. For more information, contact the project hotline at (866) 755-7679. For more information, visit www.SMConstructs.org.

Parking Structure No. 6
There will be periodic sidewalk closures on Second Street between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard through Aug. 10. There will be periodic northbound lane closures through Aug. 10 for material deliveries on Second Street between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard. Temporary traffic control signs and barricades will be deployed to guide vehicular and pedestrian traffic in and around the work areas. Materials delivery work will take place in the alley behind the parking structure (Second Court), with partial alley closures taking place through Aug. 10. All work will take place Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. In addition, there will be periodic lane closures for both eastbound and westbound vehicular traffic on Broadway between Second and Fourth streets in the overnight hours between 10 p.m.-6 a.m. For more information about the Parking Structure 6 project, visit www.SMConstructs.org or call (310) 458-2205.

Santa Monica Airport Improvements
The removal of rubber deposits from the runway surface and striping with take place at night between the hours of 9 p.m.-6 a.m. All other work will take place between the hours of 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Construction Manager Carlos Rosales at (310) 458-8721.

For more information, visit www.knowB4Ugo.smgov.net and click on 'Know Before You Go.'

WALKING
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anti-drunk driving campaigns may be encouraging more people to walk home after a night of drinking.

"What it (the data) says to us is that nationally we've done a good job of educating people about the dangers of drunk driving, but we haven't done such a good job of reminding them that other drunk behavior, including walking, can be just as dangerous," Adkins said.

Alcohol can impair pedestrians' judgment and lead them to make bad decisions, like crossing a road in the wrong place, crossing is against the light, or "trying to beat a bus that's coming," he said.

"We're starting to see this with bicycles as well in cities that have bike share programs," he said. "People wanting to do the right thing that had too much at happy hour and they jump on a bike."

There is no data on an increase in alcohol-impaired bicycle fatalities, but there has been discussion at safety conferences around the country about what appears to be the beginning of a trend, Adkins said.

"Bicyclists are a small number of fatalities anyway," he said. "But it makes sense. For the same reason there are drunk pedestrians, you're going to see drunk bicyclists. You can be alcohol impaired with just a few drinks. It's not that you're sloppy drunk and falling over, it is just that you're above .08."

Safety advocates have been warning for several years that they're also seeing more cases of distracted walking. Several studies show that people who are talking on their cellphones while walking make more mistakes.

"We've done a good job alerting people to the dangers of being a distracted driver, but we haven't done a good job of alerting people to the dangers of being a distracted pedestrian," Adkins said.

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"We felt the analysis was improperly done. We are right. It was improperly done," Eveloff said. "You fight to win the issue. We've won the issue but we didn't win the case."

Work on the $1.5 billion, 6.6-mile phase two extension is underway. The extension of the line from Culver City will include seven new stations, including a terminus at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street near Santa Monica Place and the Third Street Promenade. Service on Phase 1 of the Expo Line began in Spring 2012.

Gabriela Collins, government/community relations manager for the Exposition Construction Authority, said currently all the bridges for Expo are under construction, including eight between Venice and Olympic and Cloverfield boulevards. She said construction has also started on the 26th Street Bergamot Station.

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> Board member of Neighbors for Smart Rail

She said the contractor is also widening the road near the 17th Street Station and in the next couple of weeks will be installing the concrete barriers between 17th and 14th streets on Colorado Avenue.

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Stock indexes slip on a quiet day on Wall Street

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK A quiet day of trading left stock indexes mixed Monday.

There was little in the way of news to shake the market out of a summertime stupor, other than a report from the Institute for Supply Management that the U.S. service sector expanded in July, helped by a rise in new orders.

It was the latest piece of data that economists and investors puzzled through as they try to judge how well the U.S. economy is doing.

Last Thursday, the ISM reported that manufacturing increased last month. The next day, the government reported that companies weren't hiring as many workers as economists had predicted.

The report out Monday wasn't enough to drive the market above its already high levels.

"I think it's flat for a reason," said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank's wealth management group. "With broad indexes near all-time highs, we're due for a pause."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index breached 1,700 points for the first time last week. An improving U.S. economy and rising corporate profits have helped push the index up 19.7 percent this year.

The S&P 500 index slipped 2.53 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 1,707.14 on Monday. Utilities led eight of the 10 industry groups in the index lower. Technology and consumer-staples companies eked out gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 46.23 points, or 0.3 percent, to 15,612.13.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 3.36 points, or 0.09 percent, to 3,692.95.

Apple, the biggest company in the Nasdaq, rose after news that President Barack Obama's administration prevented a ban on imports of some iPhones and iPads. Apple gained $6.91, or 1 percent, to $469.45.

In June, the U.S. International Trade Commission ruled that the Apple devices violated a patent held by Samsung and issued the ban. The Obama administration had 60 days to decide whether to let it take effect.

Among other companies in the news, Berkshire Hathaway crept higher on the first day of trading after its earnings report. Warren Buffett's conglomerate posted a 46 percent rise in profit late Friday, easily beating Wall Street's estimates. Berkshire reported big paper gains on the value of its derivative contracts and higher earnings from its BNSF railroad. Its stock edged up 41 cents, or 0.4 percent, to $118.23.

Big companies have been reporting better second-quarter results. Analysts estimate that earnings for companies in the S&P 500 increased 4.4 percent over the same period a year earlier.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury climbed to 2.64 percent from 2.60 percent in late Friday trading.

The dollar edged lower against the Japanese yen and rose slightly against the euro. Gold fell $8.10 to $1,302.40 an ounce and oil fell 38 cents to $106.50 a barrel.

Trading volume was well below average. Just 2.5 billion shares were traded on the New York Stock Exchange, versus a recent average of 3.4 billion.

Among other stocks making big moves:

• CBS and Time Warner Cable both fell. The companies are involved in a dispute over fees that left CBS signals blocked in Time Warner Cable's systems in New York, Los Angeles and Dallas. CBS fell 67 cents, or 1 percent, to $53.86 and Time Warner Cable fell 68 cents, 0.6 percent, to $116.42.

• Revlon jumped after announcing that it will buy Colomer Group, which sells hair dye and other products to beauty salons. Revlon rose $1.66, or 7 percent, to $26.16.

• Tyson Foods, the nation's biggest meat producer, rose after announcing that its quarterly profits more than tripled. Tyson rose $1.18, or 4 percent, to $29.69.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **64.8°**

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

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minor SW swell leftovers

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minor SW swell; new SSW swell starts to creep in late

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
New SSW swell fills in

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Number of sewage spills -- 0
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Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las 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 Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	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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MLB

Rodriguez, others suspended for drugs

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Alex Rodriguez was suspended through 2014 and All-Stars Nelson Cruz, Jhonny Peralta and Everth Cabrera were banned 50 games apiece Monday when Major League Baseball disciplined 13 players in a drug case — the most sweeping punishment since the Black Sox scandal nearly a century ago.

Ryan Braun's 65-game suspension last month and previous penalties bring to 18 the total number of players sanctioned for their relationship to Biogenesis of America, a closed anti-aging clinic in Florida accused of distributing banned performing-enhancing drugs.

The harshest penalty was reserved for Rodriguez, the New York Yankees slugger, a three-time Most Valuable Player and baseball's highest-paid star. He said he would appeal his suspension, which covers 211 games, by Thursday's deadline. And since arbitrator Fredric Horowitz isn't expected to rule until November or December, Rodriguez is free to play the rest of this season.

The other 12 players have already agreed to their 50-game penalties.

MLB said A-Rod's drug penalty was for "his use and possession of numerous forms of prohibited performance-enhancing substances, including testosterone and human growth hormone over the course of multiple years."

His punishment under the labor contract was "for attempting to cover up his violations of the program by engaging in a course of conduct intended to obstruct and frustrate the office of the commissioner's investigation."

Rodriguez admitted four years ago that he used performance-enhancing drugs while with Texas from 2001-03, but has repeatedly denied using them since.

"I am disappointed with the penalty and intend to appeal and fight this through the process. I am eager to get back on the field and be with my teammates," Rodriguez said in Chicago.

The suspensions are thought to be the most at once for off-the-field conduct since 1921, when Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis banned eight Chicago White Sox players for life for throwing the 1919 World Series against Cincinnati: Shoeless Joe Jackson, Eddie Cicotte, Happy Felsh, Chick Gandil, Fred McMullen, Charles "Swede" Risberg, Buck Weaver and Claude "Lefty" Williams. They had been suspended by the team the previous year and were penalized by baseball even though they had been acquitted of criminal charges.

As for the modern-day All-Stars, Cruz, an outfielder, leads Texas in RBIs and Peralta has been a top hitter and slick-fielding shortstop for Detroit, a pair of teams in the midst of pennant races. They will be eligible to return for the postseason.

Others agreeing included Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli and outfielder Fernando Martinez; Philadelphia pitcher Antonio Bastardo; Seattle catcher Jesus Montero; New York Mets infielder Jordany Valdespin and outfielder Cesar Puello; Houston pitcher Sergio Escalona; and free agent pitchers Fautino De Los Santos and Jordan Norberto.

While the players' association has fought many drug penalties over the past three decades, attitudes of its membership have shifted sharply in recent years and union staff encouraged settlements in the Biogenesis probe.

"The accepted suspensions announced today are consistent with the punishments set forth in the Joint Drug Agreement, and were arrived at only after hours of intense negotiations between the bargaining parties, the players and their representatives," union head Michael Weiner said. "For the player appealing, Alex Rodriguez, we agree with his decision to fight his suspension. We believe that the Commissioner has not acted appropriately ... The union, consistent with its history, will defend his rights vigorously.

"The union's members have made it clear that they want a clean game," he added. "They support efforts to discipline players, and harshly, to help ensure an even playing field for all."

A-Rod intimated Friday that New York did not want him to return; Yankees answered Monday with a prepared statement:

"We are compelled to address certain reckless and false allegations concerning the Yankees' role in this matter," the team said. "The New York Yankees in no way instituted and/or assisted MLB in the direction of this investigation; or used the investigation as an attempt to avoid its responsibilities under a player contract; or did its medical staff fail to provide the appropriate standard of care to Alex Rodriguez."

Baseball's drug agreement says the appeal hearing shall start no later than 20 days after the filing of the grievance and the arbitrator is charged with making a decision 25 days after the hearing starts. However, the schedule can be altered by agreement of management and the union. Weiner says a settlement is possible but not likely.

Players have often succeeded at persuading arbitrators to overturn or shorten drug suspensions. In the era before the drug agreement, LaMarr Hoyt, Ferguson Jenkins, Pascual Perez and Willie Wilson were among those who had success in hearings, and Steve Howe's lifetime ban for a seventh suspension related to drugs or alcohol was cut to 119 days.

Cruz, eligible to return to Texas for the postseason if the Rangers make the playoffs, attributed his action to a gastrointestinal infection, helicobacter pylori, and said he had lost 40 pounds following the 2011 season.

"I made an error in judgment that I deeply regret, and I accept full responsibility for that error," he said in a statement. "I should have handled the situation differently, and my illness was no excuse."

Peralta can rejoin Detroit for a season-ending three-game series at Miami — not far from the former office of Biogenesis.

In a statement released by the Tigers, Peralta said in "spring of 2012, I made a terrible mistake that I deeply regret." Peralta apologized to his teammates and "the great fans in Detroit," saying he knows he let "many good people down."

MLB's investigation began last year after San Francisco outfielder and All-Star game MVP Melky Cabrera tested positive for elevated testosterone, as did Oakland pitcher Bartolo Colon and San Diego catcher Yasmani Grandal. The probe escalated in January when the Miami New Times published documents obtained from former Biogenesis associate Porter Fisher that linked several players to Biogenesis.

MLB said Melky Cabrera, Colon and Grandal will not receive additional discipline and it found no violations for Washington pitcher Gio Gonzalez and Baltimore infielder Danny Valencia, both linked to Biogenesis in media reports.

In June, baseball officials struck a deal for Biogenesis founder Tony Bosch to cooperate.

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★★★★ Tap into your imagination in order to get past problems. Some of your suggestions might seem wild to those you deal with on a daily basis, but their validity comes out when tested. Tonight: Where people are having fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might be caught up in your thoughts about a personal matter. Relax, and open up conversation with a friend who has your best interests in mind. The two of you seem to accomplish more together than apart. Tonight: With any luck, you'll get a new beginning.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might be busy fielding calls. As you start to open up more, you'll get great feedback. A friend supports you in this venture. Do not compromise the integrity of a concept. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You could become overly enthusiastic and find yourself spending a little too freely. You know there is no way around the situation. Tonight: Really look at your budget, then make decisions.

LEO (July 23- Aug. 22)
★★★ Reach out to a partner or friend. When you brainstorm about a problem, not only will the problem be eliminated, but you also could come up with some other great ideas. You'll feel the kinetic energy in the air. Be willing to commit to a new beginning. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be questioning a partner's choices, especially as this person seems so vague and confused. You might not be able to take a logical approach, as he or she won't be able to think that way about this situation. Think outside the box. Tonight: Keep your own counsel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Emphasize what you want, as opposed to what you think you can get. You might be confused about the outcome of a situation. Whether it involves work or your personal life, you can be sure that you're not seeing the matter as clearly as you'd like. Tonight: On your game.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have an extraordinary imagination that takes you to new heights. Your ability to understand others helps you when accepting a lead role. Tonight: A force to behold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might want to follow through on a key project where confusion is not an issue. If you reach out to key advisers, you will come up with an inspired plan. Tonight: Get an opinion from several friends before you act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You seem to know what will happen next and why. Lighten up and worry less. You can handle whatever comes down your path; be anxious simply will not help. Tonight: A resolution or decision made right now will stick.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to see a situation from someone else's eyes, and you can be sure that this person will want you to see it through your eyes as well. Try out his or her vision and see if it works for you. A new perspective can change results. Tonight: Go along with a friend's plans.

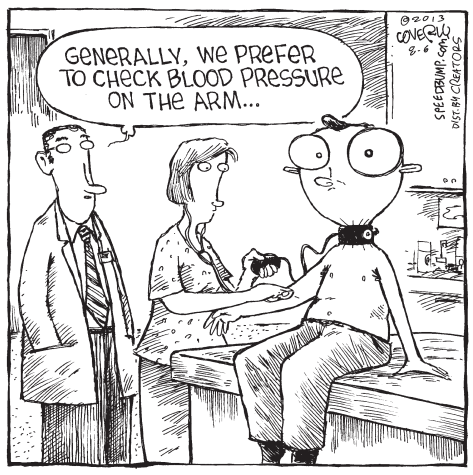
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★★★★ Your mind might be jumbled, which makes it hard to stay focused on one topic. Do not push yourself too hard. Make a point to jot down some of your unusual ideas that might be worth exploring and testing out. This process might free up your mind some. Tonight: Stay mellow.

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

This year you open up to many new possibilities. In some sense, you will experience a new beginning in a chosen area of your life. You also will successfully instrument a life change. You respond to others with a great deal of creativity. If you are single, you'll want to get to know someone better who stimulates your imagination. Together, you could live out wonderful adventures. If you are attached, as a couple, you'll revise your dreams and goals, as both of you have changed considerably. You will benefit from private time together. Another LIBRA could get quite competitive with you.

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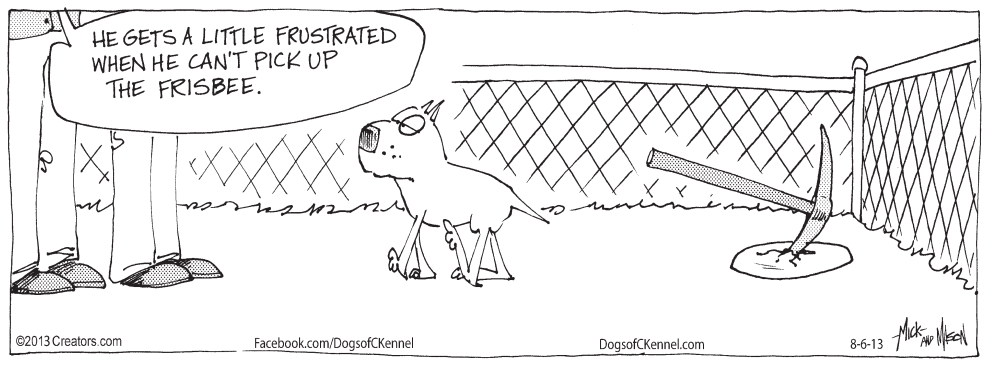
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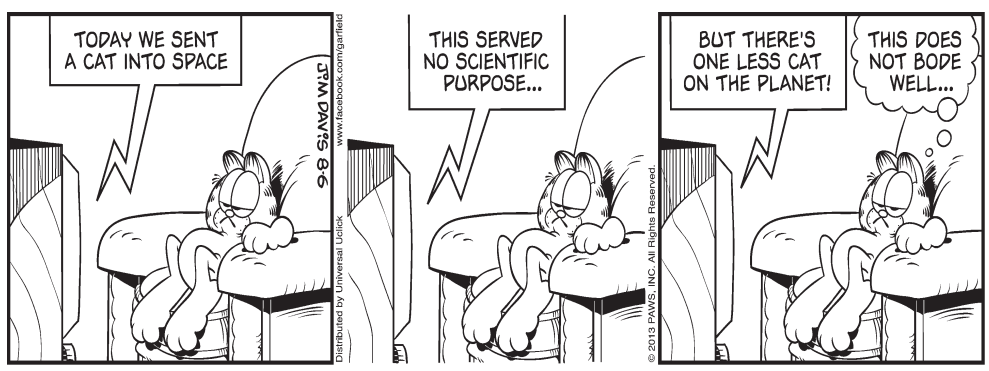
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

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26 Saloon quaff
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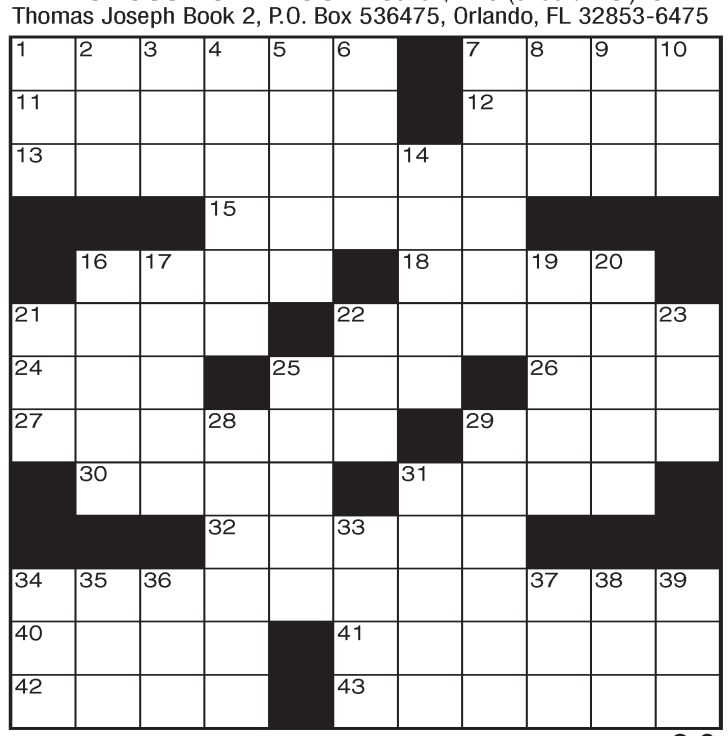
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28 Run-down and dirty
29 In abundance
31 Moon of Saturn
33 Newspaper goof
34 Common title starter
35 Hunk of gum
36 Put a stop to
37 Unoriginal
38 Constant complainer
39 Pupil's place

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Draw Date: 8/5
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Because Zimbabwe is reputedly among the world's most corrupt countries, bribery is normal and makes the news only when innovators go above and beyond. The anti-poverty organization Transparency International reported in July that one hospital in Harare had recently been imposing a $5 charge on mothers each time they screamed during childbirth (in addition to the $50 delivery fee). Furthermore, it has long been rumored that hospitals in Zimbabwe (and other countries) may detain mothers and their children at the hospital if they cannot pay the fees. (Transparency International reported several days later, after finally obtaining a meeting with a government official, that the per-scream charge will be lifted.)

■ Satan was thrust into the recent Texas legislature debate with pro-choicers shouting, "Hail, Satan!" at the right-to-life faction. However, whom Satan had endorsed was not clear. A British organization called UK Church of Satan appeared to criticize the pro-choicers (according to Twitter comments) while the New York-based Church of Satan (founded in 1966 by Anton LaVey) insists on a woman's right to choose, said its High Priest Peter Gilmore -- although he acknowledged that shouting "Hail, Satan" to anti-abortion activists was "ludicrous and meaningless."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1991 - Tim Berners-Lee releases files describing his idea for the World Wide Web. WWW debuts as a publicly available service on the Internet.

1991 - Takako Doi, chair of the Social Democratic Party, becomes Japan's first female speaker of the House of Representatives.

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