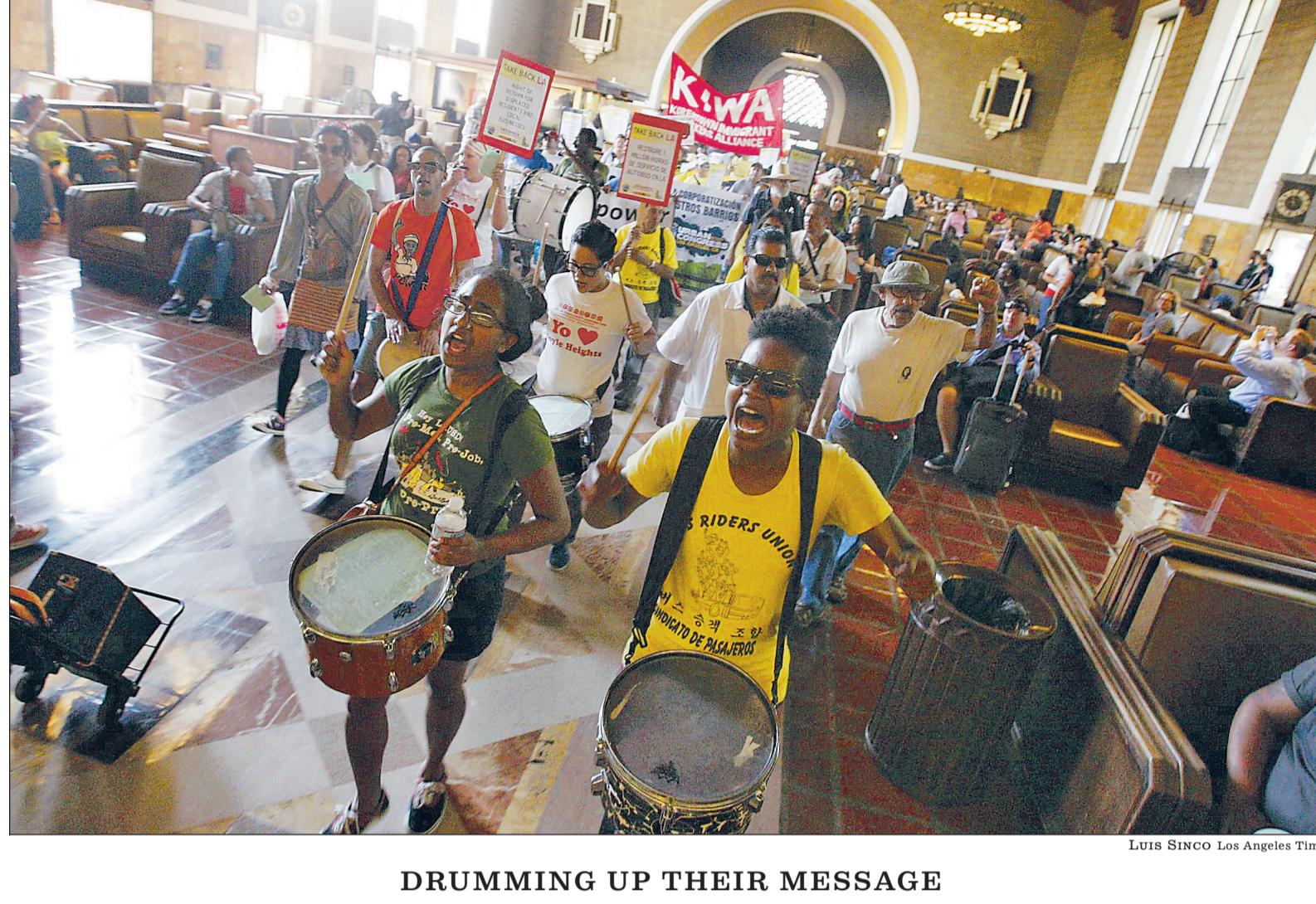


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DRUMMING UP THEIR MESSAGE

About 200 protesters march through Union Station in downtown L.A. demanding more community involvement in Metro's management and development of property along transit lines. A key concern among demonstrators was affordable housing. AA3

UC to pay pepper sprayed protesters

Regents approve settlement with 21 Davis students and alumni who sued.

By LARRY GORDON

SAN FRANCISCO — The University of California will pay damages to the UC Davis students and alumni who were pepper sprayed by campus police during an otherwise peaceful protest 10 months ago, officials said Thursday.

The UC regents, in a closed-door meeting, approved the proposed settlement payment to 21 UC Davis students and alumni who sued the university and contended their civil rights were violated in the widely criticized pepper spray incident.

However, both UC officials and the ACLU of Northern California, which is representing the students in the lawsuit, refused to divulge settlement details, saying the rules of the agreement talks require a federal judge to review the matter before it can be made public. That may happen within a few days, they said.

Jonathan Stein, the UC student regent, said the settlement was warranted. "We did an injustice to our students that day at Davis, and some amount of recompense is appropriate. More importantly, it's time for us as an institution to publicly acknowledge that's not the way we should treat our students; we were wrong, and we are moving forward," he said.

[See Davis, AA4]

NFL stadium proposal advances

AEG wins a round with L.A.'s planning panel, but a lawsuit hangs over project.

By DAVID ZAHNISER AND KATE LINTHICUM

A \$1.2-billion plan for bringing an NFL stadium to Los Angeles passed a major test Thursday, even as anti-poverty activists pressed powerful developer Anschutz Entertainment Group to make millions of dollars in additional concessions.

After 10 and a half hours of review, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's appointees on the Planning Commission signed off on a set of agree-



ments for the 72,000-seat stadium, concluding the project's economic benefits outweigh the "significant and unavoidable" impacts it will have on traffic, air quality, noise and light glare.

The 9-0 vote marked a major victory for AEG, putting the stadium and a related \$315-million renovation of the adjacent Convention Center on track for a Sept. 28 vote by the City Council. But Thursday's win was tempered by a warning from one of the stadium's biggest allies, who said a pending legal case is placing the project in jeopardy.

At a separate City Hall hearing on the stadium, Natural Resources Defense Council senior attorney David Pettit urged city officials to help restart talks between

AEG and a coalition of anti-poverty activists challenging special state legislation intended to speed up approval.

The Play Fair at Farmers Field Coalition filed a lawsuit last month seeking to invalidate a state law written for AEG that limits lawsuits against the stadium to a 175-day period. The group, which includes the renters' rights group Community Action Network, said it wants AEG to provide \$60 million for affordable housing, or \$2 million a year over 30 years.

City officials are pursuing a timeline that would ensure that any lawsuit against AEG would be resolved in March, when NFL team owners are expected to con-

[See Stadium, AA4]

Sheriff to help monitor Internet crimes

Governor signs a bill directing Baca to help determine whether new laws are needed.

By PATRICK McGREEVY

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Jerry Brown on Thursday directed the Los Angeles County sheriff to help determine whether Internet-related crimes are a significant problem requiring new state laws.

Brown signed into law a bill that requires the Sheriff's Department and the Alameda County district attorney to collect statistics in their counties for one year on identity theft, child molestation, stalking and other crimes involving the Web.

"One of the most effective weapons in the fight against cyber-crime is accurate data and information," said Evan Westrup, a spokesman for the governor.

State Sen. Ellen Corbett (D-San Leandro) introduced the measure a year after Facebook, Google, Twitter and other companies successfully lobbied to kill legislation she promoted that would have allowed parents to restrict their children's personal information on social networking sites and limit disclosure of information about adults.

Sheriff Lee Baca backed last year's bill and has serious concerns about the vulnerability of children and others on the World Wide Web, said spokesman Steve Whitmore.

The sheriff, who hosted a hearing on the issue in Los Angeles in October, has a Special Victims Bureau that investigates crimes against children, including those in-

[See Internet, AA4]

Hantavirus case is Yosemite's ninth

California resident, who recovered from a mild infection, stayed at Curry Village.

By KATE MATHER

Another person has been sickened by hantavirus originating in Yosemite National Park, the ninth case in a rash of the rodent-borne disease that has killed three visitors since mid-June.

The latest case sickened a California resident who stayed in a Curry Village "signature tent cabin" in early July, park spokesman Scott Gediman said. The person has since recovered, he added.

But the latest case was a

milder infection, with flu-like symptoms that did not advance to hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, the respiratory ailment that can prove fatal, according to park and health officials.

Officials have called the Yosemite outbreak unprecedented — more than one hantavirus infection from the same location in the same year is very rare. The disease is typically transmitted to humans when they inhale dust or dirt containing the droppings or urine of infected mice.

News of the ninth case came as Yosemite officials began yet another wave of public notifications, this time emailing some 230,000 people who reserved lodging throughout the park since

[See Hantavirus, AA5]



ON A ROLL IN CHICAGO

Twins Colton and Lucas Jordan join teachers on Day 4 of their strike. Union and school officials seemed more optimistic about negotiations. AA2

Panel balks at new BioWatch

House members express doubts about the program's viability. AA2

Photographer of architecture dies

Pedro E. Guerrero, 95, worked with Frank Lloyd Wright. AA5

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