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THE TOUGH TALK ISSUE

Health worker strike set at SM-UCLA

UC system expects $20 million in losses

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID CITY Patient care workers at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center will join thousands of others at UC hospitals across the state in a two-day strike to protest what they say are unsafe staffing levels while administrators rake in fat-cat salaries and pensions.

Members of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees union will walk off the job between 4 a.m. Tuesday until 4 a.m. Thursday at both the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Westwood, as well as hospitals in Irvine, San Francisco and San Diego.

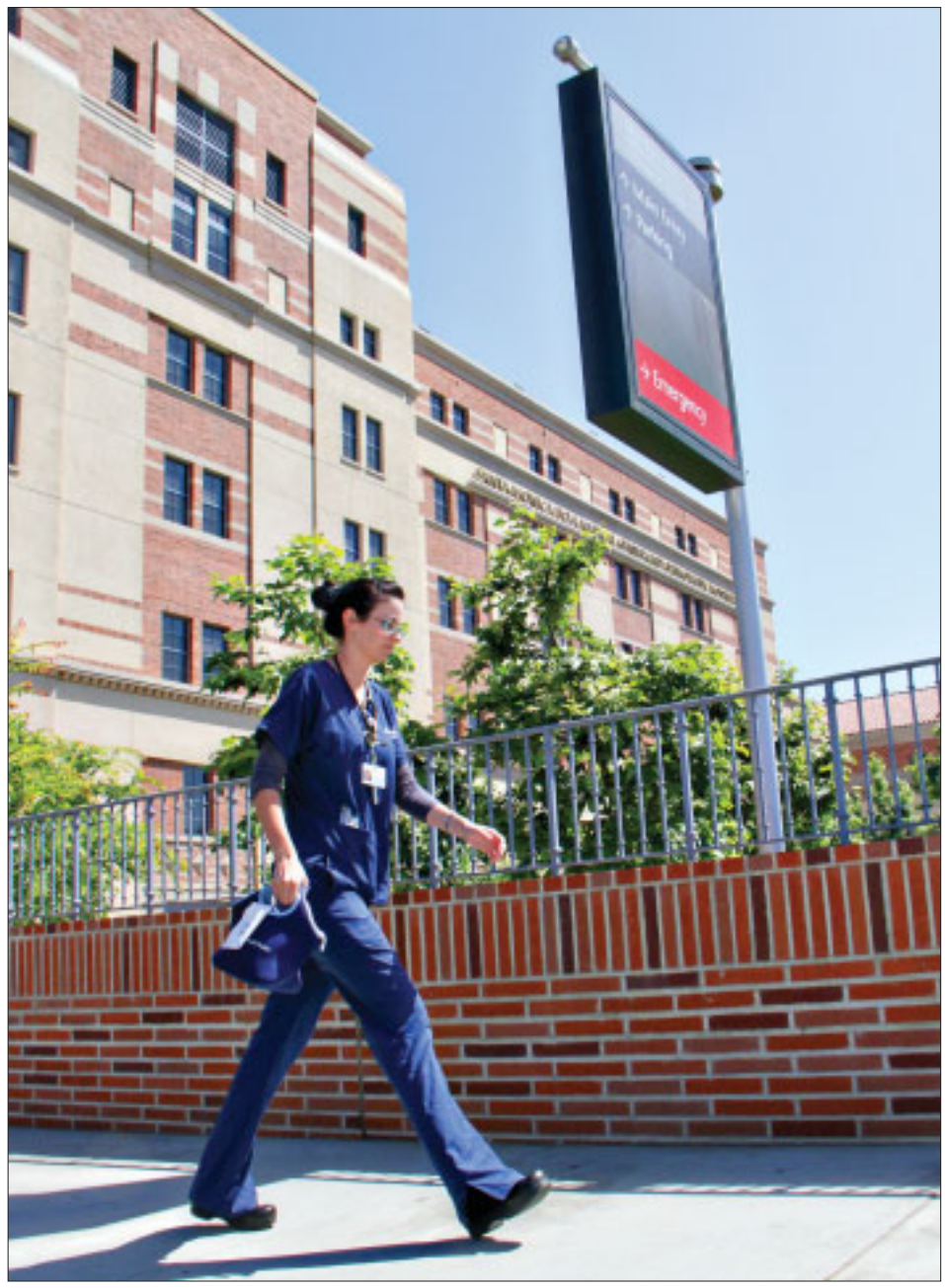
Union officials hold that they are carrying dangerously high patient loads and that the UC Health System is cutting trained, front-line workers in favor of cheaper replacements or even volunteers at the same time that administrators receive millions of dollars in salaries and pensions.

UC officials, however, say that the union representing the nearly 13,000 workers is jeopardizing patient care by refusing to come back to the bargaining table to work out issues surrounding pension reform, and will cost the nonprofit health system $20 million in the process.

Most of that money will go to hiring temporary workers for the two days, as well as lost revenue, which they say will impact the hospitals' patient care and education missions.

The union declared an impasse and ended negotiations in December over poten-

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THE SITE: **A Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center staff member walks past the hospital.**

Senate OKs regulations for medicinal marijuana

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California would take steps to regulate the sale of medical marijuana under a bill approved Monday by the state Senate, restricting cannabis dispensaries that federal prosecutors say have grown out of control.

California voters first supported legalizing marijuana to treat illness in 1996, but federal prosecutors recently cracked down. They said the industry has grown enormously profitable and has made marijuana essentially available for recreational use.

The Senate sent the bill to the Assembly on a 22-12 vote and without any Republican support.

The legislation makes it clear that dispensaries cannot operate at a profit, but that the owners can receive reasonable compensation and reimbursement for expenses.

"This bill is not about the legalization of marijuana," said Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento. "It does seek to assure that patients who need medical cannabis have access to it. It is intended to assure that drug cartels and other criminals do not benefit from the lack of regulation."

He said his SB439, along with pending legislation by Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, D-San Francisco, is "intended to come to some sort of an understanding with the federal government."

The bill's language is still being negotiated with law enforcement groups and is likely to be amended in the Assembly, Steinberg said.

It would not affect local regulations or prohibitions on dispensaries, authority that the state Supreme Court upheld earlier this month.

The bill would adopt guidelines issued by Gov. Jerry Brown when he was the state's attorney general in 2008, making it clear that the dispensaries cannot operate at a profit.

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New state standards may cut advanced math course

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS A proposed shift in the progression of math classes at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District could eliminate the highest level course taught in the district, which some parents feel put students at a disadvantage when applying to top-tier universities.

The class, Calculus DE, focuses on multivariate calculus, a class not often taught until students go to college. To take it in high school, a student must have taken algebra in seventh grade, a year earlier than normal.

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Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Puppet time
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St.,
3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Join Mr. Jesse and his gang of puppets for heartfelt stories and songs. Intended for children ages 3-7. For more information, call (310)458-8683.

Book it
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.
Learn about travel websites and other resources to help plan your next vacation. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Not-so-scary movie
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:15 p.m.
The animated film "Frankenweenie" will be screened. The event is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Preschool stories
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Children ages 3 to 5 can enjoy story time in the morning. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Living green
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Join the latest installment of the Sustainable Works Green Living Workshop, where topics discussed include reducing water and energy usage, saving money on utilities, and more. Attendees will receive free water-saving tools, energy-saving light bulbs and more. Event will be held in the Multipurpose Room, second floor. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Winning documentary
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
The Oscar-winning documentary "Searching for Sugar Man" will be screened in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Digital detox
The Writers Bootcamp at Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave.,
7:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Live Consciously Publishing is hosting the pre-publication party for Gemini Adams' new book called "The Facebook Diet: 50 Funny Signs of Facebook Addiction and Ways to Unplug with a Digital Detox." The event will feature art, comedy and music, plus many "get unplugged"-themed attractions. Admission is free, but a ticket is needed to be admitted.
To get tickets visit getunplugged.eventbrite.co.uk.

Stand-up showdown
M.I.'s Westside Comedy Theater
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Report reveals poor are moving to nation's suburbs

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES More poor people live in the nation's suburbs than in urban cities because of affordable housing, service-sector jobs and the increased use of housing vouchers, according to a study released Monday.

The number of those in poverty living in suburbs jumped 67 percent between 2000 and 2011, a much larger increase than in cities, researchers for the Brookings Institution said. Suburbs, however, still have a smaller percentage of the poor than cities do.

The report notes that poor people were pulled to the suburbs by more affordable homes and followed jobs that were often low paying. But those who moved to the suburbs also saw manufacturing jobs disappear and housing prices plummet following the economic recession.

"The myth of suburban prosperity has been a stubborn one," Christopher Niedt, academic director of the National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University, told the Los Angeles Times. Even as suburban poverty emerged, "many poorer communities were so segregated from the wealthy in suburbs that many people were able to ignore it."

Suburban cities have been ill equipped to handle the surge. In Irvine, the nonprofit Families Forward use to hand groceries to about 25 families every week; now it's more than 160. The estimated number of poor people in Irvine rose from more than 12,000 to nearly 21,000 in a decade, Brookings found.

"Everything is nicely maintained. Things look good on the surface," said Margie Wakeham, executive director of Families Forward. "But the need has just skyrocketed."

The newspaper said poverty shifted to the suburbs earlier in Los Angeles than nationwide. About half of the poor in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Santa Ana and their outskirts have lived in suburbia for decades, according to Brookings' analysis. That percentage rose to 53.4 in 2011.

The report also shows a slight increase in New York City suburban poverty.

Edison, CPUC reach $37M deal on Malibu Canyon Fire

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The California Public Utilities Commission has reached a proposed $37 million settlement with Southern California Edison over fallen power lines blamed for starting the October 2007 Malibu Canyon Fire.

Santa Ana winds knocked three jointly owned utility poles to the ground, sparking the fire that burned 6 square miles, destroyed dozens of structures and burned 36 vehicles. The agreement deals with the power lines that were on the poles and were owned and operated by Edison.

Of the $37 million, $20 million would be a penalty paid to California's general fund and $17 million would go to assessing pole loads and working to improve Malibu Canyon and its environs.

The commission's Safety and Enforcement Division submitted the agreement to an administrative law judge for review Monday. If the judge signs off, it will go to the California Public Utilities Commission for approval.

Under the terms, Edison admitted it violated the law by not taking action to prevent the overloading of its pole by third-party telecommunications equipment.

The company also acknowledged that one of its employees had concluded that a replacement pole didn't comply with the state regulatory agency's safety regulations for new construction. Edison should have worked to remedy the situation back in November 2007.

"SCE believes it is in the best interest of its stakeholders to resolve the dispute and move forward with the utility's principal mission of providing safe, reliable and affordable electric service," the company said in a statement. It also said funding for the settlement would come "solely from shareholders" and customer rates would not be impacted.

The proposed settlement was the third and final settlement regarding the fire. The first, approved September 2012, was for $12 million and involved AT&T Inc., Verizon Communications Inc. and Sprint Nextel Corp. The second settlement for $14.5 million was with Next-G Communications Inc. and is pending approval by the commission.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS



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SANTA MONICA PLACE

DOWNTOWN

Santa Monica Place wins award

Santa Monica Place won the 2013 Best-of-the-Best VIVA Global Design and Development Award, real estate investment company Macerich announced Saturday.

Macerich purchased the once-indoor mall in 1999 to renovate it and make it "better tie into the adjacent Third Street Promenade," chairman and CEO of Macerich Art Coppola said in a press release.

The renovated outdoor shopping space reopened in 2010.

The VIVA Award is the latest of many accolades that Santa Monica Place has won in the past, including awards in design, development and sustainability.

The award was presented by the International Council of Shopping Centers at the annual VIVA awards.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Demise of Downtown

Editor:

To the City Council, commissioners and city staff,

Winston Churchill simply described "civilization" as the subordination of the ruling class to the will of the people.

In this regard, the development agreement process has been more like a game of monopoly than one of environmental and urban planning for the benefit of the community. What's been proposed and supported to date is going in the wrong direction. (Will it take rallies and bonfires of the 1960s free speech movement to turn city management around?)

It's the job and responsibility of the city manager, along with the planning director and his staff, to carry out the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) reached over three years of public participation. And hopefully staff will also have the foresight to produce a truly creative zoning ordinance for Downtown and not yet another business-as-usual exercise.

But developers, along with support of city staff and economic consultants, say that projects with community benefits can only proceed if they are built to or over maximum limits – and to that I say a loud BS! I suggest that planning staff spend less time on fancy rhetoric, lengthy reports and biased economic studies and more time understanding and requiring quality urban design. If city staff, commissions and council are not capable of carrying out the LUCE mandate, then there needs to be a wholesale change in thinking.

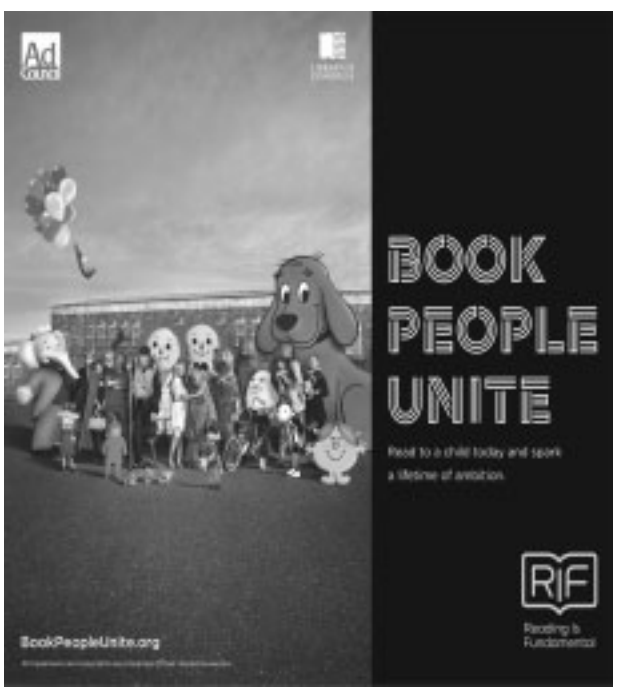
Last week, yet another development agreement was approved building lot line to lot line with the only slightest nod to open space being a 3-foot widening of the sidewalk with the building overhanging above. To trade for two additional affordable units and ignore quality design and environment when you can easily have both doesn't make sense.

What happened with the overly dense Village Trailer Park approval is worse than abysmal and what is happening piece by piece around Santa Monica also represents a huge lost opportunity.

The city manager, planning department, City Council and commissions, along with developers and attorneys need to understand that being "business friendly" is, over time, not the greatest density, but is instead the greatest environment.

Submitting to developer pressure is tantamount to white collar crime. Santa Monica is a wonderful community, and everyone including the development community will benefit if it is not plundered. As an architect, urban planner and developer of multi-family and commercial projects, it is a shame to see what's happening in this city. It's time for staff and the City Council to wake up and help create something we all can be proud of. Time to create a Downtown that is truly special and distinctive. Shame on all of you if you lose this opportunity.

Ron Goldman
Santa Monica





After the Bell

Merv Hecht — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

To cash in or let it ride?

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE that buy and sell stocks are a lot like the people that go to the racetrack.

When you are at the track you are investing — some call it betting — on a short-term result, which horse comes in first in the next few minutes. Of course you do your research. How did this jockey (the CEO) do in the past? How did the horse (the enterprise) perform recently? How is the competition? What are the odds?

Now take a look at investors in the market. They too do their research. How has the CEO performed? How has the company performed? What is the competition? How reasonable is the price? And more often I'm seeing people that are either day trading like at the track, or taking profits as soon as there are some.

I'm not in that camp. I think the decision to buy should be based on anticipated long-term results — at least one year. And I think the decision to sell should be based on an analysis of the current facts irrespective of results so far. The question I ask is would I buy this stock today. If not, it's better to sell and take the profits and put the proceeds into something I would like to buy today. Even if there are profits to take, I would hold the position if it is still a stock I would buy today.

Apple, of course, is the prime example today. As a result of its spectacular rise a lot of people are sitting on nice profits. Many are taking the profits and some are investing the proceeds into Google, the next big darling of the market. But when you do the research, and look at the pricing, Apple seems much more appetizing than Google. One has a lower than market price-earnings ratio and the other is way out of range. One has a nice juicy dividend and the other just holds your money.

I noticed that in April the Motley Fool Blog Network listed Apple as one of the top three stocks to buy, along with Intel and Corning. Actually, for a small investor a portfolio with just those three stocks would be a good start. Intel is, after all, the leading manufacturer of semiconductors in the world, with 16 percent of that market. And from a valuation point of view it's still cheap. And Corning sells into the consumer electronics, telecommunications and life sciences industries, all of which are growing. Owning Corning is almost like owning a little fund.

Bank of America might be on the other side of the fence. It too has had a pretty spectacular rise, from around five to around 13, give or take a point. It's way up there right now. I'm inclined to take those profits. Looking at the statistics on banks, while many of them look like a good investment right now, B of A does not look as good as others, so I would take my money and put it elsewhere.

For myself, I tend to be heavily influenced by sector analysis. The banking sector does look good right now because of an upswing in construction and business in general, which should lead to more borrowing and more deals in general. Cars are selling better than in a long time, so I like the auto industry. Dana Holding (DAN) and Delphi (DLPH) look especially good in that sector. Healthcare might be a big hit although no one knows what's happening for sure. A little known company like Shire (SHPG) might be a good bet. And as you know from previous columns, I'm enamored with the idea of 3D printing. And I've read that the Xerox research center in Palo Alto is working on figuring out how to make the materials necessary for printing advanced electronic devices. That could be really big. This might enable a cell phone company to print a whole cell phone in one process, with no assembly necessary.

So, when my broker says "sell, this position has a lot of profit in it already," what do I do? If I still like the company, as a compromise, I tell him to write a "no-cost collar" on it. Here's how that works: I buy a put about 10 percent below the current stock price. That gives me insurance against a decline in the stock price. I sell a call about 5 to 7 percent above the current stock price. That gives up any profit above that option strike price. The premium from the call pays for the insurance put, so I pay nothing for this insurance. Then I'm protected against a decline, and still leave a little room for an increase before the stock is called away. And if I want to protect against the whole portfolio I do the same thing on the S&P index.

As a closing note let me mention a recent table discussion I had with friends. I was talking about natural gas pipelines as a good investment (for a number of reasons which I've mentioned before). One friend had a horrified look on his face, and said that he would never invest in such a company as a matter of principle, no matter how good it was as an investment. From his point of view pipelines destroy the natural beauty of a number of areas in which they pass, frequently leak because of poor maintenance creating environmental problems, and foster fracking, which is an ecological disaster.

This might all be true. But my response was that the way to respond to these concerns is not to deprive yourself of profits. Just take some or all of the profits from the unsavory investment and donate it to groups that are fighting for your causes.

He thought about that for awhile, and lit up. He liked that idea. I wouldn't be surprised if he buys tobacco stocks next.

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What's the Point?

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Remembering those who sacrificed so much

AS WE CLOSE IN ON MEMORIAL DAY, the time America has set aside to honor the men and women who have given their lives for our freedom, a controversy rages.

Politicians are using yet another tragedy to once again try to make political hay for their party. The Republican Party is aghast that on-duty diplomats were killed in Benghazi. The Democrats are fighting back by saying that attacks on our embassies have occurred under both parties' control of the White House.

Who gives a damn? The fact is that Americans are out in the world trying to make it a better place, and tragedies happen, whether by rebel groups trying to change their own society, or by terrorists targeting our diplomatic and military missions.

The important point is that inspired men and women have lost their lives in the pursuit of something greater than themselves and they deserve to be honored for their efforts and sacrifices. How many of us even try to do something that changes the world, let alone pays anywhere near such a high price?

For most of us, this coming weekend means barbecues, time with friends and family and the traditional start of summer. Retailers have used this weekend as a reason for people to spend money on a new barbecue, redo the landscaping in the backyard and buy new summer outfits.

I will be going away this weekend for four days to be disconnected from the Internet, my cell phone and the stresses of regular life. I'm going to the mountains of Malibu to celebrate the weekend with 300 other men. There will be workshops teaching people how to tie-dye and seminars on how to engage my aura. I will be giving my presentation on how to write and publish a book in 90 days, which was a great success this past weekend at Blogpaws, the pet bloggers social media conference in Tysons Corner, Va.

This weekend in the mountains is about getting back in touch with what it means to be a man. For me, my weekend in the mountains is not about hierarchies, whether they are financial, educational, social, or military. I was never in the military, so I have no standard by which to measure how this unorganized group of men compares with a strict hierarchy of the military. I do know that I find the camaraderie and the friendships made to be highly satisfying. This weekend is about being one of many. When 300 men gather and they are all volunteers, it is an interesting experience to witness how much they can do and how little friction there really is.

I imagine that for those who were in the military and have felt the pressures of combat their sense of camaraderie must be much stronger, their friendships much deeper and their love for one another much greater, which means that their sense of loss must be greater also.

This coming Monday, May 27 at 11 a.m., Woodlawn Cemetery holds its 75th annual ceremony of remembrance for those lost in combat and interred there. Veterans and families will gather to honor and remember their fallen fellows.

That is the real point of this weekend. This weekend is about remembering what it took to found our nation, and what it takes to protect our nation, but also about the individuals who sacrificed their lives for those of us still living.

So this coming weekend as we enjoy our hamburgers and corn on the cob, as we lay on the beach and work on our tans, I urge you to take a moment and reflect on those who have sacrificed for us.

If you are an active duty service member, or you are a vet, I want to thank you for the work you've done, and let you know that I am sorry for the loss of your fellows. Whether you were a general or a private, whether you saw frontline combat or stayed on a base in Kansas, the role you played was needed and appreciated.

To all the service members, let me say thank you. You are not forgotten. You are appreciated.

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The Q Line

A different route

A recent Daily Press article discovered that 20 percent of Santa Monica's biggest employers are not compliant with ride share rules. Instead, those companies opt to pay for the option to drive into the city.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think City Hall should crackdown on companies that don't take the necessary steps to limit traffic by promoting ride sharing and other forms of alternative transportation?

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Yahoo takes major leap with $1.1B deal for Tumblr

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SAN FRANCISCO Yahoo is buying online blogging forum Tumblr for $1.1 billion as CEO Marissa Mayer tries to rejuvenate an Internet pioneer that had fallen behind the times.

The deal announced Monday is Mayer's boldest move since she left Google 10 months ago to lead Yahoo's latest comeback attempt. It marks Yahoo's most expensive acquisition since the Sunnyvale, Calif., company bought online search engine Overture a decade ago for $1.3 billion in cash and stock.

Yahoo is paying mostly cash for Tumblr, dipping into what remains of a $7.6 billion windfall reaped last year from selling about half of its stake in Chinese Internet company Alibaba Holdings Group. Taking over Tumblr will devour about one-fifth of the $5.4 billion in cash that Yahoo had in its accounts at the end of March.

While hailing Tumblr as a fount of creativity that attracts 300 million visitors each month, Mayer told analysts Monday that she is "making a sincere promise to not screw it up." David Karp, a high school dropout who started Tumblr six years ago, will remain in control of the service in an effort to retain the same "irreverence, wit and commitment to empower creators," Yahoo said.

Karp, 26, may now have a managerial mentor in Mayer, 37. Tumblr, which will remain based in New York, has about 175 employees while Yahoo has 11,300 workers.

Mayer, who worked closely with Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin during her time at the company, had high praise for Karp during Monday's conference call. "David Karp is one of the most inspiring, insightful entrepreneurs that I have ever met," she said.

In his statement, Karp predicted Yahoo would help Tumblr grow even faster as he strives "to make the Internet the ultimate creative canvas. "

The deal is expected to close during the second half of this year.

Tumblr will now play a pivotal role in Mayer's attempt to reshape Yahoo. To take on the challenge, Mayer ended a highly successful 13-year career at Google, which she helped surpass Yahoo as the Internet's most influential company. Since coming to Yahoo, Mayer has concentrated on improving employee morale, redesigning services and bringing in more engineering talent through a series of small acquisitions that have collectively cost less than $50 million.

Yahoo will still focus on mostly small deals, Mayer said. She seized the opportunity to buy Tumblr because she believes the service can accelerate her efforts to turn around Yahoo.

"Tumblr is a game changer," Mayer assured analysts.

As popular as Tumblr has become, the service remains unprofitable. That is likely to raise questions about whether Yahoo paid too much in Mayer's zeal to gain control over a hot service. Facebook Inc. faced similar doubts last year when it bought Instagram, a rapidly growing photo sharing site, that also hadn't been trying to make money. Facebook initially agreed to pay $1 billion in stock for Instagram, but the value had fallen to $715 million by the time that deal closed. Facebook still hasn't proven it will be able to make money off of Instagram.

Mayer's efforts at Yahoo have been well-received on Wall Street so far, although most of the roughly 70 percent surge in Yahoo's stock price under Mayer's leadership has been driven by the rising value of Yahoo's remaining 24 percent in Alibaba. When Alibaba goes public within the next few years, analysts have estimated Yahoo could collect another $10 billion to $20 billion by selling the rest of its Alibaba stock.

If this deal pays off the way Mayer envisions, Tumblr could help Yahoo finally get its stock price to $33. That would be a major coup because many investors soured on Yahoo after a previous regime led by co-founder Jerry Yang squandered an opportunity five years ago to sell the entire company to Microsoft for $33 per share. The stock spent more than four years trading below $20 before the recent surge. The shares gained 14 cents to $26.66 in Monday's afternoon trading.

The deal could backfire though if Yahoo's effort to make more money alienate a Tumblr user base that so far has been subjected to hardly any advertising during the service's six-year history.

"Yahoo has to manage this acquisition in a way that keeps Tumblr's user base while trying to add advertising, which historically tends to turn off a lot of people," said Forrester Research analyst Zachary Reiss-Davis.

Mayer said Yahoo will work with Tumblr to create ads that "are tasteful and seamless." The company expects Tumblr to start increasing Yahoo's revenue next year.

Mayer is betting that Tumblr will provide Yahoo with a captivating hook to reel in more traffic and advertisers on smartphones and tablet computers. That rapidly growing market is expected to become even more important during the next decade as people increasingly consume digital content on mobile devices instead of laptop and desktop machines.

More than half of Tumblr's users connect to the service through the mobile app, and engage in an average of seven sessions per day.

"I would characterize Tumblr as being ahead of Yahoo in terms of its work on mobile," Mayer said.

Besides offering one of the top mobile apps, Tumblr also runs one of the world's busiest websites, featuring 75 million daily posts about everything from politics to pets. Advertising has been a missing ingredient so far as Tumblr, like many online services in their early stages, focused on building a loyal audience before turning its attention to making money.

The deal also has some symbolic significance for Yahoo, an 18-year-old company that had spent much of the past decade aimlessly drifting under different management teams while Google Inc. overtook it in terms of size and influence. At the same time, newcomers such as Facebook Inc. and Twitter began to command the attention of people who found themselves spending less and less time on Yahoo.

Part of Yahoo's problems stemmed from missed chances to improve its service and technology.

Yahoo flirted with potential acquisitions of Google and Facebook in those two companies' early days, only to have the talks unravel because Yahoo wasn't prepared to pay asking prices that were far below the current market values of Google ($300 billion) and Facebook ($63 billion). Yahoo also considered buying YouTube in 2006, only to be outbid by Google, which snapped up the

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Bill would strip secrecy from health care agency

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Two lawmakers are pushing legislation to strip broad secrecy provisions from the state agency overseeing health care reforms in California that could shield from the public how hundreds of millions of dollars are spent, officials said Monday.

The bill by Republican Sen. Bill Emmerson and Democratic Sen. Mark DeSaulnier was introduced in the state Senate less than two weeks after The Associated Press reported the degree of privacy granted Covered California appears unique among states attempting to establish their own health insurance exchanges under President Barack Obama's signature law.

"It should all be transparent," Emmerson said in an interview. The California agency was given authority "to do things no one else could do. There was no sunlight on it."

An AP review of the 16 other states that opted for state-run marketplaces found the California agency was given powers that are the most restrictive in what information is required to be made public, and that explicit exclusions from open-records laws might run afoul of the state constitution.

The bipartisan bill, if passed in the Legislature, would take effect immediately "in order to ensure that public resources are managed efficiently," according to the text. Only narrower, temporary exemptions would be allowed, consistent with longstanding state law.

In August 2010, when California was sprinting to become the first state to embrace the most extensive health care changes since Medicare, state lawmakers gave the new agency the authority to keep all contracts private for a year and the amounts paid secret indefinitely.

According to agency documents, Covered California plans to spend nearly $458 million on outside vendors by the end of 2014, covering lawyers, consultants, public relations advisers and other functions.

By reversing the law, the bill, SB 332, would make public meeting minutes and records that reveal recommendations, research or strategy of the board or its staff, or those that provide instructions, advice or training to employees.

The indefinite ban on releasing rates of pay to companies and individuals receiving contracts would be scrapped. That provision goes beyond exemptions for other state health programs, such as Healthy Families, which withholds rates of pay from disclosure for up to several years, but not permanently.

The new law would mirror Healthy Families, providing a one-year delay in release of contracts only with large health plans and a three-year delay for rates of pay with only those firms, which are intended to promote fair competition.

However, those contracts would be open for inspection — at any time — by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee.

All other contracts would be pulled under state open-records laws, rather than exempted from them. It's routine in government to keep bids secret until contracts are awarded, so one vendor does not get an unfair advantage over others. After a bid is awarded, contracts generally become fully public.

"I am proud that California was the first in the nation to establish a health care exchange, but we should also be taking the lead in promoting transparency and accountability," DeSaulnier said in a statement. "An open process will only benefit the implementation of the" health overhaul.

Currently, it's not clear how many contracts the agency has executed, for how much or with whom.

In Massachusetts, the state that served as the model for Obama's health overhaul, the Health Connector program is specifically covered by open-records laws. The same is true in Idaho, where its exchange was established as a private, nonprofit corporation, and in New Mexico.

The Maryland Legislature subjected its exchange to the state's public information act, but protected some types of commercial and financial information.

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world's leading online service for $1.76 billion — a price that now looks like a bargain.

Even when Yahoo did pull off deals, the company has been criticized for mismanaging a list of acquired services that includes photo-sharing Flickr, online help-wanted service HotJobs and content-sharing service Del.icio.us. Yahoo ended up selling HotJobs and Del.icio.us, but Mayer has been looking at ways to spruce up Flickr and blend its photos into more of Yahoo's other services. Mayer is expected to discuss more changes for Flickr at an event in New York Monday evening.

Tumblr could help Yahoo recapture some of its cachet with teens and adults in their early 20s, a demographic that has become tougher for Yahoo to reach in recent years as it fell behind the technological curve and struggled to develop compelling services.

While Facebook has turned into a mainstream social network where even grandparents now connect family and friends, Tumblr has become one of the places where the cool kids hang out.

"Tumblr is redefining creative expression online," Mayer said. "On many levels, Tumblr and Yahoo couldn't be more different, but, at the same time, they couldn't be more complementary."

Tumblr emerged as a trendy online hangout by providing a service that makes it easy to share blog posts, photos, video and other content in an enthralling mosaic. The service says it has amassed more than 50 billion posts from 108 million blogs. Tumblr users rely on a dashboard to pinpoint the kinds of blogs that they want to track and also have tools to pass along the posts that interest them.

That wealth of content could be interwoven into Yahoo's other services that provide coverage of general news, sports, finance and entertainment. Tumblr also will fill Yahoo's gaping void in the realm of social media. Yahoo so far has had to connect its services to Facebook and Twitter to give its users a social networking outlet.

Having its own social networking service will also give Yahoo more insights into the things that people like — a key to distributing ads to consumers most likely to be interested in a specific products. That data, in turn, should help Yahoo sell more ads and accelerate its revenue growth. After three successive years of declines, Yahoo's revenue rose slightly last year, but lagged far behind the growth at Google and Facebook. Mayer has vowed to bring Yahoo's revenue growth back to at least the level of the overall Internet ad market.



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tial changes to pension agreements, said Dwaine Duckett, vice president for system-wide human resources.

Although they claim concerns about patient care, the union members will be hurting patients by refusing to come to work, officials said.

"No ifs, ands or buts about it, this strike will impact our ability to provide high-quality medical care to patients," said John Stobo, the UC system's senior vice president for health sciences and services.

A Sacramento Superior Court judge agreed Monday, ruling that 453 employees must remain at their posts to protect public health and safety, the Associated Press reported.

That's far less than the full injunction sought by UC officials, and will leave hospitals struggling to supply medications, test blood and perform x-rays or other imaging procedures, said Josh Adler, chief medical officer at UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital.

Hospital workers have formed patient protection task forces to help out in the event of an emergency, said Lakeisha Collins, an executive board member and a cook at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center.

"We want to shed some light onto the UC, that they start listening to us and understanding," Collins said. "We put our patients first, and now it's time for them to do the same."

UC medical centers across the state have been gearing up for the strike since last week, and do not expect things to return to normal for almost a week after the action ends.

Officials canceled surgeries, delayed procedures like radiation therapy and chemotherapy and dropped the number of patients at their facilities by 20 percent to minimize the impacts of the strike.

At least five children with congenital heart defects will have to wait until the strike is over to get care, and although there are no plans at this point to close emergency rooms, ambulances may be directed away from overcrowded emergency facilities if the strike is more disruptive than anticipated.

Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center is a go-to for pediatric care in the region, and its Nethercutt Emergency center serves 40,000 patients each year.



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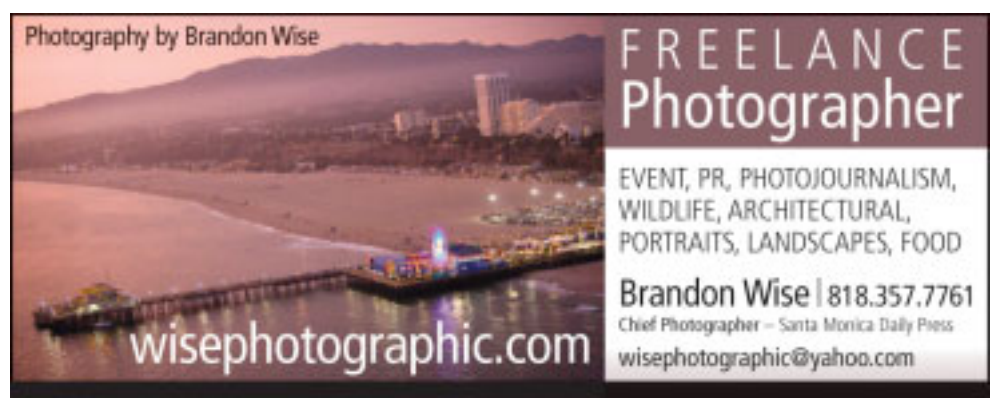
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The system overall provides patient care services valued at $7 billion annually and accounts for more than 3.9 million clinic visits and over 290,000 emergency room visits each year, according the health system's website.

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The class is currently only offered at Malibu High School, although students from Santa Monica High School use distance-learning technology to teleconference in during sixth period for the advanced course.

That may no longer be an option under the new "common core" standards, a set of expectations adopted by states across the country that emphasize a new style of learning that values critical thinking over rote memorization and application of concepts to real-world situations.

Common core standards were adopted by the California Department of Education in 2010, and students will be tested on them as early as the 2014-15 school year, leading educators across the state to begin brainstorming how to change classes to make sure their students can pass the exams.

That means beefing up existing math classes by adding a wider breadth of mathematical concepts for what educators hope will be a deeper learning experience, but could create a system in which algebra is only taught in eighth or ninth grade.

That raised a red flag for Mindy Peterson, who has a junior at Malibu High School planning to take Calculus DE her senior year.

The class will not only prepare her for challenging coursework as a freshman in college — she's got her eye on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — it helped her compete against students from private schools in the vicinity, Peterson said.

"It would be a shame to put an end to this program just to conform to the new common core sequence," Peterson said.

While it's not the goal to eliminate classes for high achievers, districts across the state are struggling to get curriculum lined up so that students will be ready to take the new standardized tests that will come online in just two years.

Those new standards have created a fundamental shift in not only what is taught, but how it's taught, and may present challenges if students try to take the algebra course in seventh grade and geometry in eighth, said Rosa Serratore, math coordinator with the district.

"It's not your mother's or father's algebra," Serratore said.

Furthermore, even schools like MIT don't require multivariate calculus for entry, instead asking for Calculus BC, the highest class offered by most high schools and one for which an Advanced Placement exam exists so that students can get college credit for taking it in high school.

Board members seemed hesitant to sign off on any future plan that would limit access to higher mathematics, but at the same time expressed a willingness to wait and see where the ultimate adoption of classes to meet common core standards led.

While giving the most talented students extra opportunity is always a plus, it cannot be the only consideration, said Boardmember Jose Escarce.

"Whether we continue to do that or not needs to be weighed against whether or not it's good for students in the context of a new set of standards," he said. "I have no way of knowing that."

Calculus DE will still be offered in the district next year, even as teachers throughout SMMUSD make the transition to the new core curriculum, and officials will be looking at ways to include it if there is demand.

The problem is not unique to SMMUSD, Serratore said.

"Other districts in California have been looking at what to offer our advanced mathematics students. Their numbers have been growing since there are a number of students taking algebra in the seventh grade," Serratore said. "What this will look like under the new common core algebra standards is the variable under review."

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Those operating within the guidelines could not face state prosecution.

Under Brown's 2008 guidelines, cooperatives registered under the state's Food and Agricultural Code or organized as less formal "collectives" are legal under California law, while for-profit dispensaries are not.

But there is lingering confusion over what is permitted in California, as indicated by the three competing medicinal marijuana measures that Los Angeles voters will consider on Tuesday's municipal ballot. The measures would either limit the number of dispensaries or allow new ones to open.

Sen. Jim Nielsen, R-Gerber, said California voters never intended to create the wide open marijuana industry that has evolved from the 1996 initiative, which since has created such headaches that 200 cities have outlawed or restricted dispensaries.

"The public thought it was, like, terminally ill or very seriously ill individuals, and now it's almost carte blanche for everybody and these marijuana dispensaries are popping up everywhere...." Nielsen said. "It's a gateway drug into great profits that many criminals have utilized to prey upon our public."

But Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, said nearly 50 California cities have opted to let dispensaries operate under the 2008 guidelines. The idea that marijuana should be available to those who are sick continues to have wide support both in California and across the nation, he said.

Aside from the restrictions on profits, the 2008 guidelines also said dispensaries should track their members and product and take steps to discourage the marijuana from going to those without a legitimate medical need. Steinberg's bill would put those non-binding guidelines into state law.

"The idea that...everyone has to have the wherewithal and the ability and the physical stamina as a patient to be able to grow their own is just unreasonable and unworkable," Leno said. "This is a very sensible step."

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High crop prices entice farms to expand planting

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BIGGSVILLE, Ill. Clark Kelly plans to spend a lot of time on the links this spring. The Illinois farmer is plowing the Hend-Co-Hills Golf Course near tiny Biggsville into a cornfield.

He's not the only one turning over soil in unlikely places. Across the Midwest, farmers are planting crops on almost any scrap of available land to take advantage of consistently high corn and soybean prices. Growers are knocking down old barns, tearing out fencerows and digging up land that had once been preserved for wildlife. Some are even suspected of tearing into pioneer cemeteries.

Kelly moved quickly when he heard the golf course was for sale near the Mississippi River, about 80 miles west of Peoria. With nearby land selling for $15,000 an acre, the 133-acre course with a clubhouse and campground was quite a find for $775,000.

"That's why I wanted to get my paws on it so bad," said Kelly, who estimates he can plant at least 80 acres on the property.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture expects farmers to plant 174.4 million acres of corn and soybeans this year, a record high. More than 97 million acres will be devoted to corn — the most since 1936 — as demand keeps prices high.

Prices soared above $8 a bushel last summer and have hovered around $7 recently. For farmers with production costs around $5 a bushel, there's still room for a good profit.

The growing world population, widespread use of corn for ethanol and other factors have produced significantly higher demand for the crop in the U.S. and elsewhere, said Dan Steinkruger, executive director of Nebraska's Farm Service Agency.

Gordon Wassenaar, who grows corn and soybeans near Prairie City, Iowa, east of Des Moines, said he's removed fences and trees to squeeze in more crops.

"In all honesty, it's easier to get rid of the buildings and crop farm as it is to take care of the buildings and mow and do a lot of that stuff," Wassenaar said.

It's a similar situation for Bill Bayliss, who raises cattle and sheep and grows corn, soybeans and wheat on about 2,000 acres near West Mansfield, Ohio.

"We tore out fencerows and tore down one old barn, and we farm right over it," he said.

In Minnesota, state archaeologist Scott Anfinson is investigating whether farmers plowed up pioneer cemeteries. He will soon inspect an area of Grant County in west-central Minnesota, where a farmer hired an excavator to bulldoze trees and headstones near a pioneer cemetery dating to the late 1800s. Headstones were knocked down, and Anfinson will determine whether human remains or coffin parts have been turned up by a plow.

The farmer, who is in his 90s and farms with his son, could be charged with a felony if graves were disturbed. He will probably be required to replant trees and reset the headstones.

Anfinson said the family whose ancestors are buried in the plots is appalled.

"Families don't forget about these things," he said.

He's investigating three other cases in which Minnesota farmers are suspected of "nibbling" at the edges of pioneer cemeteries.

Many farmers have pulled land out of the federal government's Conservation Reserve Program, which pays farmers not to plant land that could easily erode or is ideal for grassland, wetlands and wildlife habitat. It's become increasingly lucrative to farm or rent such land to another farmer rather than collect the government payments.

In Iowa, the average cash rent for corn or soybean fields is about $270 per acre, said Chad Hart, an Iowa State University agriculture economist. The average conservation payment in Iowa is $141 an acre.

Nationally, the number of acres enrolled in the program has slipped to about 27 million acres from a high of more than 36 million acres in 2007.

Losing that land worries conservationists, who see dwindling habitat as a threat to the already falling numbers of pheasants and other wildlife. It also raises environmental concerns about soil erosion and water quality, said Tom Fuller, Iowa coordinator for Pheasants Forever, a nonprofit organization focusing on wildlife conservation.

Back in Biggsville, corn is returning to land that for 48 years was devoted to golfing. Kelly said his father farmed the land before selling it as a golf course. Although popular for decades, the course ran into trouble during the recession, and flooding by the Mississippi a few years ago hurt attendance.

"It was a well-run fun place for the community since 1970, and everybody was sad to see it close, including me," Kelly said.

Tractors have replaced golfers at the former Whittemore Golf Club near Algona, in north-central Iowa. It closed in 2011 after more than 40 years and was planted over by a farmer.

The same thing happened near Wayland, Mich., where the Hidden Valley Golf Course closed in November and was sold to a farmer.

In Hastings, Mich., the River Bend Golf Course has ended its 49-year run. Former owner Denny Storrs said a fifth-generation dairy farmer approached him about selling the 180 acres that had been carved out of his family farm in 1963 for the golf course.

Now the land will produce crops to feed Larry Haywood's cows.

"They made us a fair offer, and we thought it was an opportunity that might not come again," Storrs said. "It was more valuable as a farm than as a golf course."

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Small company stocks take the limelight on Wall Street

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NEW YORK Small companies took the limelight Monday on a slow but choppy start to the week.

The Russell 2000, an index of small-company stocks, rose above 1,000 for the first time. The index is outpacing the Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index this year. Small stocks are doing well because they are more focused on the U.S., which is recovering, and are less exposed to recession-plagued Europe than the large international companies that make up the Dow and the S&P 500 index.

Major indexes were little changed in early afternoon trading Monday. The Russell edged higher, while the Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq composite were slightly lower.

Investors will be watching the Federal Reserve this week for clues about what it plans to do next with its economic stimulus program. On Wednesday Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke will appear before Congress and the central bank will release minutes of its most recent policy meeting.

The Fed is buying $85 billion of bonds every month to keep long-term interest rates low. That has encouraged investors to put money into stocks instead of bonds. The Dow, S&P 500 and Russell are all at record high levels.

Policy makers are unlikely to cut back on stimulus just yet since U.S. economic growth is likely to slow in the second quarter, said Scott Wren, a senior equity strategist at Wells Fargo Advisors. As a consequence, Wren said, stocks are likely to continue to rise.

"At some point, we will see some sort of a pullback, but it doesn't seem like it's going to be right now," said Wren. "In the near term we're probably going to trade a little bit higher."

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 23 points, or 0.2 percent, to 15,331 as of 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time Monday. The index is 17.1 percent higher for the year.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell one point, or 0.1 percent, to 1,676. The Russell gained one point, or 0.1 percent, to 996.84, having risen as high as 1,001.50 at midday.

The S&P 500 has risen 16.9 percent this year, the Russell has risen 17.4 percent.

On Friday, the stock market closed out its fourth straight week of gains. The advance is being underpinned by investors moving back into stocks, reversing years of outflows of funds from equity markets, said Jerry Braakman, chief investment officer at First American Trust.

Investors have invested about net $17 billion dollars into domestic equity mutual funds since the start of the year, according to data from the Investment Company Institute. The inflows come after investors pulled money out of mutual funds every year since the financial crisis in 2007.

"This market rally still has legs, partly because we've seen huge retail inflows back into equities," Braakman said. "It's hard to beat the money flow."

In commodities trading, the price of crude oil rose 69 cents, or 0.7 percent, to $96.71 a barrel.

The price of gold rose for the first day in eight as the dollar fell. The precious metal climbed $19.40, or 1.4 percent, to $1,384. Gold has slumped this month as its attraction as an alternative investment fades as the dollar appreciates.

The U.S. currency is strengthening because investors believe the U.S. economy is in better shape than the Japanese or European economies.

The dollar's rally paused on Monday, though, and the U.S. currency fell against the euro and the yen. The dollar index also dropped, after climbing to its highest level in close to three years Friday.

In U.S. government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.97 percent from 1.93 percent.

The Nasdaq composite index fell three points, or 0.1 percent, to 3,496 points.

Among stocks in focus on Monday:

• Actavis rose $2.15, or 1.8 percent, to $127.60 after pharmaceutical company said it's buying Warner Chilcott. The all-stock deal, valued at $8.5 billion, would create the third-biggest specialty pharmaceutical company in the U.S.

• Yahoo edged up 13 cents, or 0.5 percent, to $26.64 after the Internet company said it was buying online blogging forum Tumblr for $1.1 billion.

• Chesapeake Energy rose 77 cents, or $21.04, to $21.05 after the natural gas producer named Anadarko Petroleum executive Robert Douglas Lawler as its new CEO. He takes over as Chesapeake continues selling assets to pare down an enormous debt burden.

• Websense, an internet security firm, surged $5.52, or 29 percent, to $24.75 after the company agreed to be taken private for $906 million by private equity firm Vista Equity Partners.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **67.5°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high occ. 6ft
SW groundswell holds - plus sets for top focal points; cleanest early

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Re-inforcing SW-SSW groundswell moves in - plus sets for top focal points; NW windswell mixes in; largest late: fair-good conditions at select spots

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
SW-SSW groundswell continues - larger sets for top focal points early; NW windswell mixes in;

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Fresh SW-SSW groundswell pulse builds through the day - plus sets for top focal points; NW windswell potentially eases

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **May 15, 2013**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 8
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 32
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcurGUY, SIMA and Groudbeck 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
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alloe creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Wishtoyo Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	D	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Westward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CMW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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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Ferris wheel ride world record broken in Chicago

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO A manager of Chicago's Navy Pier rode the tourist spot's Ferris wheel for more than two days — 384 times, up and around — bringing the world record for the longest ride to the birthplace of the amusement park favorite.

"I thought Chicago should have that title," Clinton Shepherd said after finishing his record-breaking ride on Sunday. Shepherd, the park operations manager, spent 48 hours, 8 minutes and 25 seconds riding Navy Pier's Ferris wheel over the weekend.

The first Ferris wheel was built in 1893 in Chicago for the World's Columbian Exposition.

Guinness World Records allowed him to have one five-minute break each hour. He played hours of videogames to stay awake during the ride, and watched James Bond and Batman movies. His gondola on the wheel was specially outfitted with a big-screen TV, cushions and curtains.

Supporters followed him on Twitter. A video camera recorded the feat while volunteer timekeepers documented Shepherd's activities.

Fans could join Shepherd for a spin by making a donation to the USO. Shepherd's girlfriend rode with him Saturday for a candlelight anniversary dinner with food from a Chicago restaurant owned by Michael Jordan.

The 32-year-old Shepherd called his adventure "a very overwhelming experience" that was made easier by the support of friends, family and the city of Chicago.

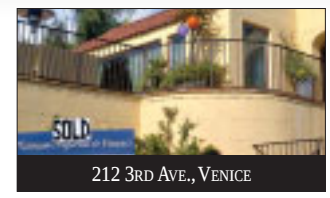
"I was thrilled and honored to be able to have all the love and support I did," Shepherd said.

The previous record was 30 hours and 35 seconds. Shepherd said he didn't want to simply beat the record, "I wanted to shatter it."

"It was little rough at about three in the morning, but the more I kept busy, the better," Shepherd said.

He said his legs felt wobbly after the ride

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1:15pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

42 (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
1:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Peeples (PG-13) 1hr 35min
5:00pm, 10:30pm

Pain & Gain (R) 2hrs 09min
2:05pm, 7:35pm

Iron Man 3 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
2:45pm, 6:10pm, 9:30pm

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Croods (PG) 1hr 38min
1:55pm

Star Trek Into Darkness (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
11:00am, 12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Iron Man 3 (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 6:45pm, 10:00pm

Great Gatsby (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
11:55am, 3:10pm, 6:30pm, 9:55pm

Great Gatsby in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
1:50pm, 5:10pm, 8:30pm

Now You See Me (PG-13)
7:30pm

Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
11:45am, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

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1:50pm, 4:45pm, 8:00pm

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4:20pm, 9:55pm

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7:30pm

Kon-Tiki (NR) 1hr 58min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Reluctant Fundamentalist (R) 2hrs 08min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Iceman (R) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:40pm

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LIVE IT UP TONIGHT, LIBRA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Continue to evaluate the areas of your life where you think a change is imperative. You might want to take action sooner rather than later. You will see a situation in a new light after having a discussion with someone in the know. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ If you are to accomplish what you desire, it will be because of your commitment and concentration. Don't allow a personal issue to flood through your mental gates. You'll need to filter calls and minimize distractions in order to complete a key task. Tonight: Easy works.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You easily could be baffled by everything that comes in. You have a lot to share, but you might not feel as if you are being heard. Surprising others with a presentation could attract their attention. Tonight: Share some munchies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Listen to someone who understands you. A surprise could head your way. Take a walk, and think through everything that you've heard. Honor your needs first, and then figure out the rest. Tonight: Happy to be home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You'll be wondering what to do with some expected news. First, verify all of the facts. There easily could be a detail or two that might have been left out. Tonight: Get together with your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ You might want to investigate the ramifications of a recent purchase or financial request. Some of the responses might be nothing less than shocking. How you handle news and what you do with it could point to a change in the near future. Tonight: Go over your budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ While you might be empowered by a situation, others likely will respond much differently, which could shock you. Choose to listen rather than react. Don't forget to touch base with a loved one! Tonight: Live it up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are on top of your game. Don't wonder what you can do to change direction -- trust that it will happen naturally. You might need to adjust to some radical news. Your ability to go with the flow will be tested. Tonight: The less said the better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You could shake up your immediate circle with a surprising idea or suggestion. Trust that it will work, and be willing to go through the details carefully. Allow others to play devil's advocate. Take a time-out for a child or loved one during the day. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might want to play out a situation differently from others. Prepare to go your own way. Someone's response could surprise you, and you know that trying to persuade this person to follow you could be close to impossible. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might be jolted by some new information or gossip that heads your way. Realize that you'll need to detach in order to see the big picture. Tonight: Listen to a favorite piece of music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to have a long-overdue conversation, and you'll be considering how to initiate it. Later in the day, the opportunity will appear. You see life very differently from the other party. Each of you needs to accept the other's viewpoint. Tonight: Togetherness works.

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

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

This year you often surprise others in special ways. You could throw a surprise birthday party, show up randomly at a family member's door or just do the unexpected. No matter what you decide to do, you are being true to yourself. If you are single, a friend could be instrumental in forming a relationship this year. If you are attached, maintain your friendship as well as your romantic relationship. You will be a lot more forgiving and understanding as a result. LIBRA always keeps it light and conversational.

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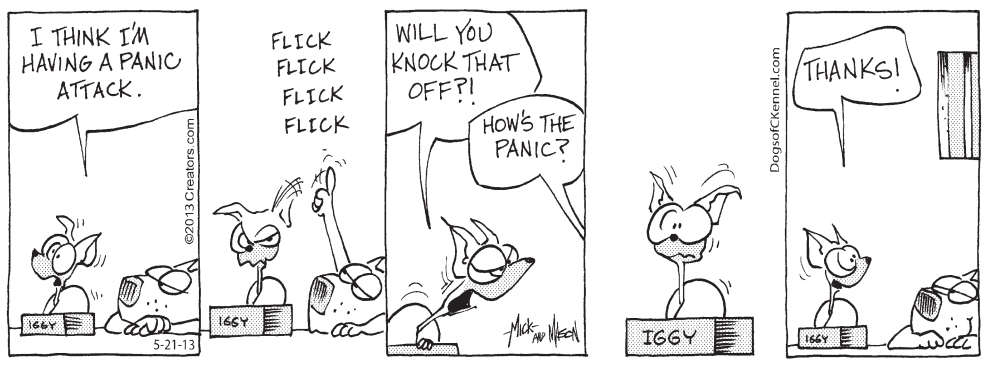
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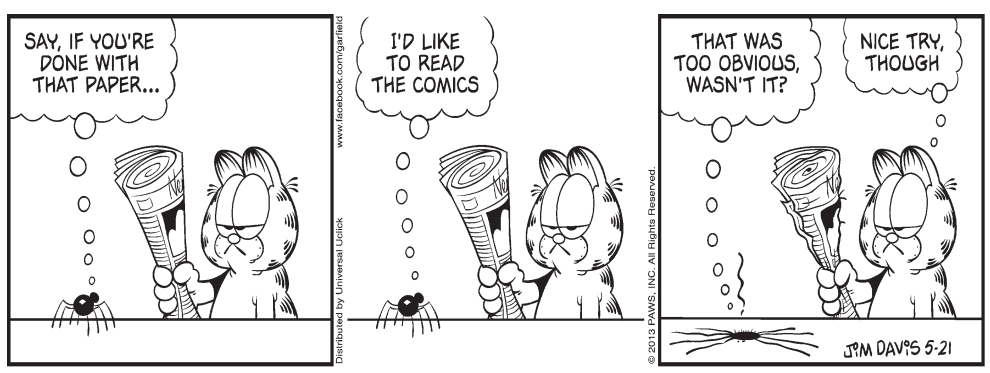
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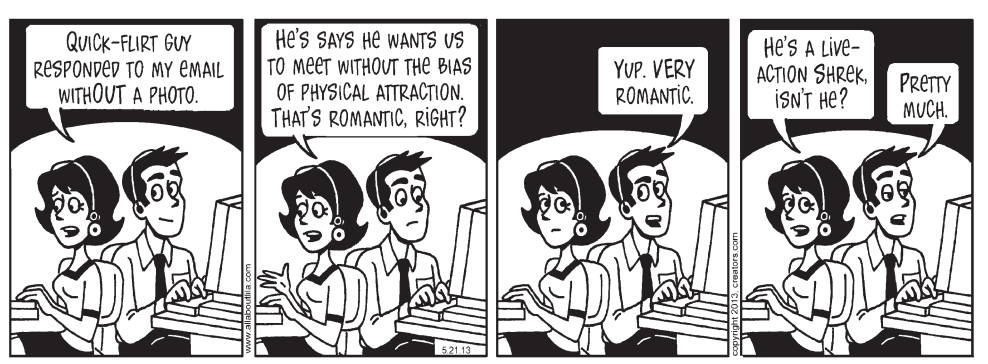
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Sudoku

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 ★★

1		5		7				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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Croc's cousin
6 Speedy
11 In the know
12 Digression
13 Understand
15 Pupil's place
16 Mouse chaser
17 Cunning
18 Makes better
20 Mischievous fairy
23 Number part
27 Leave out
28 Supermodel Banks
29 Makes roads
31 Harold's movie bud
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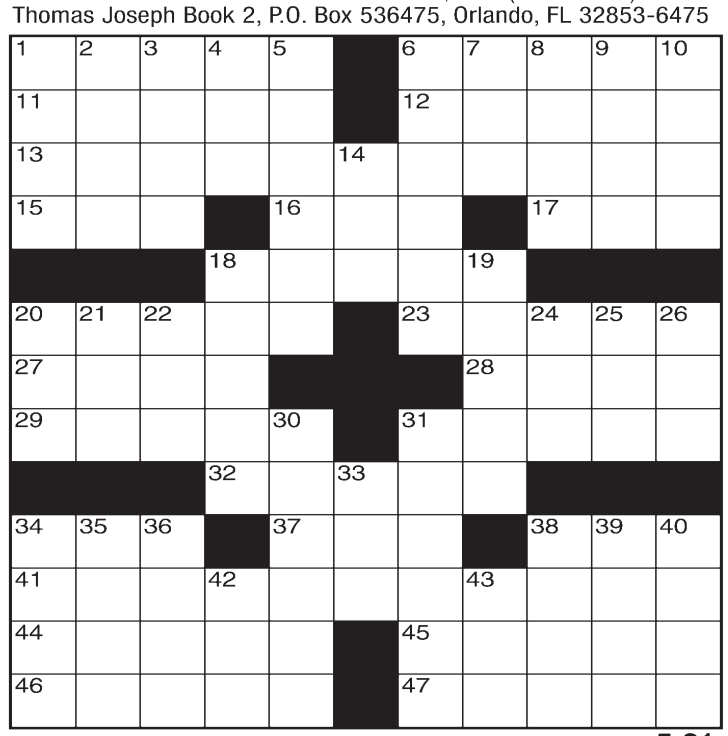
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1 Stadium event
2 Not at home
3 Confiscate
4 Mine material
5 Save
6 Talked crazily
7 Cart puller
8 Slapstick weapons
9 Fan's favorite
10 Stand up to
14 Corn-on-the-cob helping
18 Refers to
19 Crunch's cousin
20 Music category
21 "— Believer"
22 14, in old Rome
24 Workout site
25 Lyricist Gershwin
26 Ship sealer
30 High-stepping aids
31 Checkers player's request
33 "Vive le —!"
34 Concert blasters
35 Be bold
36 Tattoo site
38 Poker game
39 Commotion
40 Three or four
42 Wrap up
43 Solo of "Star Wars"

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The beauty pageant each April at the Rattlesnake Roundup in Sweetwater, Texas, requires traditional skills like interview poise, evening-gown fashion and talent, but also some ability and inclination to milk and skin rattlers. High school senior Kyndra Vaught won this year's Miss Snake Charmer, wearing jeweled boots one night for her country-western ballad, then Kevlar boots and camouflage chaps the next as she took on dozens of rattlers in the wooden snake pit. Vaught expertly held up one serpent, offered its tail-end rattles for a baby to touch, then helped hold, measure, milk and skin a buzzing, slithery serpent. A Los Angeles Times dispatch noted that Vaught hoped to be on her way soon to the Berklee College of Music in Boston. [Los Angeles Times, 4-12-2013]

■ That there are flea "circuses" is bizarre enough, but in March a cold spell in Germany wiped out an entire troupe of "performing" fleas, requiring the flea whisperer to secure replacements (because, of course, the show must go on). Trainer Robert Birk reached out to a university near Mechernich-Kommern for 50 substitutes, which he apparently worked into the act over one weekend. (Fleas, with or without training, can pull up to 160,000 times their own weight and leap to 100 times their own height.) [The Independent (London), 3-31-2013]

TODAY IN HISTORY

1911 - Mexican President Porfirio Díaz and the revolutionary Francisco Madero sign the Treaty of Ciudad Juárez to put an end to the fighting between the forces of both men, and thus concluding the initial phase of the Mexican Revolution.

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