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THE NEWS IMPROVED ISSUE

Day at the Airport event called off

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Organizers postponed indefinitely a long-awaited event meant to show off the appeal of the Santa Monica Airport Wednesday just three days before it was supposed to take place.

Airport staff were worried that the event would draw too many people, and overwhelm the security personnel, said Robby Robotham, president of Friends of the Santa Monica Airport (FOSMO), the group putting on the event.

"The Day at the Airport" was supposed to begin with lunch at noon and feature classic airplanes, live music, displays, talks with professionals about careers at the airport and free airplane rides for kids ages 8 to 17.

Day at the Airport has been on the radar since late 2010, when the group first planned to sync it with the re-opening of the Museum of Flying.

When that project hit delays, FOSMO chose to go ahead with the celebration.

"The committee was excited to move forward," Robotham said.

Though FOSMO produced flyers and put up an RSVP system on their website, it wasn't until they took out an advertisement in

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PENDING CONSTRUCTION: **A bike rider pedals up the California Incline on Wednesday. The incline is slated to be rebuilt in the coming years.**

City Hall puts development at your fingertips

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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CITY HALL City Hall launched a new website Wednesday meant to keep residents informed about a multitude of developments and construction projects set to take place in Santa Monica over the next five to seven years.

The site is themed "Be excited! Be prepared!," and combines standard publicity tools like press releases and advertisements with social media, e-mails, text message alerts and an interactive map that gives details on every project proposed for Santa Monica's 8.3 square miles.

"It's meant to keep people up to date on all of the projects that are coming forward and it's also meant to make sure people have information on key projects like parking and traffic," said Kate Vernez, assistant to the City Manager.

It couldn't launch at a better time.

According to the site, found at www.smconstructs.org, there are already three projects under construction in the city — Reed Park, the bike centers in parking

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Oscar-winner Witherspoon hit while jogging

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief



WITHERSPOON

NOMA Academy Award-winner Reese Witherspoon was hit Wednesday by an elderly driver while jogging along Georgina Avenue, Santa

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New anti-smoking bill becomes state law

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill into law Wednesday that allows landlords to prohibit smoking in their apartments, but Santa Monica property owners say the measure doesn't go far enough.

Senate Bill 332, put forth by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima), was intended to expand the availability of smoke-free housing in California by allowing landlords to prohibit smoking in rental units.

At present, landlords have the ability to prohibit a number of things in their leases,

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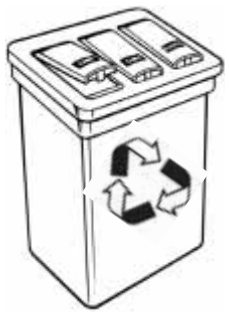


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Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011

Jump in!
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier,
7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The 27th annual Twilight Dance Series is back! Come by the Santa Monica Pier tonight for the last performance of the year, featuring Jon Cleary's Philthy Phew.

Lights, camera, fashion
Santa Monica Place
395 Santa Monica Place,
6 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Enjoy a series of fashion shows and fashionistas as a night full of experts is there to fill your every fashion need. Seek a make-up consultation from expert Laura Mercier, enjoy retailer events and promotions and gain some shopper incentives. It's time to kick your heels up and have some fun because if you lose them, another pair will be available for purchase right around the corner.

Tiki time
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St. 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Don't want summer to be over? Spend some time at the California Heritage Museum where Hawaiian lifestyle will be discovered. The ambiance of plumeria flowers, tropical colors, and Hawaiian ceramics will take you to the islands as you learn more about the culture.

Friday, Sept. 9, 2011

Catch up with your BBQ
Santa Monica Beach,
Recurring daily
The first day of the LA BBQ Festival! Come to the beach and dine on BBQ, desserts, and drinks. Admission is $60 for the three-day event. Food will be authentic from Texas, Kansas City, Chicago, Santa Maria and others. There will be a wide selection of beers on tap, as well as wine and cocktails available. End your summer with a mouthful of tasty food. For more information, visit www.labbqfest.com.

Flashback
Santa Monica History Museum
1350 Seventh St.
10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The Fairmont-Miramar Hotel was a center of activities and social gatherings during Santa Monica's infancy. This exhibit will take you into the rarely viewed lifestyle through photographs, documents and artifacts. Admission costs are: $5 general, $3 student, children 12 and under free and members free. For more information, please contact (310) 395-2290.

Have a heart
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd.,
Sept. 9, 11, 16 and 18
The Heart Pulse Dance Company is excited to announce their fifth annual MixMatch Dance Festival. This year packs a punch of exciting growth and is hosting a plethora of amazing artists and their creative works. You can see contemporary, modern, ballet/pointe, jazz, hip hop, belly, world, pole and dance on film from choreographers. Cost: $14. For more information call (661)755-2182 or visit www.HartPulseDance.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC

Committee needs bodies

Are you always complaining about Santa Monica College and what it spends its money on? Well, here's your chance to get involved.

The college is looking for volunteers to serve on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, which oversees the spending of funds generated by a series of bond measures – U, S and AA – that are being used for improvement projects at the college.

The application deadline is Monday, Sept. 23.

The vacancies are specifically for representatives of the local business community of Malibu. Applications for additional members are encouraged.

To qualify for appointment, an applicant must be at least 18 years old; must not be a college employee or official; and must not be a vendor, contractor or consultant to the college.

The SMC Board of Trustees will review all applications and make the final appointments.

Applications are available by calling (310) 434-4402 or by going to www.smc.edu.

The committee was established in spring 2002, as required by state law, to oversee the implementation of Measure U, the $160 million bond passed by an overwhelming 70 percent of Santa Monica-Malibu voters. The committee's responsibility was expanded to include oversight of Measure S, the $135 million bond measure passed in November 2004, and Measure AA, the $295 million bond measure passed in November 2008.

The bond measures are funding a wide range of projects, including replacement buildings, seismic retrofitting, safety and technology upgrades and more.

KEVIN HERRERA

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You make the call

Should the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District put another emergency funding measure and bond on the ballot?

That's the question members of a feasibility committee will have to answer.

The school district is looking for a Malibu resident to serve on the committee. Application are due Sept. 30. They can be found at www.smmusd.org.

Completed applications can be e-mailed to swahrenbrock@smmusd.org, faxed to (310) 581-1138, or dropped off at the district office: 1651 16th St., Santa Monica.

The charges of the committee are as follows:

- Study the feasibility of an emergency funding measure;
- Study the feasibility of a bond measure;
- Study the viability of a progressive structure funding measure, one based on the size of the parcel.

The committee will meet regularly during the 2011-12 school year.



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SET: **Samohi wide receiver Dylan Muscat lines up for a drill during practice on Wednesday.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi's Clark takes the 'wise' approach

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI A summer of practice comes to an end this week for Santa Monica High School's football team, but Head Coach Travis Clark is tight-lipped about what he thinks of his guys.

He knows they're skilled, calling them his most talented in his three years at the school. He also knows that they are deep, with an offensive backfield that has at least three guys who could start this season. But, he isn't sure what to expect when the Vikings open the season at Santa Monica College on Friday against Leuzinger.

"I'm getting wise in my young coaching career," Clark said. "In terms of how they look, I've learned that you can't get a good grasp of what they are really about until you see them on the field."

When Samohi takes the field on Friday, it will be with a new quarterback in Christian Salem, a senior who has waited three years for this opportunity.

"He's the guy," Clark said. "I have 100 percent confidence in Christian Salem."

Like any first-year starting quarterback, Clark knows Salem will have ebbs and flows. Yet, at the same time, he sees the right combination of arm strength and athleticism in the senior to succeed. It's just a matter of what happens between his ears as Salem learns to control the offense.

"He's such a perfectionist," Clark said. "Sometimes he's afraid to throw the ball unless he knows for sure that the receiver will be open. At the quarterback position, you have to be a gunslinger. If you throw a pick, you throw a pick. I'll still be there to support him."

Fortunately for Clark and the Vikings, Salem has a considerable amount of talent on offense to go around, especially at the running back position.

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Farmers' Market names list of food vendors

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN In the mood for some freshly baked bread, handmade salted caramel ice cream or a sip of northern Italian style espresso? Bike, bus or walk to a Farmers' Market near you and enjoy.

All of those delicious treats will be available starting Oct. 1 at one of three markets operated by City Hall, according to a list released Tuesday of prepared-food vendors offered three-year contracts to set up shop.

Each year, one third of the vendor contracts expire and new and old vendors alike apply through a competitive bid process, said Jodi Low, a Farmers' Market coordinator for City Hall. The selection committee looks at five areas: business location, ingredient sourcing, sustainability, experience and value.

The 2011 awardees are (drum roll please):

MAIN STREET MARKET

- Bean & Thyme (returning)
- Ca'D'Oro Bakery (returning)
- Finn McCool's (returning)
- Secret Goldfish Baking Co. (new)
- Sweet Rose Creamery (new)
- Homeboy Industries

PICO MARKET

- Caffe Luxxe (new)

DOWNTOWN SATURDAY MARKET

- Valerie Confections (returning)

Sweet Rose Creamery, owned and operated by Josh Loeb and Zoe Nathan of Rustic Canyon and Huckleberry Bakery fame, comes out of the Brentwood Country Mart and serves up small batches of homemade ice cream using organic milk and cream from clover, organic eggs and sugar — with no stabilizers or ice cream bases, according to the company's website.

"We believe that quality ingredients and thoughtful preparation leads to delicious ice cream. We also make all of our toppings, cones, sauces and ice cream sandwiches from scratch daily," a statement from the website reads.

Montana Avenue's Caffe Luxxe is another new addition to the markets. Specializing in the northern Italian style, this coffee house

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Don't take it for granted

Editor:

On Tuesday, my 8-year-old nephew Danny called me from the Valley, and said, "It's the last day of vacation, and all I want to do is go to your beach and catch sand crabs."

Well, it was one of the most enjoyable days I have had in the 50 years living in "beautiful Santa Monica."

I stay away because of traffic, heat, people, but yesterday was heaven.

The skies were blue, the water crystal clean (and not cold), everyone went back to work, and back to school, we found a parking place easily, and only a few locals were there. We played with lots of tourists who did not speak English, and had the best time of our lives.

I love Santa Monica, and Danny wants to come back on Friday again to do the same.

My 80-plus neighbor Margo told me about this, as she goes at least once a week to the beach, and has for many years. I am going to take advantage of all the wonderment of Santa Monica.

Sara Binder
Santa Monica

Cyclists aren't the only ones

Editor:

Reader Barbara Barnard wants City Hall to cancel plans to make Santa Monica streets safer for bicyclists, in order not to cater to cyclists who fail to obey traffic rules ("Catering to criminals," Letters to the Editor, page 4, Sept. 6).

In that same spirit, I ask City Hall to cancel any plans that might improve traffic flow or safety. After all, have you noticed how many car drivers fail to stop for pedestrians, run red lights and talk on phones while driving?

Paul Bergman
Santa Monica

Live with it

Editor:

The FAA will never allow the Santa Monica Airport to be closed. I can remember the airport in the early 1940s and there were very few houses around the airport then. So since that time people built their houses around the airport and knew what might happen if a plane crashed. Now these same people are blasting the FAA because of a few crashes when they knew when they moved there that this would happen.

The FAA will never allow the airport to be closed because of national security reasons. If the people doing the complaining and filing lawsuits don't like living near the airport, a simple solution is to move. Incidentally, I lived in Santa Monica as a child and went to school in Santa Monica and my brother and sister worked at Douglas Aircraft during WWII.

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Government gone gangster

IT IS FASHIONABLE IN NATIONAL CIRCLES to make fun of California for its political incompetence and dysfunctional government. The policies adopted by our elected leadership have unquestionably led to California's dismal rankings in unemployment, business climate, out-migration of productive citizens to other states, wasteful use of public funds, etc., etc., ad nauseum.

While the fallout from bad policies is one thing, naked power grabs are no laughing matter. California, in addition to simply being unable to govern itself through incompetence, is now developing a reputation of becoming a Banana Republic through strong-arm tactics that would make both Fidel Castro and Hugo Chavez proud.

Several recent stories reveal California's backward slide into a political third world. First, there is the vengeful reaction of California's speaker of the Assembly to fellow democrat Anthony Portantino's failure to toe the party line by refusing to vote for the state budget as he was told.

In a fit of adolescent pettiness, Speaker John Perez slashed the maverick lawmaker's staff budget. As cover, Perez claimed that Portantino was spending too much. Portantino objected and called for the speaker to release the office expenditures for each member.

At first, Perez refused, saying the budget for Assembly operations was not public information. But after suits were filed by the Sacramento Bee and Los Angeles Times, and the public began to press for full disclosure, he relented. While the initial figures released by Perez suggested that Portantino was indeed a big spender, independent analysis of staff expenses reveals that Portantino was justified when he said the leadership was "cooking the books" in an effort to embarrass him.

This battle reflects something much worse than a spat between individual lawmakers; it goes to the conduct of an institution that prefers to operate in secret and, when pressed for facts, is willing to put out false information. It is clear to most Californians that the money the Legislature lavishes on itself does not belong to lawmakers, it belongs to California taxpayers who have every right to examine exactly how it is spent.

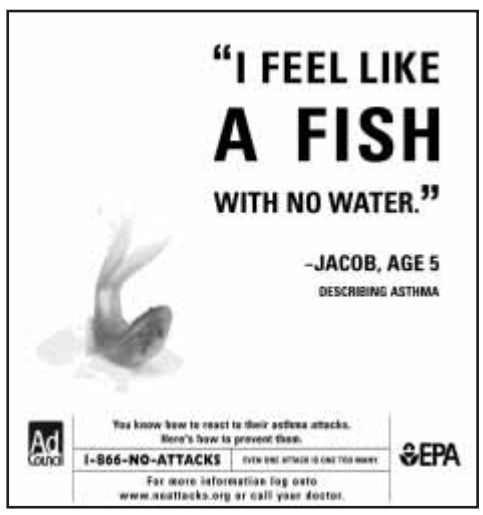
However, the secrecy surrounding its internal budget is just the tip of the iceberg when judging the shady dealings of California's legislative branch. In the aftermath of the state budget, lawmakers passed more than a dozen measures without any public hearings. One blocks school districts from firing teaches to respond to a revenue shortfall. Whether state government should bar the layoff of key employees or if this is a decision that should be left to local school districts is worthy of public debate, but lawmakers rammed through this and other bills without public input.

NOW, WITH THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDING NEXT WEEK, LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ARE PURSUING A LAST-MINUTE PLOY TO CHANGE ELECTION DATES FOR INITIATIVES TO HELP THOSE THEY SUPPORT AND HINDER THOSE THEY OPPOSE.

Now, with the current legislative session ending next week, legislative leaders are pursuing a last-minute ploy to change election dates for initiatives to help those they support and hinder those they oppose. If they succeed in moving all initiatives from the June primary election to the November general election, when they expect a bigger turnout of "their" voters, it will be done with a minimum of public scrutiny and debate.

Public policy and spending decisions should not be made as if by witches around a midnight cauldron. The Senate and Assembly are public bodies whose conduct should be open and deliberative. But as we head into the final week of the Legislative session, look for the usual 11th-hour political deals, strong-arm threats and lots of campaign cash changing hands. The casualties from this week will be many and varied and will undoubtedly include both transparency and good government. And this year, with one party holding all the cards, it will be much, much worse than before.

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Living stress-free means being true to yourself

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

The idea of having too much free time is hard for me, but I also hate to be overly busy. It's so hard for me to find a balance; I'm either too bored or too stressed. It's strange because I wonder why I get so antsy about having nothing to do. But then when I have options of having full-time jobs that will take almost all my time, I don't want that either. I guess I'm just lost around this topic, and looking for some advice/suggestions as to what can be going on.

Signed,
Antsy

DEAR ANTSY,

It's actually a good question because it says a lot. However, because I don't know you personally, your age, gender, life circumstances, I will have to answer this in a general way, and hope that it helps you.

Many people have difficulty finding balance in their lives these days. You are not without company.

It is important to say that stress is very bad for us; it's bad for our health and also, we do not make our best decisions under stress. On the other hand, boredom is not a natural state either. When one is bored, it generally means that they are not engaged with life. Sure, we all get bored from time to time but when it is put the way you say it, as a chronic condition, there is reason for concern.

You are either not truly engaged with life as your true self would choose or you actually do not know your real self.

People who enjoy some silence, down quiet time away from all the buzz and fuzz of everyday life, are generally more connected to their selves and tend to be more enlightened. I am not talking about isolating, although there is a case to be made for that in certain societies. Monks are well known for their choice to be alone and silent for long periods of time. Their goal is to be enlightened and spiritual.

In our society, isolating can be a sign of depression, social phobia or an interpersonal problem.

But to be bored or antsy when alone or with nothing to do, as you put it, is a sign of not being really connected with your self. I would guess that there is a deep or at least true fear of being in touch with your real feelings about yourself, your life or others around you. The other possibility would be profound loneliness that is also like stress, very bad for our health. But then there is the question of what is causing this type of loneliness, if that is what you have.

My suggestion to you would be to try to work out what type of realistic schedule works for you, one that will not stress you out too much.

After you get that worked out, then take your down time and try something like meditation or yoga. Definitely use the time to get real with yourself and know who you really are and what you truly feel in whatever way that works for you.

Feelings never killed anyone as long as they are processed in a healthy way. Our fear of being in touch with ourselves is usually much bigger than it needs to be.

Often fear of feeling comes from childhood feelings that at the time we were unable to deal with because we were young and did not have the tools. But most adults have the tools to deal with suppressed or hidden feelings and will be just fine in terms of getting honest with themselves. It is definitely easier to do with the help of another. A supportive friend that you can trust, a spiritual mentor or a therapist can be a big help. But even this is not always necessary, especially if you do not have an unusual trauma history or a mental health problem.

The only way to a happy and healthy life is to be in touch with you and true to you. And definitely it goes without saying, that it should be as stress free as possible.

Antsy. Ask yourself why? If you are honest with yourself, you will know.

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The Q Line

Make way for the gangway

City officials plan to build a gangway and 2,160-square-foot barge on the southern side of the Santa Monica Pier to expedite evacuations in case of an emergency. Although bringing boats back to the pier is not in the cards right now, the gangway will be constructed with the future in mind.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Would you support returning recreational boating back to the pier, helping the landmark reclaim some of its past glory?

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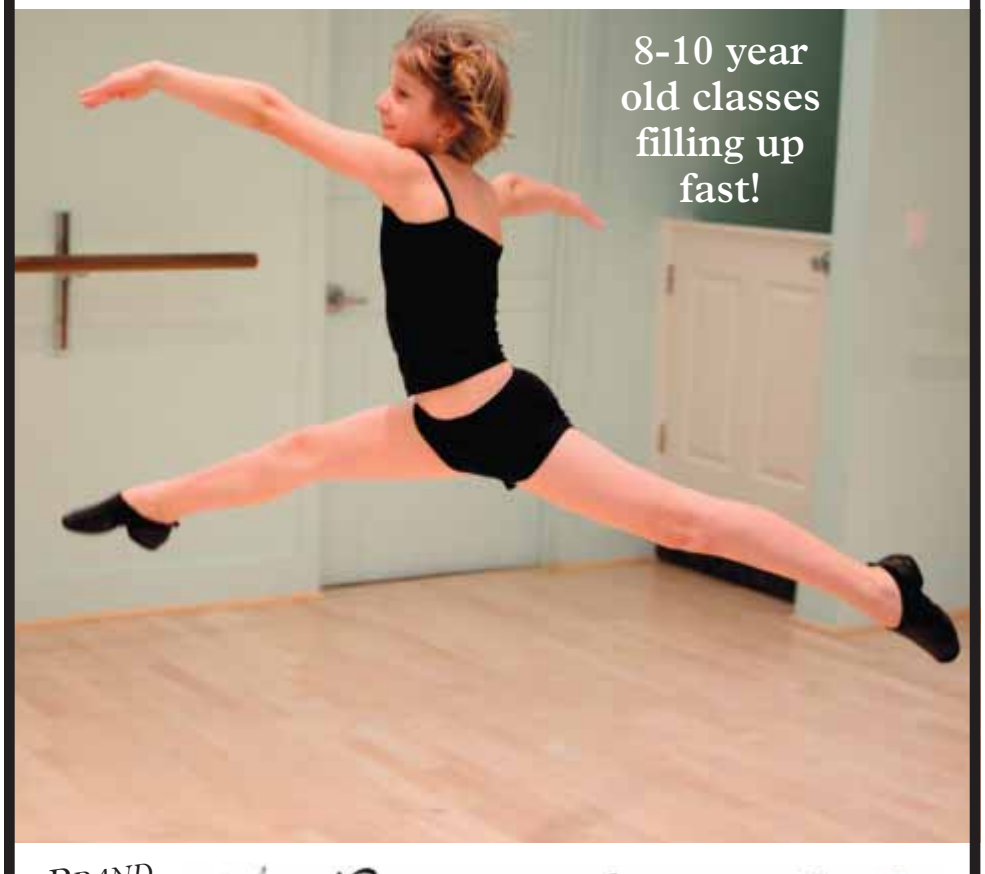
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Lawyer: Head trauma cause of homeless man's death

The attorney for the family of a mentally ill man who died following a violent confrontation with six Fullerton police officers has released his medical records, saying he died of head trauma that led to brain death.

The records, released Wednesday, say Kelly Thomas died five days after his July 5 arrest and suffered numerous medical complications including kidney failure.

Attorneys also released 11 computer-generated images based on Thomas's medical records that show he had multiple broken bones in his face and cracked ribs.

Lawyer Garo Mardirossian said at least one officer repeatedly smashed Thomas's face with the butt of a stun gun.

None of the officers have been arrested and no charges have been filed against them.

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LOS ANGELES

Ruling clears way for start of Jackson trial

An appeals court refused Wednesday to order the jury sequestered in the trial of Michael Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray, clearing the way for jury selection to begin Thursday.

The California 2nd District Court of Appeals also declined to delay the trial while the issue is argued. The court found that Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor did not abuse his discretion when he decided not to sequester.

Defense lawyers had argued that jurors would be "poisoned" by publicity unless they were kept in isolation during the trial. The defense predicted that jurors will be inundated with reports in supermarkets, bars, gyms and coffee shops, and on the Internet.

Pastor has said he trusts jurors to obey his orders to ignore publicity in the high-profile involuntary manslaughter case and declined to have them sequestered.

"The court has read and considered the petition," the brief court decision said. "The petition is denied in the absence of a showing of abuse of discretion."

In a separate ruling, Pastor gave the go ahead for a prosecution expert's testimony about a study of the drug that killed the pop star. But he delayed ruling on the admissibility of another study from Chile because it is apparently unpublished.

Defense lawyers say Jackson overdosed by drinking propofol when his doctor wasn't watching. Prosecutors say that was impossible. The drug is normally given intravenously.

AP

LOS ANGELES

John Wayne memorabilia to go up for auction

Cowboy hats, costumes and saddles from John Wayne's estate are among the items that will go up for auction in Los Angeles next month.

Heritage Auctions spokesman Donn Pearlman on Tuesday said the auction will include more than 700 personal and professional items, including an eye patch Wayne wore in his Golden Globe-winning performance in "True Grit."

The auction will take place Oct. 6 and Oct. 7 at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.

Public exhibitions are planned in Dallas and New York later this month.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Ex-Playmate gets 9 years for wounding husband

A former Playboy Playmate of the Year who appeared in the horror movie "Rosemary's Baby" has been sentenced to nine years in state prison for shooting her husband in the back at their Hollywood apartment.

Los Angeles County prosecutors say 66-year-old Victoria Rathgeb was sentenced Wednesday. She pleaded no contest to attempted voluntary manslaughter.

Authorities say Rathgeb shot and wounded her husband last October during an argument. Prosecutors say he recovered and was in court for the sentencing but did not make a statement.

Rathgeb was 1968's Playmate of the Year under the name of Angela Dorian. She had TV and movie roles in the 1960s and 1970s and played a recovering heroin addict in the 1968 hit "Rosemary's Baby."

AP

LOS ANGELES

Coroner: No drugs in 'Housewives' husband's body

Coroner's officials found no drugs or alcohol in the system of Russell Armstrong, who appeared with his wife on "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" and killed himself three weeks before the show's second season premiered.

A report on Armstrong's death released Wednesday provided no new details about why the venture capitalist hung himself. He left behind no note, but the report notes that Armstrong had been depressed about financial issues and problems with his estranged wife, Taylor.

There were no signs of foul play, the report states.

Armstrong, 47, made no mention of killing himself on Aug. 12 when he was last seen by his roommate after dinner. Armstrong's body was found Aug. 15 in his bedroom and he had been dead for some time, according to the report.

Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said toxicology tests completely ruled out that Armstrong had been drinking or taken any drugs before he died. Winter said it "takes a long time" for alcohol and other substances to break down once a person dies.

The new season of the Beverly Hills edition of "Real Housewives" premiered Monday. The marital problems between Russell and Taylor Armstrong were expected to be a major plot point before the businessman's suicide, but the show has been re-edited.

Taylor Armstrong did not attend a scene that was aired in the premiere in which the other "Housewives" expressed shock and some guilt about Russell Armstrong's suicide.

Bravo, which airs the "Real Housewives" franchise, has not said how it will use footage of the businessman in future episodes.

Yahoo boss fired, stocks rise

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SAN FRANCISCO Yahoo's stock rose more than 5 percent on Wednesday after the company fired its CEO following more than 2? years of financial lethargy.

Tuesday's ouster came as investors were convinced that Carol Bartz couldn't steer the Internet company to a long-promised turnaround.

To fill the void, Yahoo's board named Tim Morse, its chief financial officer, as interim CEO. Bartz, who became CEO in 2009, lured Morse away from computer chip maker Altera Corp. two years ago to help her cuts costs. Yahoo said it is looking for a permanent replacement.

Yahoo Chairman Roy Bostock, also a target of shareholder frustration, informed Bartz about the move over the phone, according to an e-mail the outgoing CEO sent from her iPad that was obtained by the All Things D technology blog. The blog first reported Bartz's ouster.

Yahoo didn't return requests for comment Tuesday and Wednesday.

Bartz's rude dismissal "made you feel a little bit like you were watching some reality TV show," Forrester Research analyst Shar VanBoskirk said Wednesday.

Macquarie Securities analyst Ben Schachter said the handling of Bartz's departure was unseemly and a sign of even more drama to come at Yahoo.

In a research note late Tuesday, Schachter predicted there will be a wide range of conjecture about Yahoo's future, with the most likely speculation centering on Yahoo as a takeover target during a vulnerable time.

Alternatively, Yahoo could make a bold move itself by trying to buy the online video site Hulu.com, which is already talking to suitors, or trying to sell its 43 percent stake in the Alibaba Group, one of China's most prized Internet companies. Bartz's tense relationship with Alibaba CEO Jack Ma had fed investor dissatisfaction about her leadership.

Youssef Squali at Jefferies & Co. said that the Internet company's challenges, and the fact that Bartz was Yahoo's third CEO in four years, will make it tough for the board to find an "A player" for the job.

Squali said Yahoo could be sold to a large media company like News Corp. or be bought by some sort of consortium that could feature Microsoft Corp. or AOL Inc.

"In all, we believe that it is more likely that the board reaches an agreement to sell the company or parts of the company before a new CEO is found," Squali wrote Wednesday.

In a statement Tuesday, Yahoo said it is undergoing a "comprehensive strategic review" in its latest effort to give investors a reason to buy its stock, but the company didn't offer details.

Bartz, 63, led an austerity campaign helped boost Yahoo's earnings, but the company didn't increase its revenue even as the Internet ad market grew at a rapid clip.

The financial funk, along with recent setbacks in Yahoo's online search partnership with Microsoft Corp. and the Alibaba investment, proved to be Bartz's downfall. Her ouster comes with 16 months left on a four-year contract that she signed in January 2009.

That contract entitles her to severance payments that could be two to three times her annual salary and bonus, along with stock incentives she received during her tenure. Bartz received a $2.2 million bonus to supplement her $1 million salary last year.

Yahoo has now replaced three CEOs in a little over four years. During that time, Yahoo has lost ground in the Internet ad race to online search leader Google Inc. and Facebook even though its website remains among the world's most popular.

Known for her no-nonsense leadership and sometimes gruff language, Bartz arrived at Yahoo as a respected Silicon Valley executive who had won praise for turning around business software maker Autodesk Inc. But she had no previous experience in Internet advertising, the main way Yahoo makes money.

That hole in her resume immediately raised questions whether she was qualified for the job, and those doubts only escalated as Yahoo's revenue continued to sag.

At first, Bartz blamed bad timing; she started the job during some of the bleakest months of the Great Recession. Later, she would say that she inherited such as mess from her two predecessors, Yahoo co-founder Jerry Yang and former movie studio boss Terry Semel, and that it would take time to get Yahoo back on the right track.

At one point, she even compared her challenge to those that faced Steve Jobs when he returned to Apple Inc. as CEO in 1997.

Unlike Jobs, Bartz never was able to articulate a strategy to win over investors.

"She focused on plugging holes in the ship instead of turning it around," said Gartner Inc. analyst Ray Valdes.

The disappointing performance was reflected in Yahoo's stock price, which closed Tuesday at $12.91. That's 81 cents, or 7 percent, higher than where Yahoo shares stood when Bartz was hired as CEO. During the same period, Google's stock price has risen by more than $200, or 66 percent, and the technology-driven Nasdaq composite index has climbed by 60 percent. A group of investors led by Goldman Sachs Group concluded privately held Facebook is worth $50 billion in an appraisal done earlier this year. That's triple Yahoo's current market value.

Bartz never hit any of the price targets that the board set for her when she was hired. That means none of the 5 million stock options that she received upon signing her contract had vested by the time she was ushered out the door.

Investors seemed happy to see Bartz go. On Wednesday, the Sunnyvale-based company's stock rose 70 cents to close at $13.61.

Although Bartz's exit as CEO came suddenly, her departure isn't a shock. The pressure to replace her grew earlier this year after Bartz acknowledged Yahoo's search partnership with Microsoft wasn't producing as much revenue as the companies anticipated.

Then, in May, Yahoo stunned investors by disclosing that Alibaba had spun off an online payment service in a move that threatened to diminish the value of Yahoo's investment in the Chinese company.

Alipay in July agreed to a complex settlement that could eventually be worth more than $1 billion to Yahoo, but there were too many uncertainties in the deal to placate shareholders.

Bostock had steadfastly stood behind Bartz whenever she was attacked by investors or analysts. In a Tuesday statement, Bostock thanked Bartz for "her service to Yahoo during a critical time of transition in the company's history" without providing an explanation for why the board decided to replace her.

BGC partners analyst Colin Gillis said Yahoo's board "has got to look in the mirror here."

"Swapping the CEO without swapping the (board) chair doesn't solve your problem," he said. "The person that hired Carol to begin with deserves to share the culpability."



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the Santa Monica Daily Press that airport officials got worried.

Any gathering that draws over 150 people needs a special event permit from City Hall, which FOSMO didn't have. FOSMO specifically did not put information into the local paper until a few days before kickoff to try to keep the numbers low, Robotham said.

"We waited to do it and apparently caught the attention of city staff and the airport," he said. "They were worried that with the promotions in the paper, a lot of people might respond and there wouldn't be enough staff to control the anticipated crowds."

Airport Manager Robert Trimborn confirmed that the advertisement Wednesday sparked fears that an overwhelming number of people would come for the food, fun and free airplane rides.

"They needed to go through a special event permit process, and we thought it was better to postpone it," Trimborn said.

It's unclear at this point when FOSMO will be able to try to put the event on again, but it will be better than it was before, Robotham promised.

The airport has drawn considerable attention over the last two weeks after a plane being flown by a student pilot crashed into a Sunset Park home located just a few blocks west of SMO on Aug. 29. The cause of the crash is still under investigation. The pilot survived, suffering a broken leg.

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Monica police said.

Witherspoon, who won the Oscar in 2006 for her portrayal of June Carter Cash in the Johnny Cash biopic "Walk The Line," was transported to a nearby hospital with minor injuries, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

The 84-year-old driver was traveling south on 20th Street around 11:14 a.m. when she failed to stop for Witherspoon, who was running west in a crosswalk.

The driver cooperated with investigators and she was cited for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, Lewis said.

Witherspoon is best known for playing upbeat characters. Her breakthrough role came as Elle Woods in the 2001 comedy "Legally Blonde." She is one of the top female draws in Hollywood and was named one of the 50 most beautiful people by People magazine in 2002.

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ON THE MENU: **Urbangreen Cuisine serves up food at the Main Street Farmers' Market earlier this year. Market officials announced the latest list of prepared-food vendors this week.**

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Hungry? Try a gourmet sandwich or salad courtesy of Paul Osher, owner and head chef of Bean & Thyme, a relative newcomer on the scene who has been operating at the Sunday Main Street market since October of last year. Osher, who quit graduate school to follow his passion for cooking, creates his dishes using ingredients purchased at the Downtown Wednesday Farmers' Market.

"I'm actually carrying a box of beans right now," Osher said Wednesday. "I'm so happy [City Hall] renewed our contract. It's a fantastic market and we're lucky to be a part of it. I like that it is really family focused."

Another vendor that gets many of its ingredients from local Farmers' Markets is The Secret Goldfish Baking Co., run by Molly Greenwood, a former employee at the Natural Resources Defense Council on Second Street, and Michael Mapel, a researcher at UCLA.

The vegan bread bakers and cookie makers have been in operation for roughly a year and look forward to being a larger part of the Main Street market.

"We've been customers of the market for such a long time so it really means a lot to become a vendor," Greenwood said. "I know tons of people who shop at the market so I know we'll be exposed to a lot of new customers and hopefully provide something new and different that people have been looking for."

For more information on the Santa Monica Farmers Markets, go to www.smgov.net/portals/farmersmarket.

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ALL FOR ONE: **The Samohi Vikings huddle before beginning practice on Wednesday.**

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Leading the way is senior Kori Garcia, who gained 856 yards on 96 carries en route to being named All-Ocean League last year. While Garcia will get the nod as the starter, Clark warns other teams not to sleep on backups London Lewis, a transfer from Servite, and Will Taylor. Paired with fullback Donovan Citrowski, Clark feels any one of them is capable of toting the rock effectively.

"Our running backs are a delight to have on the team," Clark said. "They are the most experienced group we have.

"We're going to lean on those guys."

The other side of the ball will be anchored by senior defensive lineman Chad Wheeler, who has verbally committed to Arizona State. The towering Wheeler recorded five sacks last season and 38 tackles. Clark said that his recruiting process will continue as a number of teams, including USC, have shown interest, but wanted to get it out of the way to focus on the season.

Joining Wheeler will be a deep secondary led by cornerbacks Dylan Muscat and Garcia, who is one of a number of players playing both ways.

Clark has high regard for Muscat, who also plays wide receiver. He said his most valuable asset is his willingness to do what is asked of him by the coaching staff.

"He's a special kid," Clark said of Muscat. "He can do so many things well."

With senior players like Muscat, Garcia, Wheeler and linebacker Chris Collins, Clark finally has a team he can truly call his own. When he first arrived on campus he inherited a team that came up under former coach Zach Cuda. Clark dealt with the situation and slowly built a rapport with the younger players that he hopes bears fruit — and victories — this season.

"There's no doubt about it, that's a major factor," Clark said. "The majority of the locker room are my guys. They understand what it takes to get it done.

"They have developed my personality. Now I can really trust most of the guys I put on the field."

At least one party won't be too thrilled to see the Vikings suit up for the opener.

Leuzinger's Reginald Grant knows full well what the Vikings are capable of. The second-year head coach watched his Olympians fall 42-6 to Samohi last season and expects to see the Vikings come out swinging.

"I expect them to be tough," Grant said. "They are a program with a lot of tradition.

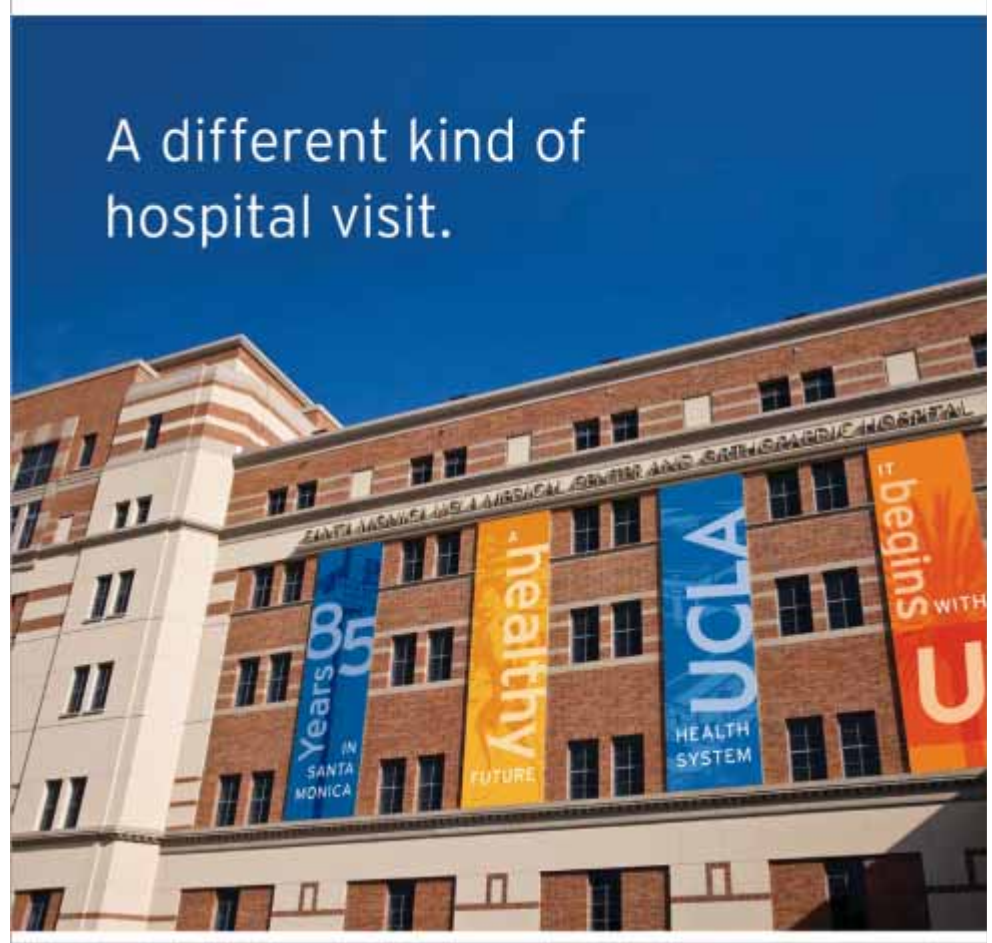
"They always come to play."

As for revenge, Grant just wants to see his team improve on last season's 1-9 record.

"We're still young, we have a lot to learn."

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structures 7 and 8 and Palisades Garden Walk Park — and another 24 public projects and 18 private projects planned.

Those projects are primarily clustered in Downtown, the Civic Center and proposed Bergamot Transit Village, with the remainder sprinkled through the Mid-City area.

As projects come online, they will include renderings, construction dates, photos and a schedule upcoming public meetings.

The sheer number of projects required a more aggressive public information campaign than City Hall has put forward in the past, Vernez said.

"It's really the first time that there's been this many projects that have demanded this kind of collaboration," she said.

The site represents the work of nine city departments, many of which have shared roles on the projects, as well as outside agencies like the Exposition Construction Authority and the California Department of Transportation that is coordinating on the rebuild of the aging California Incline.

It first got approval in February, when staff presented to the City Council a review of all of the projects slated for Santa Monica over the next seven years.

It was the bud of a community outreach campaign that will be both high-tech and high-touch, coupling the new website with extensive in-person outreach, Vernez said.

To that end, each department has a "champion" that can answer community questions about the projects, and a new position called an information manager was created to keep the message "pristine."

Extra meetings entitled "Ask the Staff" will be held at the Main Library, perhaps as soon as January, to give community members an opportunity to question informed staff members about projects and construction.

People are also encouraged to visit the site and provide feedback on how to improve it, Vernez said.

"This is a tool that we launched to get feedback," she said. "The next step is that we will be meeting with the Neighborhood Council and other groups to show them these tools."

The Neighborhood Council is a body formed of the heads of the various neighborhood groups in Santa Monica.

The site will continue to evolve as projects get updated and new projects come online.

Vernez said that City Hall plans to coordinate with both the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Santa Monica College to add construction projects from those two entities to the map.



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ON THE RADAR: **Work on Santa Monica High School is just one of the projects included on a new City Hall website that tracks a number of significant construction sites around town.**

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including pets, noise and waterbeds, but the law has no provision about tobacco smoke.

As of Jan. 1, 2012, that right will be spelled out in law.

"With the governor's action today, we will see the availability of smoke-free, multi-family housing grow throughout California," Padilla stated in a press release.

The law has provisions to follow all federal, state and local requirements that pertain to changing the terms of a rental agreement or lease, and that takes the teeth out of it, said Wes Wellman, president of the Action Apartment Association, a landlord rights organization.

"The law is all smoke but no fire," Wellman said. "It really doesn't address the problem. Landlords for some time have prohibited smoking for new rentals if they chose."

At present, landlords are not explicitly prohibited from restricting smoking in apartments, and many already do because it makes their lives easier, Wellman said.

It saves owners from hefty cleaning costs between tenants, which can run between $5,000 and $15,000 by some professional estimates, and potential liability from non-smoking tenants that are harmed by a neighbor's secondhand smoke.

The only difference after January 2012 will be that apartment owners can write a prohibition against smoking into the lease itself.

Existing leases, on the other hand, can't be touched, which means that the law only codifies rights that landlords already had rather than giving them new ones.

"I don't see how it in any way advances the cause," Wellman said.

Esther Schiller, executive director of the advocacy group Smoke Free Air for Everyone, celebrated when she heard the news.

"Hear, hear!" she said.

Although she acknowledged that landlords do have the right by omission, relatively few realize it.

"As a landlord, you don't come into the business knowing everything," she said. "Some landlords belong to apartment associations and get the information that way. Most landlords don't, and don't have the information they need."

This week, Schiller will be attending a convention for new and prospective landlords to give them details on their rights and responsibilities. She's thrilled to be able to say that landlords can choose to make their apartments smoke free by law.

"It's marvelous," she said.

The Santa Monica City Council discussed banning smoking in multi-family buildings in late June.

While the measure got serious support from Mayor Richard Bloom and Councilmember Terry O'Day, who wanted the proposal to go further than just designating some apartments smoking or non-smoking, it found resistance elsewhere.

Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis and Councilmember Pam O'Connor were hesitant to restrict rights on a legal activity like smoking.

"My concern with any state law or local ordinance is that it not jeopardize existing tenancies or make it hard for us to continue with sound affordable housing policies or homelessness," Davis said Wednesday.

City Hall has supported initiatives that put homeless in housing without requiring them to get off drugs or alcohol, and Davis worried that an unintended consequence of such a law might make it harder to pursue some of those policies.

The law could also hurt low-income people who, according to federal statistics, smoke more on average than wealthier or better-educated people.

The Center for Disease Control reported that in 2009, 31.1 percent of adults who lived below the poverty level smoked versus 19.4 percent of those who lived at or above the poverty level.

Davis described it as a "tough balancing act" between individual rights and protecting non-smokers from the known health risks of secondhand smoke.

City and state officials give the issue attention because of the dangerous health risks associated with secondhand smoke.

Smoke is insidious, and can snake its way through ventilation shafts, door jambs and windows into the homes of non-smokers.

According to the American Cancer Society, secondhand smoke has over 4,000 chemical compounds, of which more than 60 are known or suspected to cause cancer.

In the United States alone, secondhand smoke is responsible for an estimated 46,000 heart disease-related deaths in non-smokers and 3,400 lung cancer deaths in non-smoking adults.

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Stock market surges as European debt concerns fade

DAVID K. RANDALL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK A broad rally broke a three-day losing streak in the stock market Wednesday as fears about Europe's debt crisis ebbed.

Stocks rose sharply after a German court backed the country's role in bailing out other European nations. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 200 points in the first hour of trading and continued to climb throughout the day, ending up 275 points. The afternoon gains came after Italy's Senate approved a deficit-cutting package and the Federal Reserve reported that U.S. business conditions are improving.

The Dow and other U.S. indexes fell over the previous three days on worries over weakness in the U.S. job market and concerns that Europe's debt woes could lead to a global economic recession.

"The market has been pricing in an out-and-out recession, so any hints that policy issues might be solved is a plus," said Brian Gendreau, market strategist at Cetera Financial Group

The Dow surged 275.56 points, or 2.5 percent, to close at 11,414.86. All 30 stocks in the Dow average rose.

The Standard and Poor's 500 index jumped 33.38, or 2.9 percent, to 1,198.62. All 10 company groups that make up the S&P index rose. The Nasdaq composite shot up 75.11, or 3 percent, to 2,548.94.

The German court ruling also pushed the prices of Treasury securities lower as investors were more willing to hold risky assets like stocks. Treasury prices have been rising over the past week, sending their yields lower, as demand for lower-risk investments increased.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.05 percent. Its price fell 50 cents per $100 invested.

The yield traded at 1.97 percent late Tuesday. On Monday it fell to 1.91 percent, the lowest since the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis began keeping daily records in 1962. Gold, another traditional safe haven, fell $56, or 3 percent, to $1,817 an ounce. It closed at $1,891 on Aug. 22.

Historically low Treasury rates are prompting some institutional investors to see stocks as a better value. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note began plunging from just over 3 percent on July 27 to 2.2 percent by the end of August. Investors were piling into lower-risk assets as the stock market swung wildly. The yield has hovered around 2 percent this week. An investor who buys the S&P 500 index, meanwhile, earns a 2.38 percent yield in the form of dividends.

"Market sentiment has actually been worse than economic data lately, and now you are seeing institutional investors saying, 'I can get a better yield from the S&P 500 than I can from a 10-year Treasury'," said Howard Ward, portfolio manager of the GAMCO Growth Fund.

Yahoo and Bank of America rose sharply after announcing the departures of key executives after the market closed Tuesday. Yahoo gained 5 percent, to $13.61, after announcing that CEO Carol Bartz had been fired. Some analysts said the move made the company a takeover target. Bartz spent nearly three years steering the company.

Bank of America jumped 7 percent, to $7.48, after the bank announced a management reorganization that will result in two top officers leaving. The changes were seen as one of chief executive Brian Moynihan's most dramatic moves to reshape the embattled bank. Bank of America shares have fallen 48 percent this year through Tuesday, compared with a 7 percent drop in the S&P 500 index.

Financial companies were the top performing group in the S&P 500 index. JP Morgan Chase & Co., Goldman Sachs and Wells Fargo each rose more than 3 percent.

Urban Outfitters fell 2 percent, to $25.26, after the retailer said its sales were slipping in the current quarter. Computer graphics company Nvidia Corp. jumped 8 percent, to $14.25, after the company said it expects its revenues to be higher than Wall Street analysts forecast.

A Federal Reserve survey found that that the economy grew modestly in its 12 bank regions in July and August as consumers spent more.

Nine stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was below average at 3.9 billion shares.

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National law enforcement crackdown charges 91 accused of Medicare fraud

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WASHINGTON A nationwide law enforcement crackdown has charged 91 people — including doctors and other medical professionals — with participating in Medicare fraud schemes involving $295 million in false billing.

Attorney General Eric Holder and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Wednesday that 70 people were charged in indictments unsealed Tuesday and Wednesday and 21 others were charged earlier, beginning Aug. 24. Charges were filed in Baton Rouge, La.; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston; Los Angeles and Miami.

At a news conference, the attorney general said that those arrested are "jeopardizing the integrity of our health care system." Sebelius called the law enforcement initiative "a powerful warning to those who would try to defraud taxpayers and Medicare beneficiaries.

Eleven of the people charged were doctors, three were nurses and 10 were licensed health professionals.

Over half the defendants — 46 — and $160 million of the total in phony claims announced Wednesday came from South Florida, still leading the nation in Medicare fraud.

In Miami, U.S. Attorney Wifredo Ferrer said investigators noticed a new twist in which people who already were receiving Medicare disability checks were recruited with promises they could live in a halfway house in South Florida — as long as they agreed to receive mental health services they did not need. Many were addicted to drugs or alcohol, and some were homeless, and Ferrer said they would be threatened with eviction if they did not participate in the fraud scheme.

"They were already in the system. They were lured in by the promise of having housing. It was, 'Come and have a fresh start in Miami,'" Ferrer said.

That particular scheme and other frauds, operated out of an entity called Biscayne Milieu, accounted for $50 million of the fraudulent Medicare claims, prosecutors said. It provided no legitimate services.

"It was a complete fraud," Ferrer said.

In Houston, two people were charged with fraud schemes involving $62 million in false claims for home health care and medical equipment. One defendant allegedly sold beneficiary information to 100 Houston-area home health care agencies. The home agencies used the information to bill Medicare for services that were unnecessary or never provided.

In Baton Rouge, La., a doctor, nurse and five other co-conspirators were charged with billing Medicare more than $19 million for skilled nursing and other home health services that were not necessary or never provided.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

Chest to head high at south facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks a bit smaller, about chest high at south facing spots with occasional pluses. Some light NW ground swell combined with wrap from the south swell should put direct west facing breaks in waist+ surf.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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 **August 31, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	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 Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	C	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	D	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	C	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	F	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.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	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.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	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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MEDIA

Fox Sports apologizes for 'inappropriate' USC video

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOULDER, Colo. Fox Sports is apologizing for what it calls an "inappropriate" segment filmed on the University of Southern California campus that critics say mocks Asian students.

Fox Sports Network sent the apology after the Daily Camera newspaper in Boulder, Colo., reported about the video. It shows a comedian approaching Asian students at USC and asking them to welcome the universities of Colorado and Utah to the Pac-12 Conference. The comedian tells the students to give the new Pac-12 members an "all-American welcome" and then mocks students' accents.

In the statement, network spokesman Lou D'Ermilio addresses the apology to USC President Max Nikias.

"We sincerely apologize to President Nikias and the entire USC community for the production and posting of the video," D'Ermilio wrote. "The context was clearly inappropriate and the video was removed as soon as we became aware of it. We will review our editorial process to determine where the breakdown occurred, and we will take steps to ensure something like this never happens again."

University of Colorado ethnic studies professor Darryl Maeda, who saw the segment, told the newspaper that the piece relies on stereotypes of Asians as "perpetual foreigners." The interviewer appeared to seek students for whom English is not their first language, he said.

"This is demeaning to millions of Asian Americans who have put down deep roots in the United States, claim English as their language and root vigorously for their favorite sports teams," Maeda said.

CU's football team hosts the USC Trojans on Nov. 4. CU and Utah entered the Pac-12 in July.

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12:30pm, 3:15pm, 6:10pm, 9:00pm

One Day (PG-13) 1hr 47min
5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Smurfs (PG) 1hr 42min
11:50am, 2:15pm

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Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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11:25am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

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11:55am, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:25pm

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2:20pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) 1hr 29min
1:45pm, 7:00pm

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3:20pm, 8:30pm

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1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Our Idiot Brother (R) 1hr 30min
12:30pm, 2:55pm, 5:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

Chasing Madoff! (NR) 1hr 31min
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Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

30 Minutes or Less (R) 1hr 23min
4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Apollo 18 (PG-13) 1hr 26min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Cars 2 (G) 1hr 53min
11:15am, 1:45pm

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Think 'weekend,' Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You wake up bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to take the world by storm. You could feel out of kilter unexpectedly with news from a loved one. A child or loved one creates quite a smoke screen. Tonight: Only where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Just when you thought a personal matter was resolved, you discover otherwise. A misunderstanding needs to be ironed out. Count on some confusion, too. Realize where the problems began. Don't talk too much. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others at a distance. If you need to find an expert, do. You really cannot go wrong. A misunderstanding is a definite possibility. Confirm and clarify. Tonight: Think "weekend."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Relate directly to key individuals. If you feel as if you have gone far enough working though a problem, communicate that issue. You might not be seeing a situation clearly -- whether it is your perception or faulty information. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Others clearly have different concepts. You will be able to juggle the back-and-forth. Verify a statement or meeting time, as an element of confusion exists. Someone attempts to create a haze. Tonight: Strutting your stuff.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Handle a matter in a more conciliatory manner. Someone in your daily life means well and can inspire you, but at the same time can make goulash out of the most precise communication and situations. Enjoy this person for his or her different facets. You are not changing him or her. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Add that special creative touch. You are well known for your imagination. Listen to others and get feedback. Others do the unexpected and create a lot of excitement, if not chaos. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: Easy works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Don't respond to a partner's or roommate's demands if you don't want to. You might feel the need to focus on another issue first. Juggling needs to happen if you want to remain in control today. Tonight: Deal with a domestic matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to make that extra effort as you deal with others. Communication has a strange quality to it. No one is trying to be evasive; there is simply a quality of haziness or a lack of clarity. Confirm meetings. Ask about any situation you find vague. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Deal with a financial situation, especially if you are having difficulty being on the same page as someone else. You have much more going for you than you realize. Stay open to potential change; you cannot, nor do you want to, control change. Tonight: Treat time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are at your monthly peak. Approach a situation with greater openness. Your words could be misunderstood. Try to clarify, but don't be vested in being on the same page as someone else. Follow your instincts. Tonight: King or queen of the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Keep your cards close to your chest. Do understand what is going on with another person. You might not have the clarity you want at this juncture. Don't guess what is going on with someone. Wait and allow this person to reveal him- or herself. Tonight: Play it low-key.

Happy birthday

This year, you often go back and forth when making decisions. You think you should do something one way but want to do it another way. Whether to follow your heart or your mind could become an issue. If you are single, you could go through a string of lovers and date a lot. Perhaps you won't want to settle down until June 2012 or later. If you are attached, the two of you have the same core issues, which is the glue in the bond. Respect each other's different solutions. Count on AQUARIUS to pitch in and help.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Funny fellows
5 Malice
10 Impair
11 Soviet tyrant
12 Huron neighbor
13 Beckoned
14 Junior, e.g.
16 Defeated incumbent
20 Temptresses
23 Coral island
24 Smells
25 Back biter?
27 Caffeine source
28 Tomorrow, in Tijuana
29 "I agree"
32 Strategy
36 Spanish district
39 Roadster
40 Campfire bits
41 Swipe
42 Paces
43 Avenue liners

DOWN

1 A question of time
2 Mystique
3 Bleak
4 Pittsburgh pro
5 Buffy's weapon
6 Turned ashen
7 Suffering
8 Even score
9 Conclude
11 Swindles
15 Lacking
17 Bruins' sch.
18 James of "The Godfather"
19 Sedgwick of "The Closer"
20 Drunkards
21 Notion
22 Wander
25 Grown-up filly
26 Like most résumés
28 Office notes
30 Snowy wader
31 Lock parts
33 Temporary calm
34 Wee bit
35 Henri et Pierre
36 Plead
37 Dr.'s org.
38 Batting stat

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Yesterday's answer

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12				■	13					
14				15				■	■	■
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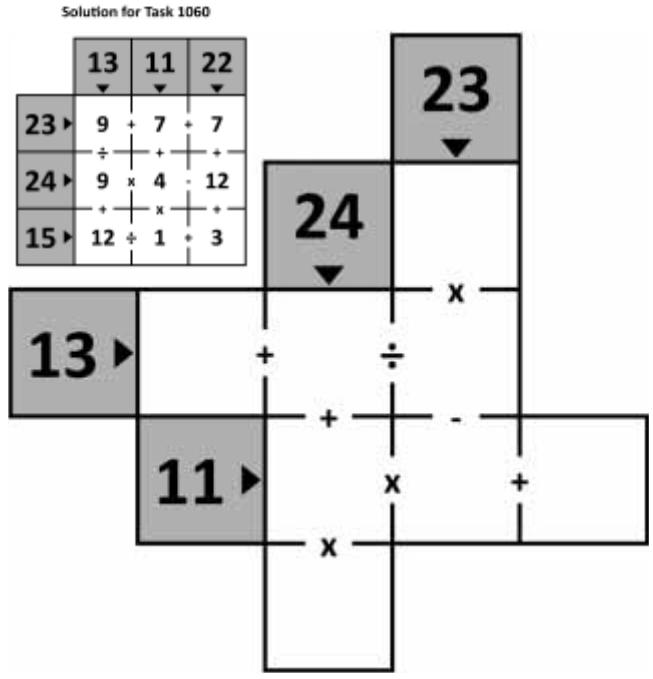
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Save the Environment: (1) Germany's Green Party temporarily transcended mainstream environmental goals in June and specially demanded that the government begin regulating sex toys such as dildos and vibrators. Those devices, it said, contain "dangerously high levels of phthalates" and other plastics that can cause infertility and hormone imbalances. The party called for sex-toy regulation that is at least as strong as the regulation of children's toys. (2) "This is a clear case where making something environmentally friendly works for us," said Lt. Col. Jeff Woods, the U.S. Army's product manager for small-caliber ammunition. He told Military.com in May that new steel-core 5.56mm cartridges not only "penetrate" (kill) more effectively, but are less environmentally toxic than current lead-core ammo.

■ Judge Giuseppe Gargarella has scheduled trial for later this month in L'Aquila, Italy, for seven members of Italy's national commission on disaster risks who (though supposedly experts) failed to warn of the severity of the April 2009 central-Italy earthquake that killed 300 people. Judge Gargarella said the seven had given "contradictory information" and must stand trial for manslaughter. (One commission member had even recommended a high-end red wine that citizens should sip as they ignore small tremors -- which turned into a 6.3 magnitude quake.)

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