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Getting ready for flu season

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Nobody likes getting shots, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

October marks the beginning of flu season and doctors are cautioning parents and the public to get vaccinations for the flu.

Manufacturers have projected that they will produce between 135 million and 139 million doses of influenza vaccine for use in the United States during the 2013-14 flu season, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal agency tasked to prevent and control disease, injury and disability.

The CDC reported an estimated 30 million to 32 million of these doses will be quadrivalent flu vaccine, or the vaccine that

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13 killed during Navy Yard rampage

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON A former Navy reservist went on a shooting rampage Monday inside a building at the heavily secured Washington Navy Yard, firing from a balcony onto office workers in the cafeteria below, authorities and witnesses said. Thirteen people were killed, including the gunman.

Authorities said they were looking for a possible second attacker who may have been disguised in an olive-drab military-style uniform.

But as the day wore on and night fell, the rampage increasingly appeared to be the work of a lone gunman, and Navy Yard employees were gradually being released from the complex and children were let out of their locked-down schools.

Investigators said they had not established a motive for the attack, which unfolded about 8:20 a.m. in the heart of the nation's capital,

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

DOUBLE CLICK: Heal the Bay's Ana Luisa Ahern updates the environmental nonprofit's Facebook page on Monday afternoon.

Social with a conscious

Nonprofits use social media to spread message, raise awareness

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Instead of chopping down trees to make newsletters, local nonprofits are going digital.

In the year and a half since Ana Luisa Ahern came on board as interactive campaigns manager for Santa Monica-based environmental watchdog Heal the Bay, the organization has seen a growth of 20,000 Twitter followers and broke 300 "likes" on one Instagram photo — both impressive feats.

The organization, which was already using those platforms prior to Ahern's arrival, recently began devoting more time to social media.

Heal the Bay and other Santa Monica-based nonprofits use social media as a creative avenue to engage and interact with their audiences, generate conversations about specific causes and promote their names and missions.

"Social media helps by putting out the spirit of the organization to a broad audience," Ahern said. "It's showing beautiful images and getting people engaged in a conversation, and giving people a sense of who Heal the Bay is and why we're doing what we are."

Heal the Bay uses Facebook, Twitter, and Ahern's personal favorite, Instagram, where users can share photos with each other and "like" them.

Experts say one of the main goals of using social media as a tool is to drive traffic to websites, where people can get more detailed information or make donations.

"Until you get somebody on your website, they're not going to do anything." said Katharine Coles, founder and CEO of Mad Marketeer, an agency specializing in search optimized and Internet marketing for start-ups and small to mid-sized businesses, including nonprofits.

For many the goal is to get more volunteers and donors.

"Nonprofits think they're different than everybody else, but the people

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What's Up Westside

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Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013

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

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

Word up
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.
Continue working with Microsoft Word 2010 to create documents such as flyers and brochures, learn about Office online templates, and more. Advanced level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Parent therapy
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
At this free one-night workshop, talk with parenting expert Vickie Falcone and learn how to eliminate power struggles at home. Discover ways to turn conflicts with your children into peaceful interactions, feel calmer and enjoy being a parent.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013

Day at the market
Third Street Promenade
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Visit one of Southern California's finest Farmers' Markets for the freshest of the fresh. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Story time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Story series for children 3 to 5 years old. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Career counseling
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Decide which careers you want to explore with Carina Lin, professional career counselor.

Planning Commission meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a development agreement for the Bergamot Transit Village Center. The proposed mixed-use project would include 471 rental housing units, more than 350,000 square feet of creative office space and up to 15,500 square feet of restaurant space.

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DOGGY RESCUE

Photo courtesy Santa Monica Fire Department

Santa Monica fire fighters revive Stella, a boxer, on Saturday using a specially-designed mask made for dogs. The dog was found inside of an apartment on Second Street that was on fire after neighbors alerted fire fighters of its presence. Responders found the dog unresponsive. Once revived, Stella was sent to a nearby emergency veterinary hospital. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

Ex-airport screener ordered held in threats case

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A judge on Monday ordered a former Los Angeles International Airport security screener to be held without bond after he was accused of making threats that forced the evacuation of several terminals.

U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Walsh said Nna Alpha Onuoha, 29, was a flight risk and suggested he had undergone a mental "break" and was acting irrationally when he allegedly made the threats around the anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks.

Some terminals at Los Angeles International Airport were closed for hours while authorities investigated. However, a bomb squad found no explosives or harmful contents in a package that authorities said Onuoha had sent to a Transportation Security Administration manager.

The FBI has said no other people were linked to the threats.

Onuoha, shackled and wearing a white prison jumpsuit, said nothing during the hearing in which the judge repeatedly said he did not trust him to act rationally if released.

"He was $15,000 in debt. He did not have a job. He had threatened to blow people up and he signaled to his family they would never see him again," the judge said.

Prosecutors asked the judge for a competency hearing and to hold Onuoha as a danger to the community, but Walsh said those issues should be handled by the judge who ultimately hears the case.

Walsh said he would reconsider if the defense presents evidence from a doctor that Onuoha is suffering from a mental illness.

During the hearing, Onuoha's attorney Samuel Josephs had asked that his client be allowed to return to U.S. Veteran's Administration housing and be placed on electronic monitoring until his trial.

Onuoha, originally from Nigeria, served for six years in the National Guard including a deployment to Kosovo for a peace keeping mission.

He was arrested last week for investigation of making unspecified threats referencing the 9/11 anniversary. He recently resigned from the TSA after being suspended.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa Mills said Onuoha had abruptly left the veteran's housing facility where he had been living, planned to live in his car and preach on the streets.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MID-CITY

Medical building sold for $54M

A Santa Monica medical office has been sold to a Carpinteria-based investment company for more than $54 million, according to developers.

Montecito Medical finalized a deal to purchase UCLA Health's Santa Monica Medical Office for approximately $1,060 per square foot, said Chris Conk, the company's acquisitions coordinator.

"Obviously UCLA is such a class act, probably one of the best health providers in the country," he said. "They're just a great tenant, and the location is unbelievable."

Conk said Montecito has long-term plans to retain the center, formerly owned by Nautilus Group Inc., as a medical facility.

According to Jennifer Gonzales, director of nursing operations at UCLA Health's Surgery Center, the 50,000-square-foot facility is home to a radiation oncology unit, outpatient surgery rooms and various clinical offices for the UCLA Department of Medicine.

The building, UCLA Health's first to meet the LEED Gold designation for sustainability, also claims the first automated parking system on the West Coast.

"This is probably the nicest deal we've ever acquired," Conk said.

– GREG ASCIUTTO

CLOVERFIELD BLVD

Expo Line forces street closures

Continuing construction on the Metro Expo Light Rail Line bridge at Olympic and Cloverfield boulevards will force overnight street closures in the area for the next three to four weeks, according to the Expo Construction Authority.

Tonight through Thursday night, westbound Olympic Boulevard will be closed at 10 p.m. between Cloverfield and 20th Street, with the street scheduled to reopen at 6 a.m. the next day.

The closure will last seven to 10 days. When work in that area is finished, eastbound Olympic along the same stretch will be closed overnights for seven to 10 days, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

When work is completed in that area, Cloverfield will be closed during the same hours, Sunday through Thursday nights, between Olympic and the Santa Monica (10) Freeway. Work in that area is also expected to take seven to 10 days.

Daytime traffic will not be affected by the work, during which crews will remove falsework and steel forms used for the light-rail line bridge.

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Double standard

Editor:

I have lived on Michigan Avenue and 19th Street for almost 25 years. I am an avid bicyclist and do not own a car. However, I am adamantly opposed to the Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights-controlled Planning Commission's proposal to eliminate all the parking on the north side of Michigan Avenue from 20th Street to Lincoln Boulevard to make a bike lane.

Everyone parking on Michigan Avenue will be forced into parking on the intersecting numbered streets from Ninth to 19th streets and there are not sufficient spaces to accommodate the need. Too, most of the multi-family housing was constructed many decades ago when requirements for on-site parking were far lower than they are now, thus adding to the parking deficit. The proponents are clearly not protecting the interests of renters.

Planning Commissioner Jim Ries' suggestion to turn Michigan Avenue into a one-way street and use the space from the former second lane to make bike lanes, while leaving parking on both sides of the street, is a reasonable compromise that meets everyone's needs, and I support it.

What really infuriates me about the proposal is a majority of the planning commissioners live north of Wilshire Boulevard. The bike lane on 14th Street ends at Washington. The planning commissioners protected the parking on their streets by not extending the 14th Street bike lanes to San Vicente Boulevard. It is clear the planning commissioners would never propose eliminating all the parking on the east side of 14th Street from Washington Avenue to San Vicente because it would eliminate parking at or near where they live.

It is time to end the disparate treatment of the Pico Neighborhood by the SMRR, north-of-Wilshire elitists.

Steve Keats
Santa Monica



Our Town

By Ellen Brennan

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Bergamot, a blessing or disaster?

A QUOTE FROM A REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT says it all:

"The development of Bergamot will impose on the surrounding neighborhoods a level of unparalleled traffic congestion. Already, there is complete gridlock at intersections that will be further impacted by this oversized, over-height, and ill-conceived monstrosity of a project. Those in charge of granting planning and development entitlements of public and private property in the city have absolutely no clue as to the permanent damage and impact they are causing locally and regionally by approval after approval of inappropriate development."

The approval by the City Council of the Bergamot Area Plan certainly fits that description. The 29-page analysis prepared by Armen Melkonians (who wrote the infrastructure portion of the environmental impact report for Los Angeles' update to their general plan) pointed out that the EIR for the Bergamot area was simply the recycled EIR done for the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE). The projections for anticipated growth for the years 2010 to 2030 for the LUCE were vastly underestimated.

They were based on a combination of two factors: 1) SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) regional forecast projections; and 2) California State Department of Finance (DOF) forecasts, which are based on historical trends and predicted citywide housing growth at 4,900 dwelling units, and Bergamot housing growth at 1,300 dwelling units.

The problem with using this criteria as a prediction of growth is that it fails to consider that the LUCE — by its own actions — is modifying land use and providing increased development opportunities in a city with a robust development potential. This robust development potential has been witnessed by the large number of permits and proposed development agreements that flooded City Hall after the adoption of LUCE. None of these were accounted for in the LUCE EIR or as impacts in the Bergamot Area Plan.

To date (three years into the 20-year period that the LUCE and Bergamot Plan were intended to cover) just four projects — Roberts Center, Paper Mate site, Paseo Nebraska (temporarily withdrawn) and the Village Trailer Park — will provide a total of 1,369 residential units, more than the LUCE projection for the entire 20 years.

Traffic projections are interesting. At first we were told that, because of the aggressive traffic management program, the Bergamot area would produce 700 fewer p.m. car trips per day when developed.

That prediction has disappeared, and we now anticipate 20,000 new car trips per day for the Bergamot area projects already in construction or in the pipeline.

With Armen's projection of 5,749 to 6,991, total dwelling units when the area is built out, coupled with total projected employment base of 17,200 people, the traffic impact and parking needs will be totally different from the effect of the 1,300 dwellings projected by LUCE. This traffic will ultimately impact the entire Bergamot area, the city as a whole and the region (freeways, major streets, local and collector streets). The Paper Mate project alone will impact 27 stop lights and some are in West Los Angeles

Off-street parking projections will stun you. At build out, Armen estimates between 27,000 and 31,000 off-street parking spaces will be needed in these 140-plus acres labeled Bergamot. Since off-street parking in Bergamot is either shared or unbundled it's very important to get the numbers right. Keep in mind that all the off-street parking in Downtown (including the Civic Center, parking structures and the Main Library) equals a total of 7,968 spaces.

The Bergamot Area Plan was touted as a sustainable development. But according to the Housing Commission, 75 percent of workers in Bergamot, (one of the groups for whom this development is intended so they can walk to work) can only afford rents of $1,000-$1,500, while new rents in the area are estimated to be around $2,400.

As Councilmember Kevin McKeown pointed out last week, "Unless we match rents and wages, we will undercut all the sustainable work we've done. And the workers will not be able to afford to live in the area." He suggested amendment after amendment to the plan and was met with resistance

The other council members were not willing to support changes that would insure sustainability based on rent ratio to wages. They gave staff instructions to study the issue and come back with an analysis for discussion. Neither were they willing to mandate the additional EIRs needed to evaluate the additional impacts known today and unknown when the LUCE EIR was created.

Armen indicates that the present EIR, which does not take into consideration presently known impacts to the development area, would not stand in a legal challenge. City Attorney Marsha Moutrie claims it would. So place your bets, folks.

After the vote on the plan was completed, Councilmember Ted Winterer gave direction to city staff to monitor the enrollment of the schools in Santa Monica. The school district claims school enrollment is rising. At the time the LUCE was approved, school enrollment was dropping and the current rise portends a need for new schools. This also needs to be included in a new EIR for the Bergamot plan.

There is considerable consternation in the region about the impact of the traffic. Diana Gordon, co-chair of Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, held a press conference on the lawn of City Hall in March 2012, attended by leaders of Los Angeles city neighborhoods (Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, West Los Angeles, Mar Vista, and Venice) to express their concerns about the collective impacts of all the projects slated for the Bergamot area.

Forgotten by our planning staff, City Hall staff and council members, they too, along with the majority of residents in Santa Monica, are being ignored. But as Gandhi said, "You lose and you lose and you lose and you lose. And then you win!"

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What's the Point?

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He's the talk of the town

ABOUT FOUR-AND-A-HALF YEARS AGO, National Public Radio and KCRW hosted an event at the Broad Stage for "Planet Money." It was April 2009 and the world was in financial crisis. Everyone was uncertain about the future, except for bankruptcy attorneys and funeral directors, both of whom had bright futures.

It was a typical glorious spring day as I made my way across the parking lot. I looked up and saw this vibrant cowboy shirt, tight jeans and a man with huge grin and I wanted to meet him.

Twenty minutes later, I'm standing on the back deck sipping a soda and he comes through the door, so I start to chat him up. It was a "Casablanca" moment, the start of a beautiful friendship.

In the four years that have followed, John K. Bates and I have become close friends. We have some common loves like good food, dogs and public speaking. John is a public speaking coach for aspiring TED presenters.

If you don't know what a TED talk is, look it up online and search for "Brene Brown vulnerability." It's one of the most watched videos of all time and it will demonstrate for you the power of what a great presentation is.

Presenting and speaking in public are highly valued skills, precisely because they require us to be vulnerable in ways that most of us rarely confront. As a divorce lawyer I have to be polished and skillful when speaking to a judge on behalf of the men I represent. I have over the years become comfortable with public speaking and I have grown to love it.

Being on a stage and having the rapt attention of 10 or 1,000 is fun for me. Asking someone out on a date, not so much. For most people it is the being on stage that scares the bejeezus out of them. But that is why organizations like Toastmasters began.

Toastmasters is a public speaking and leadership training nonprofit that helps people learn how to craft a talk, present it smoothly and learn how to accept the gratitude of the listeners.

I have been a Toastmaster for two years now, and I've learned a great deal about what makes a good presentation. I am ready at a moment's notice to get up in front of an audience and give a short or long presentation.

The ability to be able to impromptu educate, entertain and enlighten has served me well over the past few years, especially when the news media calls. But to take my skills to a higher level I had to reach out. Luckily there was my buddy John.

John's skills are in fine polish. He teaches good speakers to be great presenters. He is passionate about his work and loves seeing growth in others. That is why he created Executive Speaking Success, a program that takes a competent speaker and polishes them into a "WOW!" Speaker.

He has been invited by event planners across the planet to come and give presentations and to train people to do what he does. He works with many people who are developing a pitch for a movie or a new business or those who want to become worthy of giving a TED talk for their professional development and to share great ideas.

This Wednesday, Sept. 18, John will be presenting his Executive Speaking Success Speaker Bootcamp at CrossCampus located in Santa Monica on Broadway. Tickets are still available on EventBrite. It will be the best $20 you'll spend this year.

CrossCampus is a hub of new businesses and innovative thinkers sharing office space. It's a great environment and I look forward to this event.

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The Q Line

To reform or not to reform?

The state Legislature recently passed a bill that allows the undocumented to receive driver's licenses, a first for California. This could be a boon for those who work and live in Santa Monica who are here illegally.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think it is time for more sweeping immigration reform and why?

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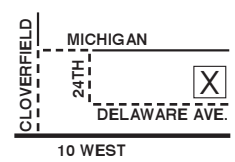

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A pair of legislative seats up for special elections

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. A run of special elections for open state legislative seats continues this week with primaries for an Assembly and a Senate district, both in Southern California.

Democratic Assemblywoman Holly Mitchell is expected to replace former Democratic state Sen. Curren Price in the 26th Senate District. If she wins the two-person race outright today, it will force another special election to fill her Assembly seat.

Meanwhile, 11 candidates are seeking to replace former Democratic Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield in the 45th Assembly District. The top two vote-getters will face off in a special general election on Nov. 19.

Both vacancies were created this summer when Price and Blumenfield were elected to the Los Angeles City Council.

The elections will bolster the supermajority for Democrats in the 40-member Senate, while Democrats in the 80-member Assembly continue hovering near the two-thirds margin. Both chambers adjourned for the year last week.

Mitchell, chairwoman of the Legislative Black Caucus, faces fellow Democrat Mervin Evans, an author and management consultant who has frequently run for public office. He did not list any spending in his latest campaign filing.

The heavily Democratic Senate district, all within Los Angeles County, includes the Hollywood, Hollywood Park, Crenshaw and South-Central neighborhoods of Los Angeles, along with Baldwin Hills, Century City, Culver City and Hyde Park.

Because Price resigned in midterm, the winner must run again next year in a newly-drawn district.

The 45th Assembly District includes the southwest San Fernando Valley communities of Encino, Northridge and West Hills, as well as the cities of Calabasas and Hidden Hills, all in Los Angeles County, plus a sliver of Ventura County.

About 49 percent of voters are registered Democrat, 25 percent Republican and 17 percent decline-to-state.

The field to replace Blumenfield includes seven Democrats, including several who have been aides to other officeholders:

• Elizabeth Badger, a business owner from West Hills who previously ran for Los Angeles City Council.

• Damian Carroll of Encino, a policy analyst for Los Angeles City Councilman Councilmember Paul Krekorian.

• Matt Dababneh of Encino, chief deputy to U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman.

• Dennis DeYoung of Northridge, a businessman and financial consultant who previously ran for the Assembly.

• Jeff Ebenstein of Encino, San Fernando Valley director for Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Koretz.

• Andra Hoffman of Sherman Oaks, who teaches state and local government and politics at Glendale College.

• Dan McCrory, a businessman from Northridge who previously ran for the Assembly.

Three Republicans also are trying for the Assembly seat:

• Armineh Chelebian of Winnetka, an accountant and political consultant who has previously run unsuccessfully for Assembly and Los Angeles City Council seats.

• Chris Kolski, an electrical engineer and party official from West Hills who previously ran for Congress and the Assembly.

• Susan Shelley, an author and former congressional candidate from Woodland Hills.

Eric Lewis, president of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council, is running as an independent.

Water unaffordable to some in San Joaquin Valley

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FRESNO, Calif. People living in poverty in California's rural San Joaquin Valley pay more than 2 percent of their income for tap water — above the threshold of affordability set in a state law, according to a new study.

The study, produced by the Community Water Center, Fresno State and the nonprofit Pacific Institute, shows two of every five households — nearly 4,000 customers — pay more than they can afford for tap water.

Bills climb even higher for those who also buy bottled water to protect their families from the Valley's underground water contamination.

The study sampled 51 small water systems across Fresno, Tulare and Kings counties.

The costs of water are high in these areas due to old infrastructure problems and because the water supply has contaminants such as nitrates and arsenic.

Many of those communities must blend or treat their polluted water, drill a new well or provide an alternative source, passing on the extra costs to ratepayers. In some communities, where no such options are available, residents pay for contaminated water and must buy bottled water out of pocket.

Researchers hope to convince legislators to craft new laws that help people cope with poverty, water supply contamination and the expense of bottled water.

And experts warn that contaminants such as nitrates will only increase in future years, forcing more water systems to upgrade or increase treatment to ensure safe drinking water. The upgrades and cleanup costs will raise rates in many places where people already can't afford to pay water bills.

Already, several communities in central California are fighting utility rate increases.

Earlier this month, residents of Delano filed a lawsuit challenging the city's decision to raise utility rates. The higher rate, meant to cover debt payments on water system improvements, would raise residents' bills by an average of 75 percent over the next five years.

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Mom charged in slayings of daughter, autistic son

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SANTA ANA, Calif. A mother involved in a contentious custody case was charged Monday with killing her 13-year-old autistic son and 9-year-old daughter in California after a judge ordered them returned to their father in Georgia.

Authorities weren't releasing many details, but one of the special circumstances filed by prosecutors against 42-year-old Marilyn Edge alleges the children were poisoned.

Edge, of Scottsdale, Ariz., is charged with two counts of murder with special circumstances in the deaths of her daughter Faith and son Jaelen. The children were found Saturday in a Santa Ana hotel room.

Edge lost custody of them on Wednesday in a Georgia case then texted her ex-husband, Mark Edge, two days later that she would bring the children back on Sunday, his attorney Marian Weeks said.

Mark Edge was informed about the death of the children early Sunday by Atlanta police and was taken to a hospital for duress.

"He's emotionally, extremely distressed," Weeks said. "He is getting better. His whole focus right now is on the children."

Marilyn Edge could be eligible for the death penalty if convicted. She is expected to be arraigned Tuesday.

She was driving a car that crashed Saturday into an electrical box outside a shopping complex in Costa Mesa. She refused to get out of the car and tried to choke herself with an electrical cord as rescuers attempted to free her, Santa Ana police Cpl. Anthony Bertagna said.

Police found propane in the car but wouldn't say whether there was a suicide note.

Authorities said Edge told investigators they could find her children's bodies at the hotel.

The Edges were married for less than 10 years and divorced in December 2007, Weeks said. Marilyn Edge claimed her former husband, who routinely traveled to Afghanistan where he worked as a contractor, failed to make child support payments, according to court records.

She also claimed the children of a friend of her ex-husband were sexually abusing her kids, but the allegations were never proven, Weeks said.

Marilyn Edge was given full custody of her children in October 2009, a ruling that was later set aside after Mark Edge contended he wasn't aware of a court hearing because he was overseas and documents were sent to a wrong address. However, the Georgia Supreme Court later found there wasn't enough evidence to set aside the ruling.

Weeks said the case began to turn in the ex-husband's favor in September, when a judge reduced child support payments and ordered joint custody. At the time, Edge hadn't seen his kids in more than 1 1/2 years because his ex-wife refused to let him visit, the lawyer said.

Mark Edge was stymied again by his ex-wife, who moved to Arizona shortly after the judge's order, saying she was getting a job transfer. He only saw his children three or four times via video phone calls, Weeks added.

"All he wanted was to spend time with his children," Weeks said. "But Marilyn could not let that happen."

At a hearing last Wednesday in a Georgia courtroom, a judge found that Marilyn Edge was alienating her children from her ex-husband and said he should be given full custody, Weeks said. It's customary for the custody transfer to happen the same day as the judge's order, Weeks said, but Marilyn Edge said the children were staying with her parents in Arizona.

The judge gave her until noon Sunday to turn over the children. On Friday, Mark Edge received a text from his ex-wife saying, "'I will see you on Sunday and I have their school records,'" Weeks said.

Lawyer Mary Ann Korre said she had only represented Marilyn Edge at the most recent child custody hearing and had only known her client a few weeks.

She wasn't aware of any reason why her client wouldn't want her ex-husband to have contact with the children. Marilyn Edge was calm at the last hearing and there was nothing to indicate she might harm the kids, Korre said.

"I received the news yesterday and I was just very shocked," she said. "It's just a very tragic situation."

Crew stops methane, water leak from L.A.-area well

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HAWTHORNE, Calif. A crew on Monday appeared to stop water and methane gas that spewed for days from a Southern California well, but 37 families were still staying away from their homes until experts could cap it, authorities said.

A disused water well in this southwestern Los Angeles suburb was being capped on Thursday when water and methane began to pour from it, owner Golden State Water Co. said in a statement.

Boots & Coots, a company that specializes in dealing with oil, gas and water well work, injected water into the well on Monday to halt the outflow, Los Angeles County fire Capt. Brian Jordan said.

Nearby Interstate 105 was closed for about an hour while the procedure was being carried out, he said.

"It's overcoming the pressure coming out," he said.

The company then began injecting mud and other materials to cap the well, which could be accomplished by later Monday or Tuesday.

Golden State put up evacuees in hotels until the well is capped.

At its peak, the well gushed 500 to 2,500 gallons of water a minute, Jordan said.

However, there were no injuries or damage to homes and the methane gas had dissipated, he said.

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they're trying to attract, it's a consumer like any other consumer," Coles said.

Carolyn Baker, vice president of community development at Step Up on Second, a homeless and mental services provider, said the nonprofit tries to attract a community who is interested in "two, really, really big ideas, permanent housing and supportive services."

She sees using social media as a tool for "story telling."

Step Up on Second uses Twitter, where it has more than 300 followers, and has a presence on Facebook.

OPCC, Santa Monica's leading homeless services provider, has a presence on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and counts its audience as people who are already known to OPCC or vice versa, said Kait Peters, development director at OPCC. Those people include volunteers and donors.

The nonprofit sees traffic on Facebook, or occasionally receives direct messages from people it's served who want to say thank you, Peters said. The most common way to revert traffic to the OPCC website is "by posting something eye-catching or timely and then adding 'For more information, visit opcc.org' or 'For more information, click here'" on social media, she said.

"We try to find ways to get people on the site because then they're more likely to click around and learn more about OPCC, since they're there already," Peters said.

For Heal the Bay, which now has more than 30,000 followers on Twitter, the focus is more "local," said Ahern, and there's a shift toward engaging a younger and more broad audience. She hopes to see Heal the Bay have the same level of recognition as bigger organizations like Oceana or Surfrider Foundation.

Other local nonprofits just joined the social media fray recently.

WISE & Healthy Aging, a senior services provider, started looking into social media after coming across recent studies indicating people in their 60s and older were using e-mail or Facebook in increasing numbers, said Mitch Orlik, executive vice president at the nonprofit. WISE got help from Coles' company to figure out what it needed to do.

"For nonprofits who want to be involved in social media, certain infrastructure has to be built," Orlik said. "You have to better understand how you use your website."

The organization created a Facebook page and a page associated with an upcoming event next month at Santa Monica Art Studios. The nonprofit decided to use e-mail and social networking to advertise the event, Orlik said.

"Having a Facebook page is somewhat like having a website — lots of people can create them but if no one visits, it really does not help to promote your cause," Orlik said.

For all its positive reinforcement, social media can have a downside. For example, Peters, of OPCC, said it can be difficult to measure the return.

"We know people are seeing it, but what are they doing because they're seeing it? We all have guilt we're not doing enough social media," Peters said. "The first thing you think is it's free and easy. It's not. It's not free because it's somebody's staff time doing it."

Baker, of Step Up on Second, said social media can be so fast-paced and it can demand "attention."

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"Is it a downside to be virtual? I think it's that strength because I can access not only people in Santa Monica, in Los Angeles County, but all over the globe," Baker said.

Gone are the days when organizations held big golf tournaments, or dinners with a band and a chicken dinner, said Baker .

Now, she says those models are expensive, time consuming and a little "self-serving."

But with a tweet-up, where folks can meet others virtually on Twitter, "you access a whole new market and audience."

"It's a new, fresher way to do business," Baker said.

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THIS WON'T HURT: **Registered Nurse Rubina Andonian administers a flu shot to intern Colleen Thompson at the UCLA Employee Health Center on Wilshire Boulevard a couple of years ago.**

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protects against four flu viruses. The rest will be trivalent flu vaccine.

This is the first year vaccines will be offered that have four strains, said Dennis Woo, a pediatrician at the UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica.

Woo said having a vaccine that has four strains allows for better protection.

Denise Sur, chief of staff at the hospital, said officials are constantly tracking the virus to see what they can do ahead of an epidemic.

"Bad epidemics come when there's a strain we haven't seen before because we are completely unprotected, or an old strain which we don't include in the vaccine anymore," Sur said.

Any child six months or older should get the vaccine, Woo said.

For parents who are worried about the mercury content of the flu vaccines, Woo said there are mercury-free ones available for kids. If parents don't want to get their child vaccinated, they run the risk of their kid catching the virus.

Kids should also wash their hands "like crazy," Sur said. And if your child is sick, keep them at home from school. Pregnant women, senior citizens and smokers should also get their shots, Sur said.

Officials said last year's season wasn't "vigorous," but this year asked everyone to take the proper precautions.

"Every year, the flu changes," said Geri Braddock, nurse epidemiologist at the hospital. "The most important part of the flu program is preventing anything from happening at all."

At the hospital, Braddock makes sure patients don't get infections, consults with the doctors and nurses, does a lot of teaching and monitors the overall situation.

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Flue season typically begins in October or November and can sometimes go as far as March. Flu season will peak somewhere in January or February, but it can range from season to season.

Braddock said staff and employees at the hospital get vaccinations.

Flu shots will be provided to adults and kids who are 5 years of age or older for $25 at the UCLA Santa Monica Bay Physicians, at 2424 Wilshire Blvd., at 10 a.m. Oct. 19, and 5 p.m. Oct. 22. For more information, call (310) 828-4530.

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Candy store to pay $312 per square foot

An international candy and gift retailer has signed an eight-year lease for a franchise on the Third Street Promenade.

It'Sugar, which specializes in the sale of sweets, novelty and pop culture items, finalized a $6.2 million deal with commercial real estate firm Avison Young, who announced the news Monday.

Avison Young Principal Randy Starr said the $312 annual per-square-foot lease is the highest rate for any retail business on the promenade.

"It just creates a new benchmark for the promenade spaces," he said.

The company will move into the 2,250-square-foot unit near the intersection of Broadway in March 2014, replacing the shoe store Journeys.

"This is a fun candy store concept which is very much needed now, and I think they'll do really well," said Barbara Tenzer, president of Tenzer Commercial Brokerage.

"It packages candy in a very glamorous and fun setting so teens or adults are comfortable to buy things for themselves rather than just for their kids," Starr said.

The promenade branch will complement more than 70 other It'Sugar locations across the globe, 10 of which are in California.

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less than four miles from the White House and two miles from the Capitol.

As for whether it may have been a terrorist attack, Mayor Vincent Gray said: "We don't have any reason to think that at this stage." But he said the possibility had not been ruled out.

It was the deadliest shooting rampage at a U.S.-based military installation since Maj. Nidal Hasan killed 13 people and wounded more than 30 others in 2009 at Fort Hood in Texas. He was convicted last month and sentenced to death.

President Barack Obama lamented yet another mass shooting in the U.S. that he said took the lives of American patriots. He promised to make sure "whoever carried out this cowardly act is held responsible."

The FBI took charge of the investigation and identified the gunman killed in the attack as 34-year-old Aaron Alexis of Texas. He died after a running gunbattle with police, investigators said.

Authorities were investigating how he got onto the base. Officials said he may have had a badge that allowed access.

At the time of the rampage, he was working in information technology with a company that was a Defense Department subcontractor.

Alexis was a full-time Navy reservist from 2007 to early 2011, leaving as a petty officer third class, the Navy said. It did not say why he left. He had been an aviation electrician's mate with a unit in Fort Worth, Texas.

Patricia Ward, a logistics-management specialist, said she was in the cafeteria getting breakfast.

"It was three gunshots straight in a row — pop, pop, pop. Three seconds later, it was pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, so it was like about a total of seven gunshots, and we just started running," Ward said.

In addition to those killed, more than a dozen people were hurt, including a police officer and two female civilians who were shot and wounded. They were all expected to survive.

The Washington Navy Yard is a sprawling labyrinth of buildings and streets protected by armed guards and metal detectors, and employees have to show their IDs at doors and gates to come and go. About 20,000 people work there.

The rampage took place at Building 197, the headquarters for Naval Sea Systems Command, which buys, builds and maintains ships, submarines and combat systems. About 3,000 people work at headquarters, many of them civilians.

Witnesses described a gunman opening fire from a fourth-floor overlook, aiming down on people in the cafeteria on the main floor. Others said a gunman fired at them in a third-floor hallway.

Todd Brundidge, an executive assistant with Navy Sea Systems Command, said he and other co-workers encountered a gunman in a long hallway on the third floor. The gunman was wearing all blue, he said.

"He just turned and started firing," Brundidge said.

Terrie Durham, an executive assistant with the same agency, said the gunman fired toward her and Brundidge.

"He aimed high and missed," she said. "He said nothing. As soon as I realized he was shooting, we just said, 'Get out of the building.'"

Police would not give any details on the gunman's weaponry, but witnesses said the man they saw had a long gun — which can mean a rifle or a shotgun.

In the confusion, police said around midday that they were searching for two men who may have taken part in the attack — one carrying a handgun and wearing a tan Navy-style uniform and a beret, the other armed with a long gun and wearing an olive-green uniform. Washington Police Chief Cathy Lanier said it was unclear if the men were members of the military.

But later in the day, police said the man in the tan uniform had been identified and was not involved in the shooting.

As emergency vehicles and law enforcement officers flooded streets around the complex, a helicopter hovered, nearby schools were locked down and airplanes at nearby Reagan National Airport were grounded so they would not interfere with law-enforcement choppers.

Security was tightened at other federal buildings. Senate officials shut down their side of the Capitol while authorities searched for the potential second attacker. The House remained open.

Adm. Jonathan Greenert, chief of naval operations, was at the base at the time the shooting began but was moved unharmed to a nearby military installation.

Anxious relatives and friends of those who work at the complex waited to hear from loved ones.

Tech Sgt. David Reyes, who works at Andrews Air Force Base, said he was waiting to pick up his wife, Dina, who was under lockdown in a building next to where the shooting happened. She sent him a text message.

"They are under lockdown because they just don't know," Reyes said. "They have to check every building in there, and they have to check every room and just, of course, a lot of rooms and a lot of buildings."

According to public records, Alexis' neighbor called Fort Worth police in September 2010 after she was nearly struck by a bullet that came from his downstairs apartment. Alexis told police he was cleaning his gun when it went off.

He was arrested on suspicion of discharging a firearm within city limits but was not prosecuted.

Stock market rallies after Summers exits Fed race

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AP Business Writer

Wall Street was happy to see Larry Summers go.

Stocks rose on Monday after Summers, who had been the leading candidate to replace Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke, withdrew his name from consideration.

Summers, a former Treasury secretary, was viewed as being more likely to rein in the government's massive stimulus program, which has kept interest rates low and boosted corporate profits.

Stocks were also helped by news that U.S. factory output rose 0.7 percent in August, the most in eight months.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 118.72 points, or 0.8 percent, to close at 15,494.78. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.61 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,697.60. The Nasdaq composite fell 4.34 points, a fraction of a percent, to 3,717.85, pulled down by a loss in Apple.

Nine of 10 sectors in the S&P 500 rose, led by industrial stocks. Only technology stocks declined.

At its highest point in late morning trading, the S&P 500 was within five points of its previous record close of 1,709.67, set on Aug. 2.

That worried Brad McMillan, chief investment officer for Commonwealth Financial.

McMillan said there are risks that investors don't seem to be accounting for in the prices they're paying. The Syria situation might not be resolved as easily as some are assuming. Europe's debt crisis isn't over. Investors seem to believe corporate profits will keep growing as fast as they have been, even though cheap debt refinancing has driven much of that growth. And there's another debate upcoming in Washington about the U.S. debt ceiling. "The last time we had a real problem with it, it did result in a significant market correction," McMillan said.

Linda Duessel, market strategist at Federated Investors in Pittsburgh, said it's just as likely that some of those issues will turn out in ways that don't hurt stocks. And even if one of those issues causes stocks to decline, "that could be the correction that any us of who have cash on the sidelines are waiting for," she said.

The Fed has been buying $85 billion per month in bonds, which has had the effect of keeping interest rates low and reduced borrowing expenses for companies.

The Fed has been saying for months that it will slow that stimulus once there's a better outlook for jobs. The question has been how soon, and how much. The consensus with Summers was, sooner, and more. That's why stocks rose once investors found out he won't be the next Fed chief.

The president is expected to nominate Ben Bernanke's successor as early as this month. The new front-runner is Janet Yellen, the Fed's vice chair.

The Fed is expected to take its first step toward reducing that stimulus in a two-day policy meeting that ends Wednesday. Many economists think it will trim $10 billion from its monthly bond purchases.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note declined more than a tenth of a percent earlier in the day, but regained most of that, and finished at 2.87 percent, down from 2.88 percent late Friday. The dollar fell against the yen and the euro.

Among companies making big moves:

• Homebuilders rose as investors were encouraged by a decline in long-term interest rates. The biggest gainer in percentage terms was PulteGroup, up 62 cents, or 3.8 percent, to $17.14.

• Boise rose $2.60, or 26 percent, to $12.56 after news that Packaging Corp. of America is buying it for $1.27 billion. Packaging Corp. rose $5.88, or almost 11 percent, to $60.43.

• Apple continued to slide, down $14.78, or 3.2 percent, to $450.10. Apple has fallen 11 percent since announcing its new iPhone lineup last week. Investors believe the new phones won't bring in as much overseas revenue as they had previously hoped.

Trading in stock options was halted for less than an hour Monday afternoon because of a problem with their price-reporting system.

Summers' withdrawal helped stocks overseas, too. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was up 0.6 percent. Germany's DAX rose 1.2 percent, and the CAC-40 in France was 0.9 percent higher.

Oil traders were monitoring Syria developments. The recent diplomatic drive, which has caused the prospect of a U.S.-led attack on Syria to dissipate, has pushed oil prices lower. The benchmark New York price of crude fell $1.62 to $106.59 a barrel.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **66.2°**

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Modest new S-SSE swell; potential rise in NW swell mix late;
Larger sets for standout spots in the western part of the county

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Modest S-SSE and SW swells; potential NW swell mix;
Larger sets for standout spots in the western part of the county

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Modest easing blend of Southerly swell and NW windswell

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Modest blend of Southerly swell and NW traces

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 **September 11, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 4
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / xx
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / xx

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	xx
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	xx
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	xx
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	xx
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	xx
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	xx
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	xx
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	xx
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	xx
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	xx
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	xx
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	xx
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	xx
Tuna Canyon.	A+	xx
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	xx
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	xx	xx
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	xx
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	xx

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

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
- **xx** -- no sample taken

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Heal the Bay

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Nasty weather plaguing NFL

BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

Nasty weather often plagues the NFL. Everyone knows about the Lambeau tundra or the whipping winter winds off Lake Erie in Cleveland.

But for Mother Nature to wreak havoc with games in September? That doesn't bode well for the rest of the season.

Already, three games, including two in prime time, have been disrupted by weather issues, mostly lightning. Kickoff for the Ravens-Broncos opener to the season on Sept. 5 in Denver was delayed for 33 minutes. On Sunday, New Orleans' visit to Tampa Bay was interrupted for 69 minutes. And the showcase matchup of San Francisco at Seattle went through a one-hour delay in the first quarter Sunday night.

Hardly ideal — for the teams, the fans, or the folks watching on TV. But necessary.

"We knew ahead of time we would have weather sometime during the game, early in the game," said Mike Kensil, the league's vice president of game operations who was in Seattle on Sunday. "We have a security meeting at 100 minutes (before kickoff), at 90 minutes a meeting with the TV teams, and we go through the scenarios in case there is weather.

"We go through our meteorological services and the services the stadium uses. Safety is paramount."

Lightning is the biggest worry because it's so unpredictable and dangerous, Kensil said. The NFL and stadium authorities track any storm that includes lightning, and when it gets within 5 miles, meteorologists try to predict its path toward the stadium.

"Last night, it was tracking to come right over the stadium," Kensil added. "We knew within a mile and a half of the stadium we would have to clear the field. As we were clearing the field, we had a bolt of lightning somewhere (nearby)."

Scoreboard messages, public address system announcements and word of mouth all are used to clear a stadium. Fans generally are sent into the covered corridors or even into lounges until the storm clears the area.

It's an awkward process for the players. Already in the midst of heavy action, they not only have to stop playing for a lengthy break, but then need to fire up their engines again.

"I've never had a rain delay, ever, in football," Saints safety Malcolm Jenkins said. "It was kind of one of those things, you don't want to do too much and wear yourself out. We sat around a little bit and once they gave us that 10-minute warning (to return to the field), we started to warm up again and go over some last minute checks and started over.

"We did the same pregame ritual that we usually do, we just restarted the whole process."

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9:45pm

World's End (R) 1hr 49min
1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Lee Daniels' The Butler (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Grandmaster (Yi dai zong shi) (PG-13) 1hr 48min
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Elysium (R) 1hr 49min
11:35am, 2:20pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Family (R) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

We're the Millers (R) 1hr 50min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:10pm

Closed Circuit (R) 1hr 36min
11:25am, 1:50pm, 4:20pm

Insidious: Chapter 2 () 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 10:45pm

Riddick (R) 1hr 59min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

One Direction: This Is Us - Extended Fan Cut 3D (PG) 1hr 46min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:10pm, 6:55pm, 9:45pm

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Unacceptable Levels (NR) 1hr 30min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

Austenland (PG-13) 1hr 37min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Spectacular Now (R) 1hr 35min
4:20pm, 10:00pm

Way, Way Back (PG-13) 1hr 43min
1:40pm, 7:30pm

Blue Jasmine (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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OUT LATE TONIGHT, CAPPY

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could be unusually verbal, but you also will choose to hold back more of your feelings. You might express some of your stronger emotions to a close confidant; otherwise, mum's the word. Tonight: Take time for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You finally will focus on what you want. A meeting could be provocative -- mainly because of the mix of people involved. You could be overserious and withdrawn, as you have a lot to think about. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You like to demonstrate your ability to make waves. Right now, all eyes are on you. You'll take the lead in a project, and others will observe. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You often defer to others and then get angry because you feel as if they walk all over you. Who do you have to blame but yourself? Establish boundaries. Take some of the edge off your energy, for everyone's sake. Tonight: Let your mind wander to your favorite type of music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You'll feel the downward spiral of working very hard and not getting your way with a key matter. This realization will happen at the last minute and force you to regroup. A family member's unpleasant mood won't help. Tonight: Take your cues from someone else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your popularity soars, and with this status comes opportunity. Some of you might act like a kid in a candy store. Take advantage of the moment. It's not often that you have prospects like this. To others, you might seem a bit withdrawn. Tonight: In the flurry of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You'll be determined to handle a personal matter directly and efficiently. Put what is happening between you and someone else on hold. You have other priorities that you need to attend to. Tonight: A project awaits you at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Many people might view you as being distant or stern right now, but you simply are trying not to fall off course. You can't always be serious, so try not to crush your inner child's spirit. Schedule some free time. Tonight: Indulge in some lighthearted fun. You need a change of pace.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might want to retreat, which will surprise even you. Whether you're not feeling well or you're quietly reviewing a changing situation, you will benefit from some time away from all the action. Consider working from home and/or staying close to home. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Study different alternatives, and feel free to ask questions that relate to the situation at hand. Your decision will be solid, and you will have gone through the necessary process. Give this person space. Tonight: Out late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your ability to see the light at the end of the tunnel might be necessary when dealing with a money matter. Others will feel invigorated by your vision. Tonight: Treat a friend or loved one to dinner at a favorite restaurant.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You express so much enthusiasm through your body language that others will see you in a positive light. Once a conversation begins, others might respond much more positively than you thought possible. News from afar could surprise you. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

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

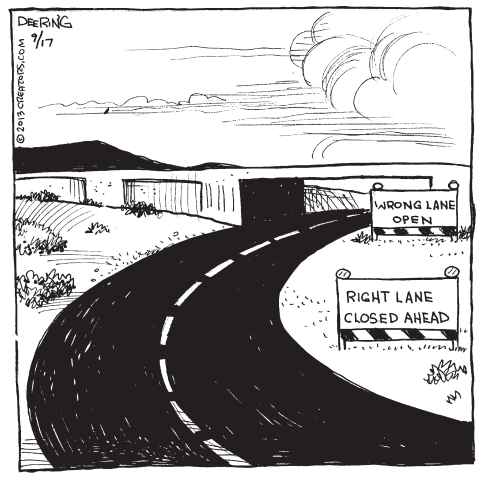
This year you often go back and forth when trying to make a decision, as you clearly see both sides of an issue. You want to be helpful, but you might want to be more discriminating as to whom you choose to lend a hand. If you are single, you might not want to commit this year, even though you could meet someone quite spectacular. Do not settle. If you are attached, the two of you often debate who does what, as far as household chores go. Respect your differences rather than harp on them, and you'll be much happier. PISCES challenges you.

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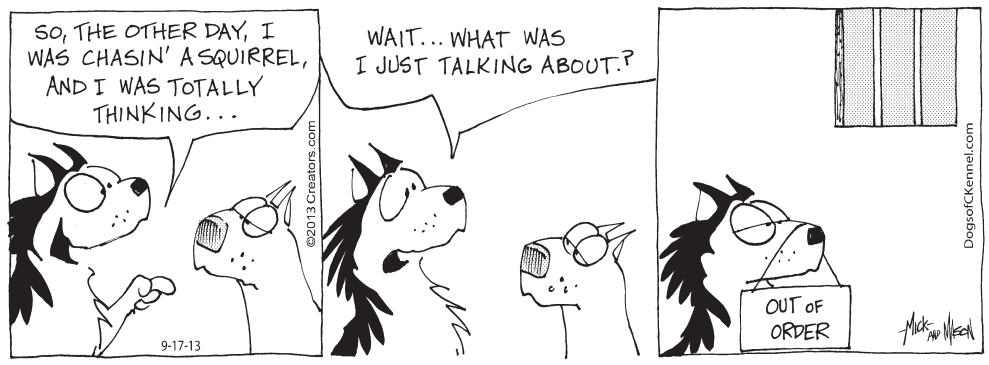
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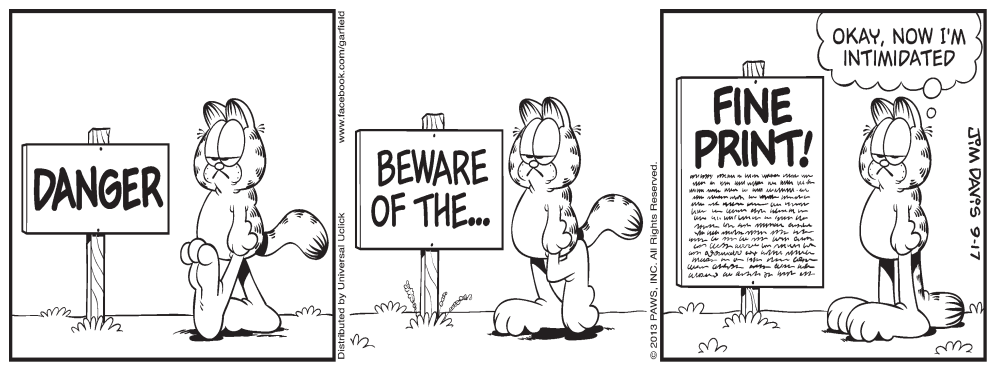
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

	2			1	5		9	
		1	8		7	5		
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3				8				7
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 — up (preened)
6 Pointy
11 Japanese film genre
12 Yam or truffle
13 Rihanna hit
15 Diarist Anaïs
16 Penn of the "Harold & Kumar" films
17 Used a sofa
18 Doctor No's group
20 Hurry
21 Singer Orbison
22 Baby boomers' babies, briefly
23 Backpack part
26 Center
27 Brit's baby carriage
28 Distant
29 Crater feature
30 Coup leader, perhaps
34 Phone download
35 Museum subject
36 Zodiac sign
37 Long-running game show
40 Boston airport
41 Rafting spot
42 Wasn't thrifty
43 Gushes forth

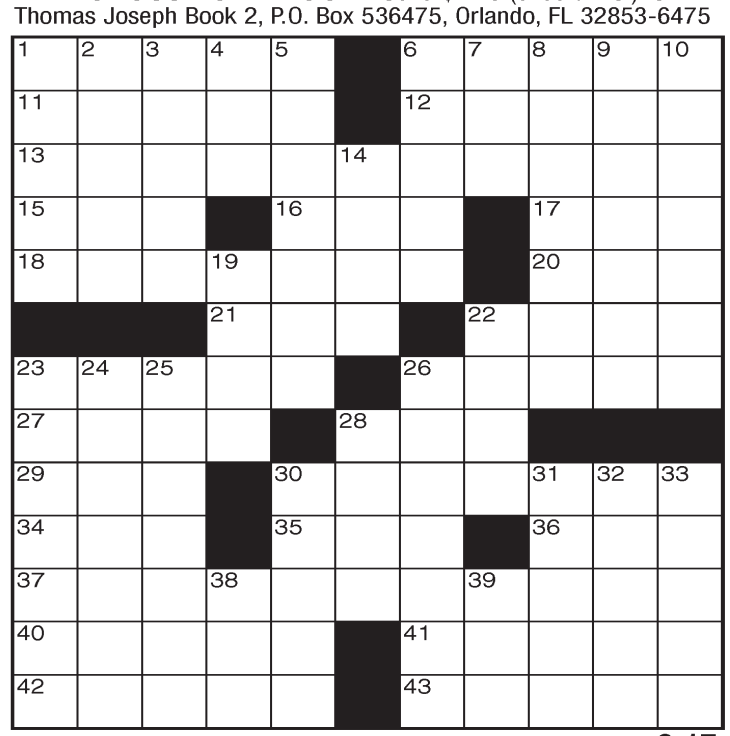
DOWN

1 Morning times
2 Nerdy
3 TV's Sawyer
4 CPR expert
5 Inbox setting
6 Panache
7 Attila, for one
8 Sheepish
9 Stays
10 Ostensible reason
14 "Quite contrary" lass
19 Study all night
22 Lass
23 Stretches out
24 Dance music genre
25 Run riot
26 Gluttons for punishment
28 Rural spread
30 Never existed
31 Martini extra
32 Make fresh
33 Active folks
38 Shoe hue
39 Gloss target

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Draw Date: 9/14
1 17 25 37 44
Power#: 20
Jackpot: $400M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/13
9 22 28 48 54
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: $130M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 9/14
7 15 17 33 35
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: $11M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/16
8 14 19 20 29

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/16
MIDDAY: 3 8 8
EVENING: 9 9 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 9/16
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:46.19

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Beginning in 2011, about three dozen people in Tokyo have been meeting every Sunday morning at 6 a.m. on a mission to scrub down, one by one, the city's grungiest public rest rooms. "By 7:30," according to an Associated Press reporter who witnessed an outing in August, the team had left behind a "gleaming public toilet, looking as good as the day it was installed." Explained the hygiene- intense Satoshi Oda (during the week, a computer programmer), the mission is "for our own good" -- work that leader Masayuki Magome compares to the training that Buddhist monks receive to find peace. (In fact, to fulfill the group's motto, "Clean thyself by cleaning cubicles," the scouring must be done with bare hands.) A squad supporter spoke of a sad, growing apprehension that the younger generation no longer shares the Japanese cultural conviction that rest rooms should always be clean and safe.

■ A home ownership boom in China has led to heavily attended housing fairs, in which builders compete zealously to sell their homes, leading to offbeat schemes to draw attention. Among the latest, according to China Daily, is one that dresses female models in bare-backed evening wear, with sample floor plans and other housing information painted onto their skin, and sends them wandering through the crowds.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1920 - The American Professional Football Association (later renamed National Football League) is organized in Canton, Ohio, United States.

1924 - The Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian is formed.

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$3,200,000

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Sunday, September 22nd
2:00pm - 5:00pm









Buyers' Needs

I am working with fully qualified buyers who are looking for the following:

- Single Family Home (Fixer OK) - Westside Pavilion Area - Up to $900,000
  Minimum 2 + 1.75 - Walking Distance to Shops & Restaurants
- Single Family Home - Crestwood Hills - Minimum 3 + 1.75 - Up to $1,800,000
- Income Property/Tear Down - Santa Monica or Brentwood - Up to $5,000,000
- Major Fixer/Tear Down - Anywhere on Westside - $700,000 - $1,100,000

Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica Single Family Homes From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies Listed for Sale as of Mid September 2013		
Santa Monica Canyon	=	**$ 2,769,571**
North of Montana	=	**$ 4,361,118**
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	**$ 2,675,516**
South of Wilshire	=	**$ 947,200**
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