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FUTURE? **Sixty-five percent of those released from prison in '06-'07 went back.**

Life after prison

Chrysalis helping ex-cons find jobs

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD Today, Randolph Halo has a job at a tech office in Santa Monica, helping keep the premises ship shape. He has dental, vision and even managed to get that pesky "check engine" light on his car fixed.

Seven months ago, the story didn't look so good.

Halo was recently released from prison after 27 years behind bars. He had been in a gang, and was present when a friend shot a man to death, which earned them both lengthy sentences at a time when, activists say, the California prison system is more about retribution than rehabilitation.

Still, Halo worked. He received five different kinds of vocational training, an education and, perhaps most important, behavior modification training and counseling. He became a different man.

When he walked out, Halo had a sister waiting for him, but no job. He knew every time he tried to apply there would always be that little white box on the form that asked him the damning question — "Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime?"

For those who must check the box, that seemingly basic question remains a sometimes-insurmountable obstacle, said Gretchen Chiari, a volunteer at Chrysalis who led a panel discussion Thursday at the nonprofit's Santa Monica office called "Putting the bars behind you," a look at the challenges that face ex-cons as they try to return to normal society.

It prevents men and women who have made mistakes from getting government assistance for housing, confounds applications for schools and acts as a red flag for employers who may be nervous about the prospect of hiring a felon.

That's where Chrysalis steps in.

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LIMITED: **A sign on Ocean Avenue warns drivers of pending road closures on Ocean Avenue.**

Be prepared for the L.A. Marathon

The skinny on street closures, detours

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

DOWNTOWN Elite athletes often talk about "being in the zone," that magical place where mind and body work in perfect harmony.

When people drive Downtown on Sunday, March 17, to check out the ASICS L.A. Marathon or do some shopping, they'll find themselves in the zone too — the "event

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Residents, merchants sound off on future of Lincoln Blvd

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief



LINCOLN BLVD Residents living on or near the bustling Lincoln Boulevard want to see less graffiti, trash, auto repair shops and massage parlors and more cafes, sit-down restaurants, boutiques and trees, according to survey results released this week by the Lincoln Boulevard Task Force.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, March 16, 2013

Greening Santa Monica

Thelma Terry Building
2200 Virginia Ave.,
9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
The Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Greenway project will host its first interactive workshop. The workshop will introduce project objectives, public feedback, and solicit ideas from the surrounding community. The project is intended to enhance a 3-mile stretch of pavement on Michigan Avenue for pedestrians and cyclists. Refreshments, childcare, and Spanish translation will be provided.

Fiddler plays jazz

The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 11 a.m.
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Art takes flight

Santa Monica Airport
Airport Avenue, 12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Meet the resident artists of the airport arts community and discover a unique, creative cultural resource at the seventh annual Santa Monica Airport ArtWalk! Explore artist studios, watch artful demonstrations, try your hand at an arts workshop, enjoy live music (Leftover Cuties), local restaurants and food trucks (Dogtown Dogs and Sweet E's), all in one of L.A. County's oldest operating airfields. For more information call (310) 458-8350. Admission is free.

Saying no to bullies

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
2 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
The documentary "Bully" will be screened in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium. The film exposes the lives of bullied children, and asks what can we do to stop the physical and psychological damage to the nation's youth. Guests are invited to join a discussion following the film.

Soul glow

Harvelle's
1432 Fourth St., 9 p.m. — 2 a.m.
Take "Soul Train" and mix it with "American Bandstand" and what you get is "Blowin' Smoke Rhythm & Blues Revue." This weekend enjoy a packed dance floor full of sweaty souls that will leave you glowing for days. Tickets are $10. For more information, call (310) 395-1676 or visit http://santa-monica.harvelles.com/.

Sunday, March 17, 2013

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Cheer on the runners

ASICS Los Angeles Marathon
Ocean and California avenues, 7 a.m.
Walk, bike or bus it down to the finish line for the 28th annual L.A. Marathon and cheer on the runners as they take their final steps of the 26.2-mile trek. Then join them in a post-race celebration in true St. Patrick's Day form at the Michelob Ultra Beer Garden. For a list of street closures, parking information and more, visit www.lamarathon.com/

Food for the food bank

Wilshire Restaurant
2454 Wilshire Blvd., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Celebrate St. Patty's Day on the Wilshire's award-winning patio at the first annual Paddy O'Party benefiting the Westside Food Bank. Guests will enjoy a special St. Patty's Day menu by chef Nyesha Arrington, drink specials, DJ's, live music and more. Cost: $10 suggested donation. RSVP for guaranteed entry to www.paddyoparty.eventbrite.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Daily Press recognized

The Santa Monica Daily Press took home two awards from the California Newspaper Publishers Association (CNPA), one for best special section and the other for best business, financial or economic news story.

The awards for the Better Newspaper Contest, which were handed out this week, were for the Daily Press' 2012 Vote Local Election Guide, which focused on local and state races, and a feature article by staff writer Ashley Archibald on local reaction to the proposed federal Stop Online Piracy Act, which would have impacted several media companies based in Santa Monica ("Anti-piracy bills split local tech business community").

The election guide was distributed to nearly every household in the city by the sea.

"From conception to execution, Vote Local proved to be a great example of how well our team works together," said Daily Press Publisher Ross Furukawa. "I knew we had something special going, and I'm pleased that CNPA voted us the best in California."

The Daily Press competed against other daily newspapers in the 15,001 to 35,000 circulation division.

"I am so proud of our entire staff for their dedication to the craft," said Daily Press Editor-in-Chief Kevin Herrera. "We pride ourselves on providing our readers with comprehensive coverage to help them make more informed decisions about the future of Santa Monica. To do that, oftentimes the editorial team works late into the evenings, sacrifices time with family and friends, but in the end it is worth it. We do it because we love it. Being recognized by the CNPA is just icing on the cake."

The CNPA's mission, according to its website, is to "champion the ideals of a free press in our democratic society and to promote the quality of economic health of California newspapers." The nonprofit organization, which has been in operation for 124 years, represents more than 800 daily, weekly and campus newspapers.

The Daily Press is Santa Monica's only daily newspaper and has been in operation since 2001.

CNPA award winners will receive a plaque and be recognized at the Better Newspaper Contest Awards Show scheduled for April 27 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City.

– KEVIN HERRERA

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE

Man to stand trial in brutal murder of wife

A 53-year-old man accused of fatally stabbing his estranged wife as she worked at a supermarket in Santa Monica was ordered to stand trial this week, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.


GREEN

After a two-day hearing, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge found sufficient evidence to require Kelvin Melvin Green to proceed to trial on one count of murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

The murder charge includes the special circumstance allegations that Green intentionally killed Christina Talley on Aug. 21, 2011 by means of lying in wait and that the murder was committed while he was engaged in the crime of mayhem.

Prosecutors have not decided whether they will seek the death penalty.

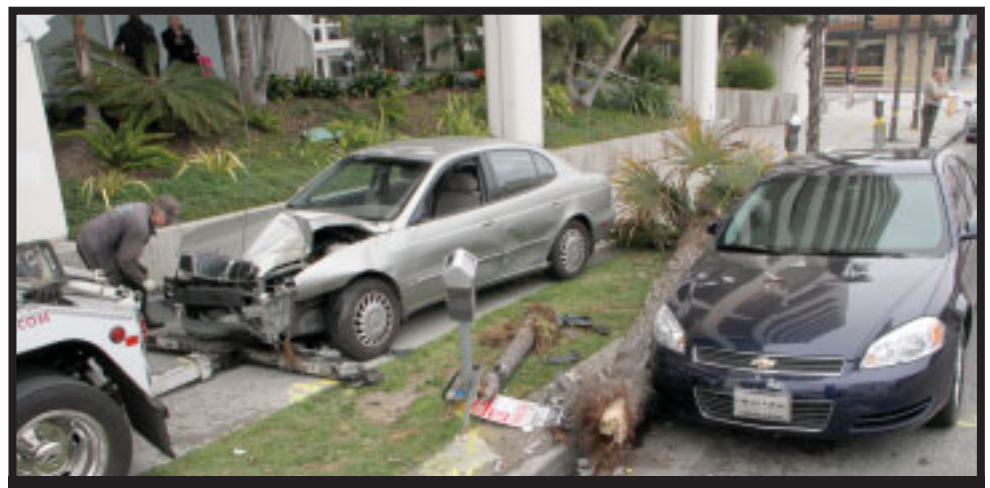
Talley, 46, died a day after being stabbed 41 times as she worked at an Albertsons at 3105 Wilshire Blvd. The assault charge involves a good Samaritan who tried to stop the attack.

Police said Green approached his wife from behind as she was at a register helping customers and began stabbing her. He is expected back in court for his arraignment on March 28, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Inmate Information Center.

Green has previously plead not-guilty. He is currently being held without bail at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility in Downtown Los Angeles.

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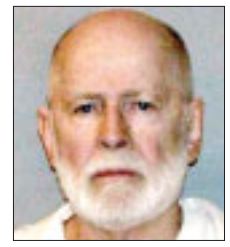
BAD MEMORIES

Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

A tow-truck driver tries to hook up a car Friday that was involved in a car accident at the corner of Second Street and Arizona Avenue. Police said the 89-year-old driver ran a red light at the intersection, collided with another car and then proceeded onto the Second Street sidewalk, striking a female pedestrian, who held onto the hood for several feet before the car hit a tree and stopped. The woman, in her 20s, was conscious but was taken to a hospital for treatment. Second Street and Arizona Avenue were closed for a couple of blocks from roughly 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The site of the crash and age of the driver reminded some bystanders of the deadly Farmers' Market crash of 2003 in which 10 people were killed.

New judge named for mobster Bulger's trial

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


BULGER

BOSTON A new judge was named to preside over the murder trial of former mobster James "Whitey" Bulger on Friday, a day after the previous judge was removed to eliminate any appearance of bias.

The clerk of the federal court on Friday announced the appointment of U.S. District Judge Denise J. Casper to oversee the case. Casper was randomly selected, according to a court notice.

On Thursday, a federal appeals court removed Judge Richard Stearns from the case, citing his background as a former federal prosecutor.

Stearns worked that job in the 1980s, when Bulger was an FBI informant and authorities say he was committing crimes. Bulger, 83, is awaiting trial on charges of playing a role in 19 murders in the 1970s and '80s.

Bulger, who ran the Winter Hill Gang, fled Boston in the mid-1990s and remained a fugitive until June 2011, when he was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., with his longtime girlfriend. He claims another federal prosecutor who worked on an organized crime strike force in the same office as Stearns gave him immunity from his crimes.

Stearns argued there was no connection between his job and the strike force and he knew nothing about its investigation of Bulger.

But the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals ruled a reasonable person might question whether Stearns could remain impartial, given that he supervised prosecutorial activities during some of the time in question.

Casper also has worked as a federal prosecutor in Boston, between 1999 and 2005, after Bulger fled. Casper later oversaw daily operations at the Middlesex district attorney's office, before her 2010 confirmation to the federal bench.

Bulger's attorney J.W. Carney said he had no comment on Casper's appointment. On Thursday, after the appeals court ruling, Bulger's attorneys told The Boston Globe that they had no concerns about any other judge on the federal bench in Boston and had no plans to ask for a delay in the trial, which is scheduled for June.

Casper is the first black woman to serve on the federal bench in Massachusetts. She was born in 1968 in East Patchogue, N.Y., on Long Island. She graduated from Wesleyan University in 1990 and Harvard Law School in 1994. She is married to Marc Casper, chief executive of Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc., and has twin sons.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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NIMBYs can't handle the truth

Editor:

I hope the irony of your two Friday stories below the front page fold wasn't missed on others in the community. This week saw the Santa Monica City Council write into law an environmental bill of rights, guaranteeing that its residents are entitled to clean air and clean water. Certainly, these are laudable goals that fit with the progressive attitude of its citizens.

In the same week, the City Council bowed to public pressure and removed planning consultant Jeff Tumlin following a flap about his remarks that the city's planning process was dominated by NIMBYs. Now that the mouse has been given a cookie, citizens and organizations like the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City push for the larger goal of dismantling the traffic strategies put forward by Tumlin's firm. At present, they seem well on their way.

Let's connect the dots here. The biggest threat to clean air in the Southland is car emissions, which are exacerbated by complex commute patterns and traffic congestion. The biggest threat to its clean water is stormwater pollution, which is exacerbated by increases in impervious cover when we build sprawling developments, expand roads, and pave more parking lots. The conundrum lies in changing the car culture of Los Angeles, which was originally planned around car travel and has had a rough go of changing that mindset.

The solutions are clear. Build up. Build denser. Establish city hubs and downtowns and build around them. Expand mass transit. Plan for your citizens to live, work, and play in the same few square miles. After the nation has endured a brutal recession, thank the stars that the tech community wants to bring their talent, taxes, and expendable income to "Silicon Beach," and don't scare them off.

And yes, stop subsidizing a system that has for decades promoted car commuting and hampered smart, sustainable growth. Nobody is going to voluntarily change their commuting behavior as long as they can park at the Main Library all day for $5.

I regret to inform City Hall and my fellow residents, but those are the same conclusions Mr. Tumlin and his team came up with. And they're the conclusions of any consultant worth their wages. I do not argue that these changes would be easy. But it is a necessary change that will need to happen in order for Santa Monica to become the sustainable city it says it wants to be. Because by definition, if something is not sustainable, it eventually breaks down and stops working.

Nor do I argue that these changes should be free of discussion or public input. But what we have seen so far is zealous obstruction and a refusal to listen to expert opinion. And so with every development, every new restaurant permit, every transit redesign, the cry goes up. Suddenly the concerns for our environment become platitudes. It's a scenario that might lead well-meaning officials to make a frustrated outburst.

So, in conclusion, Santa Monica citizens demand clean water and clean air, and they demand policies that provide them. They just don't want them here, or now, or in their backyard. I believe there's a word for that … .

Brian Loux
Santa Monica





Curious City

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The ball is now in his court

MY FIRST TWO A CURIOUS CITY COLUMNS laid out the results of a three-month investigation into why the basketball and tennis courts at two Santa Monica parks were very often not open when they were supposed to be. I began by writing, "You know who says you can't fight City Hall? Someone who's tried."

Well, I'm here now to say it isn't necessarily so. You can, and you can even win — with a caveat or two.

I had some notes all ready for my presentation at the Feb. 21 meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission, which had placed the matter of the early, sundown locking of the well-lit basketball courts at Joslyn Park on the agenda. But I left them at my seat as I stepped behind the podium because as the meeting addressed these issues I saw that almost everything I had asked for was being done.

So instead I used my three minutes to sincerely praise the commission for all their work to make Santa Monica a better place to live, because I discovered in interacting with commission chair Phil Brock, and doing a bit more research, that indeed that was the case, and as I said that night, I'm sure many 30-year residents like myself hadn't a clue.

I also praised Karen Ginsberg, director of Community and Cultural Services, for looking into the question of why basketball was prohibited at Joslyn after sundown. She ordered lighting measurements there as compared to other lit courts where playing was allowed until at least 10 p.m., and came to basically the same conclusion I did in taking similar light meter measurements, that there wasn't a significant difference.

I separately praised Facilities Maintenance Manager Devin Starnes for apparently getting all the locked-gate issues I addressed in part two resolved, testifying that every single time I had driven by since the columns were published in January and Febuary, when the courts were supposed to be open, they were. That has remained true since Feb. 21.

Brock admonished me to report that this was proof that you can get things changed, that the city listens, and acts. And so it would seem, and so I report.

Now, those caveats.

I still say, good luck citizen. I don't think anything would have changed if it had not been reported in the Santa Monica Daily Press. Maybe the problems at Los Amigos, which I spoke with maintenance head Starnes about. In 15 to 17 years of getting the runaround over those issues, he was the first one to listen and seem sincere about addressing problems he admitted he didn't know existed. (He's fairly new to the position.) He never put me off or said an issue was closed, never took an attitude.

But for the three months I was talking with him, nothing happened. Most promises were not kept, most questions not answered. I kept getting sucked into this "it's gonna happen!" cycle and delayed submitting the column many times. After it appeared, bingo! Everything's good now. All it took was 15 years plus three months and a published exposé.

As for the lights at Joslyn, same thing. Nothing happened until the columns were published, and I got an e-mail from Brock. He immediately put the issue on the agenda for the commission. If he had not gotten involved, I'm pretty certain nothing would have changed at Joslyn, even with what I wrote.

To the very end, with me, Community and Cultural Services head Ginsberg was adamant that the lights at Joslyn were not the required "basketball court lights," even though no one else among several supervisors I contacted thought there was any such thing as "BCL." She was certain nothing could change without an impossible procedure and expenditure of at least $8,000. She had no concern that the change of decades-long policy in 1999 was arbitrary (or engineered, as I had evidence of).

Until the column was published. Then she was doing her own lighting readings, and accepting Brock's proposal meekly and throwing all her arguments and resistance aside like they never existed. I was pleased, and grateful. But not deluded. Even with the column, I feel she might have stood her ground without the intercession of Brock. He's very well respected, and opposing his position without good reason may have been untenable.

So what is the solution for you, good citizen, who may not have the power of the press behind you?

Unless you get lucky, I believe phone calls and City Hall's website may not get you anywhere. Putting names of city officials into the search window gets you zilch. They're not listed, as far as I could find. No e-mails. No visibility, responsibility, accountability.

What's the solution? I say City Hall needs an ombudsman, someone who knows how things get done, how the different departments and commissions and personalities interact. We can't all expect to luck onto a Phil Brock.

By the way, since the change of policy Feb. 21, the baskets at Joslyn were still being locked at sundown. An official e-mail informed me Feb. 28 that the change would take place sometime in mid-March. What in the world could possibly make this simple action take so long to implement? I dashed off an e-mail to many of the involved parties on a Friday, asking for an explanation and mentioning my upcoming column, and — bingo! — last Monday night the courts were open until 8:30 p.m., per the Feb. 21 decision.

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The Q Line

Where do you stand?

The Boy Scouts of America continue to wrestle with the issue of gay membership. There has been movement, but gay members are still not allowed to be open about their sexuality.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think the scouts should change their policy and why?

Here are your responses:

"WE LIVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY. GAYS have existed since time immemorial. Some of the most beautiful artworks have been done by gay people. Apparently, the guy that did the Sistine Chapel was gay, and he's wonderful. So yes, I think the Boy Scouts should accept people that are gay. I have a son, and he's an actor. He ain't gay, but he's got some friends that are. So let's wake up and step to the plate. This is the 21st century. We're not in some antiquated thing. Even the government is accepting gay people. We have Congress people that are gay. So let's step up to the plate."

"I THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS THE BOY SCOUTS have to go through a question like this. If you're gay, you're gay. It's your business; it shouldn't be anybody else's business. It's just ridiculous. You don't have to go spread it all about, and if it bothers the Boys Scouts, it bothers the Boy Scouts. Being gay has nothing to do with the Boy Scouts. Just keep it to yourself."

"THIS SOCIETY GETS MORE AND MORE perverted on every level as the years pass. Even the churches are ripe with it. And young people with all the lack of morality throughout our so-called culture don't know which end is up anymore. Those are the ones I feel sorry for. The adults, so-called, are old enough, hopefully, to make their stupid, foul choices. And they have to live with it. But the poor young people don't have a chance in today's amoral society. Please don't out these practicing, flaunting homosexuals in the Boy Scouts staffing. If I had a son, I would never put him in the Boy Scouts. And it is a marvelous organization for developing boys. But if this becomes the new staffing procedure, it's just impossible to think about putting a child, a young boy, in with that group. Give the children a break from all the filth and immorality of this worsening society."

"I DO NOT AGREE THAT THEY SHOULD belong to the same troop. I am a mother of boys and girls, and I know that at 11 years of age a heterosexual male is just discovering his masculinity and the changes – the body's biological changes – and the emotional feelings and the confusion that comes with it. He has sort of a sexual awakening, which can be confusing as it is. If the Boy Scouts would like to have openly gay Boy Scouts, then maybe they should have a troop with openly gay boys. I'm not against gay people. It's just that I do understand the nature of boys at that particular age. It's very confusing for them. I think that, as men grow older and they've gone through their teen years, etc., that they're more accepting of people who are different than themselves as it would be with gay boys. I do not think that it's something that should be accepted in one troop by itself. It's too much for an 11-year-old boy to 12, to 13, to 14 to actually deal with. Homosexual men, or boys, they have to deal with a lot of discoveries of themselves, too, sexually, etc. But it's very hard for a heterosexual male also at that age. And I would think that if they were going to have a troop of gay Boy Scouts they would at least have them all be in gay and not mixed in with heterosexual boys who are still discovering who they are sexually, biologically, etc."

"I HAVE THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR the Boys Scouts of America. Several of my son's closest friends have achieved Eagle Scout. However, the Boy Scouts' policy on excluding gays was the primary reason we did not enroll my son in Cub Scouts and then Boy Scouts. Shame on the Boy Scouts of America; wake up and join the 21st century."

"I THINK THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD be allowed to recruit the members that they need. Over the years they've done a really terrific job with young men, as does the Girl Scouts, so I think they should have some right to select the people who they want. I also think the gay issue is a very difficult one. I support them in their efforts. I'm a member of the gay community to give you an idea on where I stand."

"I THINK THE BOY SCOUTS IS ONE OF THE finest organizations to infuse its young members with individual thought, self-reliance and moral direction. That is why the left's hatred is so great, so it sends its dogs of war to maul the ideals of scouting, by using surrogate ideas. If you don't like the Boy Scouts, start your own gay scouts. As a business organization, are you afraid of gay retribution purchasing power? Then take your faint support and assist the YMCA. Be gay, be straight, be a rocker or a rapper, be an Einstein, or be an idiot like a lot of people. But don't be someone who follows a politically correct charted course, using you to weaken this country."

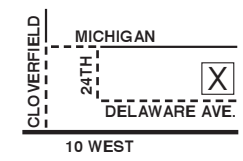
"DON'T ASK DON'T TELL DIDN'T WORK FOR the military, and it wont work for the Boy Scouts. I always thought that scouting aimed to prepare young people to become leaders and good citizens. It makes me sad to see this is not the case. Children who grow up having learned they are not acceptable to society because of who they are become adults leading inauthentic lives. As for the scouting powers that be, who give their religious beliefs as a reason to discriminate against those unlike themselves, I can only conclude that they are acting contrary to the central Christian message of love. They are not Christian, as so often happens society will have to wait until the backward generation dies off for scouting to fulfill its higher purposes."

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zone."

Santa Monica officials said all of Downtown will be turned into an event zone, meaning drivers will be told where they can turn at nearly every intersection. Streets will be closed and access restricted as tens of thousands of people are expected to pack Ocean Avenue where the marathon's finish line will be.

"In the past we have gone on an intersection by intersection approach, but this year we are saying from Fifth Street to Ocean Avenue and from Colorado [Avenue] to Wilshire [Boulevard] that is an event zone," said Sam Morrissey, City Hall's traffic engineer. "People will be either directed to available parking or shown how to get out of the event zone. There won't really be any other options."

Residents who live Downtown or those who work in the area or are staying at one of the hotels will be allowed special access, but everyone else is being encouraged to bike, walk or take public transit if they plan on checking out the finish line or run errands in the area. Two free bike valets will be available, one near the finish line at Washington and Ocean avenues and another at the Santa Monica Bike Center at Second Street and Colorado Avenue.

"We are trying to be real honest with residents that traffic will be heavy," Morrissey said. "If you do come, we recommend you wait it out; don't leave with the crush of humanity. We're working really hard to coordinate this and hopefully control the flow of people leaving. Spend some time, stick around and have a bite to eat and then head out."

Those who do choose to drive will find different parking rates at some of the parking structures Downtown. Morrissey said the structures will offer a special 30 minute rate of $2 for those just coming to pick up a runner. Those who park all day will be charged $20. Parking at a surface lot at Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue will be $15 all day; $10 at the Civic Center and some beach lots, where city officials are encouraging runners to park.

A major change will be the absence of street parking in the event zone. Morrissey said no metered parking will be made available.

NO THRU TRAFFIC

As in previous years, the "Stadium to the Sea" course enters Santa Monica on San Vicente Boulevard at 26th Street, then turns south at Ocean Avenue to finish at Ocean and California avenues. And with that comes several street closures for the 28th annual L.A. Marathon.

Westbound lanes of San Vicente Boulevard in Santa Monica, and all of Ocean Avenue from San Vicente to Colorado Avenue will be closed beginning at 5 a.m. the morning of the race. People will still be able to travel east on San Vicente but there will be no left turns allowed. Streets will re-open in the afternoon at the discretion of the Santa Monica Police Department, with San Vicente expected to be completely re-opened by 7 p.m. Ocean Avenue near the finish line may not re-open until 9 p.m., city officials said.

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The nonprofit has one mission — getting people employed. In 2011, it helped 3,125 clients at its Los Angeles-area offices, and helped secure 1,783 jobs. It received over $277,000 from City Hall in 2011-12 to run the Santa Monica Employment Center, which aimed to help 400 low-income and homeless develop the skills needed to get jobs.

It offers classes like the one Chiari teaches, which helps those with a criminal history learn how to explain the checked box and missing years on their resume, as well as job training opportunities and even clothes for the day of their interview.

The Thursday discussion was one of the first in what Mark Loranger, president and CEO of Chrysalis, hopes will be a wider outreach effort to expose the community to the nonprofit, demonstrate its work and help change the stigma placed on a person who has spent time behind bars.

"We hope it changes the perception of what an ex-con is like," Loranger said.

Although the panelists that day must still check that white box on an application, they fit in none.

PRODUCTIVE AFTER PRISON

Joshua Wafer, the transition program manager at Chrysalis, spent 12 years in prison for aggravated assault, but his criminal history started much earlier when he sold crack cocaine at the age of 10 so he and his friend could afford to buy chili fries from a restaurant down the street from his South Bay home.

Today he helps people with similar histories find jobs and get their lives back under control.

Rene Sander spent 27 years in prison on a first-degree murder charge, coming off of five years incarcerated as a juvenile. He couldn't read nor write when he went in, but Sander took it upon himself to get an education and get counseling to help deal with some of the demons from his difficult childhood.

He found Chrysalis with the help of a third panelist, Ruben Casey, who also spent more than two decades in prison on a murder charge. A chance meeting at a HAZMAT training class turned into a career. Sander is now a vocational counselor.

Their successes are not the norm, although people who have been behind bars longer tend not to go back. Whereas 65.1 percent of those released in the 2006-07 fiscal year went back to prison within three years, according to a 2011 report by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Sander estimated that figure to be less than 1 percent for those with more than two decades of prison time behind them.

In part, that can be attributed to the amount of resources waiting for people with lengthy sentences compared to those who spent only a few years in prison, Chiari said.

Halo, for instance, was able to secure transitional housing as he worked toward restoring his life, an option that might not be open to others.

Whether or not enough services are being offered in the prison system is also at question. The California prisons' mental health and medical facilities have been under the watchful eye of a federal judge for several years, and the state is under a mandate to reduce the prison population to 137 percent of capacity by the end of the year to relieve overcrowding.

Although few doubt that the system needs to be reformed, picking a place to start can be daunting.

Loranger would like to see the state act as an example to private businesses by hiring ex-cons for public positions.

"Let the government set the example," he said.

He is also behind the "Ban the Box" movement, which would restrict when an employer could ask about a person's criminal history except in specific cases, like when working with children.

"I want business leaders to take a hard look at their policies," Loranger said, calling the box an "automatic disqualifier" in many cases.

It stands in the way of giving people second chances, of which, as the panel proved, some will take full advantage.

"Life is not so much where you've been, but what direction you're going in today determines whether you succeed or fail," Casey said.

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KEEP IT SHORT: **Residents living around Lincoln Boulevard south of Pico Boulevard said in a survey that they want future buildings to be no taller than three stories, particularly at the Lincoln Center, which has been labeled an activity center ripe for redevelopment.**

SURVEY
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With the goal of making Lincoln Boulevard "safe, clean, beautiful and green," the task force, which is supported by four nearby neighborhood groups, released two surveys — one for residents and the other for merchants — allowing them to sound off on what they hope to see in the future.

"Until conducting the surveys, we had little data to guide our efforts," said task force chair Roger Swanson, who lives within a block of Lincoln Boulevard. "Now thanks to 638 residents, 91 percent residing south of [Interstate 10], … and 15 percent of the businesses along Lincoln, we have data to support transformation."

While this is debatable, there are those who feel Lincoln is the most neglected road in Santa Monica as it was formerly under the control of the California Department of Transportation, which had little money or desire to make streetscape improvements. Since City Hall gained control of a portion of Lincoln Boulevard last year, there is hope that the major north-south artery can be improved so that it is more pedestrian friendly and aesthetically appealing.

Changes are already taking place. Code compliance officers with City Hall have been out in force removing abandoned news racks and there are plans to pave the boulevard and plant more trees in the coming months. A movement fueled by local artists called Beautify Lincoln is also helping. Artists have been creating colorful murals on the walls of businesses between Ocean Park and Pico boulevards.

"A lot can be done today that is the responsibility of the city," Swanson said, referring to more frequent trash collection and cracking down on threats to public safety.

Much of what the data show was common knowledge, Swanson said. Lincoln is congested and appears to be neglected and over-represented by auto-serving businesses. Those who filled out the surveys said they want city officials to focus on public safety, weeds and trash, graffiti and homelessness.

Residents want more restaurants, cafes and coffee shops, and other neighborhood-serving businesses. They also would consider relaxing parking requirements for these businesses.

Merchants said they want more off-street/shared parking and join residents in expressing a desire for more street amenities like smart crosswalks with flashing lights to make it safer for those on foot, better street and sidewalk lighting and more trash cans.

One area where the two groups disagreed was bus-priority lanes. A majority of residents said they would support them while 74 percent of merchants surveyed said no. Additional parking and support from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to extend a bus-priority lane to LAX to decrease travel times for riders may help turn that tide, Swanson said.

Adding trees and landscaping in general, adding landscaped medians, and adding bus and biking amenities, all received strong support, as did adaptive re-use of existing buildings for new businesses.

Something that "jumped out" at Swanson was that 65 percent of people surveyed agreed that new buildings should be kept at three stories tall, particularly at the corner of Ocean Park and Lincoln boulevards where there is currently an Albertsons market and other businesses. That area has been identified as an activity center where future development may occur and there is a fear that denser buildings will be erected, creating more traffic congestion.

"Traffic is a defining issue," Swanson said.

Only 37 percent of residents said they were in favor of more affordable housing.

As city officials move forward with plans for Lincoln, the task force will continue reaching out to residents and business owners to keep them engaged and provide feedback.

"The community voiced their opinions and we are listening," Swanson said.

To read the complete survey, visit www.opa-sm.org/

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• Saturday, March 16: Eastbound Wilshire Boulevard between Second Street and Ocean Avenue will be closed at 3 p.m.

• Sunday, March 17: Ocean Avenue between Washington and Wilshire will be closed at midnight. Main Street from Pico Boulevard to Colorado Avenue, and Olympic Drive from Fourth Street to Main Street will be closed at 1 a.m. for runner shuttles. Northbound and southbound traffic will be allowed on Ocean Avenue from Pico Boulevard to Colorado. The Moomat Ahiko ramp to and from Pacific Coast Highway will be open in both directions.

• Other Downtown street closures: Southbound Second Street from Wilshire to Colorado; northbound Fourth Street from Colorado to Broadway is closed to traffic in the a.m. only and will reopen at approximately noon. Colorado from Fourth to Fifth streets is closed. Westbound Wilshire at Fourth Street will be closed (local access only). Colorado from Ocean to Second Street will be closed (local access only). The California Incline will also be closed.

For live updates on street closures and reopenings throughout race day, visit www.smgov.net/lamarathon, twitter @santamonicacity, watch CityTV cable channel 16 or tune in to Santa Monica's traffic radio station KRSM 1680AM.

This is the fourth year that Santa Monica will host the finish line for the race, and while there may be traffic delays and some frustration, the influx of spectators and runners is sure to bring plenty of business to the area and help raise Santa Monica's profile.

"Santa Monica's stunning Ocean Avenue and historic pier provide a beautiful finish line for the L.A. Marathon and capitalize on the health and wellness that is our brand," said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau. "We encourage runners and fans to plan ahead and consider transportation alternatives such as pre-race shuttles so they can stay, play and explore Santa Monica carfree."

Over 50 businesses are offering marathon-inspired discounts and special events. To learn more about them, visit the bureau's website at santamonica.com.

Free Downtown shuttles will be available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The shuttles will travel around Downtown and stop at a central bus hub at 11th Street between Olympic Boulevard and Colorado. All BBB routes that operate on Sundays will stop there (except for Routes 4 and 9, which will not be in service).

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Three for the price of one

THERE ARE SO MANY ITALIAN RESTAURANTS opening up that I can't keep up with them. So instead of just reviewing one at a time, I'm now doing two at a time, and in this case it covers three because two are the same.

So we start with the new Hostaria del Piccolo on Rose Avenue in Venice. Now don't be confused. Yes there is a Piccolo restaurant elsewhere in Venice owned by the same people, but it's high end. And yes there is a restaurant on Sixth Street and Broadway in Santa Monica with exactly the same name and same menu, also owned by the same crowd. These guys know how to replicate.

What does this Hostaria have that the others don't? To begin with, there's Valeria, the lovely manager from Bellagio, Italy. Then there's the chef, Joseph Mitchell. He's way too high end to be here, but he seems happy here anyway. He's from Boston and knows his way around fish, so as you would expect the grilled salmon here is terrific, with crisp skin and a touch of balsamic vinegar for flavor.

And the new location is in the hot new area on Rose in Venice near the Whole Foods Market. Amazing how a neighborhood can grow when a company doing $12 billion a year opens a high-end market nearby!

The pasta at both restaurants is very good, but there's a lot of good pasta now everywhere. The pizza is a bit doughy for my taste, but the toppings are good and exotic. I particularly was impressed with the fried mushrooms breaded with garbanzo bean flour (instead of the more commonly used wheat-based flour).

The interior is all hard surfaces, and the seating is not very comfortable. It's for young people and I'll bet it's really loud at night. But there's a nice patio, so when the weather permits it can be quiet outside.

But the real reason to go to these two Hostaria restaurants is for the antipasti plates, which are very special and hard to find elsewhere. My favorite is the grilled octopus over toasted vegetables, (or baby octopus with polenta.) The combination of the grilled flavor with the seafood taste and the soft, almost sweet vegetable bites go really well together.

But there's more. How about a little Faro salad with some pesto flavor, or salt water eels marinated with sweet onions with polenta, or roasted wild boar sausage on polenta? Or maybe crunchy fried calamari and shrimp, or ricotta and mushrooms?

I don't know who orders the crispy fried pigs ears in salsa verde, but maybe it's a treat. I do know that the sliced beef tongue in tonata sauce is delicious, and the grilled calamari is very tasty.

So those are the dishes I think make these two restaurants a go-to destination. The wine list is also well chosen, but usually I treat myself to one of the great Italian beers on their excellent brew list. The desserts sound good, but I haven't tried them yet.

Also having opened for business at about the same time is Il Piccolo Ritrovo in Pacific Palisades. While it's the fourth or fifth Italian restaurant to open in Pacific Palisades, which has become a hotbed of restaurants, this one really hits the spot. And it feels almost like home to me as it is located in a building that I built back in 1968, in which I made a spot for Jacopo's Pizza, which occupied it for many years.

At the new restaurant, as soon as you sit down you are served warm bread, almost like a pizza crust, from their Italian-made oven.

This is where I now go for pizza; not their special Napolitano pizza from the special oven, but just the regular New York-style pizza with its super thin crust and delicious cheese, tomato sauce and selection of toppings. I always take mushrooms. And the pasta is surprisingly good. There are 14 pasta dishes on the menu, and the three I've had were all exceptional. And do you know how hard it is to find a good spaghetti carbonara in this town? Here it is!

Not only the pizzas and pastas are good. I've had good luck with various assorted dishes such as a very good white fish, sliced veal with mushrooms, and an excellent chicken breast in lemon and caper sauce.

One of the best surprises here are the prices. You can eat and drink well here for $20 to $25 a person. There is an ordinary wine list, and a kid's menu. It's a nice family place.

It's hard to see how so many Italian restaurants can survive, but these three are among the best of the new crop, and I think they will make the cut.

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Snake found slithering in homeless belongings

A big snake has been found at a storage facility used by homeless people in downtown Los Angeles.

Central City East Association director Estela Lopez says the animal was slithering inside a lidded bin on Friday morning. Workers estimate it's about 6 feet long, but they didn't measure the reptile.

Lopez says in the 10 years that the 1,100 bins have been in use, there's never been an animal found inside one.

Homeless people use the lidded trash cans free of charge, but must be renewed every seven days because there is a wait list. After that, belongings are emptied and kept elsewhere for 90 days.

Lopez estimates the snake had been without food or water for a week, and animal services has been called to remove it.

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COMPTON, Calif.
3 convicted of '10 double killing

Three men have been convicted of a double killing that occurred during a robbery at a Compton car dealership three years ago.

Authorities say a jury on Wednesday convicted Devin Lewis, Paul Jordan and Anthony McLaurin of murder and other charges. They face life in prison without chance of parole when they're sentenced in May.

Prosecutors say the three were part of a group that robbed and shot employees at Custom City Auto Sales & Accessories in Compton in April of 2010.

Two employees died and a third was wounded.

Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies later stopped a van and arrested six people – including a man who suffered a heart attack and died in custody.

– AP

HAYWARD, Calif.
Man found guilty in road-rage stabbing

A jury has found a software engineer guilty of voluntary manslaughter in a road-rage stabbing death of another man in a Livermore parking lot.

The Oakland Tribune reports that jurors on Thursday convicted Cort Holbrook of the March 2011 slaying of 48-year-old Ricky Ziesmer. Holbrook had initially been charged with second-degree murder.

Police say Holbrook fatally stabbed Ziesmer with a knife after the two exchanged words from their vehicles and pulled into the parking lot.

Holbrook said he stabbed Ziesmer in self-defense after the victim punched him.

Police say Holbrook should have called 911 or escaped and didn't have to fight.

– AP

COSTA MESA, Calif.
Boy in pot brownie school incident arrested

A 12-year-old Orange County boy who allegedly passed around a marijuana brownie at his school, sickening students, has been arrested after authorities say they found a bag of pot in his backpack.

Costa Mesa police say the boy was arrested Thursday at his home after Pomona Elementary School officials discovered the marijuana in a backpack he'd left at school. His name hasn't been released.

The boy was arrested on suspicion of possessing marijuana on campus and released into a parent's custody.

Seven students at the elementary school became sick on Tuesday after the boy allegedly gave them bites of a marijuana-laced brownie he brought from home. The kids had breathing trouble, nausea and vomiting. They went to a hospital but have recovered.

– AP

PALM DESERT, Calif.
Suspected TB case reported at college

A person at College of the Desert in Riverside County is being treated for suspected tuberculosis and is expected to recover.

The Desert Sun reports Friday that the person, who has not been identified, has been off campus for the past week. It would be the first case of the illness at a school in Riverside County this year.

County health officials encourage anyone who has come in contact with the person to get tested.

Tuberculosis is a highly contagious and sometimes lethal illness spread by airborne contact such as coughing, sneezing and spitting.

Last month, officials reported an outbreak of tuberculosis in downtown Los Angeles' Skid Row. Earlier this month, a suspected TB case was reported at Cal Poly Pomona in eastern Los Angeles County.

– AP

MODESTO, Calif.
Couple suspected of squatting at Calif. home

A couple is facing potential child endangerment charges after they were arrested on suspicion of squatting with a 3-year-old child at a Central California house that authorities say was filled with waste and hypodermic needles.

Modesto police say 39-year-old John Oliver and his girlfriend, 40-year-old Angelica Madrigal, were arrested Thursday after police, city officials and a contractor went to inspect the abandoned house.

They found syringes and piles of human waste inside, along with the child, who was later placed into protective custody.

Sgt. Rick Applegate says the couple had been living there illegally for at least six months.

Police would not disclose the child's gender or relationship to the couple.

The house has now been boarded up.

– AP

Air traffic tower closures will strip safety net

BY JASON KEYSER
Associated Press

CHICAGO The planned shutdown of nearly 240 air traffic control towers across the country under federal budget cuts will strip away an extra layer of safety during takeoffs and landings, leaving pilots to manage the most critical stages of flight on their own.

The towers slated to close are at smaller airports with lighter traffic, and all pilots are trained to land without help by communicating among themselves on a common radio frequency. But airport directors and pilots say there is little doubt the removal of that second pair of eyes on the ground increases risk and will slow the progress that has made the U.S. air system the safest in the world.

It's not just private pilots in small planes who stand to be affected. Many of the airports in question are serviced by major airlines, and the cuts could also leave towers unmanned during overnight hours at some big-city airports such as Chicago's Midway and General Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee. The plans have prompted airlines to review whether the changes might pose problems for commercial service that could mean canceling or rescheduling flights.

Without the help of controllers, risk "goes up exponentially," said Mark Hanna, director of the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport in Springfield, Ill., which could see its tower close.

As part of the spending cuts that went into effect this month, the Federal Aviation Administration is being forced to trim $637 million for the rest of the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. The agency said it had no choice but to subject most of its 47,000 employees, including tower controllers, to periodic furloughs.

Representatives of the FAA declined to discuss the effect of the cuts with The Associated Press. In two recent speeches and testimony before Congress, FAA Administrator Michael Huerta stressed that safety remained the agency's top priority. But many in the aviation sector are frustrated that the political brinkmanship in Washington has affected such a sensitive area of aviation.

Jim Montman, manager of the Santa Fe Municipal Airport, which is on the list for tower closures, said the absence of controllers raises the risk of midair collisions "or some sort of incident where somebody lands on the wrong runway. ... That critical link is gone."

Hundreds of small airports around the country routinely operate without controllers, using procedures in place since the earliest days of aviation. Pilots are trained to watch for other aircraft and announce their position over the radio during approaches, landings and takeoffs.

But past crashes, however rare, have exposed weaknesses in that system.

On Nov. 19, 1996, a 19-seat United Express flight landing in Quincy, Ill., collided with another twin-engine turboprop that was taking off. They slammed into each other at the intersection of two runways, killing all 14 people aboard the two planes.

The National Transportation Safety Board concluded the probable cause was a failure of the pilots in the outbound flight to monitor the radio frequency for air traffic and to properly scan for other planes.

"If a tower was there, it's highly likely that that accident would have been prevented," said Hanna, who became director of the Quincy airport about two years after the crash and before moving to the job in Springfield.

The 238 air traffic control facilities that could be closed were chosen because they are at airports with fewer than 150,000 flight operations per year. They are located in nearly every state.

The first round of closures is expected to target 173 of those towers that are run by third-party contractors, rather than FAA staff. That process could start early next month.

Those airports had until Wednesday to put forward arguments for why their towers should stay open, but the bar is high and few are thought to be likely to escape the cuts. A final decision on the list is set for Monday.

The airports can choose to pick up the cost to keep their towers open, but few are expected to be able to afford that.

Beyond the airfields, some mayors are concerned about the impact on tourism if tower closures lead to the loss of passenger service. And there are worries of other effects, including whether medical helicopter pilots might stop using airports without tower controllers.

Rep. Aaron Schock, an Illinois Republican whose district includes the Springfield airport, said the FAA's operational budget has grown about 40 percent over the past decade and there's no reason it can't operate safely under the automatic spending cuts, known as sequestration.

"Any action by the Obama administration that does jeopardize safety is more evidence that the White House is implementing the sequester in ways to only score political points," Schock said.

Robert Poole, an aviation expert at the Reason Foundation think tank, said the effect could be minimal for some small airports that have been overdeveloped as a result of politicians bringing money home from Washington.

In addition to round-the-clock tower closures, overnight shifts could be eliminated at 72 control facilities, including at much larger airports such as Midway, which sees an average of 50 flights daily between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., nearly all of them passenger flights operated by carriers that include Southwest and Delta.

That raises the possibility that full-size jetliners could be landing there without any help from controllers.

Airlines have yet to say whether they will continue offering service to airports that lose tower staff.

"It's premature to discuss flight cancellations, as the earliest any furloughs would occur is April 7," said Katie Connell, spokeswoman for the industry group Airlines for America. "We are working with the FAA to minimize any impact to passengers and shippers."

Chicago pilot Robert McKenzie, who has a commercial license but primarily flies a small Cessna, has a lot of experience landing at smaller airports without control towers.

Doing so involves a lot more concentration, he said. Pilots have to watch for other aircraft, take note of weather conditions, look for debris on runways and make calls over the radio — all while operating their own plane.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **59.5°**

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal long period WNW swell continues; minor SW swell

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW and SSW swell

MONDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small SSW swell, minimal WNW swell

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Small SSW swell builds in further; clean in the AM with more rideable surf but still small

WIND / WEATHER

NW wind will increase in the outer waters as we move through the weekend, producing a small bump of NW windswell Saturday afternoon through Monday morning. Wind nearshore will remain light in the mornings, although we may see some leftover bump/jumble on the water.

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 **March 13, 2013**

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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 -- 38 / 32
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Leo Rhodes County Beach.	A+	A+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Malibu Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24872 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point rec).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH storm.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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NBA

Kobe is right, NBA should've done more

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
AP National Writer

ATLANTA Kobe Bryant has had plenty of calls go his way during 16 years in the NBA, so it would be easy to dismiss his complaints in the ongoing debate about how he sprained his ankle.

That would be a gross injustice.

Dohntay Jones' play wasn't just dangerous, it was downright dirty.

The Los Angeles Lakers all-star actually didn't go far enough in griping about the play in Atlanta that left him with the worst sprained ankle of his career. The NBA also came up short in its response, merely putting out a statement on its Web site that acknowledged a foul should have been called on the Hawks player, but nothing more. Not even so much as a fine.

The league strangely failed to crack down on a very point it's been emphasizing in recent years: When a player goes up, he must get a chance to come down.

Going forward, the NBA needs to do a better job defending Bryant, LeBron Jones and other high-profile players, because they're the very reason we watch this game.

At the very least, Jones should've taken a hit in the wallet. A suspension of one or two games wouldn't have been all that far-fetched, either.

There's no way a journeyman who's on his sixth NBA team and stays in the league largely because of his defensive prowess should get away with a shady move that could potentially have such profound impact on the postseason. Come to think of it, no one should.

Bryant never got the chance to come down.

"That's a very, very dangerous play," he said. "Especially if I'm fading away, there's no rhyme or reason why I should come down on somebody's foot."

Exactly.

While Bryant was receiving around-the-clock treatment in hopes of coming back ASAP, it's too early to tell if he'll be the same player he was before Wednesday's contest against the Hawks. You know, the guy who had literally taken an under-achieving Lakers team on his back and hoisted them to the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

With the 34-year-old Bryant playing like he did a decade ago and Dwight Howard starting to get healthy for the first time all season, Los Angeles had a lethal 1-2 punch and a chance to move up another spot or two in the standings. Certainly, they had the look of an extremely dangerous team for whoever they drew in the opening round of the playoffs.

Now, who knows? Sprained ankles are a tricky thing. If Bryant comes back too soon, he'll risk getting hurt again, perhaps even more seriously than before. If he doesn't, or can't play at the same level, the Lakers could miss the playoffs — and the NBA would have two of its biggest stars sitting at home.

All because Jones wound up underneath Bryant while defending a fadeaway jumper that could've tied the game with 3 seconds remaining. The ball slid off the side of the rim and Bryant's left foot came down on Jones' right foot, twisting awkwardly. Kobe crumpled to the court, the Hawks got the rebound and Kyle Korver made two free throws to clinch a 96-92 victory that could have a huge impact on both teams' seasons.

Jones defended himself Friday after a morning shootaround at Philips Arena, saying he didn't mean to hurt Bryant.

"I was just trying to make a basketball play, trying to contest the jump shot," Jones said. "I was trying to make the best basketball play I could to help our team win the game. Unfortunately, he rolled his ankle. But that was never my intent."

The 32-year-old Jones has been around long enough to know better. His version is even tougher to swallow when you consider there's history between these two: Jones, you might recall, blatantly stuck out his leg to trip Bryant during Game 4 of the 2009 Western Conference finals.

"I'm not saying it should have happened," Jones conceded after the latest run-in. "But these things happen in basketball. Unfortunately, there's no exact science to contesting jump shots, exact space and specificities. I just tried to get as close to him as I could to try to contest the jump shot. That is all."

The video tells a different story.

Looking to send the game to overtime, Bryant drove toward the baseline against Jones, stopped suddenly and launched a fadeaway jumper. Jones reacted a split-second after Bryant began to go up, but quickly reversed himself and began moving toward the shooter. As Jones explained, he was looking to get as close as he could to disrupt the shot, without picking up a foul.

He went too far, way too far. By the time Bryant came down, Jones was right underneath him — and, particularly troubling, he appeared to subtly stick out his right leg, which is how Bryant got injured.

While some Hawks privately complained that Bryant was at least partially to blame for kicking out his right leg at the top of his arc (no argument there; he did), that was a mere sidebar to the main issue.

Even one of the Jones' teammates acknowledged as much.

"He played pretty aggressive defensively," Hawks center Al Horford said. "I would say, uhh, it was pretty borderline. I wouldn't want anybody to take my feet out. I don't think that was his intention. He was just playing hard defense."

With benefit of the replay, the NBA botched a chance to make it clear that hard defense is one thing, doing what Jones did is downright unacceptable.

Instead, he essentially shrugged off any lasting ramifications. In his mind, he was just going his job, and it's easy to see how he came to that conclusion. This is how Jones and those like him stay in the league, with hustle and effort and stretching the rulebook as far as it will go — and then some.

"Dirty plays are things that have nothing to do with basketball itself," Jones insisted. "I take pride in trying to make basketball plays, to be aggressive, to not give up on plays. As long as I do that, I'm not worried about the view of being a dirty player or doing anything dirty. I'm trying to make basketball plays. There's nothing out of the context of trying to win a basketball game."

Now the NBA needs to do its job:

Play a little defense on behalf of its biggest stars.

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MOVIE TIMES

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The Hobbit (PG-13) 2hrs 49min
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11:00am

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Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
12:45pm, 3:50pm, 6:45pm, 10:00pm

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1:15pm, 7:15pm

21 and Over (R) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:25pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Safe Haven (PG-13) 1hr 55min
4:15pm, 10:15pm

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Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:30am, 5:15pm

Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
2:30pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
2:00pm, 7:45pm

Identity Thief (R) 1hr 51min
12:45pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
11:40am, 2:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:40pm, 9:50pm

Snitch (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:20am, 4:25pm, 10:20pm

Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 5:55pm, 8:35pm, 11:15pm

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11:00am

Gatekeepers (Shomerei Ha'saf) (PG-13) 1hr 35min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Quartet (PG-13) 1hr 37min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Reincarnated (R) 1hr 38min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Emperor (PG-13) 1hr 38min
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11:00am

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11:10am, 2:20pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm, 11:10pm

Side Effects (R) 1hr 46min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:55pm

Stoker (R) 1hr 38min
11:20am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Dead Man Down (R) 1hr 50min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:20pm, 8:10pm, 11:00pm

Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) 1hr 40min
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Happy Birthday

Bruce Smith: former public information officer at Santa Monica college, playwright and all-around great guy.

FOLLOW THROUGH ON PLANS, SCORP

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Check out the costs of certain desired items. It is possible that you are considering making a change in your work or lifestyle. This experience could be a fabulous vacation. Know what you desire, and you will be OK. Tonight: Treat yourself for a change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Beam in more of what you desire, and allow others to have a greater freedom of expression. Your judgments prevent you from seeing others openly, and this could cause you to be hard on yourself. Tonight: You can have it all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Honor the need to retreat or take a vacation. A partner, relative or dear friend might have an opinion here, but your need to get away rises above it. Tonight: Start daydreaming about how you want to revitalize your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities, and know full well where you are going. As sensitive as you are, you always feel better having friends' support -- it doesn't matter what you are doing. Tonight: Get down to basics.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take charge. Whether you're with family or friends, you know what to do. Someone might indicate that he or she does not appreciate your change of plans. Make a point of letting this person know that you will make special time for him or her. Tonight: Happiest at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Express your desire for a different type of situation by making a game plan. Wherever you decide to go, you will have an opportunity that opens up doors for you. Communication with a relative could be touchy. Indulge this person. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Don't let your insecurity mar a great relationship. Make a point of doing something that builds your confidence, whether it be shopping or getting a massage. Postpone a meeting if you must. Tonight: Go along with someone else's suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Others express their high energy and genuine interest in your plans. Resist being mysterious, and share what you have in mind. You will have a better time with friends or loved ones as a result. Allow yourself to go with the flow. Tonight: Follow through on plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Get into a favorite project, and don't allow yourself to be distracted. Think before you leap, and understand your true motives regarding a long-term goal. Tonight: Catch up with a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You'll get to the root of an issue in an upbeat way. Someone will understand your message, though he or she might need to think it over first. A brainstorming session could evolve into a unique adventure. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might be more grounded than you realize. You are capable of tremendous flexibility, but you are likely to stay within your values. Someone might come down hard on you. Decide what you want to do about this behavior, if anything. Tonight: A must appearance.

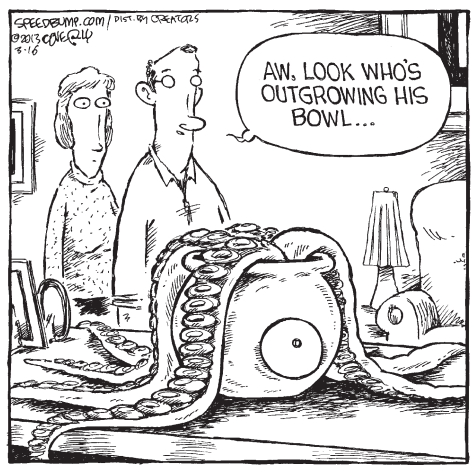
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You can make a difference if you keep a conversation open. A discussion might be hard at first, but in the end, everything will work out. Listen to others' suggestions more openly. Tonight: With friends.

March 16-17, 2013

This year you enjoy your surroundings and your interactions with others. You will flourish in your present environment, as you will meet new people and bond more deeply with friends and loved ones. Travel could present complications. Be aware of these limitations. If you are single, you might stumble into a very intense romance. If you are attached, your first child could become a topic of conversation. Keep an open mind. If you are childless, your status might change this year. GEMINI loves to tease you.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



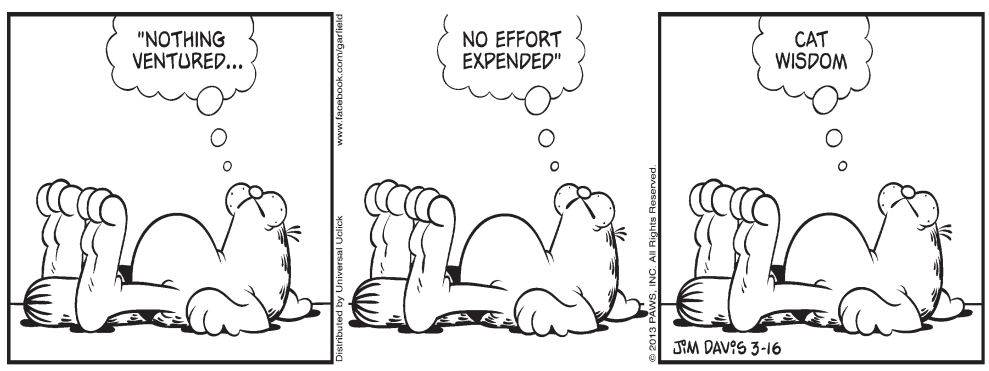
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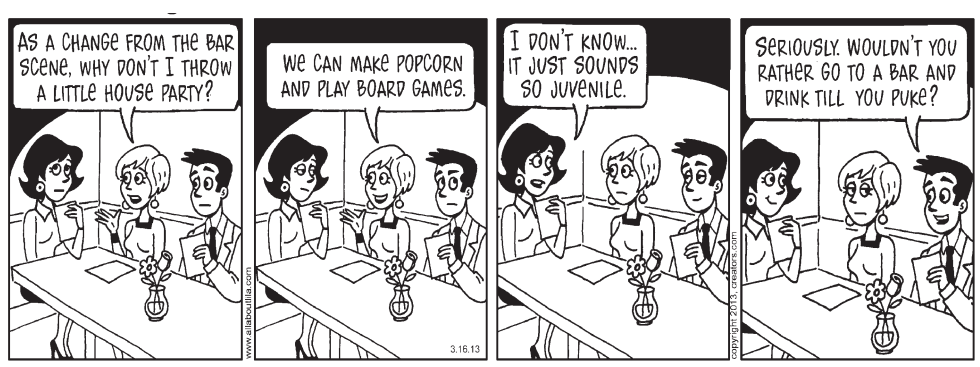
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Sudoku

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Lively dance
6 Take wee bites out of
11 Provinces
12 Find darling
13 Ha-rangues
14 Sir's counter-part
15 Wanting
17 Strike caller
18 Previously
19 Scarlett's friend
22 Farm female
23 Precipices
24 Sparkle
25 Shirt part
27 Crater part
30 Took, as questions
31 Peyton's bother
32 Pants part
33 Speaks like a South-erner
35 Sills songs
38 Folder's phrase
39 Hag
40 Poem part
41 West of music
42 Cut off

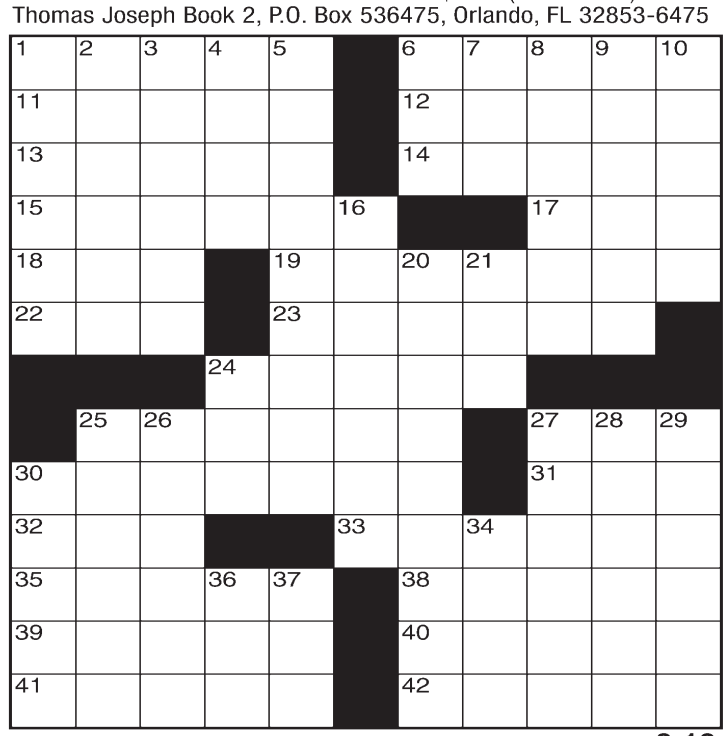
DOWN

1 Outcast
2 Marigold color
3 "Imagine" singer
4 Petru-chio's love
5 Got together
6 "Platoon" setting
7 Musical princess
8 Hick town
9 Friend of D'Artag-nan
10 Fiesta Bowl city
16 Inferred
20 Baseball hit
21 Tiny worker
24 Salon stuff
25 Rugged range
26 Army group
27 Para-phrase
28 Mistreat-ment
29 Got foggy
30 Singer Roberta
34 Hymn closer
36 Some amount of
37 Spot

S	A	D	A	T	■	R	A	D	O	N
A	L	O	N	E	■	A	W	O	K	E
T	I	N	G	E	■	H	E	N	R	I
■	■	T	U	N	A	■	S	T	A	N
T	A	B	S	■	S	N	O	B	■	■
A	B	E	■	T	H	E	M	E	T	S
G	U	S	T	O	■	R	E	S	I	N
S	T	O	O	P	E	D	■	O	N	A
■	■	N	A	S	A	■	S	H	A	G
P	E	A	S	■	T	A	P	A	■	■
E	X	I	T	S	■	P	E	S	T	O
R	A	V	E	L	■	E	N	T	E	R
E	M	E	R	Y	■	S	T	Y	L	E

Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In January about 1,000 workers at Shanghai's Shinmei Electric Co. held 18 managers captive at the plant from Friday morning until nearly midnight on Saturday in protest of recent employee rules. The workers dispersed when parent company officials promised to reconsider the policies, which included a fine of the equivalent of about $8 for being late and a limit of two minutes per toilet break.

■ (1) A Palm Bay, Fla., police officer was sent to the hospital in February after a supposedly highly trained K-9 bit him in the crotch during a burglary investigation. A trainer attributed the lapse to the dog's natural "intensity" during searches. Apparently, all was forgiven, and both "officers" returned to work. (2) In Cottages Row, England, firefighters were called in January when a metal lamppost was reported as smoking because of an electrical short, which was discovered when a Labrador retriever lifted his leg. That species is regarded as quite intelligent, but the dog, after being knocked back by the shock, moments later attempted to engage the lamppost a second time, with the same result.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1978 - Former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro is kidnapped and is later killed by his captors.

1978 - Supertanker Amoco Cadiz split in two after running aground on the Portsall Rocks, three miles off the coast of Brittany, resulting in the 5th-largest oil spill in history.

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1984 - William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, Lebanon, is kidnapped by Islamic fundamentalists and later died in captivity.

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