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THE HOLIDAY WEEK ISSUE

# No nativity scenes for you

## Federal judge denies motion to allow holiday scenes in 2012

**BY GILLIAN FLACCUS**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A federal judge on Monday denied a Christian group's bid for a preliminary injunction to force City Hall to reopen spaces in Palisades Park to private, unattended displays, including Christmas nativity scenes.

U.S. District Court Judge Audrey Collins formalized an earlier tentative ruling during a hearing.

In the tentative ruling, Collins rejected the notion that the City Council — which voted in June to shut down a nearly 60-year-old tradition of putting nativity scenes in the

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NATIVITY SCENES



Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

STAYING IN MOTION: **Boys try out for the Santa Monica High School soccer team at John Adams Middle School earlier this fall.**

# Local kids beat state, county in physical fitness scores

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students continued to outperform their state and county peers in almost every category in physical fitness test results released last week, but many still fall short of the standards.

The Physical Fitness Test, administered in the beginning of each calendar year, looks at aerobic capacity, body composition, abdominal strength, trunk extension strength, upper body strength and flexibility.

Students in fifth, seventh and ninth grades across the state take the exam, which breaks kids down in to three groups, depending on the test — "Healthy Fitness Zone," needs improvement and high risk.

To be physically fit, students need to score within the Healthy Fitness Zone in each of the six categories.

Only 31 percent of the 1.3 million students statewide that took the test qualify as fit, according to a release from the California

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LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

# Pacifica Christian v-ball falls in final

**BY DAILY PRESS STAFF**

CITYWIDE Pacifica Christian girls' volleyball's drive for a title ended Saturday at Cypress College in the final of the CIF-Southern Section Division 4 playoffs at the hands of Rolling Hills Prep.

The Seawolves forced a fifth set, but Rolling Hills Prep closed them out 15-9.

Pacifica Christian ends the season 32-3 overall to go along with a Liberty League title.

### SAMOHI V-BALL SWEEPS TOP AWARDS

Santa Monica's girls' volleyball team dominated the All-Ocean League selections, sweeping the top two awards, it was announced on Friday.

Blossom Sato, a sophomore setter, was named Most Valuable Player and senior outside hitter Jordan Levy was named Most Outstanding.

The first team includes senior middle blockers Greta Schmittdiel and Joslyn Hayes, senior opposite hitter Avalon Lennon and senior outside hitter Wiktoria Surowka.

The second team includes sophomore libero Ariana Nicol.

### SMC FOOTBALL LOSES BOWL GAME

Santa Monica College football fell to Southwestern, 45-31, on Saturday in the American Championship Bowl at Olympian High School.

SMC finished the regular season with a 9-1 record en route to the Corsair's second straight Pacific Conference championship.

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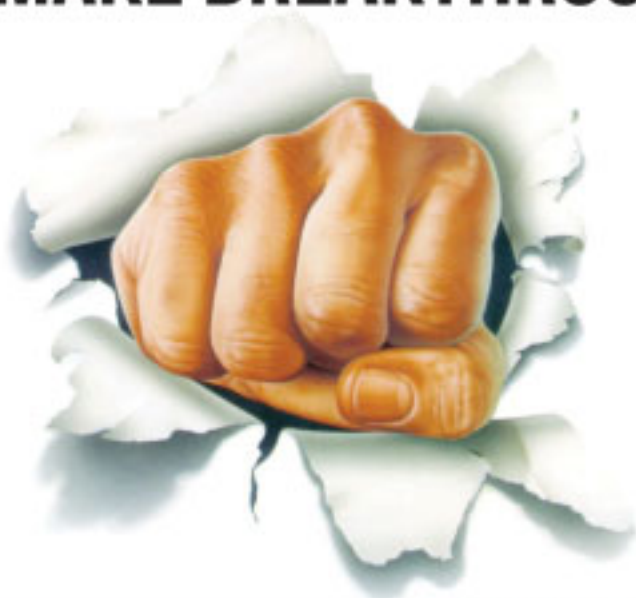
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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

### Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012

**Nothing but a hound dog**
Typhoon
3221 Donald Douglas Loop South, 8 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
Hound Dog Dave and the Meltones will be entertaining the crowd at this popular eatery. For more information, call (310) 390-6565.

**Movie night**
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 p.m.
In this 2012 spoof of 1970s Mexican westerns, Will Ferrell stars in "Casa de mi Padre" as the eldest brother, overseeing a family ranch teetering on the brink of collapse. Also stars Gael Garcia Bernal and Diego Luna. For more information, visit smpl.org.

**Book it**
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 7 p.m.
Join this new book group for mystery lovers the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

### Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012

**Getting fresh for the holiday**
Downtown Farmers' Market
Second Street and Arizona Avenue, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Take advantage of this last opportunity to get farm-fresh produce for your Thanksgiving dinner. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

**Feeding the needy**
St. Monica Catholic Community
725 California Ave., 3 p.m. — 6 p.m.
St. Monica Catholic Community will host its annual Thanksgiving dinner for those who may be facing particular financial hardships this season and those who find themselves alone this holiday. The dinner is free of charge and will be served in the auditorium. For more information, call (310) 566-1500.

**Game on**
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Join other players and learn about the mysteries and secrets of chess and other strategy games. This program is for youth, their families and caregivers. No registration required. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

### Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012

**A Westside Thanksgiving**
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Celebrate Thanksgiving Day with a hearty traditional dinner. Last year many students, singles, low-income families, seniors and those who were homeless joined the celebration. While there, you'll have the opportunity to have a basic medical consultation, a haircut, basic eye exam and pick up some donated clothing. For more information, visit westsidethanksgiving.org.

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## CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the Nov. 17 article "City moves forward to tax, regulate trainers." One-on-one surf camp instructors must get a permit if they are paid for their services.

# Powerful supermajorities elected to statehouses

**DAVID A. LIEB**
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. There's a new superpower growing in the Great Plains and the South, where bulging Republican majorities in state capitols could dramatically cut taxes and change public education with barely a whimper of resistance from Democrats.

Contrast that with California, where voters have given Democrats a new dominance that could allow them to raise taxes and embrace same-sex marriage without regard to Republican objections.

If you thought the presidential election revealed the nation's political rifts, consider the outcomes in state legislatures. The vote also created a broader tier of powerful one-party governments that can act with no need for compromise. Half of state legislatures now have veto-proof majorities, up from 13 only four years ago, according to figures compiled for The Associated Press by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

All but three states — Iowa, Kentucky and New Hampshire — have one-party control of their legislatures, the highest mark since 1928.

The result could lead to stark differences in how people live and work.

"Usually, a partisan tide helps the same party across the country, but what we saw in this past election was the opposite of that — some states getting bluer and some states getting redder," said Thad Kousser, an associate political science professor at the University of California-San Diego who focuses on state politics. As a result, "we'll see increasing policy divergence across the states."

Democrats in California gained their first supermajorities since 1883 in both the Assembly and Senate. Republicans captured total control of the North Carolina Capitol for the first time in more than a century. The GOP set a 147-year high mark in the Tennessee statehouse and won two-thirds majorities in the Missouri Legislature for the first time since the Civil War.

Republicans also gained or expanded supermajorities in places such as Indiana, Oklahoma and — if one independent caucuses with the GOP — Georgia. Democrats gained a supermajority in Illinois and built upon their dominance in places such as Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

If the parties make full use of their enlarged majorities, residents of similar-sized cities in different parts of the country could soon experience a virtual continental divide in their way of life.

In one state, businesses could pay little to no taxes, the result of policies intended to spur hiring. Public schools might function at a basics-only level, with parents free to use public money to send their children to private schools. Only the poorest of the poor adults could expect medical care from the government.

In another state, residents would pay higher taxes, and the government would inject billions of dollars into public education with the goal of creating a highly skilled

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**MELODIC MOMENT**
Photo courtesy D'Lynn Waldron
**SMMUSD Superintendent Sandra Lyon practices the violin with students at McKinley Elementary School last Thursday.**

# State sells out of first pollution permits

**JASON DEAREN**
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO California sold out of the first pollution permits issued as part of a landmark offensive against greenhouse gases at an inaugural auction that regulators said Monday went smoothly.

The effort to curtail carbon emissions involved the sale of 23.1 million permits — each allowing for the release of one ton of carbon — for $10.09 apiece, the California Air Resources Board said.

The permit sales last week opened the largest carbon marketplace in the nation and the second-biggest in the world after the European Union. The California air board will hold four such auctions a year.

"By putting a price on carbon, we know we are beginning the process of breaking our dependence on fossil fuels," Mary Nichols, board chairman, said during a conference call with reporters.

The board would not divulge specific figures on how many permits were bought by individual polluters covered under newly instituted caps on carbon emissions. The board does not comment on bidding activity to protect each polluter's strategy regarding use of the carbon market, Nichols said.

However, a sampling of companies that are covered include utilities such as Pacific Gas & Electric Co., petroleum refiners such

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### Time for change

**Editor:**

I agree with Bill Bauer that our city is basically run by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), developers, political action committees and city employee unions ("Bill's election post-mortem," My Write, Nov. 12).

Back in the late 1970s when SMRR came to power, they did so with a grassroots organization that challenged city politics run basically by landlords and the Chamber of Commerce. They had an issue to rally around — rent control.

Now all of us that are tired of the traffic and overdevelopment have an issue to rally around. We need to get up off our butts, refuse to be bullied and change politics in this city.

Don't get me wrong. There have been many a great things done in this city over the past few decades since SMRR came into power. But power corrupts. SMRR's deaf ears to its fellow citizens, renters and homeowners alike, hopefully will fire people up to make a change.

**Larry Arreola**
Santa Monica

### Rock — not!

**Editor:**

Shame on you for subjecting readers to the ravings of a propagator of religious hatred ("God will not be mocked," Your Column Here, Nov. 14). Better to refer to him as Ayatollah Barber; the only difference being that his references are to the Bible rather than the Koran.

Amazingly, while Ayatollah Barber is identified as a lawyer, his venomous column concludes with his gratitude to the country's forefathers who "built America's house upon Christ, the rock." Apparently Ayatollah Barber's copy of the First Amendment is different from mine.

**Paul Bergman**
Santa Monica

### Your bronze is rusty

**Editor:**

Matt Barber invoked the deity dozens of times in his tirade against open-minded, free-thinking people of all walks of life ("God will not be mocked," Your Column Here, Nov. 14). Citing the very best logic and philosophers of the late Bronze Age, the apparently omnipotent Mr. Barber sought to chide those of us who voted for diversity and freedom of expression this past Nov. 6. It seem Mr. Barber is unhappy with the results and is expecting Old Testament doom and gloom to follow shortly — assuming of course that the world does not end this December as a certain other Bronze Age wisdom has suggested it may.

Matt, please feel free to draw whatever conclusions you like from current events. You even have the right to be a believer rather than a thinker — that is your choice. But really, Matt, what made you feel the need to share a full page of your organized ignorance with the rest of the world this past week? Next time that particular mood strikes you, Matt, take two ... and don't call anyone in the morning!

You may now return to the safety of your bed. The 21st century is here to stay. Sorry about that.

**Marc Sanschagrin**
Santa Monica






## What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Can't keep a good man down

A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO DR. RUSSELL Moon was an avid bicyclist, had a booming dental practice, was teaching at UCLA and getting ready for the coming ski season. Russell is a longtime Santa Monica fixture. His dental practice on Arizona Avenue had a constant stream of happy patients.

Then on Sept. 13, 2011, he was on a bike ride when a car accidentally turned into him, fracturing his C3 and C4 vertebrae and paralyzing him from the shoulders down.

This accident sent shockwaves through the community of men and women that know and love Russell. The outpouring of love was tremendous. I'll never forget the day that a group of us guys were having lunch and someone decided that Russell needed a bigger television in his hospital room. A hat, literally a hat, was passed around the group of maybe 20 men, and 10 minutes later $300 had been raised.

That experience was one of those teaching moments about what a community is capable of doing. There were no long-winded speeches and dry chicken dinners to endure; just a simple request for guys to chip in and bam! There it was.

Like all of us, Russell has had his challenges in life, but unlike so many of us his reactions to those challenges are what set him apart. He's a very determined man who has accomplished much in his life.

When the accident first happened, Russell was incapacitated. It would be weeks before he could breathe on his own, but breathe he did.

One of my favorite aphorisms is, "It's not the dog in the fight that matters so much as the fight in the dog." The recovery of Russell is a continuing demonstration of the principle that we have great resources in ourselves and it is only upon being truly challenged that we draw upon them.

This is not to say that he always has good days. He has bad days of self-doubt, and all that goes with such a radical change in his life and lifestyle. But what makes him special is his ability to keep going in spite of doubt and fear. Courage is moving forward in spite of fear. Russell is absolutely nothing if not courageous.

He has undergone tremendous rehabilitation thanks to the dedicated people at Next Step Fitness, (www.nextstepfitness.org) a nonprofit that provides people living with paralysis the opportunity for health and recovery through affordable and progressive community fitness and wellness facilities. There is a video on YouTube which speaks volumes about the incredible journey that Russell is taking. The video shows him on day one being unable to move and ends with him moving his legs. Its title is "Russell Moon: Day One and Now," and is a very moving video.

This coming Saturday at the Edgemar Center For The Arts there is a benefit for Next Step. This organization has been there for my friend and I want to be there for them, and I'd like you to join me. The talented George Emerson (If you've been to Mastro's you've likely heard him playing the piano. He's worth the trip alone!) will be performing along with Sara Niemietz, who has a voice that is breathtaking; check her out on YouTube.

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To lighten the evening Ritch Shydner will be doing comedy. He has a long and illustrious career in comedy from his appearances on Carson and Letterman to his many roles on TV.

This benefits the rehabilitation facility that has done such great work with my friend Russell. Tickets are tax deductible and the suggested donation is $40 per ticket. Available at fanfueled.com/event/details/4495-a-night-for-russell. Seating is limited at the Edgemar Center For The Arts.

Today Russell is in a wheelchair and has 'round-the-clock care to keep his body flexible, but I expect that one day Russell will walk again. And to make that happen I'm asking you to help out Next Step Fitness by joining me this Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Edgemar Center For The Arts.

It's only been a year since his accident, but Russell is back at work as a dental office administrator and still going to physical rehabilitation.

You see, you just can't keep a good man down, no matter what happens to him.

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## Your column here

Lee H. Hamilton

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# After the elections, attitude will be key

AN INTRIGUING CONVERSATION ABOUT the next step in the fiscal drama is taking place among our elected leaders. At this early point it is mostly at an exploratory level, but it's no less real for that.

A day after an election in which a changing electorate essentially cemented the status quo in place — re-electing the president and keeping Congress split between the two parties — the stock market swooned. Its behavior was fueled by doubt that Capitol Hill and the White House would be able to avoid the "fiscal cliff" of rising taxes and deep spending cuts slated for the end of the year. Really, though, it was more than that: like the election itself, it reflected deep skepticism about our elected leaders' ability to address the difficult problems that confront our nation.

The market's dive was followed almost immediately by an interesting dance between the president and Republican leaders in Congress. Where House Speaker John Boehner conceded that Republicans might accept increased tax revenues, the president said he would take a serious look at reform of entitlements. These are tantalizing signs that last year's rigid partisan stances could soften — that flexibility, so long elusive, might have a chance of a comeback.

As they often do, the elections created an opening, a moment in political life when fundamental questions come to the fore. The question most people in Washington and many outside it are focused on is as basic as they get: Can government still work? Are political leaders capable of setting aside their differences and finding common ground?

In Congress the answer, I believe, will lie with its members, and whether they correctly read the electoral tea leaves to conclude that Americans want solutions, not obstructionism. Their mindset will be key. If the majority on Capitol Hill — whatever their party — decide to be pragmatic and cooperative, Congress may pull itself out of the swamp of disdain in which most Americans hold it. If, instead, they opt for ideology and confrontation, the dysfunction will continue.

Attitude is all-important. When members see politics as a steady quest for improving our country and our society, there's hope. That is when they're prepared to ignore all the forces competing for influence on Capitol Hill, and search most diligently for remedies to the scores of truly difficult issues that we need Washington to resolve.

"And there's a politician that has read and thought," William Butler Yeats wrote. We can only hope new and returning members of Congress will do the same — read, look clearly at the world around them and think for themselves. For the plain truth is there are too many forces conspiring to keep them from doing so: their party leaders, lobbyists, the moneyed interests that are already preparing for the next election, opinionated media personalities, constituents pursuing their own private interests, the talking points prepared for their caucuses, the frenetic pace of life in Washington, the crisis of the moment.

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Yet unless politicians can find the time — and, more importantly, the inclination — to chart their own course through the thickets of policy that confront them every day, they cannot collaborate with one another to help Congress do so, too. If they're locked in by the dictates of partisan calculation, the rigors of ideological purity, or the constant need to please funders, then those are the interests they will protect. Even if it's at the expense of making the progress Americans so badly want them to make, and of the basic civility that allows Congress and our political system to rise above the passions of the moment.

It's anyone's guess how Congress will deal with this chance to start afresh. That's up to each of its members. The pressures that drove them toward hostilities before the election haven't gone away. But the signals being sent by political leaders suggest they understand that Americans expect flexibility and pragmatism. And the opening to take individual responsibility for political progress and set Congress on a more productive course hasn't closed yet. It's a gift of the elections. Let's hope they accept it.

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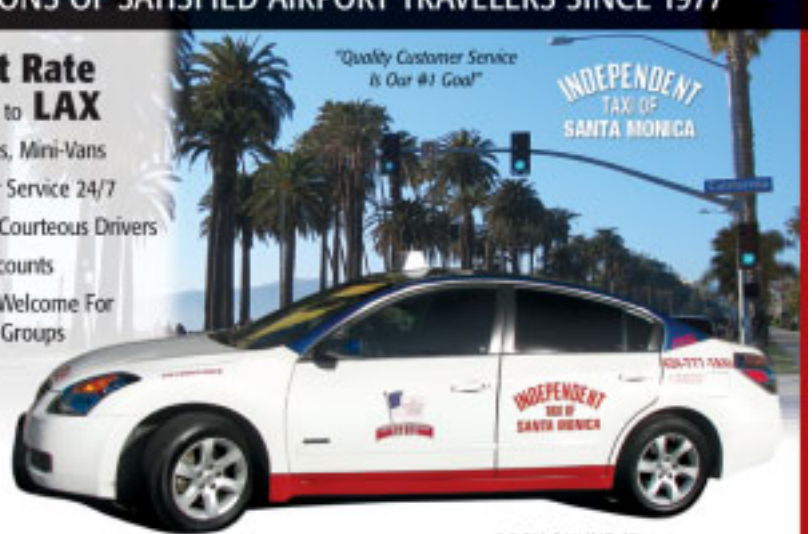
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FRESNO, Calif. California's landmark Proposition 2 said chickens in cages must be able to stand up and stretch their wings without touching cage walls. Whether that means one chicken at a time or a bunch at once is the impetus behind the third lawsuit filed by egg farmers since passage of the ballot measure.

A group of egg farmers sued California late Friday in Fresno County Superior Court, saying the statute is unconstitutionally vague.

The legal action came on the heels of a federal court decision in August on a similar claim in which the judge upheld the law.

"If we can't get clarity on what Prop 2 means, the number of producers will go down significantly and then the cost of eggs will go up," said attorney Dale Stern, who is representing about three-quarters of state producers in the Association of California Egg Farmers.

The 2008 initiative sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States was intended to free chickens from the cramped, bare-wire cages used by most producers and that provided less floor space than a standard sheet of paper. The law, which goes into effect in January 2015, says chickens must be able to engage in natural behaviors — such as roosting and scratching — and should be able to stand up and stretch their wings.

Since its passage, farmers have complained that the measure lacks specific language designating appropriate cage size and as a result puts them at risk of misdemeanor charges and fines up to $1,000. In addition, they say they are on the hook for millions of dollars in upgrades but can't get bank loans without knowing whether new cages will be in compliance.

The animal welfare group and the national United Egg Producers teamed up earlier this year to sponsor federal legislation that would settle the question regarding all of the nation's 270 million laying hens. If it passes, the measure would amend the Egg Products Inspection Act to give chickens 125 square inches of space within 15 years, a period that would allow farmers to gradually upgrade housing systems.

California farmers would have to adhere to the same cage sizes but still meet the Prop 2 deadline in 2015.

California farmers say they need time to comply with the state law and can't wait for Congress to act on the proposed federal legislation. They first went to court two years ago when Modesto-based producer J.S. West asked a Fresno County judge to decide if the company's new system met the requirements. The judge declined to issue a ruling.

"It wasn't a challenge to the law, it was just a 'hey your honor, does this work?'" Stern said.

Earlier this year, a Riverside County egg farmer challenged the law as being vague, but U.S. District Court Judge John F. Walker upheld it.

"You can't keep filing the same claim over and over again hoping for a different result," said attorney Jonathan Lovvorn of the Humane Society of the United States. "A federal judge was walked through the arguments and said it doesn't take Colombo to figure out what this law means. They're judge shopping."

Stern said state due process laws give more leeway by allowing the court to determine if implementation is impractical.

"A federal judge has decided if you take one bird and measure it, then you've got an interpretation that fits," he said. "But a single bird in a single enclosure is not practical because not a single egg producer could operate with that expense."

# Asian citrus psyllid found in Tulare County

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FRESNO, Calif. A tiny pest capable of carrying and spreading a disease deadly to citrus trees has been found in the heart of California's citrus belt, agriculture officials confirmed on Monday.

The Asian citrus psyllid was found in a commercial citrus orchard near Strathmore, southeast of Visalia, said Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner Marilyn Kinoshita in a statement.

The insect was identified Friday on a trap pulled from a tree by California Department of Food and Agriculture staff, Kinoshita said.

It's only the second psyllid found in the San Joaquin Valley — the first was also found in Tulare County — though many others have been found in Southern California.

Thus far, none of the psyllids have tested positive for the deadly bacteria known by its Chinese name Huanglongbing, but also called "citrus greening."

It's not known whether the psyllid found last week carries the bacteria, Kinoshita said.

The disease has decimated the citrus industry in Florida and other parts of the world, but it hasn't touched California's $1.8 billion industry.

The Golden State's citrus rank first in the nation in crop value and second after Florida in production.

"It's a cause for alarm, but we can't overreact just yet," said Joel Nelson, president of the California Citrus Mutual, a nonprofit group representing citrus farmers. "We hope it's an isolated find, a hitchhiker. We're sitting and holding our breaths."

There are no known pesticides or other cures to combat the disease. It can only be eliminated by finding and eliminating the insect carrier.

That's why California growers have taxed themselves to fund a psyllid trapping program, which aims to eliminate the bacteria carrier before it can spread the disease, Nelson said. That's because, unlike in Florida and elsewhere, relatively few invasive psyllids have made it to California thus far.

"The goal is to find the psyllid before it spreads the disease," Nelson said.

Huanglongbing is hard to detect to the naked eye because the bacteria can be present in a tree for a year or longer before symptoms are visible. Once infected, the tree dies within five years. Typically, a healthy lemon tree is productive for up to 25 years, a grapefruit tree for up to 50 years and an orange tree for up to 75 years.

The psyllid was first detected in Southern California in 2008 and is known to exist in Ventura, San Diego, Imperial, Orange, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino and Riverside counties — mostly in ornamental or backyard trees.

So far, more than 10,000 invasive psyllids, all without the bacteria, have been found in Southern California.

The first psyllid in the San Joaquin Valley was found in February, east of Lindsay in Tulare County. The county has 119,000 acres of citrus, 61 citrus packing sheds and four juice plants.

# Ancient rock carvings stolen in Sierra Nevada

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BISHOP, Calif. Rock carvings that graced a sacred American Indian site in California's Sierra Nevada for thousands of years have fallen prey to modern thieves armed with power saws.

At least four petroglyphs — some 2 feet wide and located 15 feet above the ground — were hacked from lava cliffs in the Eastern Sierra, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

Visitors to the area, known as Volcanic Tableland, discovered the theft and reported it to the federal Bureau of Land Management on Oct. 31.

"This was the worst act of vandalism ever seen" on the 750,000 acres of public land administered by the BLM field office in Bishop, BLM archaeologist Greg Haverstock told the newspaper.

The thieves must have used ladders, electric generators and power saws. In addition to the four carvings that were stolen, one was defaced with deep saw cuts on three sides, and another was removed but apparently broke during the theft and was left propped against a boulder near a visitor parking lot.

More than 3,500 years ago, Native Americans carved pictures of hunters, deer and other animals, and geometric and other designs into a half-mile-long volcanic escarpment. The images adorn hundreds of lava boulders.

The petroglyphs are probably worth only about $500 to $1,500 on the illegal art market but are priceless to American Indians, authorities said.

"We still use this sacred place as a kind of church to educate tribal members and children about our historical and spiritual connections," Paiute tribal historic preservation officer Raymond Andrews said. "So, our tribal elders are appalled by what happened here."

Volunteers have stepped up surveillance at the site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The BLM is offering a $1,000 reward for information leading to arrests. A first-time felony conviction for damaging or removing petroglyphs can carry a one-year prison sentence and a $20,000 fine.

## STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

### New teachers get low-performing math students

A new study shows inexperienced Los Angeles teachers are disproportionately more likely to be assigned low-performing math students.

The Los Angeles Unified School District study also found teacher effectiveness varies substantially.

The Los Angeles Times says top teachers are able to give students the equivalent to eight additional months of learning in a year compared with weaker instructors.

The study also found that teacher performance after two years is a fairly good predictor of future effectiveness.

Drew Furedi, who oversees the district's teacher training, says he's deeply concerned and describes the study as a call to action.

The study by the Strategic Data Project, which is affiliated with Harvard University's Center for Education Policy Research, analyzed the performance of about a third of the district's teachers.

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SEAL BEACH

### Salon where shooting rampage occurred reopens

A Southern California hair salon where a shooting rampage left eight people dead last year has reopened its door.

Hundreds of supporters attended Salon Meritage's opening in Seal Beach on Sunday, where survivors of the shooting released butterflies to mark the occasion.

Prosecutors say a gunman sprayed the salon with bullets in October 2011 after arguing with his ex-wife over custody of their young son. The woman, who was a stylist, and the salon owner were among the dead.

The owner's widow, Sandi Fannin, told the Orange County Register the salon's reopening was a symbol of good winning over evil. Fannin was one of six employees of the old salon who will return to work.

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SANTA CRUZ

### Trio arrested for homeless killing

Three people are in jail for the death of a 51-year-old homeless man near a Santa Cruz park.

The Santa Cruz Sentinel says the man was killed Friday night along railroad tracks near Depot Park.

Investigators are withholding the man's name and cause of death. An autopsy is scheduled Monday.

A motive for the killing hasn't been disclosed.

Police arrested 26-year-old Jeremiah James Long shortly after the body was found.

On Saturday, officers arrested 41-year-old Michael Valgene Hudson and 21-year-old Shaelyn Zeanne Gonzales.

Jail records show all three have been booked for investigation of murder, conspiracy and violating probation terms.

Gonzales was also booked for drug possession and battery on a police officer.

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BOULDER CREEK

### $8M deal to save old-growth redwood grove

There's an $8 million deal to sell a Santa Cruz Mountains redwood grove to a conservation group.

The 214 acres in Boulder Creek is believed to be the third-largest old-growth redwood forest in the mountains about 70 miles south of San Francisco.

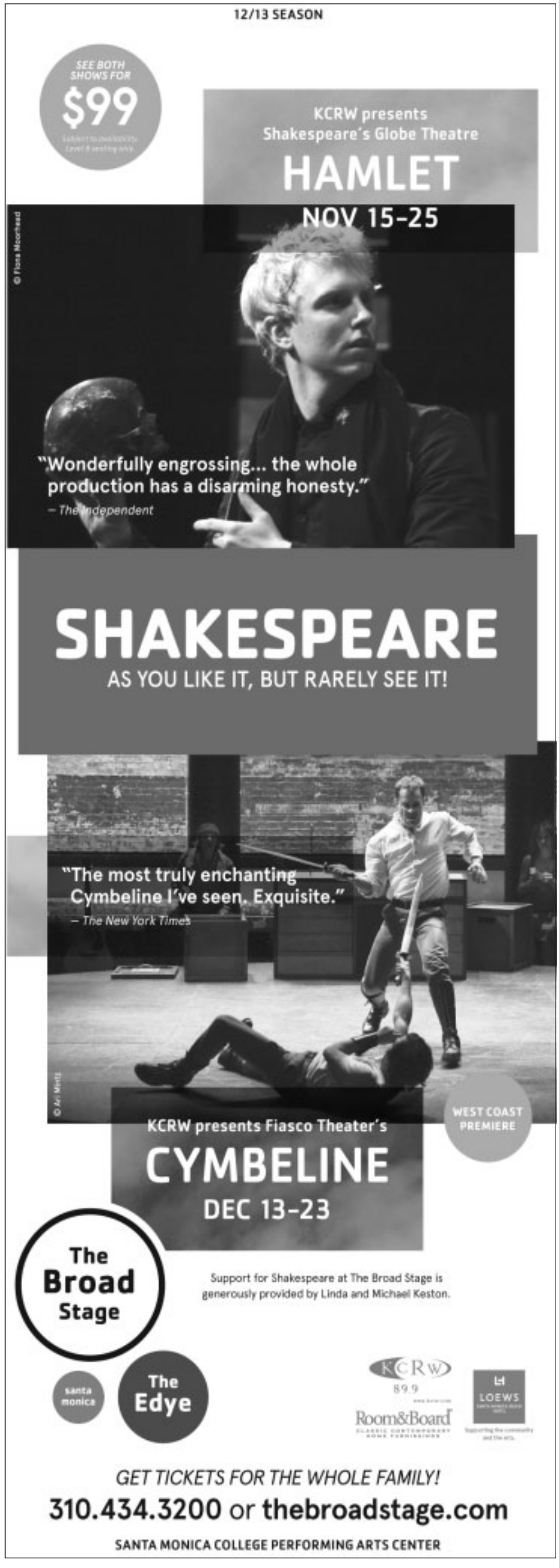
The trees are 1,000 to 2,000 years old.

Members of the Save the Redwoods League are buying the land to prevent development and timber harvesting.

But there's a problem.

The San Francisco Chronicle says the conservation group needs to raise the $2 million down payment by the end of the year or the deal is dead. The rest of the purchase price would have to be paid in a year.

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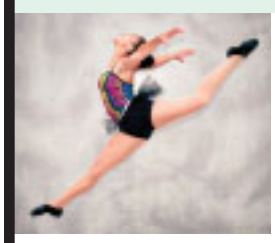
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## SCENES
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park — had violated the Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee's rights by rejecting the displays based on their message.

"I think your primary argument is one of disagreement with the court's initial conclusion that this is not an instance of content-based regulation," Collins told William Becker, the attorney for the Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee.

Collins backed up Deputy City Attorney Yibin Shen's contestations that the expanded ordinance served a public good by protecting Palisades Park from wear-and-tear on the turf caused by the displays, preserving the ocean views and saving hundreds of hours of staff time that went into administering the program in 2011.

Becker struggled for the remaining 50 minutes of the hearing to convince Collins that City Hall had not shown any evidence that restricting the park would accomplish any of those goals.

Ultimately, Collins chose to deny the injunction, which would have allowed the dioramas to go up in December 2012 while the remainder of the lawsuit went forward.

The City Attorney's Office has already filed a motion to dismiss, which is scheduled to be heard on Dec. 3.

Becker said he expects the case will be dismissed at the next hearing and plans to appeal.

"The atheists won and they will always win unless we get courts to understand how the game is played and this is a game that was played very successfully and they knew it," Becker said after the hearing.

The trouble in Santa Monica began three years ago, when atheist Damon Vix applied for and was granted a booth in Palisades Park alongside the story of Jesus Christ's birth, from Mary's visit from the Angel Gabriel to the traditional crèche.

Vix hung a simple sign that quoted Thomas Jefferson: "Religions are all alike — founded on fables and mythologies." The other side read "Happy Solstice." He repeated the display the following year but then upped the stakes significantly.

In 2011, Vix recruited 10 others to inundate the city with applications for tongue-in-cheek displays such as a homage to the "Pastafarian religion," which would include an artistic representation of the great Flying Spaghetti Monster.

The secular coalition won 18 of 21 spaces. Two others went to the traditional Christmas displays and one to a Hanukkah display.

The atheists used half their spaces, displaying signs such as one that showed pictures of Poseidon, Jesus, Santa Claus and the devil and said: "37 million Americans know myths when they see them. What myths do you see?"

Most of the signs were vandalized and in the ensuing uproar, the city effectively ended a tradition that began in 1953 and earned Santa Monica one of its nicknames, the City of the Christmas Story.

Santa Monica officials snuffed the city's holiday tradition this year rather than referee the religious rumble, prompting churches that have set up a 14-scene Christian diorama to sue over freedom of speech claims.

Under the city's rules, the churches can still set up an attended display when Palisades Park is open and erect unattended displays in 12 of the city's other parks with a special permit. They can also distribute leaflets, carol or hold a Christmas play, city officials said.

"It's a sad, sad commentary on the attitudes of the day that a nearly 60-year-old Christmas tradition is now having to hunt for a home, something like our savior had to hunt for a place to be born because the world was not interested," Hunter Jameson, head of the nonprofit Santa Monica Nativity Scene Committee, said in advance of the hearing.

### STARTING A NEW TRADITION

Others within the Santa Monica religious community are determined to put a more positive spin on the judge's decision.

Primo DeJesus, a member of Trinity Church of Santa Monica, is working with other local churches to create "living" nativity scenes in Palisades Park to replace the static displays of old.

Churches will sign up for two-hour slots beginning at 7 p.m. each evening in December at the southern end of the park near the Santa Monica Pier and do dry-runs of their Christmas plays, sing carols, offer cocoa and coffee to passersby and otherwise try to engage community members in the spirit of the holidays.

DeJesus hopes that the more interactive format will forge a stronger connection between the churches and community members so that the churches can have a larger role in Santa Monica.

"They'll be introducing themselves to the city because they each have their own unique culture," DeJesus said.

The atheists were not parties to the legal case. Their role outside court highlights a tactical shift as atheists evolve into a vocal minority eager to get their non-beliefs into the public square as never before.

National atheist groups earlier this year took out full-page newspaper ads and hundreds of TV spots in response to Catholic bishops' activism around women's healthcare issues and are gearing up to battle for their own space alongside public Christmas displays in small towns across America this season.

"In recent years, the tactic of many in the atheist community has been, if you can't beat them, join them," said Charles Haynes, a senior scholar at the First Amendment Center and director of the Newseum's Religious Freedom Education Project in Washington. "If these church groups insist that these public spaces are going to be dominated by a Christian message, we'll just get in the game — and that changes everything."

In the past, atheists primarily fought to uphold the separation of church and state through the courts. The change underscores the conviction held by many nonbelievers that their views are gaining a foothold, especially among young adults.

The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life released a study last month that found 20 percent of Americans say they have no religious affiliation, an increase from 15 percent in the past five years. Atheists took heart from the report, although Pew researchers stressed that the category also encompassed majorities of people who said they believed in God but had no ties with organized religion and people who consider themselves "spiritual" but not "religious."

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## NATIVITY
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"We're at the bottom of the totem pole socially, but we have muscle and we're flexing it," said Annie Laurie Gaylor, co-president of the Wisconsin-based Freedom from Religion Foundation. "Ignore our numbers at your peril."

The Santa Monica Nativity Scenes Committee argues in its lawsuit that atheists have the right to protest, but that freedom doesn't trump the Christians' right to free speech.

"If they want to hold an opposing viewpoint about the celebration of Christmas, they're free to do that — but they can't interfere with our right to engage in religious speech in a traditional public forum," said attorney Becker. "Our goal is to preserve the tradition in Santa Monica and to keep Christmas alive."

The decision to ban the displays also saves the city, which had administered the cumbersome lottery process used to award booths, both time and money while preserving the park's aesthetics, Deputy City Attorney Jeanette Schachtner said in an e-mail.

For his part, Vix is surprised — and slightly amused — at the legal battle spawned by his solitary act but doesn't plan anything further.

"That was such a unique and blatant example of the violation of the First Amendment that I felt I had to act," said the 44-year-old set builder. "If I had another goal, it would be to remove the 'under God' phrase from the Pledge of Allegiance — but that's a little too big for me to take on for right now."

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Department of Education. That's the same as last year.

"When we can call fewer than one out of three of our kids physically fit, we know we have a tremendous public health challenge on our hands," said Tom Torlakson, state superintendent of Public Instruction.

That number was significantly better for Santa Monica-Malibu students, with 43.5 percent of students qualifying as fit compared to 39 percent in the 2010-11 year.

A higher percentage of SMMUSD students were in the Healthy Fitness Zone in each of five categories compared to their state counterparts with the exception of flexibility amongst seventh grade students, according to the test results.

Ninth graders also improved in almost every category compared to last year's results, said Bertha Roman, the teacher on special assignment with the Physical Education Department.

High school officials have been pushing to make sure each test is completed correctly and on time, she said, which accounts for some of the increase in the scores.

"They're really focusing on aspects of the test and preparing students to take the test," she said. "Prep is key for that, as well as making sure every student is accounted for."

Being active is one thing, but it actually takes practice to accomplish some of the tests, like running a mile in a certain time or performing exercises like curl-ups with precision.

"There was a push to get kids familiarized with the test," Roman said.

Some things you can't practice for, however.

Body composition, the ratio of fat to muscle and other tissues of the body, is considered the most important indicator of future health, according to the state release.

By that measure almost a third of fifth and seventh grade kids across the state are "high risk" in terms of their body composition, and 25.3 percent of ninth graders also fall into that category.

Just under 20 percent of SMMUSD students in all three grades are "high risk." Those numbers fell in 2011-12 for fifth and seventh graders, but climbed almost two percentage points for ninth graders.

Those numbers look a bit different when broken down by racial groups.

Only 16.1 percent of African-American fifth graders who took the test were "high risk," although numbers for seventh and ninth graders were a little bit above the district average.

Latino students, however, showed much higher numbers, with 36.5 percent of fifth graders, 31.4 percent of seventh graders and 29.6 percent of ninth graders considered "high risk."

In general they scored lower than the district average in almost every category but flexibility and trunk extensions.

Asian students tend to score higher than average, and white students are either above or just below the district average.

Physical fitness is one of a series of factors considered in the new Santa Monica Youth Wellbeing Report Card that debuted in October. The report card is meant to establish a baseline measurement of overall well-being amongst Santa Monica's young people so that officials at City Hall, the school district and dozens of nonprofits can work together to improve their quality of life.

Activity is critical for children's health now and when they become adults, said Denise Sur, chief of staff at the UCLA-Santa Monica Medical Center.

Exercise can prevent diabetes, heart problems and even some forms of cancers. Physical activity can also improve focus in children and adults, meaning that children may learn better after they've been physically active.

"It's interesting that you don't see more of a reaction to that from parents," Sur said. "You'd think they would be outraged, nervous or frightened about their kids' future."

If children are inactive now, it will be harder for them to get active later in life, she said.

Obesity can lead to heart problems, diabetes, asthma, sleep apnea and social discrimination.

City Hall tries to make physical fitness a priority for kids by aggressively marketing after-school and summer activities to keep them active and engaged, said Julie Rusk, assistant director of Community & Cultural Services at City Hall.

That effort is paired with financial assistance for those of lower socio-economic status who otherwise couldn't afford them, Rusk said.

Overall, the improved and stable scores show the impact of those programs and targeted work at schools.

"We certainly expect that given the many programs and initiatives in place," Rusk said. "These are kids living in a community that does more in the summer and after school."

Childhood fitness and obesity have come under the spotlight nationwide in recent years. First Lady Michelle Obama launched the Let's Move! initiative to target the problem, and President Barack Obama created the first-ever Task Force on Childhood Obesity to develop and implement a plan to end the disease within a generation.

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## ELECTION
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workforce to attract businesses. A social safety net would exist for the poor, including working adults not even considered to be in poverty.

States already have different approaches to taxes, the economy and care for the poor, but they have been tempered by compromise. Now the middle ground may begin to disappear in favor of stark extremes.

Supermajorities can allow lawmakers to override governors' vetoes, change tax rates, put constitutional amendments on the ballot, rewrite legislative rules and establish a quorum for business — all without any participation by the opposing party.

In Indiana, the new Republican supermajority can now pass bills even if House Democrats repeat the walkouts they've held the past two years to protest the consideration of so-called right-to-work laws limiting union powers. In Oklahoma, Republicans are expected to use their huge majorities to move to slash state income taxes after efforts last year fell short.

Indiana Democrats acknowledge there is little they can do.

"It's deeply troubling that my party has fallen in this position and left our state, in my view, so ill-represented," said Democratic Rep. Ed DeLaney of Indianapolis. "It's a huge challenge."

Republican supermajorities in both North Carolina chambers are likely to push for income tax cuts and sweeping education changes, including broader merit pay for public school teachers and expanded tax credits for parents who send their children to private schools. Also on the agenda: a photo identification requirement for voting that was vetoed in 2011 by Democratic Gov. Beverly Perdue.

Deflated Democrats, who haven't been so shut out of control in more than a century, hope new Republican Gov. Pat McCrory will at least consider their concerns.

"We'll go forward. We have no choice," said minority whip Rep. Deborah Ross.

In Missouri, House Speaker Tim Jones wants to advance an agenda that includes tax cuts, business incentives and education reform. The new GOP supermajority could trump any objections by Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon, who vetoed some previous business-backed bills.

"The governor will need to understand the importance of true, actual negotiation during the legislative process," Jones said.

Yet a supermajority is not a guarantee of success. With larger numbers can come more individual agendas and internal tensions.

"A very large majority ends up becoming factionalized," said Charles S. Bullock III, a longtime political science professor at the University of Georgia who teaches legislative politics. There are "people who are vying with each other, looking down the road to the next election."

Kansas is a good example of that. Republicans there gained a supermajority in both chambers in the 2010 elections but remained divided in conservative and moderate camps. They took their battle to the ballot box this year and conservatives prevailed — giving them a likely hold on 27 of 40 Kansas Senate seats and as many as 75 of 125 House seats.

After enacting massive tax cuts in 2012, some Kansas conservatives now are looking forward to trimming government and possibly pursuing more tax cuts.

"What we know from history is we can expect some overreaching of lawmakers using their newfound political might to shove things down the throat of the minority — to pass laws that are more extreme than they would have passed in the old days," Kousser said.

In California, Democrats are looking forward to having things their way. Republican Assemblyman Jim Nielsen predicts an "unprecedented spending and taxing binge" as the new Democratic supermajority attempts to reduce some of the state's recent deep budget cuts.

California Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg has outlined an agenda that includes changing the tax code and ballot initiative process and perhaps asking voters to legalize same-sex marriage.

"We will exercise this new power with strength, but also with humility and with reason," Steinberg said.

## PERMITS
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as Phillips 66 Co. and even food processing companies such as Saputo Cheese USA Inc.

The permits are part of California's so-called "cap-and-trade" program — a central piece of the state's 2006 global warming regulations seeking to dramatically reduce emissions of heat-trapping gases.

Businesses are required to either cut emissions to cap levels annually, or buy pollution permits called "allowances" from other companies for each extra ton of emissions discharged annually.

The cap and number of allowances will decline over time in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions year-by-year.

The final price for 2013 allowances was just nine cents above the $10 minimum price set by regulators.

"The fact that the prices are clearing a little above the reserve is a good sign that people's fears about out of control costs for cleanup are not justified by the way the market actually worked," Nichols said.

About 97 percent of the allowances were bought by companies regulated under the program, and another 3 percent were bought by financial traders for later sale.

Nearly 40 million permits for 2015 — a year when cap-and-trade widens to include more entities — were also sold in the first auction. About 5.5 million of those allowances were auctioned for $10 each.

Petroleum refiners, manufacturing companies and other industries have been outspoken opponents of the program, calling it an illegal tax that will hurt California's economic recovery.

The California Chamber of Commerce has filed a lawsuit seeking to invalidate the program, arguing the board does not have the legal authority to collect money for the state.

Some of the money collected by the state will be returned to residential utility ratepayers to help offset an expected rise in their bills due to cap and trade. Other portions of the funds will go to energy efficiency and other projects in low-income neighborhoods.

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# Superstorm shines light on federal beach program

WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

SPRING LAKE, N.J. Towns along the Jersey shore that made use of federal money to build up beaches came through Superstorm Sandy with far less damage than those that didn't, findings that are sure to intensify a debate that has raged for years over the wisdom of pumping millions of dollars' worth of sand onto the coastline, only to see it wash away continually.

That dispute pits coastal advocates for some of the most valuable shoreline in the country against elected officials from inland states who say it's unfair to ask taxpayers from, say, the Great Plains to pay to keep rebuilding beaches they don't even use.

The storm caused major erosion along New Jersey's famous 127-mile coastline, washing away tons of sand and slimming down beaches. Some lost half their sand; the average loss statewide was 30 to 40 feet of beach width, according to findings that are not yet public but were revealed to The Associated Press.

Routine storms tear up beaches in any season, and even normal waves carry away sand. Over the years, one prescription for insulating communities from the invading sea has been to artificially replenish beaches with sand pumped from offshore. The federal government picks up 75 percent of the cost, with the rest coming from state and local coffers.

"It really, really works," said Stewart Farrell, director of Stockton College's Coastal Research Center and a leading expert on beach erosion. "Where there was a federal beach fill in place, there was no major damage — no homes destroyed, no sand piles in the streets. Where there was no beach fill, water broke through the dunes."

From 1986 to 2011, nearly $700 million was spent placing 80 million cubic yards of sand on about 55 percent of the New Jersey coast. Over that time, the average beach had gained 4 feet of width, according to the Coastal Research Center. And just before the storm hit, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded nearly $28 million worth of contracts for new replenishment projects in southern New Jersey's Cape May County.

The pending spending showdown between congressional Republicans and Democrats could make it even harder to secure hundreds of millions of additional dollars for beach replenishment.

U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez, a New Jersey Democrat, predicted lawmakers from New Jersey and New York would be able to get additional shore protection funds included in the next federal budget, despite partisan wars.

"I think we will be able to make the case," he said. "We can show that this provides long-term protection to property and lives. You can either pay up front to keep on top of projects like this, or you can pay on the back end" through disaster recovery funds.

U.S. Sen. Tom Coburn, an Oklahoma Republican, used a close-up photo of a pig to grace the cover of his 2009 report "Washed Out To Sea," in which he characterized beach replenishment as costly, wasteful pork that the nation could ill afford.

"Taxpayers are not surprised when they learn how Congress wastes billions of dollars on questionable programs and projects each year, but it may still shock taxpayers to know that Congress has literally dumped nearly $3 billion into beach projects that have washed out to sea," he wrote.

A message seeking comment was left Monday with Coburn's office.

Menendez this week noted that Congress has approved emergency recovery funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina and tornadoes in Missouri, among other natural disasters.

"We expect that the United States of America will be there for New Jersey," he said, stressing the word "united."

During a tour of storm-wrecked neighborhoods in Seaside Heights and Hoboken, Vice President Joe Biden also vowed the federal government would pay to rebuild New Jersey.

"This is a national responsibility; this is not a local responsibility," Biden said. "We're one national government, and we have an obligation."

Farrell and others have been documenting post-Sandy erosion; so far, they're about three-quarters finished with the study, an early version of which has been sent to Gov. Chris Christie's office but not made public.

Farrell told the AP that the survey found the average beach's sand loss was 30 to 40 feet. But some lost five times that amount. Mantoloking, one of the hardest-hit communities, lost 150 feet of beach, he said.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection declined to discuss the extent of beach erosion after Sandy, saying assessments are still ongoing.

But the U.S. Geological Survey said Sandy caused "extreme and often catastrophic erosion" and flooding in places like Mantoloking. The group's before-and-after photos show that a part of Long Branch appears to have lost three-quarters of its beach. Seaside Heights — where MTV's popular reality show "Jersey Shore" is filmed — looks to have lost about 80 percent of its sand, and Brigantine about 90 percent.

"Sandy rapidly displaced massive quantities of sand in a capacity that visibly changed the landscape," the survey wrote in a report.

In contrast, places with recently beefed-up beaches including Avalon, Stone Harbor, Cape May and the central part of Ocean City came through the storm with comparatively little property damage, he said.

How big the beaches are — or whether there is a beach at all to go to — is a crucial question that must be resolved well before the tourist season starts next Memorial Day. The Jersey shore is the economic engine that powers the state's $35.5 billion tourism industry.

Jogging in the street because Sandy had destroyed the Spring Lake boardwalk for the second time in little over a year, Michele Degnan-Spang said it was difficult to comprehend how things have changed in her community.

A few stray planks of the synthetic gray boardwalk that was just replaced last year at great expense after Tropical Storm Irene were strewn about the sand; concrete pilings that used to support the boardwalk now stretch for a mile off to the horizon like little Stonehenges.

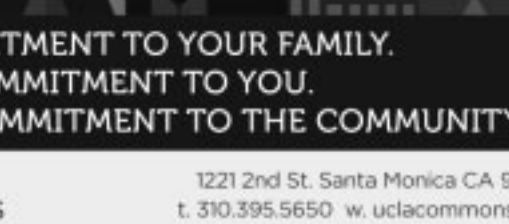
"It's horrible," she said. "It's draining to see this. It's surreal. I'm walking through it and saying, 'This really is happening.'"

The day after Sandy hit the last week in October, shore towns sprang into action, hastily reassembling dunes that were diminished or washed away. Using heavy machinery, they pushed sand into large piles up against beachfront homes and businesses as a potentially destructive nor'easter approached a week later. Those temporary

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# Hostess lives another day to mediate with union

**CANDICE CHOI**
AP Food Industry Writer

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. Twinkies will live to see another day.

Hostess Brands Inc. and its second largest union agreed on Monday to go into mediation to try to resolve their differences after a bankruptcy court judge concluded that the parties hadn't gone through the critical step. That means the maker of the spongy cake with the mysterious cream in the middle won't go out of business yet.

The news comes after the maker of Ho Ho's, Ding Dongs and Wonder Bread last week moved to liquidate and sell off its assets in bankruptcy court. The company cited a crippling strike started on Nov. 9 by the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union that started, which represents about 30 percent of Hostess workers.

"Many people, myself included, have serious questions as to the logic behind this strike," said Judge Robert Drain, who heard the case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York in White Plains, N.Y. "Not to have gone through that step leaves a huge question mark in this case."

The mediation talks are expected to begin Tuesday, with the liquidation hearing set to resume on Wednesday. After Monday's hearing, Jeff Freund, an attorney for the bakers union, said any guess as to how the talks will go would be "purely speculative."

In an interview following the hearing, CEO Gregory Rayburn said that there is enormous financial pressure to come to an agreement with the union by the end of the day Tuesday. He noted that it's costing Hostess about $1 million a day in payroll costs alone to keep the company alive.

"We didn't think we had a runway, but the judge just created a 24-hour runway," said Rayburn, who added that even if a contract agreement is reached, it's unclear whether all 33 Hostess plants operate again.

Hostess, weighed down by debt, management turmoil, rising labor costs and the changing tastes of America, decided on Friday that it no longer could make it through a conventional Chapter 11 bankruptcy restructuring. Instead, the company, which is based in Irving, Texas, asked the court for permission to sell assets and go out of business.

Hostess, which is in its second bankruptcy in less than a decade, said that it was saddled with costs related to its unionized workforce. So the company brought on Rayburn as a restructuring expert to renegotiate its contract with labor unions.

Hostess, which had been contributing $100 million a year in pension costs for workers, offered them a new contract that would've slashed that to $25 million a year, in addition to wage cuts and a 17 percent reduction in health benefits. But the bakery union decided to strike.

By that time, Hostess had reached a contract agreement with its largest union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which urged the bakery union to hold a secret ballot on whether to continue striking. Although many bakery workers decided to cross picket lines this week, Hostess said it wasn't enough to keep operations at normal levels.

Rayburn said that Hostess was already operating on razor thin margins and that the strike was the final blow. The company's announcement on Friday that it would move to liquidate prompted people across the country to rush to stores and stock up on their favorite Hostess treats. Many businesses reported selling out of Twinkies within hours and the spongy yellow cakes turned up for sale online for hundreds of dollars.

Even if Hostess goes out of business, its popular brands will likely find a second life after being snapped up by buyers. The company says several potential buyers have expressed interest in the brands. Although Hostess' sales have been declining in recent years, the company still does about $2.5 billion in business each year. Twinkies along brought in $68 million so far this year.

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measures largely worked.

But the work continues. Sea Bright, the state's narrowest barrier island, was decimated by Sandy, pummeled by waves from the ocean and flooding from the Shrewsbury River.

Sea Bright, Bradley Beach, Ocean Grove and other towns have pushed huge piles of sand into the center of their beaches, to be spread around and used to shore up gaps the storm exposed. Others have pushed it into makeshift cliffs at the edge of damaged homes.

Sea Bright and neighboring Monmouth Beach lost a combined total of a half-million cubic yards of beach sand, according to Jon Miller, a professor of ocean engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology. That would be enough to cover the field at MetLife Stadium — where the New York Jets and Giants play — with a pile that would extend 100 feet past the top of the arena, he said.

Not all the sand is lost forever. At least some of it accrues and builds up around other beaches, actually widening them — a concept built in to replenishment projects, which include "feeder beaches" designed to erode and nourish other parts of the shoreline.

Degnan-Spang predicted she and her extended family would be back on the sand soon.

"The drive is going to be to get back on the beach next summer, no matter what it looks like," she said. "We don't go on vacation because we live in the most beautiful spot in the world. We all go to the beach; it's what summer is. It'll come back; it'll just be different."

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# Steady U.S. housing recovery is boosting economic growth

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WASHINGTON From purchases and prices to builder sentiment and construction, the U.S. housing market is making consistent gains.

The latest evidence came in reports Monday that sales of previously occupied homes rose solidly in October and that builders are more confident than at any other time in 6? years.

New-home sales and home-price indexes have reached multi-year highs. And Lowe's Cos. on Monday reported a surge in net income, a sign that home-improvement retailers are benefiting.

The housing market's recovery still has a long way to go. But for now, it's helping prop up an economy that's being squeezed by a global slowdown and looming spending cuts and tax increases.

Joseph LaVorgna, an economist at Deutsche Bank, estimates that the housing recovery could boost U.S. economic growth by a full percentage point next year. That's because a stronger housing market would mean more jobs, especially in industries like construction, and more consumer spending.

"Housing could provide a meaningful — and critical — lift to overall economic activity when other growth drivers, like exports, are slowing," LaVorgna said.

Helping drive the housing rebound is growing confidence among builders. An index of builder sentiment compiled by the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo rose to 46 this month, up from 41 in October. It was the highest reading since May 2006, just before the housing bubble burst.

Readings below 50 signal negative sentiment about the housing market. The index last reached that level in April 2006. Still, the index has been rising since October 2011, when it was 17. It's surged 27 points in the past 12 months, the sharpest annual increase on record.

A second report Monday said sales of previously occupied homes are near five-year highs, excluding temporary spikes in 2009 and 2010 when a homebuyer tax credit boosted purchases. Sales rose 2.1 percent in October to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.79 million, the National Association of Realtors said.

Sales are nearly 11 percent higher than they were a year ago, though they remain below the more than 5.5 million that economists says is consistent with a healthy market.

The Realtors' group said Superstorm Sandy delayed some purchases of previously occupied homes in the Northeast. Sales fell 1.7 percent there, the only region to show a drop. Those purchases will likely be completed in coming months, the group said.

A key factor fueling the gains is a gradually improving economy, which has increased the number of people looking for homes. At the same time, fewer homes are available for sale. The low supply is helping push up prices.

Only 2.14 million homes were available for sale at the end of October, the lowest supply in 10 years. It would take just 5.4 months to exhaust that supply at the current sales pace. That's the lowest sales-to-inventory ratio since 2006.

"We built too many homes during the good years, and we have finally gotten rid of that excess," said Patrick Newport, an economist at IHS Global Insight.

In addition, mortgage rates have hit all-time lows. And rents are rising, making the purchase of a single-family home or condominium more attractive.

The rise in people seeking to buy should support more construction over the next year or two, economists say. More Americans are looking set up their own households after living with relatives or friends in the recession and its aftermath.

In a healthy economy, the number of new households typically reaches 1.2 million a year. It averaged only 570,000 a year from 2007 through 2011, according to Census data compiled by Bank of America Merrill Lynch. It reached 635,000 last year. The Census expects about 1 million new households this year.

In September, builders broke ground on new homes at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 872,000. That was the fastest pace in more than four years. Yet it still trailed the rate of household formation. The trend suggests that home construction will have to keep rising.

Low inventory "is a sign that housing markets are tightening, and that builders will continue ramping up on new construction to fill demand," Newport said.

For all the improvement in the housing industry, sales and prices remain below normal levels. In part, that's because many potential buyers can't meet stricter lending standards or make the larger down payments that banks have required since the housing bust.

That can be a particular obstacle for first-time buyers. They accounted for 31 percent of home sales in October. That was down slightly from September and below the 40 percent common in a healthy market.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said last week that banks' overly tight lending standards might be limiting home sales and holding back the economic recovery.

Still, the steady improvement in housing is benefiting the economy. Each new home built creates about three jobs for a full year and yields $90,000 in taxes, according to the homebuilders' group.

More building also creates demand for steel, glass and other materials. People who buy new homes usually buy more furniture, carpets and appliances. That typically generates more manufacturing and retail jobs.

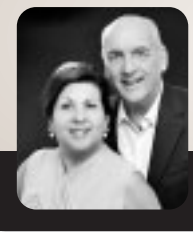
More home construction generates more demand for pick-up trucks, as builders and contractors add trucks to handle more work. Chrysler said last week that it was adding 1,000 workers to a factory that makes Dodge Ram trucks. Ford and General Motors have also said demand for trucks is rising.

All told, Alan Levenson, chief economist at T. Rowe Price, estimates that the housing recovery could add 25,000 jobs a month next year.

Home improvement chains are benefiting. In addition to Lowe's higher earnings, Home Depot Inc. last week reported slightly higher third-quarter net income. And Home Depot raised its full-year forecast.

The clearest sign of a better housing market may be the increase in prices. A measure of U.S. prices jumped 5 percent in September compared with a year ago, according to private data provider CoreLogic. That was the largest year-over-year increase since July 2006. Other gauges have also shown solid gains in home prices over the past year.

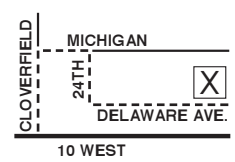
Higher home prices can also make homeowners feel wealthier and more likely to spend more. And consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of the U.S. economy.

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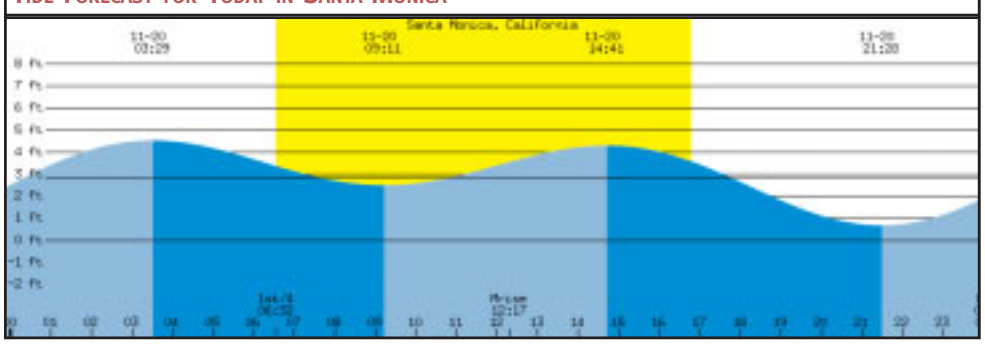
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**Should be chest high at south facing breaks, knee high at west facing spots.**

**Long Range Synopsis**

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**Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica**




BEACH REPORT CARD

# NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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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 -- 3
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 22 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | B | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks. | ns | ns |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | ns |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | B | ns |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | C | ns |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach. | A | ns |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd. | A | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | A+ | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily. | A | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | A | ns |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A | ns |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs. | A+ | ns |
| Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Tuna Canyon. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A | ns |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A+ | ns |

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

**LEGEND**

**DRY** -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

**WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

**ns** -- no sample taken

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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

# Stanford new No. 1 in women's poll

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AP Basketball Writer

Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer has had many really good teams over the past few seasons, reaching the Final Four the last five years.

Yet none of those teams was ever No. 1. She finally has a top-ranked team again.

Stanford took over the top spot in The Associated Press poll Monday from Baylor after ending the Lady Bears' 42-game winning streak. The Cardinal barely edged Connecticut for the top spot in the poll. Stanford received 21 first-place votes, while Connecticut had 17. Baylor got the other one.

"I have great respect for so many teams out there," VanDerveer said. "I don't think it's a one-horse race or two-horse race. There are a lot of really good teams out there."

It's the Cardinal's first time at No. 1 since the final poll of the 2005 season.

"I can think of a lot of teams that we have had that might beat this team, but it is only November," VanDerveer said. "During the last few years, there have been some very dominant teams. UConn with back-to-back national championships, Baylor's team last year. It brings great positive attention to women's basketball on the West Coast. We're happy to hold the banner for West Coast basketball."

Stanford has been No. 1 two other times, holding the top spot for a six-week stretch in 1996 and in the preseason poll in 1992.

The Cardinal (5-0) jumped from fourth after beating former No. 1 Baylor 71-69 on Friday night. Baylor, which was first in the previous 21 polls, fell to third.

"The win against Baylor and now being No. 1 is going to make it tough for us to sneak up on anybody," VanDerveer said laughing.

Stanford's first game at No. 1 will be Sunday when the Cardinal host Long Beach State. Stanford has won 80 straight home games at Maples Pavilion dating back to the 2007-08 season.

"We only have one game Sunday and maybe the attention our team will get over the next few days will get more people to come out and check us out."

The first real test may not come until a road trip to South Carolina and Tennessee in late December before the Cardinal return home to face UConn on Dec. 29.

Duke was fourth and Notre Dame fifth. The Blue Devils were the last team to jump from the fourth spot to No. 1. They did it in the 2003-04 season after beating then-No. 1 UConn by a point. It's only happened three other times — twice by Louisiana Tech and once by Penn State.

Penn State moved up three spots to sixth. The Nittany Lions were followed by Louisville, Georgia, Kentucky and Maryland to round out the Top 10. Kentucky fell three places after losing to Baylor by 34 points last week. The Terrapins dropped five spots after falling to Saint Joseph's by one.

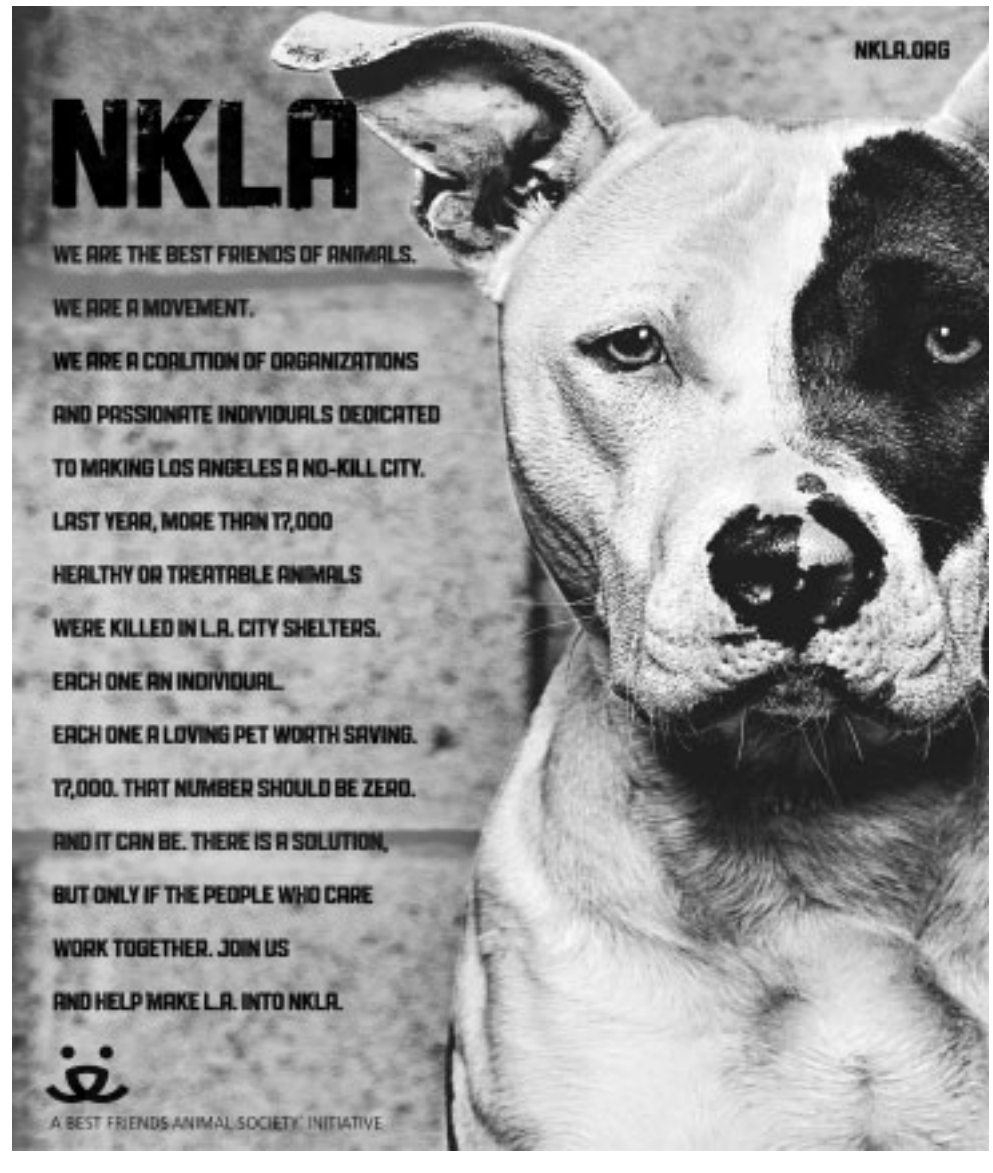
California, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Purdue and Texas were the next five. Ohio State climbed four places to 16th. The Buckeyes were followed by Vanderbilt, St. John's, UCLA and Tennessee.

Oklahoma State, Kansas, Nebraska, Dayton and North Carolina round out the poll.

UCLA, Kansas, Dayton and North Carolina all moved into the Top 25 for the first time this season. Delaware, Texas A&M, Miami and Georgetown fell out. Dayton has only been ranked once before, for two weeks in 2009.

The Flyers (4-0) have already knocked off DePaul and Vanderbilt this season.

"We are honored that people are recognizing what our coaches and players have done here at Dayton," Flyers coach Jim Jabir said. "If we are able to be ranked at the end of the season in the final poll that would truly be an amazing thing."



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# At home tonight, Sag

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★ Listen to your instincts with a key partner. You'll go far, because you are willing to honor your intuition as well as your intellect. You might not want to reveal a lot in a conversation about money. Tonight: Take much-needed personal time.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★★ Listen to your comrades in order to gain some insight as to what to do with someone who might be stopping up the works. This discussion takes you in a new direction, and it allows greater give-and-take. Tonight: You are coming from a more centered perspective.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★ A boss might be instrumental, but he or she is demanding. Make sure that you can handle this combination. You have strong drive and want to get as much done as possible. Tonight: Understand what you can and cannot change.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★ Do not hesitate to reach out to someone at a distance who means a lot to you. You might decide to make plans to see each other in the near future. A dear friend or loved one supports you in promoting a cause or an initiative. Tonight: Where music can fill the air.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★ Someone else wants to run with the ball, but you might not be sure of this person's choices. Try to help this person get grounded by having a conversation with well-placed questions. You might want to rethink a decision involving your health. Tonight: Share ideas.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★ Defer to someone else, and know full well what the end result will be. You know what to do. Your sixth sense comes through for you, but you might want to discuss the situation with a friend who will be equally impacted. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★ Issues involving work or your daily routine come to the forefront. You might want to rethink a situation more openly. Your creativity is high, and you know how to bypass a problem. Tonight: Include some exercise.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★★ Your more playful personality emerges, which allows greater give-and-take. You see a situation far differently and are able to incorporate others' ideas. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★ Consider working from home so that you can handle a domestic issue. Communication flourishes, no matter where you are. You might need to screen calls. Your instincts might be off, as you could be drained or slightly depressed. Tonight: At home.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★ Communication thrives, and it's unlike anything you've ever seen. You might be getting a mixed message from someone and could be unsure as to which way to go. Slow down before taking any action or speaking any words. Tonight: Get into a happening.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★ You could be more in touch with someone's needs right now. Your instincts will come forward, but you also might be dealing with some anger. Pull back and take a walk, especially if you are feeling pushed. Tonight: A parent or older person might be demanding.

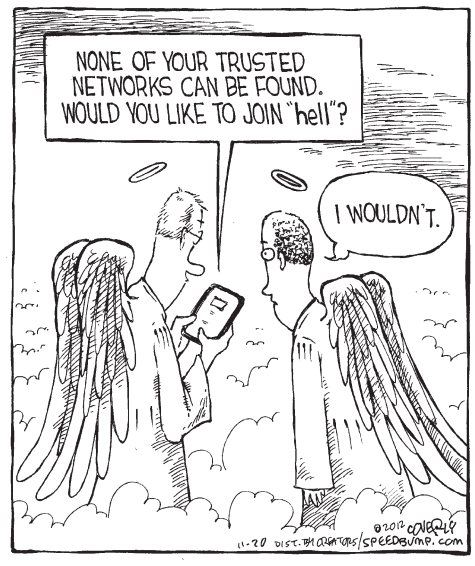
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★ The time has come to share some strong feelings and get feedback. A friend lets you know exactly what he or she is feeling. This person wants you to agree with him or her. Follow your conscience. Tonight: Mood changed? Adjust your plans accordingly.

## Happy birthday

This year you open up to your creativity and your heartfelt desires. When sharing those dreams, you are taking the first step in making them so. If you are artistic, you will give form to one of your life's masterpieces. If you are single, a very significant romance could blow in this year -- most likely after spring. If you are attached, you might find that you could be welcoming a new addition to your family. PISCES sparks your imagination.

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

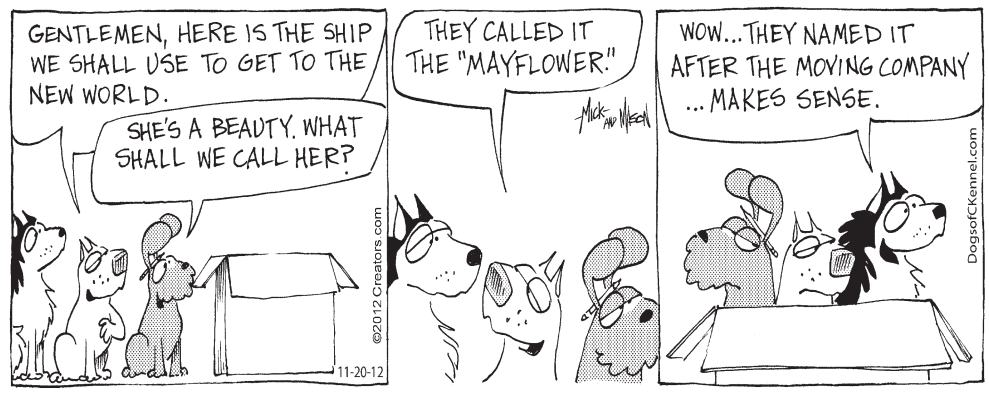
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By Dave Coverly



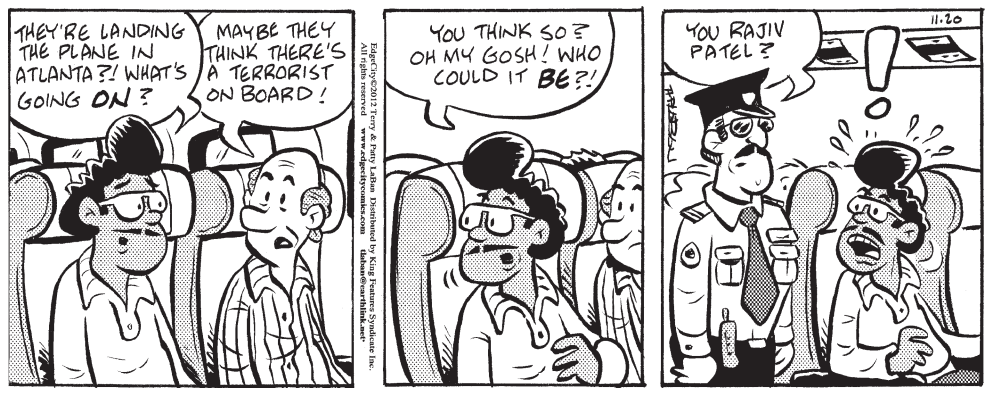

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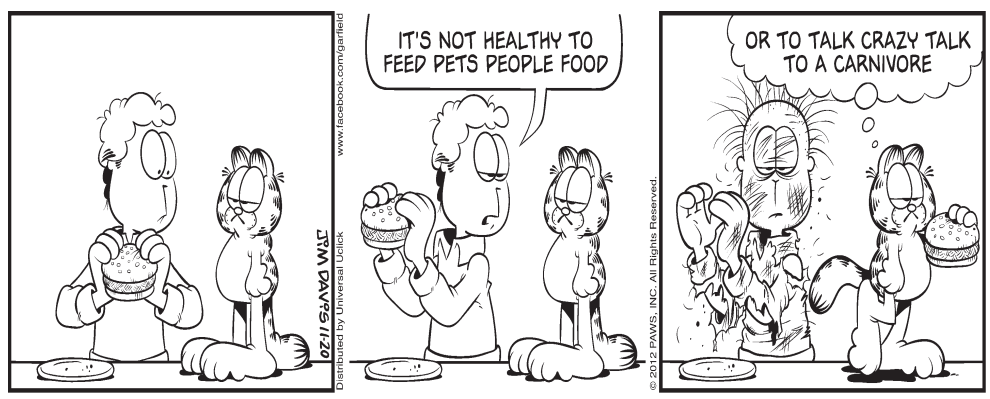

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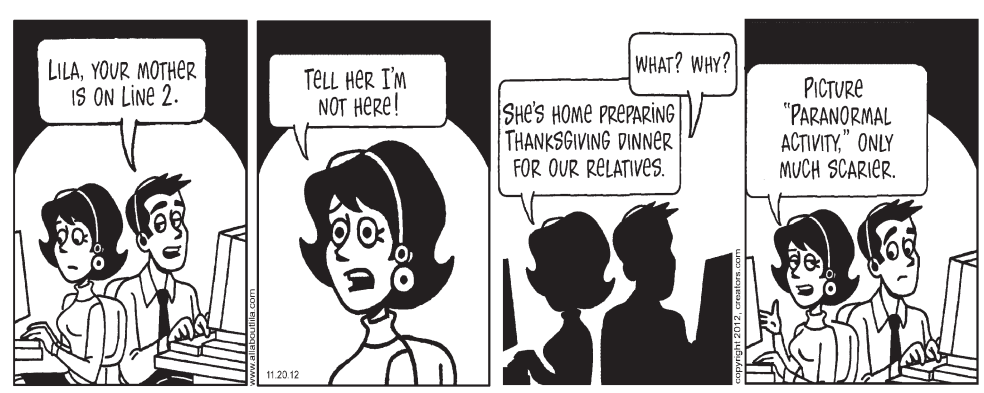

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# Sudoku

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 ★★

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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

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# CROSSWORD

## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Pool-swimming count
**5** Joy of TV
**10** Wed in secret
**12** "— It Through the Rain" (Manilow song)
**13** Covers in churches
**15** Dessert choice
**16** Wire measure
**17** Honey maker
**18** Mail, as payment
**20** Cavalry base
**21** Sculpting medium
**22** Chopping tools
**23** Mail, as payment
**25** Goblet part
**28** Modify
**31** Skillets
**32** Bank worker
**34** "— little teapot ..."
**35** Farrow of films
**36** Had a feast
**37** Covers in homes
**40** New York's — Island
**41** Lovable
**42** Future flowers
**43** Blunders

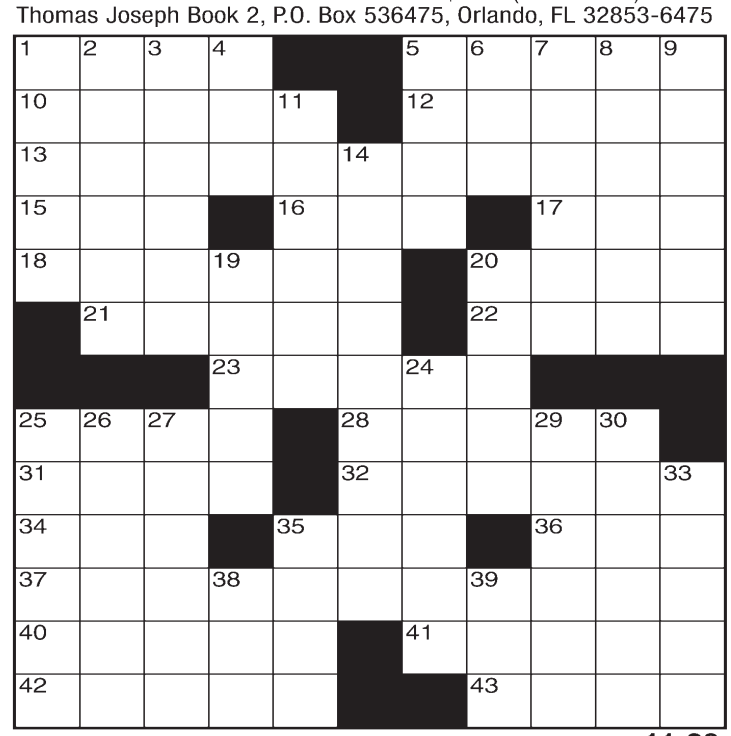
**DOWN**

**1** Bounds
**2** Axis foes
**3** Packing a punch
**4** Relaxing resort
**5** Platypus feature
**6** Punk-rock offshoot
**7** Round storage item
**8** Stick
**9** Fixes, as a clock
**11** Royal fur
**14** Movie-related
**19** Student housing
**20** Deadly
**24** Worthy aims
**25** Shows malice toward
**26** Tex-Mex treat
**27** Facilitate
**29** Poor race-horse
**30** Tie up
**33** Work breaks
**35** Clutter
**38** Pot part
**39** Need to pay

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**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 11/19
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EVENING: 7 3 2

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Puzzingly, adults continue to accidentally ingest improbable objects, often seemingly unaware of what they did. Lee Gardner, 40, of Barnsley, England, swallowed a plastic fork 10 years ago, but said he "forgot" about it until violent stomach pains forced him to the hospital in August. And British student Georgie Smith, 19, became the latest person to accidentally swallow a regular-sized toothbrush (though the first doctor she consulted told her he couldn't spot any "toothbrush" on an X-ray). (With kids, the phenomenon is more understandable. Sinus-suffering Isaak Lasson, 6, of Salt Lake City was finally diagnosed in August to have accidentally stuck a Lego piece up his nose three years ago, and Hector Flores Jr., 7, of New York City, was found in October to have swallowed the whistle mechanism of a plastic duck, causing him to tweet when he laughed.)

■ Again this year, a serial drowning made the news (where one jumps in to rescue another, and a third is needed to rescue the first two, and a fourth, and none survives.) In Ulster, Northern Ireland, in September, rugby player Nevin Spence, along with his brother and father, died in a slurry tank on the family's farm, and their sister, who also attempted a rescue, was hospitalized. Officials said they could not determine the order in which the men entered the pit until the sister was well enough to talk.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1982** – The General Union of Ecuadorian Workers (UGTE) is founded.

**1985** – Microsoft Windows 1.0 is released.

**1989** – Velvet Revolution: The number of protesters assembled in Prague, Czechoslovakia swells from 200,000 the day before to an estimated half-million.

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2. To eye; look or stare at.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012220278 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/05/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FOUNDATION ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION, FOUNDATION ARCHITECTURE CONSTRUCTION, FOUNDATION AC. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: FOUNDATIONAC, INC. 11376 MATTESON AVE LOS ANGELES, CA 90066. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)05/25/2012. /s/: JOHN ROBINSON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/05/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/13/2012, 11/20/2012, 11/27/2012, 12/04/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012220277 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/05/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SUMMER IN LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SUMMER GERMANN 713 NAVY ST. SANTA MONICA CA 90405. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:SUMMER GERMANN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/05/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 224540 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/08/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CRENSHAW CHECK CASHING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LEILA ZAHEDIANFARD 6425 CRENSHAW BLVD. LOS ANGELES,CA 90043. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:LEILA ZAHEDIANFARD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/08/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 224539 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/08/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as FIL-AM INSIDER. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MDM GROUP OF COMPANIES 3460 WILSHIRE BLVD. STE. 1005 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/16/2012. /s/: MILDRED DEANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/08/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 224541 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/08/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STEEL THINKING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: EDNA E. PAIZ 2028 S. BEDFORD ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:EDNA E. PAIZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/08/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 224543 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/08/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DIRECTTRAVEL. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ROBERT SMITH 1767 ORCHID AVE. #103 HOLLYWOOD, CA 90028. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:ROBERT SMITH. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/08/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 224544 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/08/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PRONTO INCOME TAX. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: PRONTO TAX FRANCHISE, INC. 4835 BERRYMAN AVE. CULVER CITY, CA 90230. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/15/2012. /s/: ANDREW FREIBURGERHOUSE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/08/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 225746 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/09/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as

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RAPIDCOOL. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JERRY RIKE WINDSOR DR. VALENCIA, CA 91355. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:JERRY RIKE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/09/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 228914 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/15/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JILL ROSEN LAc. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JILL ROSEN 5530 CORBIN AVENUE #100 TARZANA, CA 9136. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/08/2012. /s/: JILL ROSEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/15/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 228916 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/15/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ABC COMPUTER REPAIR SERVICE. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DEAN MORGAN REALTY LLC. DALLAS, TEXAS 75252. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/09/2012. /s/: DEAN MORGAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/15/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 228912 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/15/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SAM. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SHARYN GOLD 127 EAST 9TH STREET #407 LOS ANGELES, CA 90015. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)09/01/2012. /s/: SHARYN GOLD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/15/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/19/2012, 11/26/2012, 12/03/2012, 12/10/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012 228915 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/15/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STRAIGHT DIVING PRODUCTIONS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CHAD LOURY 1314 E. WORKMAN AVE. WEST COVINA, CA 91790. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/01/2012. /s/: CHAD LOURY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/15/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 11/15/2012, 11/22/2012, 11/29/2012, 12/06/2012.

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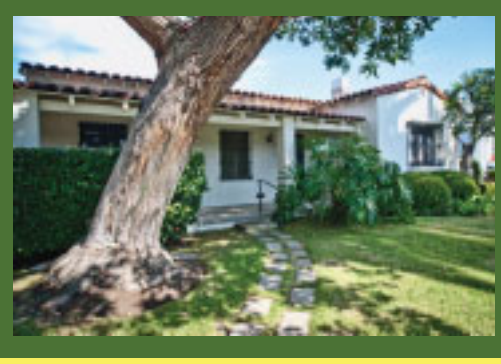
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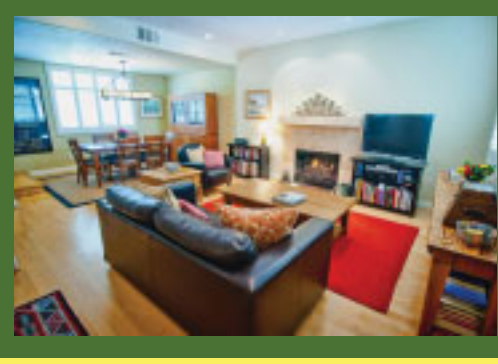


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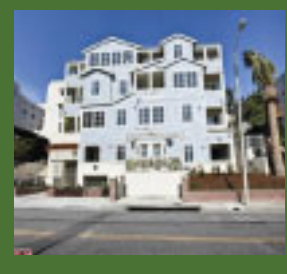
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