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THE CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN ISSUE

Crew tows whale carcass in Malibu out to the Pacific

RAQUEL MARIA DILLON
Associated Press

MALIBU, Calif. A tugboat towed the decomposing carcass of a whale from a Malibu beach out to sea, several days after it washed ashore and created a stench near the homes of movie stars and millionaires.

The remains of the 40,000-pound fin whale were towed Saturday about 20 miles from shore by a crew hired by a homeowners' association, Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Brian Riley said.

The 40-foot-long juvenile male washed ashore Monday near Point Dume, attracting onlookers who wandered down the narrow beach to look at the remains — white bones,

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'Tiger Bandit' bank robber arrested

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Authorities say a suspected robber dubbed the Tiger Bandit has implicated himself in five Southern California bank heists.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's officials say 32-year-old Winston Damian Evans was arrested Tuesday when deputies served a search warrant at a relative's house in Compton.

Evans, described by authorities as a drifter, was charged Thursday with bank robbery.

The suspect got his nickname because he was caught in surveillance photos wearing a Detroit Tigers baseball cap.

Investigators recovered clothing believed to have been worn during the robberies and some cash. Detectives also seized a silver Nissan Altima, which matched surveillance video images of the getaway car used during a Santa Monica robbery.

Evans is also linked to bank robberies in Huntington Beach, Marina del Rey, Long Beach and Lomita since Nov. 23.



Ashley Archibald *ashley@smdp.com*

TYING IT DOWN: **A worker at Shawn's Christmas Tree Lot at 23rd Street and Wilshire Boulevard loads a tree onto a car on Sunday.**

Greening the holidays

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Real or fake?

It's a popular question in Los Angeles, but at this time of year it's directed at only one kind of ornamentation — Christmas trees.

The debate between real conifers and artificial trees reopens every year after the last of the Thanksgiving turkey leaves the table and before the marathon of "It's a Wonderful Life" begins.

Those on the side of fresh trees hold that the once-living specimens are a critical component of the holidays — the experience of selecting a pine, the smell of it in the home and even the way the needles get absolutely everywhere are hallmarks of the season.

Fake tree proponents note the convenience of the up-cycled PVC pipe and the fact that it spares those with allergies and ducks the doom of "Christmas tree syndrome," a respiratory illness caused by mold that grows on the trees.

While each has checks in the "pro" column, both try to lay claim to the one with the most value in sustainable Santa Monica — the environmental seal of approval.

If you ask Rick Dungey, public relations manager for the National Christmas Tree Association, there is no contest.

"The only people still out about this are the people who sell plastic trees," Dungey said.

Although people question the ecology of cutting down living trees for Christmas decoration, the life cycle of a tree can be up to six years before it ends up in a lot, providing something that artificial trees cannot — carbon absorption.

"The plastic, tree-shaped decorations say 'save a tree and buy a plastic tree instead,' which I think is completely duplicitous," Dungey said.

The trees also travel less than their plastic cousins.

Shawn Wilk — who runs Shawn's Christmas Tree Lot at 23rd Street and Wilshire Boulevard with his wife, Eliane — gets his trees from California's northern neighbor, Oregon. He even travels there in August or October to select the trees that

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Salsa with the baby
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m.
Bond with your child while learning Cuban salsa, cha cha, rumba and reggaeton. Ages 0–14 months. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Skate the day away
ICE at Santa Monica
1324 Fifth St., 2 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Ice skating by the beach? The annual ICE at Santa Monica rink returns to give locals a taste of winter. For more information, visit www.downtownsm.com/ice.

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012

Holiday hoopla
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.
Sleigh or ice skate on down to the Ocean Park Library and join Mr. Jesse and all of his puppet pals for some stories celebrating the winter season. Ages 3-7. Cost: Free. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Spike it
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 3:30 p.m.
This youth beach volleyball class is intended for ages 7-15. Cost: $18. For more information, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com.

Light the menorah
Third Street Promenade and Wilshire Boulevard
Sundown
Downtown Santa Monica will celebrate the Chanukah season with a lighting of a menorah at sundown. There will be a daily lighting throughout Chanukah. For more information, visit downtownsm.com/winterlit.

Matters of the mind
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
Take a moment and just chill for a 30-minute session of mindful meditation. It's a way to let the stress of the world melt away while you contemplate you're mind and body. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



Report: Reckless prescribing a common practice

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES California patients are at risk from reckless prescribing by doctors because of a lack of oversight at the state Medical Board, an investigation has found.

The board seldom tries to suspend the prescribing privileges of physicians under investigation, and even when it sanctions doctors for abusing their powers, in most cases it allows them to continue practicing and writing prescriptions, according to the Los Angeles Times.

At least 30 patients in Southern California have died of drug overdoses or related causes over a six year span while their doctors were under investigation. The board ultimately sanctioned all but one of those 12 doctors,

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'Skyfall,' 'Guardians' duel for movie win

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES James Bond is in a box-office photo finish with Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny over what looks to be the last slow weekend of the holidays.

According to studio estimates Sunday, Sony's Bond tale "Skyfall" took in $11 million to move back to No. 1 in its fifth weekend.

That put it narrowly ahead of Paramount's "Rise of the Guardians," the animated adventure of Santa, the Easter Bunny and other mythological heroes that pulled in $10.5 million.

The two movies inched ahead of Summit Entertainment's "The Twilight

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TOUGH WEEKEND

Paul Alvarez Jr. *news@smdp.com*

TOP: Samohi's Jordan Mathews forces a lay up against Chaminade during a 70-67 loss in the third place game of the Santa Monica Tournament.

RIGHT: Spencer Cramer blocks a ball against Loyola on Friday during the semifinals of the Santa Monica Tournament. Loyola would go on to win the game 83-82 in overtime. Loyola went on to win the tournament with a 78-58 win over West Ranch.

Pea soup fog makes San Joaquin Valley notorious

TRACIE CONE
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. Some fog creeps in poetically on little cat feet through the Golden Gate. And then there is the prosaic fog of California's San Joaquin Valley that erupts from the soil in certain wintry conditions to put a stranglehold on the region.

This dense tule fog materializes in a patchwork an average of 35 days each winter on mornings when cold mountain air sinks to the valley's lowest areas after a rain. On these gray days, visibility is less than 1,300 feet — and sometimes zero, schools start late, workers who can telecommute, commerce grinds to halt, and those who have to go somewhere hug the white line marking the outside edge of the road.

"I could argue it's the most dangerous kind of fog," said Jim Andersen of the National Weather Service on Foggy Bottom Road in Hanford, southwest of Fresno. "I'd be hard pressed to figure out another location that gets as bad as this. This is the most dangerous place when it's fog season."

Four people died in late November during the first big fog of the season: in one accident, a 90-year-old man was broadsided near Kingsburg when he thought an intersection was clear; in the other incident, a car with three people was struck head-on near Chowchilla by a big-rig when the driver swerved to avoid a minor accident.

Other parts of California get fog, and areas around the Sacramento Delta even get the dense, low tule fog named for

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Editor:

City Council members,

I do not think our city is well served by going forward with the Village Trailer Park development. As a resident in the neighborhood, I can say that my quality of life will be diminished by the lengthy construction process and then the presence of several hundred more cars on our local roads. Already, during evening rush hour periods when either the 405 or the 10 freeway is jammed, the drive time on Colorado and Broadway can be very long simply to travel the several blocks to Bundy.

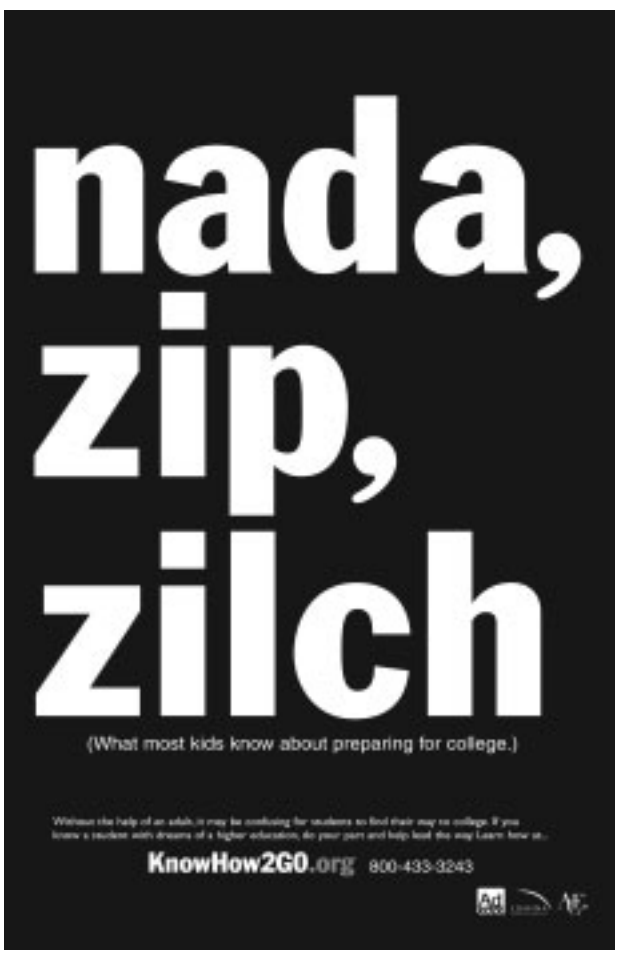
We are accepting the view of this particular developer that a smaller scaled version of this development is financially unworkable. It doesn't seem as if a scaled-down alternative was fully explored by the City Council staff or by the council members.

Why are we approving this plan? Is there not another, more sustainable and less impactful way of raising the same amount of revenue that this project is estimated to bring-in? Has adequate attention of staff and council been directed toward answering this question?

You council members are our eyes and ears when it comes to understanding and visualizing the spectrum of effects that will result from a project of this size. Simply in terms of aesthetics, the design details of this project seem not to enhance the human spirit, but to deaden it. Do football field long, windowless corridors embody the new Santa Monica? You are our eyes and ears, please be also our mind, heart, and voice and say no to this ill-advised project which serves the developer, but not Santa Monica.

Curtis Raynor
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Bill Bauer

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More than just saying 'home for the holidays'

THERE ARE MANY SAYINGS ABOUT home, we have all heard them. "Home for the holidays." "There is no place like home." "Home sweet home." But, how about, "home is where recovery is?"

For the last four years, West Coast Care (WCC), a nonprofit service agency working with the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), has helped the homeless break the cycle of homelessness by empowering them to reestablish contact with family and friends.

Ron Hooks, WCC's founder and executive director, came to Santa Monica on vacation with his family seven years ago. Hooks (who has a PhD in counseling psychology and was the executive director of Providence House, a drug and alcohol treatment center in San Francisco) couldn't help but notice that Santa Monica "had a lot of homeless people."

A year later, Hooks headed back here and created West Coast Care.

"It all began with a desire to open a resource center for the homeless somewhere in Santa Monica," he told me. "Day after day, we hit the streets and talked to people. We asked them what they really needed, what services would best serve them and where was the best location to offer assistance."

WCC's team established relationships with hundreds of homeless individuals — including Santa Monica's most chronic — and "we promised to help them any way we could," he related.

"One homeless man told me, 'This is as real as it gets. You're taking it to the street!' The homeless told us we were making a big difference by bringing the resources to them. For us, it was no longer about the location of a building, but connecting with the homeless where they live — on a daily basis. We've been on the streets ever since. After only a few weeks, we had helped several people who had been on the streets for years to go back home and reconnect with their families. Several others went into housing or treatment centers.

"Santa Monica has many similarities to San Francisco — one being almost all the homeless are from somewhere else. It was up north, at the rehab, that we also realized that people who were graduating from our program and who reconnected with family and friends had a much higher rate of continued success," Hooks said. "Here, if you're homeless, it's almost impossible to start over. With the cost of living so high, any motivation to succeed quickly begins to deteriorate. Many of the homeless find the obstacles overwhelming and give up."

Almost since its inception, Hooks and his staff have been working alongside the SMPD's Homeless Liaison Program (HLP team). Four years ago, a specific outreach program was created that allowed WCC to provide outreach by directly working with the department's HLP officers. For their services, West Coast Care receives an annual grant from the city Of Santa Monica.

WCC's outreach program is compassionate, practical and effective. Several cities in California have copied the model because of its success. The program has even become a valuable part of the community. Local residents and business owners also rely on WCC for homeless-related help, advice and information.

Last year, the City Council approved the purchase of an electric Polaris all-terrain vehicle so WCC could expand its outreach to all areas of the beach.

"On the sand is where we find the largest percentage of the people we eventually help because that's where most new arrivals go first to camp and sleep," he said. "Reaching out to new arrivals who are often lonely and vulnerable in unfamiliar surroundings and wondering if they made the right decision in coming here is important to our success."

When reestablishing contact with family is not possible or the best option, WCC assists individuals by referring them to local and regional service providers, such as OPCC, St. Joseph Center or the Veterans Administration.

"They're usually thankful for the quality and amount of resources we're able to offer," he said.

Hooks stressed, "Our statistics seem to indicate that people are far better off and more likely to break the cycle of homelessness or addiction when they're in familiar surroundings and close to significant people in their lives. The majority of people helped to go home are still there on our final follow-up."

Hooks revealed to me that 85 percent are improving their lives with the help of relatives or friends. And, with less than 1 percent returning to Santa Monica, I think it's an amazing success story!

How successful has WCC been in helping homeless persons go home? In the 2011-12 fiscal year, they reunited 353 folks with family and/or friends. That's 353 homeless off Santa Monica's streets in one year.

A total of 129 of the 353 received support from City Hall's Human Services Division's Project Homecoming which included travel subsidies. The remaining individuals received their travel support from relatives or friends.

West Coast Care still accepts donations from the public. Some of these donations provide meal vouchers and personal needs such as clean clothing for those returning home across the country.

"You'll never know what you'll run across," mused Hooks. "Once we bought an older gentleman a couple of tires for his camper van so he could drive back to Portland, Ore. He'd been forced to camp on our streets for months only because he couldn't afford to replace his tires."

West Coast Care, a 501(c)(3) tax deductible nonprofit, has a website: www.westcoastcare.org for more information or to donate.

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After latest climate talks, eyes on U.S. for next round

KARL RITTER
Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar Even as international climate talks ended this weekend with no new commitments on carbon emissions or climate aid from the United States, some were relieved America didn't make a weak deal even weaker.

Other countries are now watching to see if the Obama administration will back up post-election comments about climate change with renewed efforts to cut emissions at home, and pave the way for more ambitious targets as work proceeds to adopt a new global climate pact in 2015.

The two-week talks in Doha ended with an extension of the Kyoto Protocol, which was to expire this year, but which now will only cover 15 percent of global emissions since several developed countries, including Japan and Canada, have opted out. The U.S. never ratified the accord.

European Union Climate Commissioner Connie Hedegaard said Sunday that the U.S. negotiators were "careful not to block" the negotiations, adding that it's "still difficult to know whether they will actually invest political capital in committing to a new international deal."

In an emailed comment to The Associated Press, Hedegaard said she hopes Obama "will present not only an enhanced domestic climate policy but also an enhanced U.S. engagement and willingness to commit more in an international climate context."

Both rich and poor countries have long accused the U.S. of hampering the global effort to fight climate change, which scientists say is raising sea levels, threatening low-lying areas and island nations, and shifting weather patterns with impacts on droughts, floods and the frequency of devastating storms.

Alone among industrialized nations, the U.S. rejected the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, the only binding treaty to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases. The Bush administration said it would hurt the U.S. economy and that it was unfair because it didn't include emerging economies including China and India.

Hopes for stronger U.S. leadership in the U.N. talks under Obama were dashed when emissions-capping legislation stalled in Congress. But expectations rose anew this year after Hurricane Sandy pushed climate change back in the domestic political debate.

After his re-election, Obama talked about "the destructive power of a warming planet," and said he hoped to open a national conversation on the issue.

"I think what we saw from the U.S. in Doha was a mixed performance," said Alden Meyer, of the Union of Concerned Scientists.

He said the U.S. was a "major impediment" in negotiations to ramp up climate aid to help poor countries shift to clean energy and adapt to rising sea levels and other impacts of climate change.

On the other hand, the U.S. acknowledged that it has more work to do at home to meet its voluntary pledge of reducing emissions by 17 percent by 2020, compared to 2005 levels.

"Also, the lead U.S. negotiator, Todd Stern, expressed a newfound willingness to discuss how to equitably share responsibility amongst countries for making the substantial post-2020 emissions reductions needed to avoid the worst impacts of climate change," Meyer said. "These were both positive signals in Doha."

Some were relieved that U.S. negotiators didn't block a proposal by small island nations to discuss "loss and damage," which relates to damages from climate-related disasters.

Small island nations under threat from rising sea levels have been pushing for some mechanism to help them cope with such natural catastrophes, but the U.S. had pushed back over concerns it might be held liable for the cleanup bill since it is the world's second-biggest emitter behind China.

The Doha deal doesn't establish that kind of mechanism, but says that countries agree to talk about it.

"It is a significant change in (the U.S.) stance and big unexpected outcome for Doha," said Iain Keith, senior campaigner with activist group Avaaz.

He said overall there was "subtle yet significant shift" in the U.S. position in the talks.

"Many parties will be disappointed that the U.S. didn't come here and offer more on finance," he said. "But with the fiscal cliff discussion in Washington, their hands are tied," he added, referring to the looming combination of automatic tax increases and U.S. government spending cuts early next year.

The Doha deal included vague language on how rich countries would scale up climate aid to $100 billion annually by 2020 — a goal agreed to three years ago. With budgets under stress from financial turmoil, developed countries resisted calls by developing countries to make firm commitments.

The Q Line

Planning Downtown

City Hall is in the process of developing a Downtown Specific Plan that will dictate development in the heart of Santa Monica. There was a workshop last week that let residents voice their opinions about the direction the district should take.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What would you like to see Downtown look like and why?

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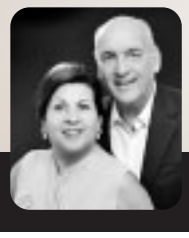

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DOWN THE HATCH: **Eleven million Americans live in areas where concentrations of perchlorate — a chemical used in the production of rocket fuel, missiles, fireworks, flares and explosives — are significantly higher in public drinking water supplies than what is considered safe.**

What's in the water?

Dear EarthTalk:

What is "perchlorate" in our drinking water supply and why is it controversial?

– David Sparrow,
Chico, Calif.

Perchlorate is both a naturally occurring and man-made chemical used in the production of rocket fuel, missiles, fireworks, flares and explosives. It is also sometimes present in bleach and in some fertilizers. Its widespread release into the environment is primarily associated with defense contracting, military operations and aerospace programs.

Perchlorate can be widespread in ground water, soils and plants, and makes its way up the food chain accordingly-even into organically grown foods. To wit, A 2005 Journal of Environmental Science and Technology study using ion chromatography to find contaminants in agricultural products found quantifiable levels of perchlorate in 16 percent of conventionally produced lettuces and other leafy greens and in 32 percent of otherwise similar but organically produced samples. Today, traces of perchlorate are found in the bloodstreams of just about every human on the planet.

Perchlorate in the environment is a health concern because it can disrupt the thyroid's ability to produce hormones needed for normal growth and development. Besides its potential to cause endocrine system and reproductive problems, perchlorate is considered a "likely human carcinogen" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Some 11 million Americans live in areas where concentrations of perchlorate in public drinking water supplies are significantly higher than what is considered safe.

Per the mandate of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA is currently working on setting national standards for how much perchlorate can be allowed in drinking water without putting people at risk. As part of the process, the agency is studying the available science on the health effects of perchlorate exposure and evaluating laboratory methods for measuring, treating and removing perchlorate in drinking water. The EPA will publish a proposed rule on the matter for public review at some point in 2013.

"We are happy that the EPA is moving ahead with a drinking water standard...but we are concerned that it won't be strict enough," reports Renee Sharp of the nonprofit Environmental Working Group (EWG). The group would like to see the U.S. adopt "a truly health-protective drinking water standard lower than 1 ppb [parts per billion]" for perchlorate. Insiders don't believe federal policymakers will go that low, however, since the EPA says it cannot detect perchlorate below 2 ppb. But EWG point out that Massachusetts is already testing for it with a 1 ppb cut-off, per the mandate of its statewide standard set back in 2006.

The only other state to have a drinking water standard for perchlorate is California, which set 6 ppb or less as an allowable concentration back in 2004. But that state's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment recently proposed lowering the standard to 1 ppb based on new data regarding environmental exposure, possible effects of perchlorate and consideration of infants as a susceptible population.

If the EPA develops a tough new standard, almost every state will need to readjust its water monitoring systems to take into account how much perchlorate is making its way to our taps and into the foods we eat-a no doubt costly process but one that will greatly benefit both current and future generations.

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NY mostly ignored reports warning of superstorm

MICHAEL GORMLEY
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. More than three decades before Superstorm Sandy, a state law and a series of legislative reports began warning New York politicians to prepare for a storm of historic proportions, spelling out scenarios eerily similar to what actually happened: a towering storm surge; overwhelming flooding; swamped subway lines; widespread power outages. The Rockaway peninsula was deemed among the "most at risk."

But most of the warnings and a requirement in a 1978 law to create a regularly updated plan for the restoration of "vital services" after a storm went mostly unheeded, either because of tight budgets or the lack of political will to prepare for a hypothetical storm that may never hit.

Some of the thorniest problems after Sandy, including a gasoline shortage, the lack of temporary housing and the flooding of commuter tunnels, ended up being dealt with largely on the fly.

"I don't know that anyone believed," acknowledged Gov. Andrew Cuomo this past week. "We had never seen a storm like this. So it is very hard to anticipate something that you have never experienced."

Asked how well prepared state officials were for Sandy, Cuomo said, "not well enough."

It wasn't as if the legislative actions over the years were subtle. They all had a common, emphatic theme: Act immediately before it's too late.

The 1978 executive law required a standing state Disaster Preparedness Commission to meet at least twice a year to create and update disaster plans. It mandated the state to address temporary housing needs after a disaster, create a detailed plan to restore services, maintain sewage treatment, prevent fires, assure generators "sufficient to supply" nursing homes and other health facilities, and "protect and assure uninterrupted delivery of services, medicines, water, food, energy and fuel."

Reports in 2005, 2006 and 2010 added urgency. "It's not a question of whether a strong hurricane will hit New York City," the 2006 Assembly report warned. "It's just a question of when."

A 2010 task force report to the Legislature concluded: "The combination of rising sea level, continuing climate change, and more development in high-risk areas has raised the level of New York's vulnerability to coast storms. ... The challenge is real, and sea level rise will progress regardless of New York's response."

The Disaster Preparedness Commission met biannually some years, but there are gaps in which there is no record of a meeting. However, some administrations, including Cuomo's, convened many of the same agency heads to discuss emergency management. But even under Cuomo, who has taken a much greater interest in emergency management after three violent storms in his first two years in office, there are still three vacancies on the commission.

Richard Brodsky, a former New York Democratic assemblyman who was chairman of the committee that created the 2006 report, credits administrations with making some improvements to the plan in recent years, such as requiring a specific plan to protect and evacuate the infirmed and to save pets.

"But on two issues related to Sandy — prevention and recovery — they did almost nothing," Brodsky said. "If Goldman Sachs was smart enough to sandbag its building, why wasn't the MTA smart enough to sandbag the Battery Tunnel?"

Sandy flooded both tubes of the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, now called the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel, which was one of the major and longest transportation disruptions of the storm. It also ravaged the Rockaways in Queens, particularly the waterfront community of Breezy Point, where roughly 100 homes burned to the ground in a massive wind-swept fire.

Among the other crises Cuomo and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg faced on a daily basis during Sandy were the shortage of temporary housing, which continues, the long disruption of electricity and gasoline, generators in health care facilities swamped by floodwaters, restoring power from swamped electrical infrastructure and repairing commuter rail lines.

The warnings touched on many of these areas, but mostly in a broad way with few specific directions for action. Some areas, such as a shortage of shelters in New York City and repairing commuter rail lines quickly, have improved in recent years to some degree, but other areas such as making sure health facility generators are on upper floors are newly realized problems forced by Sandy, according to the former legislators.

"What you've got here is a great number of consequences that were foreseeable, but unforeseen," Brodsky said. "Prevention is politically less sexy than disaster response."

There was another obstacle to enacting calls for more preparation: funding. The state and city were each facing $1 billion deficits from a slow economic recovery before Sandy hit.

"As your budget shrinks, the first thing that goes out the door is emergency management, the first thing," said Michael Balboni, New York's disaster preparedness point man in the Republican-led Senate and in the Democratic Spitzer and Paterson administrations from 2001 to 2009.

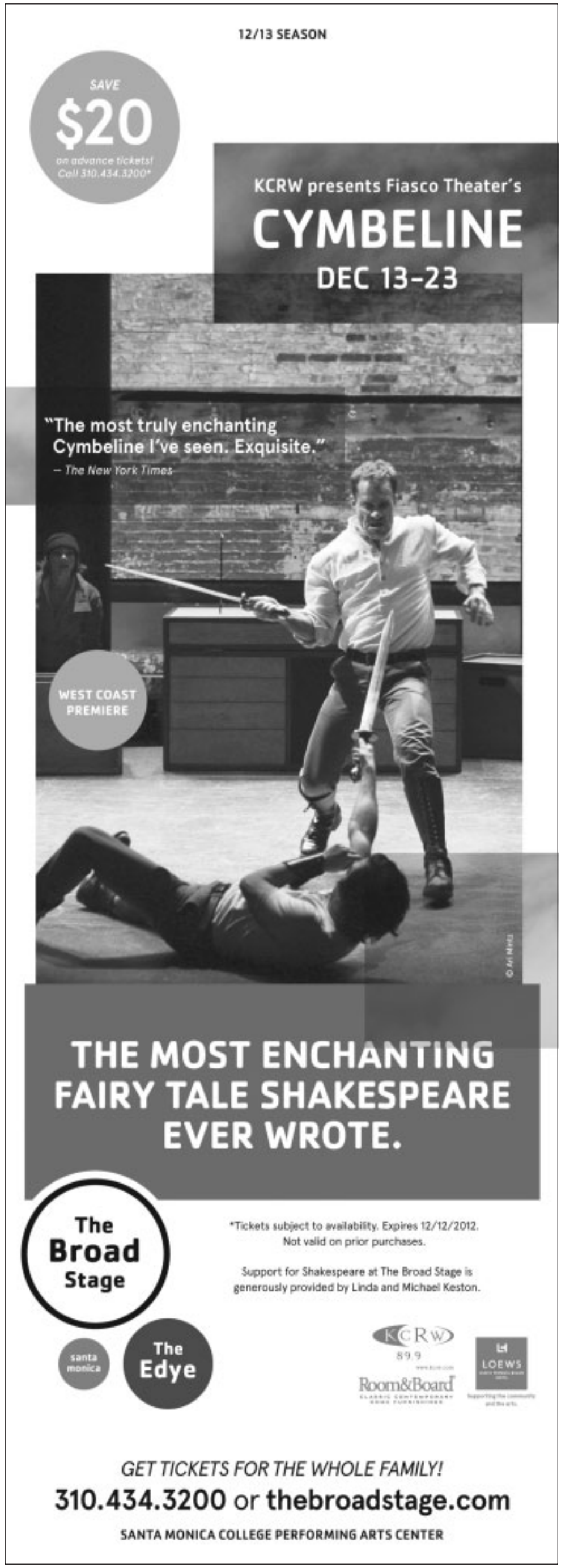
"To take the 1978 law and really enable it, you need to put a ton of money behind it and there was no political will to do it," said Balboni, who now heads an emergency management firm in Manhattan.

Cuomo is now asking the federal government for more than $32 billion to cover the immediate costs triggered by Sandy, and an additional $9 billion for preventive measures to better protect the area for the next big storm.

The Cuomo administration insists that it has had robust emergency planning and clearly made important changes after tropical storms Irene and Lee slammed much of upstate and threw a scare into New York City in 2011. The administration created three regional disaster logistics centers and conducted training and exercises and, before Sandy, took extensive preparatory steps learned from Irene to "preposition" equipment and top staff and National Guard troops around the state.

"These initiatives were intended to strengthen the existing emergency response infrastructure which had not previously been a priority for the state before Gov. Cuomo took office," the administration told the AP in a statement.

Spokesmen for previous administrations and for Bloomberg didn't respond to requests for comment.



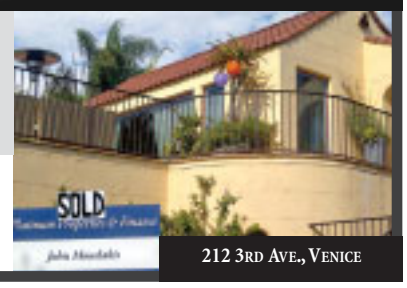
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Civic Center Parks
Through February of 2013 the majority of Town Square (front yard of City Hall) will be closed so the contractor can continue construction activities. During this time period, the west-facing front door of City Hall will be accessible via a pedestrian pathway that runs north from the sidewalk on Olympic Drive to the front door of City Hall. The sidewalk and parking lane on the east side of Main Street will be closed in front of City Hall; Pedestrians on the east side of Main Street are routed through a barricaded pathway in the Main Street parking lane. The parking lot and entrance on the north side of City Hall will remain open during construction. One way vehicular traffic has been implemented turning west from Main Street on to Fujinomiya Douri; traffic must exit behind City Hall south on Avenida Mazatlan and onto Olympic Drive. Caution should be used in this area, emergency vehicles are exempt from the one way traffic pattern.

Ocean Park Boulevard Complete Green Street Project
Construction will take place Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Ocean Park Boulevard, between Neilson Way and Lincoln Boulevard. On Dec. 10, Ocean Park Boulevard will be closed completely from Neilson Way to Lincoln Boulevard for paving operations, between the hours of 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. During this time traffic will be detoured to Pico Boulevard. Traffic control will be in place during construction. For more info, go to: www.SMConstructs.org. Please use alternate routes whenever possible.

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WHALE
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rolls of blubber and the tail flukes trailing along the water's edge. Massive estates line the cliffs high above the beach.

Jonsie Ross, marine mammal coordinator for the California Wildlife Center, said an inspection of the whale's injury suggests it was hit by a ship.

No government agency took action to remove the decomposing whale, and it appeared the job would be left to Mother Nature.

The prospect frustrated James Respondek, who worried that the carcass would draw sharks and pose a threat to his young daughter, who swims in the cove, and to his favorite surfing spot down the beach.

"There seems to be no readiness to take responsibility, to take action, just a lot of excuses. 'I don't have a boat, I don't have the money, I don't have the resources,' they all told me," he said Friday.

The Fire Department's lifeguards patrol beaches in Malibu, but the homeowners' association did not take their offer to assist with the towing, Riley said.

Fin whales are endangered, and about 2,300 live along the West Coast. They're the second-largest species of whale after blue whales and can grow up to 85 feet, weigh up to 80 tons and live to be 90 years old.

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TREES
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will later appear in homes across the Westside.

Plastic trees, on the other hand, are assembled in factories in China out of metal and PVC pipe, the same material that is used in plumbing. According to a study by the Canadian firm Ellipsos, it would take 20 years of reuse before a plastic tree was a superior choice in terms of climate change.

"Where do the materials come from? I can tell you where a real tree comes from — a pine cone," Dungey said.

Real trees aren't just green — Dungey will tell you they're natural medicine.

A study conducted in Japan showed that people who spent time in a pine forest were less hostile and depressed, in general reporting a reduction in painful emotions.

It's unclear if that can be extrapolated to the presence of a single Christmas tree in the home, but those in search of a real tree certainly seem to see the salutary benefits.

For Karen Thorland, it's the smell. Thorland was tree-shopping early Sunday morning, seeking out a Douglas fir, the species that best holds up her ornaments. Although a plastic tree would serve the same purpose, the genuine article has intangibles that cannot be replicated, she said.

"I like the smell," Thorland said. "I save part of it every year and burn it, like a Yule log."

Those on the side of plastic have a study of their own.

A report by PE Americas shows that although a plastic tree takes up three times the resources of a natural tree if it's only used once, that changes rapidly. Over the course of five years a natural tree is one and a half times as much. In a decade, natural trees require three times the resources. The calculations assume both trees end up in a landfill.

On average, Americans keep plastic trees for six years, according to the Ellipsos study.

Artificial trees are often maligned for their environmental impact, but the PE Americas study shows that it's unfair, said Jamie Warner, executive director of the American Christmas Tree Association, a group that promotes Christmas trees of all kinds.

One drawback of false trees is the inability to recycle them, which means the trees end up as landfill fodder, unlike their pine counterparts which find another life after the season ends.

The industry is in search of ways to improve on that score, and a method of recycling the trees may be around the corner, Warner said.

Until then, people are finding creative uses for retired artificial Christmas trees.

"Hunters are using them and recycling them as blinds," Warner said.

Alison Kmetko sees all of the upsides of the artificial trees. She used one for years, but was considering a change, which is why she and her high school friend Lois Davis were out at Shawn's Christmas Trees lot Sunday morning.

Real trees smell better, but are an awful lot of work if you don't have children to rope into the set up process, and that kind of Christmas tradition is really meant for the young she said.

Those factors combined, Kmetko was considering leaving artificial trees and their natural, cut brethren for a third, ultimately greenest option: a living tree.

It's hard to argue with that.

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REPORT
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and some were criminally charged.

One physician, Dr. Carlos Estiandan, wrote more prescriptions than the entire staffs of some hospitals and earned more than $1 million a year, the newspaper said.

Court records show Estiandan prescribed powerful painkillers to addicts who had no medical need for them, conducted phony examinations and appeared to be a supplier for drug dealers.

By the time the medical board stripped Estiandan of his prescription pad, more than four years after it began investigating, eight of his patients had died of overdoses or related causes, according to coroners' records.

The Estiandan case was not an isolated example of the board's failure to protect patients from reckless prescribing, the Times said. In 80 percent of the 190 cases of improper prescribing filed by the board since 2005, the offending physician was given a reprimand or placed on probation. In most of those cases, the doctor was allowed to continue writing prescriptions with few or no restrictions.

Eight doctors disciplined for excessive prescribing later had patients die of overdoses or related causes. Prescriptions those doctors wrote caused or were linked to 19 deaths.

In response to the Times' findings, officials have asked the Legislature to require county coroners to report all prescription drug deaths to the board.

Previously investigators looking into reports of poor treatment usually did not search county coroners' files to determine whether — as in Estiandan's case — a doctor's patients are dying of drug overdoses.

Dr. Rick Chavez, a pain management physician in Redondo Beach, serves as an expert for the board in cases of reckless prescribing. He told the Times overprescribing is a pervasive problem, and oversight is inadequate.

"We have doctors out there doing things that no one is monitoring," he said. "It's scary."

The medical board's president, Sharon Levine, a pediatrician who is an executive at Kaiser Permanente, declined to be interviewed by the newspaper, saying it would be "inappropriate" because disciplinary cases are ultimately decided by the board. Executive Director Linda Whitney declined to comment, and staff members said they are barred by policy from speaking with reporters.

Responding by email to written questions, board officials asserted that their "highest priority and primary mission is consumer protection."

The Times examined board records and county coroners' files from 2005 through 2011.

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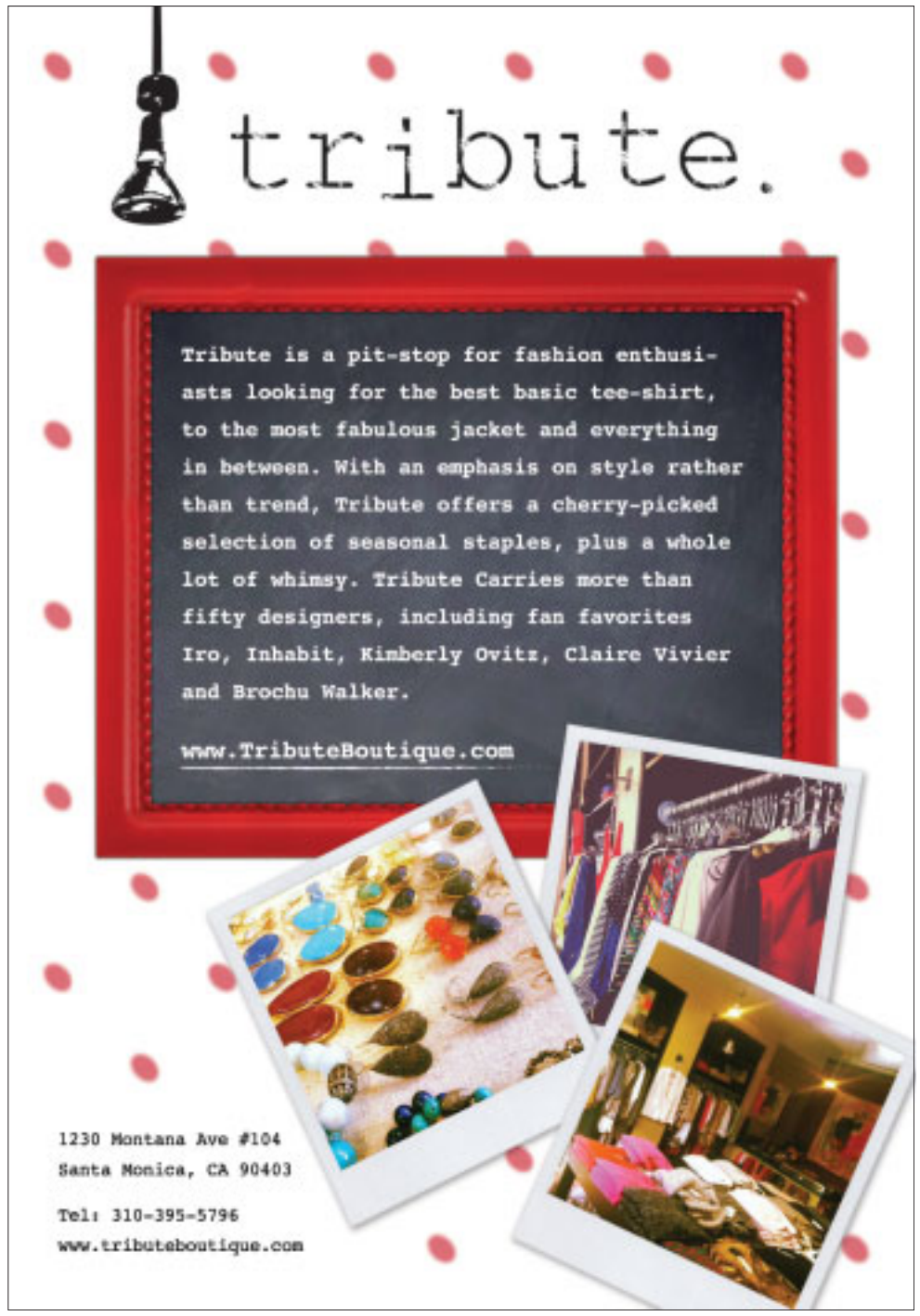
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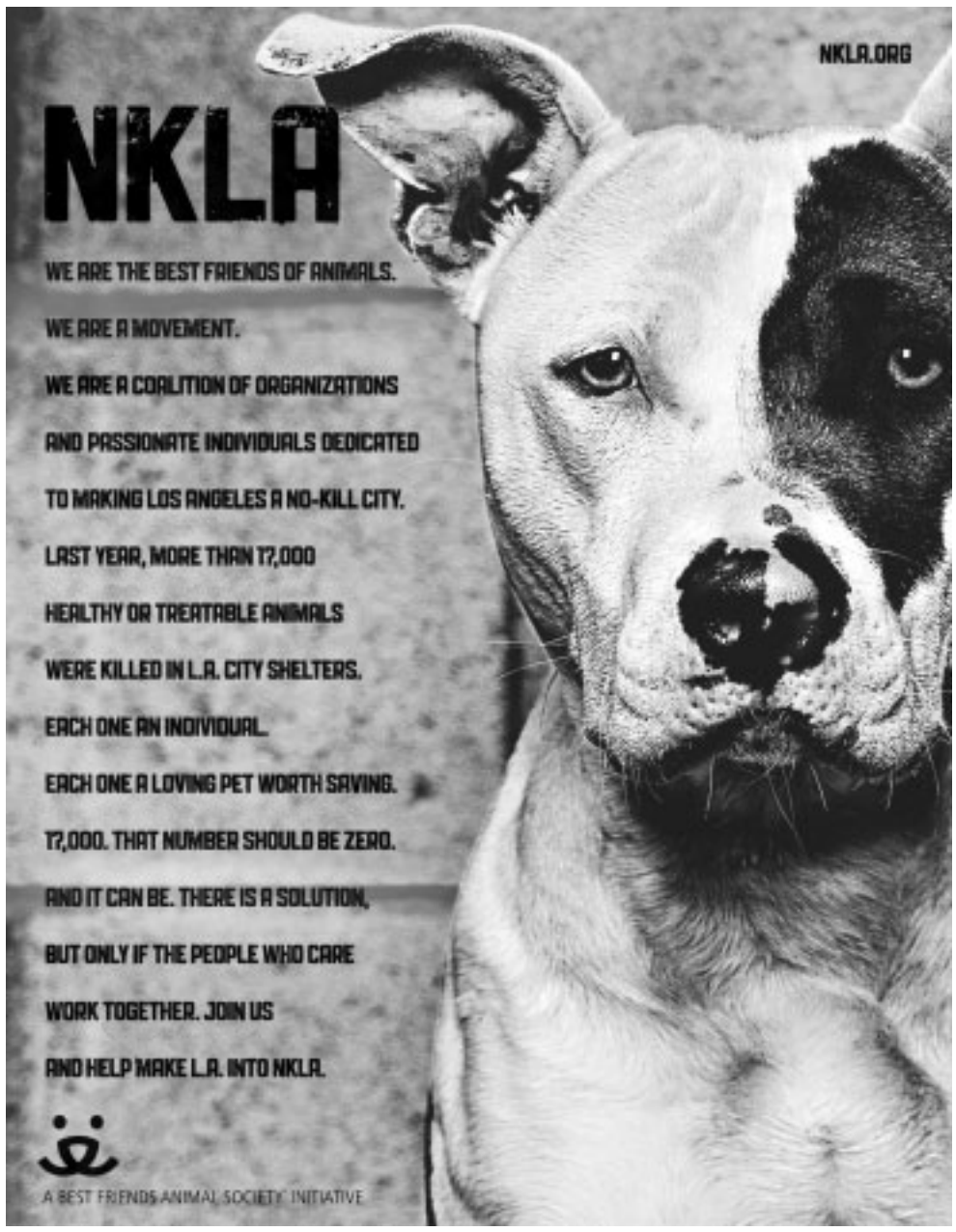
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FOG
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the tule reeds along the valley waterways where early settlers first noticed it forms. But experts say that the most dangerous in the state occurs along a 12-mile stretch of Highway 99 south of Fresno. It's often so foggy that tail lights are impossible to see until it's too late to react.

In 2002, a crash there on a zero visibility morning sandwiched 81 cars and six tractor-trailer trucks in less than two minutes, killing two. After a 2007 morning pileup involving 108 cars and big rigs killed two, injured 100 more and closed the major north-south transportation artery for half of the day, Caltrans and the Highway Patrol began planning for a warning system.

Now as safety experts brace for December and January, the foggiest months of the year, they knock on their laminate desks when they say that since 2010 the intricate system of six weather stations, 12 cameras, 39 electronic message signs and 41 microwave sensors installed along the dangerous corridor has worked to help avert the deadly pileups.

"The intent was never to stop 100 percent of the accidents. The hope was that 100-car pileups would go to 40 and 40 to 20 and so on. The point was to reduce the numbers," said Sergio Venegas, the engineer in charge of what he calls the state's most sophisticated fog monitoring system.

Twenty-two sensors connected to a command center can determine the density of the fog, and others in the roadway tell the speed in each lane of traffic on the highway that sees 100,000 vehicles a day. If traffic suddenly slows, warning signs along the highway instantly alert drivers to slow for foggy conditions ahead, the only system this advanced in the state. Engineers can watch what's happening in real time on dozens of monitors.

At least that's what they do when they're operational. This year state officials were delayed two weeks in firing up the system for the current fog season because copper wire thieves had stolen key parts. On Wednesday a couple of transmitters were not operating, and Venegas fears thieves are responsible for that, too.

Fog and the valley are so intertwined that billboards for roadside restaurants advertise pea soup to drivers and tout that it's as thick as the fog, which also might serve as another warning for drivers across the foggy valley.

Highway 99 from Merced south to Delano is built along one of the lowest spots in the valley, which is why this significant highway is so notorious for tule fog when conditions are right, says Anderson the meteorologist. The soils that make the region so productive for farming retain moisture after rains. When a high pressure system develops in the valley ringed by towering mountains, it works like a lid to trap cooler air at the ground at night. The resulting temperature inversion allows the fog to form from the soil's moisture and often catches drivers by surprise.

In 1985, there was a record 16 consecutive days of dense tule fog in Fresno.

"You're going along with good visibility and get lulled into a false sense of security then suddenly you hit a pocket and, wham, the transition is dangerous," Anderson said.

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Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2," which had been tops for three-straight weekends. The "Twilight" finale earned $9.2 million, slipping into a tight race for No. 3 with Disney's "Lincoln," which was close behind with $9.1 million.

The top movies were bunched up so closely that rankings could change once final weekend revenues are released Monday.

The weekend's only new wide release, Gerard Butler's romantic comedy "Playing for Keeps," flopped with just $6 million, coming in at No. 6.

"Skyfall" raised its domestic total to $261.6 million and added $20.3 million overseas to bring its international income to $656.6 million. At $918 million worldwide, "Skyfall" has the best cash haul ever for the Bond franchise and surpassed "Spider-Man 3" at $890 million to become Sony's top-grossing hit.

The "Twilight" finale also is a franchise record-breaker, surpassing the $710 million worldwide haul of last year's "Breaking Dawn — Part 1." The finale's domestic total now stands at $268.7 million.

"Rise of the Guardians" led the international box office with $26 million, followed by 20th Century Fox's "Life of Pi" at $23.8 million.

It was another traditionally quiet post-Thanksgiving weekend, with big November releases continuing to dominate in the lull before a pre-Christmas onslaught of movies.

The box office is expected to soar next weekend with the arrival of part one of "The Hobbit," Peter Jackson's "The Lord of the Rings" prelude. After that comes a steady rush of action, comedy and drama through year's end, including Tom Cruise's "Jack Reacher," Quentin Tarantino and Jamie Foxx's "Django Unchained," Seth Rogen's "The Guilt Trip" and Hugh Jackman and Russell Crowe's "Les Miserables."

"The last couple of weeks of the year are some of the strongest every year," said Paul Dergarabedian, an analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com. "We are on the cusp of some really huge box office. There's a lot of money still left in the year despite this slow period right now."

Hollywood's domestic revenues have topped $10 billion so far this year, with the industry expected to finish 2012 ahead of the all-time high of $10.6 billion set in 2009.

Trashed savagely by critics, FilmDistrict's "Playing for Keeps" stars Butler as a washed-up soccer star trying to reconnect with his ex-wife (Jessica Biel) and young son. The all-star cast includes Catherine Zeta-Jones and Uma Thurman as soccer moms with the hots for Butler.

In limited release, Bill Murray's Franklin Roosevelt drama "Hyde Park on Hudson" opened solidly with $83,280 in four theaters, averaging a healthy $20,820 a cinema. By comparison, "Playing for Keeps" averaged $2,115 in 2,837 theaters.

Released by Focus Features, "Hyde Park on Hudson" stars Murray as Roosevelt, whose intimate relations with a distant cousin (Laura Linney) become both a source of strength and distraction as the president plays host to the king and queen of England on the eve of World War II.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.









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Same-sex couples in Washington start taking wedding vows

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Associated Press

SEATTLE Scores of same-sex couples crowded Seattle City Hall for a day of wedding ceremonies on Sunday, the first day they could marry after the state's voter-approved gay marriage law took effect.

While numerous weddings were taking place across the state, both private and public, the city hall weddings were the largest public event, with about 140 couples taking part. The city set up five separate chapels to accommodate the revelers. Starting at 10 a.m., cheers and applause regularly broke out as another couple's marriage became official. Weddings at city hall were to continue through 5 p.m.

After couples married, they exited city hall, greeted by a steady rain and by dozens of supporters who cheered them with shouts of "congratulations" and flowers as they descended a large staircase down to the street.

"I don't even have words for this," said Caren Goldenberg of Seattle, who married her partner of seven years, Casey Evans. "It just makes me really proud of my city."

Mayor Mike McGinn, who greeted couples at they arrived, called it a "great day, a joyous day."

"It's really wonderful," he said. "A new civil right is going to be recognized in this great civil institution."

Keith Bacon and Corianton Hale of Seattle, who celebrated their six-year anniversary the night before, hugged and kissed to loud cheers and camera flashes as they took their vows before one of the 16 local judges who volunteered to officiate the weddings on Sunday.

"We're totally thrilled," Bacon said. The couple had a commitment ceremony in August but said this day was particularly special.

"We had looked at this as maybe a day we would sign a piece of paper and seal the deal, and instead we're having this huge party being thrown in our honor," Bacon said. "It's just mind blowing."

Nancy Monahan, 57, a retired petty office with the Coast Guard, waited outside before the weddings began with her partner of 14 years, Deb Needham, 48.

Monahan was wearing her uniform, and Needham was wearing an ivory dress and jacket and matching hat. They said they wanted to join the large wedding event at city hall because of the significance of the day.

"It's not very private, but very historic," Needham said, to which Monahan added, "And very awesome."

Some courthouses, including in King and Thurston Counties, opened right at midnight, and started marrying couples. Private weddings are expected to take place across the state, as well as some other public events, including the marriage of two couples after the end of the first act of a Seattle Men's Chorus performance at Benaroya Hall in Seattle. The Paramount Theater in Seattle was also to host a large wedding reception for couples.

Hundreds of gay and lesbian couples picked up their marriage licenses as early as 12:01 a.m. Thursday, but because of the state's three-day waiting period, the earliest weddings could take place was just after midnight, early Sunday morning. In King County, home to Seattle, more than 600 same-sex marriage licenses were issued by Saturday.

Robin Wyss, of Seattle, said that the wedding ceremony to her partner, Danielle Yung, was "more emotional than I thought it would be," in part because Yung is five months pregnant.

"Our friends are here, it's a beautiful space and there's all of this love and appreciation," she said. "We've been thinking about this as more of a political celebration for all of Washington state, but obviously it's very meaningful for us and our future child as well."

At the Thurston County Courthouse just after midnight, five couples were married, including Jonathon Bashford, 31, and Matthew Wiltse, 29, both of Olympia.

The couple, together for 10 years, just had a large commitment ceremony in September when they registered as domestic partners, but said they wanted to be among the first to legally marry.

"We weren't going to wait one second longer," Wiltse said.

Last month, Washington, Maine and Maryland became the first states to pass same-sex marriage by popular vote. They joined six other states — New York, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont — and the District of Columbia that had already enacted laws or issued court rulings permitting same-sex marriage.

Couples in Maryland also started picking up marriage licenses Thursday, though their licenses won't take effect until Jan. 1. Maine's law takes effect on Dec. 29. There's no waiting period in Maine, and people can start marrying just after midnight.

Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire and Secretary of State Sam Reed certified the election results of Referendum 74 on Wednesday afternoon, and the law took effect at 12:01 a.m. Thursday. Same-sex couples who previously were married in another state that allows gay marriage, like Massachusetts, will not have to get remarried in Washington state. Their marriages became valid here as soon as the law took effect.

The referendum had asked voters to either approve or reject the state law legalizing same-sex marriage that legislators passed earlier this year. That law was signed by Gregoire in February but was put on hold pending the outcome of the election. Nearly 54 percent of voters approved the measure.

The law doesn't require religious organizations or churches to perform marriages, and it doesn't subject churches to penalties if they don't marry gay or lesbian couples.

Married same-sex couples will still be denied access to federal pensions, health insurance and other government benefits available to heterosexual couples because the 1996 federal Defense of Marriage Act, known as DOMA, bars federal recognition of gay unions.

The U.S. Supreme Court said Friday it will take up gay marriage sometime during the current term. Several pending cases challenge the federal benefit provision of DOMA, and a separate appeal asks the justices to decide whether federal courts were correct in striking down California's Proposition 8, the amendment that outlawed gay marriage after it had been approved by courts in the nation's largest state.



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Last no-alcohol Alabama county votes dry, drinks wet

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Associated Press

LINEVILLE, Ala. Clay County has almost 14,000 residents, around 100 churches and not a single place where you can buy a beer legally.

There's no Bud Light in the cooler at the corner convenience store and no fine wine for sale at the Piggly Wiggly supermarket.

But bootleggers a few streets away will sell you a can of beer for $1.25.

This scenic but poor county in the hills about 50 miles east of Birmingham harks back to the 1920s, when Prohibition was the law of the land. After a neighboring county recently voted wet, Clay County became the last bone-dry county in Alabama and one of a dwindling number across the nation.

Nestled at the southern tip of the Appalachians and lacking so much as a federal highway to bring in visitors, people here pride themselves on scraping by. To some, prohibiting legal alcohol sales is both a moral issue and part of being off the beaten path.

"Clay County is more of a rural setting. Family values are held more dearly to the heart," said the Rev. Bruce Willis, a staunch alcohol opponent and missions director of the Carey Baptist Association. With 33 churches that have 5,371 members on their rolls, the association accounts for about 39 percent of the county's entire population.

It's not that no one drinks in Clay County; possession of limited amounts of alcohol is legal, and plenty of residents buy beer and liquor across county lines and take it home. It's an open secret that bootleggers buy beer or liquor legally elsewhere and sell it in the county, said County Commission Chairman Wayne Watts, a former police chief of Lineville.

"It's pretty wet to be dry," said Watts, driving through a part of town where empty beer cans litter the ground marking bootleggers' homes.

But even supporters of legalizing alcohol sales see little chance things will change in a county that's best known for winning high school football teams and its most famous native, the late Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black.

"There's just hasn't been an appetite for it," said Matt Hooten, a businessman who splits his time between Clay County and Montgomery and favors the legalization of alcohol sales.

The issue last came up for a countywide vote in 1986, when overwhelming opposition from churches helped defeat the proposal 2,716-2,223. Local papers were filled with advertisements and letters from alcohol opponents leading up to the vote.

"Is placing my approval upon liquor morally right or wrong? God's word says it is wrong!" said one ad, placed by a pro-dry group whose chairman is the namesake for the local National Guard armory.

A petition for another referendum died about four years ago, and no one has tried again since then. Jimmy Barton, who remembers buying alcohol from bootleggers years ago and now owns an auto parts store, favors going wet. He still has one of the old petitions with only a few signatures and lots of empty lines where no one signed.

Staging a vote requires signatures from 25 percent of the people who voted in the last countywide election, and Barton said he's not sure when that will happen again.

"It's hard to read. You have closet drinkers who will vote it dry every time," he said.

No one keeps such statistics on exactly how many U.S. counties are totally dry, but the number appears to be decreasing, said Margaret Barchine. She's a spokeswoman for the National Alcohol Beverage Control Associations, composed of industry members and alcohol agencies in 17 states that have control organizations.

"Each state has its own way of operating," she said. "That makes it difficult."

But hundreds of counties prohibit sales at least in part.

Fewer than 50 of the 254 counties in Texas are totally wet, with the remaining banning sales at least in part, according to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Kentucky is one of the soberest states, at least by law, with 39 of its 120 counties totally banning alcohol sales, just like Clay County.

Of Alabama's 67 counties, 25 are dry in unincorporated areas yet also have cities where alcohol sales are legal. Blount County recently voted against allowing legalized sales yet it has two country clubs where the booze flows freely — and legally — under a special exemption.

Clay County's neighbor to the east, Randolph County also was totally dry until residents voted last month to legalize alcohol sales. The "wet" vote was bolstered by outsiders who have moved to the county from metro Atlanta because of Lake Wedowee, where development is booming.

The Randolph vote left Clay as Alabama's last totally dry county. Because of a local law passed by the Legislature several years ago, cities in the county aren't allowed to legalize sales on their own. Unlike other counties, the whole county must go wet at once.

It's a place where the legal status of alcohol sales sometimes makes for odd situations.

Some business owners and residents say allowing alcohol sales would help bring in new restaurants and promote new development. Stan Gaither, director of the Ashland Housing Authority and a former business owner, envisions restaurants in downtown Lineville or nearby Ashland serving evening meals and wine to out-of-towners who come to hike or ride bikes in Clay County's endless forests and craggy mountains.

Yet the county chamber of commerce hasn't taken an official position on legalization, and executive director Mary Patchunka-Smith said she'd never serve alcohol at a chamber event. The topic is too touchy, she said.

"I'd lose members right and left," said Patchunka-Smith.

It's rare to see alcohol at wedding receptions or public events, residents say, yet many people drink at home. Even the Rev. Zenus Windsor, who publicly opposes legalizing alcohol sales in the county, says he buys wine in a neighboring county and drinks a glass at home each night to help keep his high cholesterol in check.

"I told my church about it," said Windsor, 77. "My Lord drank wine. He turned water into wine."

One reformed bootlegger, who declined to give his name because he both still fears police and has a criminal history, said the number of people selling alcohol illegally in the county has dropped dramatically through the years; most drinkers now go get beer or whiskey on their own rather than relying on a bootlegger to get it for them. To him, it's past time to legalize alcohol sales in the county.

"I'd be in favor of it," said the man, who is now elderly.

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SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW-NW swell mix; Very small SW-SSW swell; Light AM wind

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Primary/small SW-SSW swell; Minimal WNW-NW swell

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Small SW-SSW swell holds; Possible new WNW swell building in

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Number of sewage spills -- 9
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alias creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	C
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	D
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point rem).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	D
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	B
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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ns -- no sample taken

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NFL

Chargers bolt to 34-24 win over Steelers

WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH So much for Ben Roethlisberger's triumphant return. Ditto the notion the Pittsburgh Steelers had finally turned the corner.

Rhythm disrupted by a relentless San Diego pass rush, Roethlisberger struggled early and the Steelers never recovered in a listless — not to mention perplexing — 34-24 loss on Sunday.

"We got whupped," Pittsburgh linebacker Larry Foote said.

A thumping that continued a maddening trend for the Steelers (7-6), who have won on the road at Baltimore, Cincinnati and the New York Giants this year but also fallen to Tennessee, Oakland, Cleveland and now the Chargers (5-8).

Roethlisberger completed 22 of 42 passes for 285 yards and three touchdowns in his first game back after spraining his right shoulder and dislocating a rib in an overtime win against Kansas City nearly a month ago. Most of the yards and all of the scores came after the Steelers had fallen behind by 24 points to a team that had never won in Pittsburgh during the regular season.

"I have no clue (why we're inconsistent)," Roethlisberger said. "If I knew I don't think we'd do it anymore. I thought we'd play better."

The Steelers thought they'd revived their season last Sunday in an emotional victory over the Ravens behind third-string quarterback Charlie Batch. Instead, they looked disinterested at times and sloppy at others against a team that hardly looked like it was playing out the string.

Philip Rivers threw three touchdown passes, two to Danario Alexander, and underachieving San Diego beat the Steelers on the road for the first time since the AFL and NFL merged more than 40 years ago.

"This isn't necessarily the team we thought we'd have on the field in December, but this is the type of performance we thought we'd put together," said Rivers, who completed 21 of 41 passes for 200 yards.

The Chargers have been one of the NFL's biggest disappointments after a 3-1 start evaporated into a 1-7 slide that fueled speculation coach Norv Turner and general manager A.J. Smith could be fired at season's end.

Maybe, but for an afternoon, anyway, the Chargers played with a fearlessness they've lacked during their swoon.

The injury-ravaged offensive line kept Rivers out of harm's way. The Steelers only sacked Rivers once, and all that extra time in the pocket helped him convert 12 of 22 third downs, allowing San Diego to chew up the clock and keep Roethlisberger from getting going while the game was still competitive.

"We all know that this team has played this way through large parts of many games," Turner said. "We did not make the big mistake in the football game."

Instead, it was the Steelers who couldn't seem to get out of their own way.

Mike Wallace caught two second-half touchdowns but also dropped a 50-yard rocket from Roethlisberger in the first half that would have gotten Pittsburgh out of an early hole. Antonio Brown also scored in the final seconds but saw a 40-yard pass clang off his chest in the second quarter that could have made a difference.

The running game the Steelers hoped would take pressure off Roethlisberger's right arm never materialized. Jonathan Dwyer led the Steelers with 32 yards, or one more than Roethlisberger had during five hold-your-breath scrambles.

San Diego controlled an ugly first half, taking a 13-3 lead at the break behind a 39-yard touchdown pass from Rivers to Alexander and a pair of Nick Novak field goals.

The Steelers didn't even cross midfield until a last-gasp drive to end the half ended with a 49-yard Shaun Suisham field goal.

Any boost the kick provided Pittsburgh disappeared during the first 10 minutes of the third quarter.

San Diego converted five straight third downs during a clock-chewing drive, including a 17-yard burst up the middle by Ronnie Brown on third-and-13 from the Pittsburgh 29.

The play wasn't designed to get a first down, but a pair of missed tackles helped the Chargers extend the drive. Three plays later Rivers found Michael Floyd for a 3-yard touchdown to make it 20-3.

The 17-play march ate up nearly 10 minutes. The Chargers needed barely 10 seconds to put the game away.

Backed up yet again after Floyd's score, Roethlisberger tried to hit Brown on a screen pass. The ball smacked into tight end David Paulson's rear and rolled into the end zone, where Quentin Jammer fell on it.

The play appeared to be overturned on review. Pittsburgh's offense ran back onto the field when referee Scott Green popped out from under the hood.

Instead, Green pulled a switcheroo, confirming the score to give the Chargers a 27-3 lead and a brief moment of joy in a year full of chaos.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Someone is far more serious about a money issue than you realize. You must handle your side of this situation. Listen to news from a distance. Follow-through counts and, fortunately, that is your strong suit. Tonight: Go as late as you want or need to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. Your sense of humor comes through because of a partner's perspective. As a result, you also will be able to detach and see the whole picture. Tonight: Accept an offer or invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Pace yourself; you know how to proceed. You could feel as if someone doesn't really get your message. Don't worry, he or she does. Adjust your schedule after checking in with key friends, associates or loved ones. Tonight: Network the night away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You initially might be rigid with a difficult situation or a loved one. Allow yourself to relax. You have the gift of creativity on your side. You will find a solution that works for both sides. Tonight: Let your imagination invigorate your personal life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ If you can spend more time at home, do so. Refocusing at this hectic time of year might be critical. Adjust your schedule to take better care of yourself. You have tons of energy. Allow more creativity into your life. Tonight: Let your choices be clear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Stay open in conversations. Try to loosen someone up who has become very isolated. Remember, you can only do so much, as this person is in control of his or her own moods. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Your more possessive side emerges when dealing with a friend or loved one. This person might be unusually touchy when it comes to funds. Communicate more of what you want. You just might be surprised by his or her reaction. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You mean what you say, and the person you want to receive that message gets it loud and clear. You feel uncomfortable when involved in a money discussion. Try not to become frustrated if obstacles keep popping up. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your perspective could change the more you hear about a certain situation. Play it smart and say little in order not to influence a conversation. You want someone to reveal more of his or her true thoughts and feelings. Tonight: Make it early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. Your focus and endurance make a powerful combination. A supportive friend could be overserious right now. You might be unusually feisty, and as a result, others might see you as being difficult. Tonight: Find your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Allow others to express their support for or disagreement of your perspective. You know what you are doing, and you will explain your logic. Tonight: Could be late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information and different opinions. The more you learn and incorporate a variation of ideas, the stronger the outcome will be. A friend might be hot-tempered. Let this person be. Tonight: Catch up on emails.

Happy birthday

This year, your ideas might not always be workable or realistic, yet you'll discover how much these flights of fancy feed your creativity. Let a friend play devil's advocate before you present an important solution to a boss or higher-up. If you are single, your choice for a suitor might work this week, but not next month. Honor your changeability. If you are attached, your sweetie might be taken aback by some of your comments. Hopefully this person has a sense of humor. If so, he or she will like your high energy. SCORPIO can be sharp-tongued.

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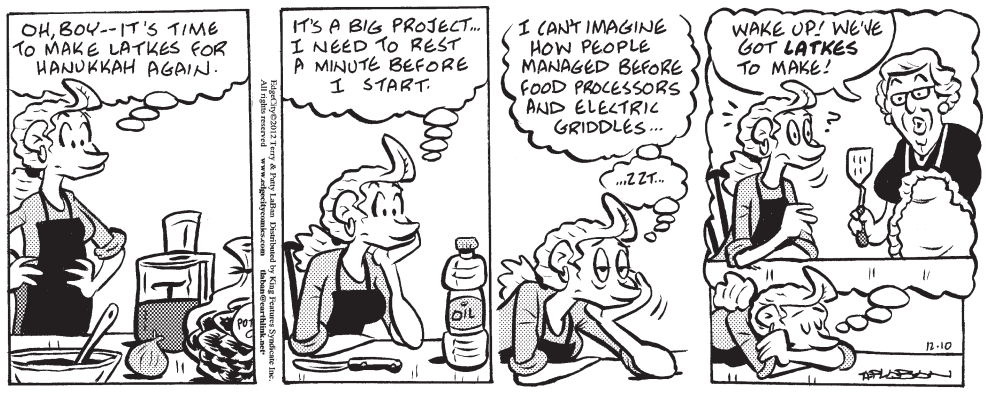
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The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★

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

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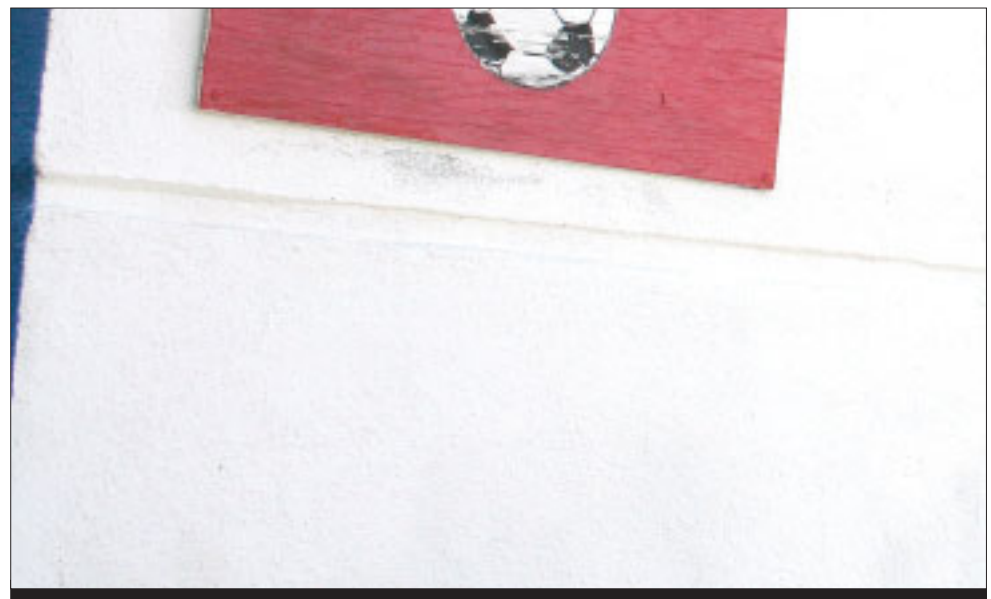
There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Barely adequate
6 Not quite closed
10 Bart's dad
11 Highway sections
13 Cream of society
14 Humble
15 Use a spade
16 Dad's mate
18 Egg layer
19 Winter driveway clearers
22 Pub pints
23 Bee's home
24 Nearby
27 Like the Capitol Building
28 Plucked instrument
29 Earth: Prefix
30 Winter windshield clearers
35 Collie or cockapoo
36 Online address
37 Dyeing place
38 Make law
40 "My Fair Lady" lady
42 Mideast peninsula
43 Copter part
44 Make do
45 Flint output

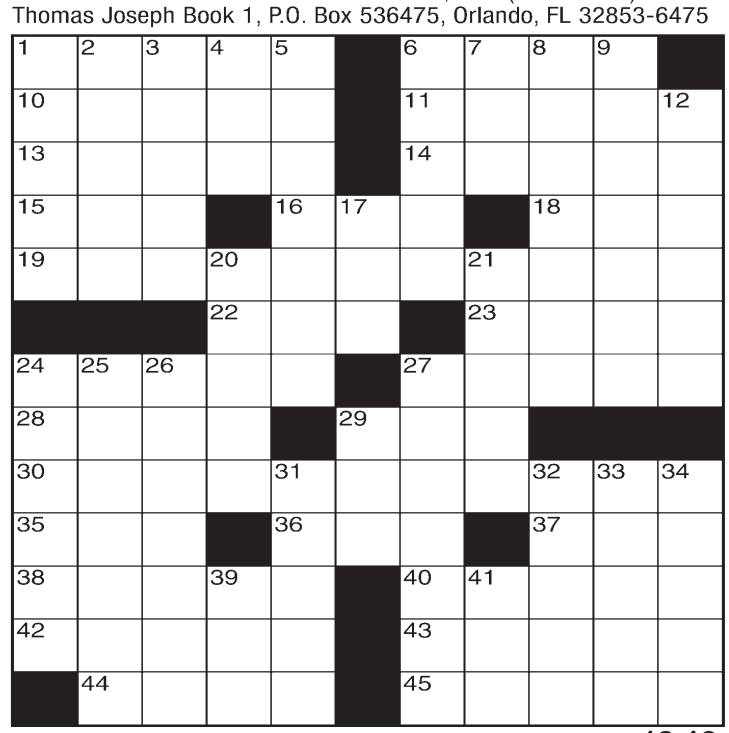
DOWN

1 Storage sites
2 Former secretary of state Powell
3 Baja buddy
4 Trawling need
5 Quake
6 Texas landmark
7 Quick punch
8 Home of hockey's Ducks
9 Set aside
12 Felt
17 Bullfight cry
20 Stinging insects
21 Cry of triumph
24 Berates
25 Terse
26 Pizza herb
27 Casino workers
29 Watchdog sound
31 Adorable one
32 Musical set in Argentina
33 Barber-shop tool
34 Un-adorned
39 Beanie or beret
41 Cut off

	D	O	T	S		I	T	C	H	
C	O	R	A	L		M	A	L	E	S
O	S	A	K	A		E	X	A	L	T
V	A	N	E	S	S	A		M	I	A
E	G	G		H	A	N	D	O	U	T
R	E	E	L	E	D		A	R	M	S
			E	S	S	A	Y			
S	C	A	N		A	B	S	O	R	B
T	O	B	A	C	C	O		N	E	E
E	A	R		U	K	U	L	E	L	E
A	T	A	L	L		N	O	T	I	N
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17 24 30 33 45
Meganumber: 22
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: Dec. 8
2 7 12 18 29

DAILY 3
Draw Date: Dec. 8
MIDDAY: 0 5 9
EVENING: 4 2 4

SANTA ANITA
Draw Date: Dec. 8
1st: 07 - EUREKA
2nd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
3rd: 02 - LUCKY STAR
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Yes, This Is Really How They Do It: The Wolong Panda Training Base in Sichuan, China, released a series of photos to China Daily in October to mark the graduation from captivity, and into the wild, of the 2-year-old Tao Tao. Sure enough, Tao Tao and his mother, Cao Cao, were shown frolicking in the woods, accompanied by trainers each dressed in full-length panda suits, including panda heads, as they appeared to demonstrate climbing trees and searching for food.

■ The Lost Art of Cuddling: (1) At the recently opened Soineya "cuddle cafe" in Tokyo, men buy hugging privileges (but no "sex" allowed!) with young women for from 20 minutes to 10 hours at prices (gratuity optional) ranging from the equivalents of $40 to $645, with surcharges for special services (e.g., foot massages, resting heads in each other's laps). (2) The Deluxe Comfort Girlfriend Body Pillow, which began as a boutique-only niche product, recently became available at Amazon.com and Sears.com at around $25. The bolster-like, cuddling-enabled pillow is augmented with two strategically placed mounds and a snuggle-up arm hanging to the side. (There's also an Original Soft and Comfy Boyfriend Pillow, without the mounds.)

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1932 - Thailand adopts a Constitution and becomes a constitutional monarchy.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012226387 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/13/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PACIFIC COAST PEKINGESE CLUB. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: PACIFIC COAST PEKINGESE CLUB 1042 W. AVE P-14 PALMDALE CA 93551. This Business is being conducted by: an Unincorporated Association other than a Partnership. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:FRANK MEISTER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/13/2012. 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 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012232712 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JAN LANE 1900 E. OCEAN BLVD. #918 LONG BEACH, CA 90802. 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/:JAN LANE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/21/2012. 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 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012239738 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/03/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TRUE BEAUTY PARLOR. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SILVA TURCIOS 1854 149TH STREET GARDENA, CA 90249. This Business is being conducted by: a Partnership. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:LINDSEY BRADBURY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/03/2012. 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 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012232238 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as C WHEATLEY PHOTOGRAPHY. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: CHRISTOPHER WHEATLEY 11719 MAYFIELD AVE #8 LOS ANGELES, CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/31/2012. /s/: . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/20/2012. 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012231911 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RETREVO. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SHOPZILLA, INC. 12200 W. OLYMPIC BLVD. SUIITE 300 LOS ANGELES CA 90064. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/25/2012. /s/: BLYTHE A. HOLDEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/20/2012. 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 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012226771 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/18/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JOYE COMPANY. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LIANG LIANG 736 255TH STREET UNIT E HARBOR CITY CA 90710. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)08/01/2008. /s/: LIANG LIANG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/18/2012. 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 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012239064 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/03/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as URBAN SPORTS LA, USLA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: URBANSPORTS LA, LLC 19702 MIGUEL AVE. CERRITOS CA 90703. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:SAEHAN LEE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/03/2012. 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 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012229580 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/16/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BLOW DRY BAR LA, WEST DRY BAR. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: NEZAL RANAEI 921 GRANVILLE AVE APT 3 BRENTWOOD CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)11/16/2012. /s/: NEZAL RANAEI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/16/2012. 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012239065 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/03/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as EVIL SPHYNX. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: DAVID DANIEL WALL 645 RAYMOND #3 SANTA MONICA CA 90405, VANESSA ERIN PROCTOR WALL 645 RAYMOND #3 SANTA MONICA CA 90405. This Business is being conducted by: a Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)06/01/2011. /s/: DAVID DANIEL WALL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/03/2012. 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 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012239066 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/03/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NIKKI CASTING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: VERONICA DALMAU 2336 #C 28TH STREET 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/:VERONICA DALMU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/03/2012. 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 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: SARAH MCKINNEY ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 12/03/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as AMP. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: AMP YOUR IMPACT, INC. 3101 3RD STREET #2 SANTA MONICA CA90405. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:SARAH MCKINNEY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 12/03/2012. 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 12/10/2012, 12/17/2012, 12/24/2012, 12/31/2012.

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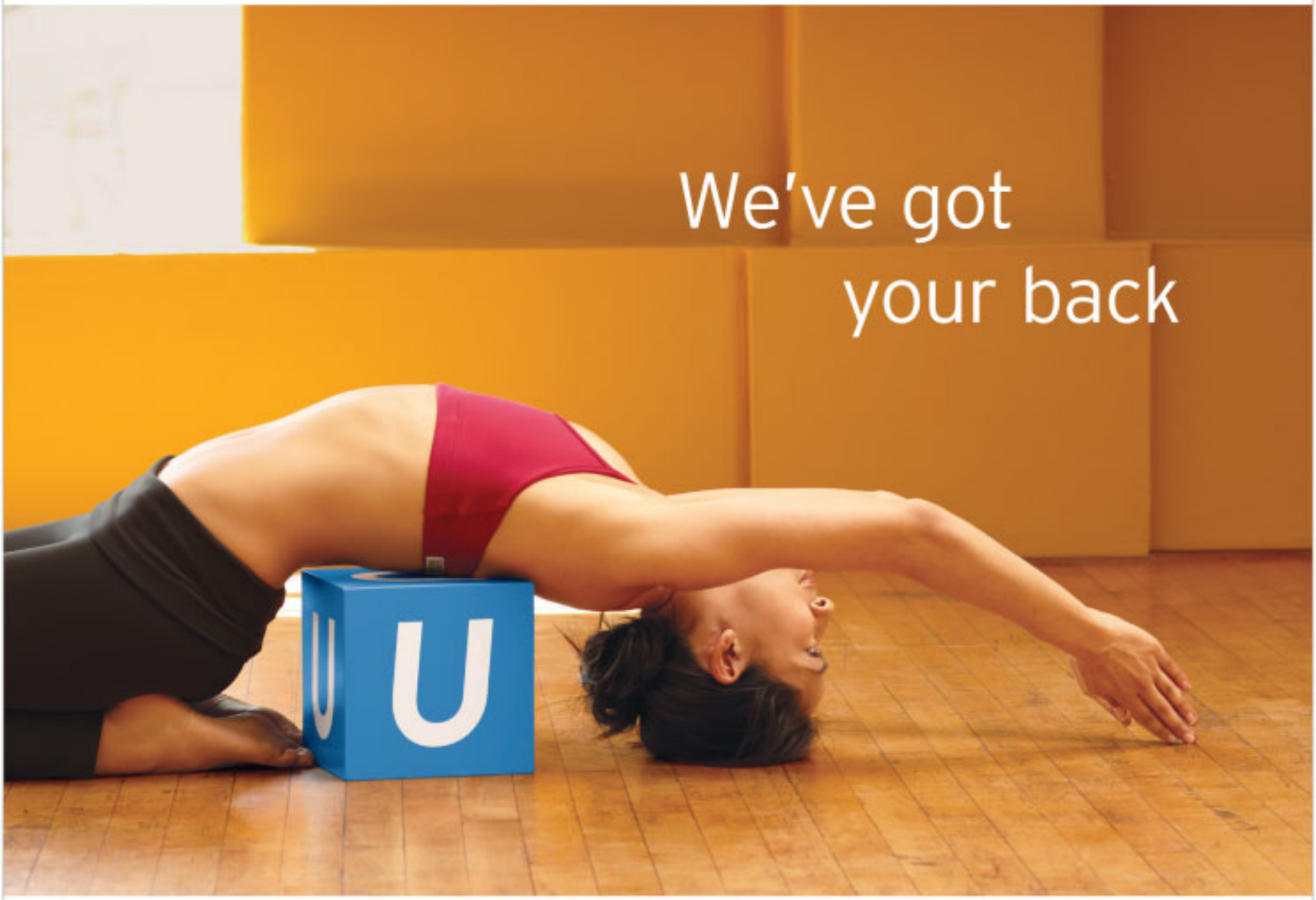
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