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Geologists examine Ocean Trails; future unsure
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RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif. — In the weeks since the landslide at the Ocean Trails Golf Course here, geologists are still examining the geological substructure beneath the golf course to determine what exactly caused a 200-by 400-foot section of the 18th hole to slip towards the Pacific Ocean. However, the largest earth movement to hit the Palos Verdes Peninsula since the Portuguese Bend landslide in the mid-1950s, has unsettled more than just a fairway and a green complex. Environmental activists, regulatory bodies, planning commissions and even other golf course continued on page 3

Drought plagues East Coast
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— Scott Cybulski, superintendent, Falmouth (Maine) CC

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