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Chuck Berry will be among the headliners at Long Beach's 29th annual event.

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Doug Krikorian sits down with USC coach Pete Carroll. SPORTS / C1

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Oil field may pipe cash to L.B.

LEGISLATION: Karnette's bill would open way for further exploration of Wilmington Field.

By John Canalis
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — A bill by Assemblywoman Betty Karnette, D-Long Beach, could lead to the discovery and extraction of additional oil from the Wilmington Oil Field beneath the harbor and pour hundreds of millions of dollars into city, port and state coffers, officials said Wednesday.

Assembly Bill 2165 would allow the State Lands Commission to negotiate a contract with the city and Occidental Petroleum Corp. to search for reserves and open new wells in the western end of the nation's third-largest oil field.

The agreement could mean an estimated \$130 million to the city, \$150 million to the port and \$200 million to the state over 10 years, according to a bill summary.

"As we face difficult budget times at both

state and local levels of government, this bill has the potential to help protect us from cuts to important city services, such as public safety," Karnette said in a prepared statement.

"And as a Long Beach resident, I'm all for that."

The State Lands Commission and the city are legally required to enter into a contract for the production of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons from the Wilmington Field.

Though the state has assumed 95 percent of the cost of some previous oil exploration efforts in Long Beach's Tidelands area, the bill would allow a contract to be negotiated that shifts future costs to Occidental, the city's primary oil-production contractor.

Along with costs, Occidental would also assume the risks — the explored areas may prove dry — but get a greater share of the revenue in exchange, said Tom Modica, the city's government affairs manager.

"It's a very good thing for Long Beach and a very good thing for the state," he said.

Robert Simpson, a Karnette aide, said the budget crisis has made it difficult for the state

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More oil revenue?

Long Beach Democratic Assemblywoman Betty Karnette has drafted a bill, AB 2165, that may lead to the extraction of more oil from the Wilmington Oil Field and could pour hundreds of millions of dollars into city, port and state coffers.

Paul Penzella/Staff Artist

Clintons give way to Obama

Home for the holiday



DENVER: Nominee tells party faithful they are all needed to beat McCain and 'take back America.'

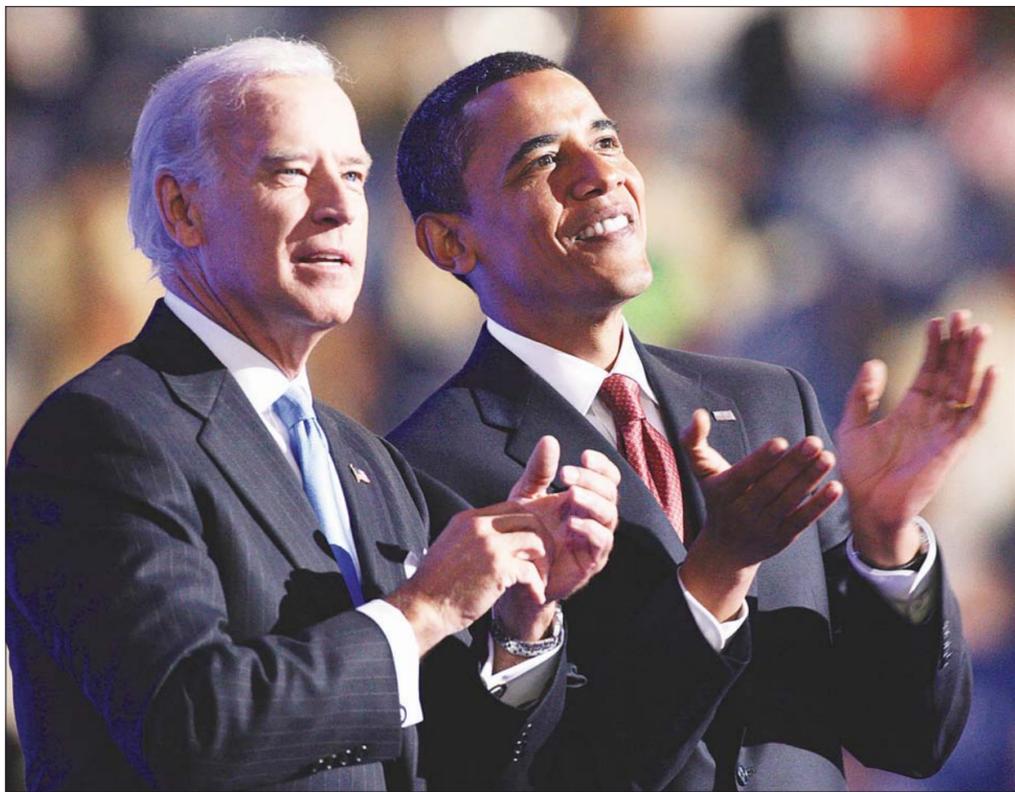
By David Esposito
The Associated Press

DENVER — Barack Obama stepped triumphantly into history Wednesday night, the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination, as thousands of Democrats transformed their convention hall into a joyful, shouting celebration.

"I think the convention's gone pretty well so far, what do you think," called out the Democrats' man of the hour in a surprise late-night visit to the hall. The crowd thundered its approval, and he and running mate Joe Biden basked in the cheers.

Obama implored the delegates to help him "take back America" in the fall campaign against Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

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Paul Sancya/The Associated Press

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama and his running mate, Sen. Joe Biden, share the podium Wednesday. Earlier, Sen. Hillary Clinton interrupted the roll call vote and urged that the party declare for Obama, for unity and victory.

TRAVEL: Gas costs, economy will mean fewer Labor Day trips by Southland residents.

By Sue Doyle
Staff Writer

Don't let the recent dip in gas prices fool you.

Despite the declining costs, fewer Southern Californians will be hitting the roads this Labor Day weekend, opting instead to lounge in their inflatable backyard pools or flip burgers on the grill.

This weekend, holiday travel —

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Speakers for tonight's "Change You Can Believe In" session of the Democratic National Convention:

■ Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois is set to accept the nomination.

■ Other speakers include Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean, Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, Democratic whip Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois and former Vice President Al Gore.

■ Olympic gold-medal gymnast Shawn Johnson will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

For up-to-the-minute coverage, go to presstelegram.com and see our photo blogs and special Democratic National Convention online section.

Long Beach delegates look to the future



Jeff Gritchen/Staff Photographer

Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster and Rep. Jackie Speier, D-San Francisco, chat at the California delegation's breakfast in Denver on Wednesday.

CONVENTION: Mayor Bob Foster makes party connections at 'inspirational,' 'energizing' meeting.

By Greg Mellen
Staff Writer

DENVER — As Mayor Bob Foster came off the escalator to the lower level of the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Denver, he almost immediately ran into Sam Farr, the California congressman from Santa Cruz.

The two have been friends since way back. Then it was Jeffrey Bleich, an attorney and confidante of Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama.

"It's a great thing to reconnect with all these people," Foster said.

And so it goes for the Long Beach mayor, who is attending his first Democratic National Con-

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Filming blasted for noise

LOCAL: Residents say late-night shooting of 'Transformers 2' was an intrusion.

By Paul Eakins
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — In the year that Ed Juline and his family have lived at Camden Harbor View apartments near Rainbow Harbor, he has gotten used to TV and movie crews filming nearby.

But a movie that was shot the last two nights on Shoreline Drive ended up being more than meets the eye, transforming his neighborhood into a cinematic

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Today's question:
Should the Wilmington oil field be explored for more reserves?
Yes / No

Yesterday's question:
Has the housing market reached the bottom?

