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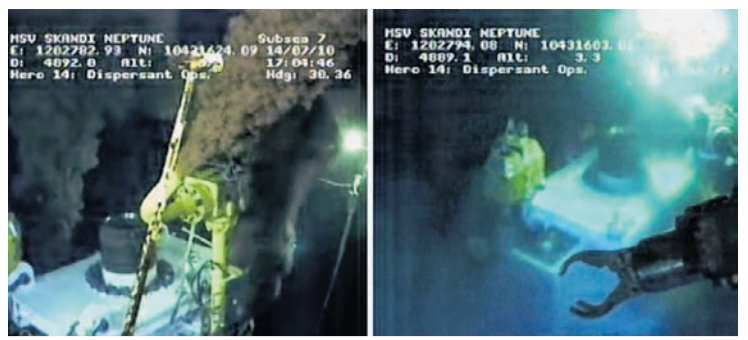
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BP PLC

Gulf well leak halted

BP stopped the oil flow Thursday for the first time since the Deepwater Horizon well blew out in April. The flow of oil from the new cap, left, was choked off after all the valves on the cap were closed, right. See story, A7.

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Battling for Warriors: Larry Ellison says he made the highest offer, but Joe Lacob ended up the winning bidder.



Joe Lacob, venture capitalist

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Surprise buyer scores Warriors

Ellison loses bid as team sells for NBA record \$450 million

Larry Ellison, Oracle CEO

By Rusty Simmons CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

Things haven't always gone as expected for the Warriors over the past two decades, right up to the sale of the team on Thursday. Now fans will have to wait and see if the latest twist turns their team's fortunes toward the positive. The name "Larry Ellison"

was the subject of every rumor throughout the four-month sales process. But the new owner isn't the Oracle CEO. It's Joe Lacob, a Silicon Valley venture capitalist whose name was rarely mentioned. Lacob's investment group, which also features entertainment executive Peter Guber, signed a purchase agreement to Warriors continues on A12

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LEGISLATION

State rock in middle of dustup over mineral

Senator, scientists argue over asbestos in serpentine

By Peter Fimrite CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

It takes real effort to impugn the reputation of an inanimate object, but there is a movement gaining traction in Sacramento to strip the California state rock of its lofty title for what geologists say is a trifling offense: It contains asbestos. The stone in question, serpentine, has been the state rock since 1965, but a group led by Sen. Gloria Romero, D-East Los Angeles, wants it removed from the symbols list because it often contains the carcinogen linked to 2,500 deaths a year in the United States. Romero has introduced SB624, which would strip the olive green stone of its title, but she is now running up against a gaggle of geologists and natural history buffs who have removed their spectacles, thrown down their lab coats and are rallying to the rock's defense. Serpentine, they say, is intricately linked to California's tumultuous geologic history, was closely associated with gold deposits during the Gold Rush, provides habitat for rare plants and insects and, last but not least, is beautiful. "It's a wonderful state rock because it has got this great natural, social and scientific history in California," said Jon Christensen, an environmental historian who is the executive director of State rock continues on A10



Michael Macor / The Chronicle

Geologists say the state rock, serpentine, has educational value. Bill proponents don't like that it can contain asbestos.

California state symbols

- Bird: California quail
Freshwater fish: Golden trout
Saltwater fish: Garibaldi
Flower: Golden poppy
Gemstone: Benitoite
Grass: Purple needlegrass
Insect: California dogface butterfly
Mammal: Grizzly bear
Marine mammal: Gray whale
Mineral: Gold
Reptile: Desert tortoise
Tree: Sequoia

S.F. PUBLIC HOUSING

Eviction fears over millions in unpaid rents

By John Coté CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

The San Francisco Housing Authority has failed to collect rent from more than a quarter of its households, in some cases for years, resulting in a \$2.2 million deficit that the agency is now trying to reverse, Housing Authority documents show. Facing federal pressure to undo years of mismanagement, the authority has been sending public housing tenants formal notices threatening eviction unless they pay thousands of dollars in back rent starting this month. Now hundreds of the city's poorest residents fear they will become homeless, something off- Tenants continues on A13

CAMPAIGN 2010

Whitman's risky stance on illegals

By Joe Garofoli and Carla Marinucci CHRONICLE POLITICAL WRITERS

Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman, who recently campaigned with GOP former Gov. Pete Wilson as being "tough as nails" on illegal immigration, could alienate her crucial conservative base, some party members say, by declaring she's in lockstep on the issue with her rival: former Gov. Jerry Brown. In an opinion piece published this week in a Spanish-language publication in Southern Whitman continues on A12

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Michael Bauer: Do restaurants really want feedback? sfgate.com/ZJZK

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