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Camarillo High is among several local schools that hold 9/11 ceremonies to keep the memory of the attacks alive for young people.
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City and county leaders are working to scrape together \$200,000 of public funding to keep McGrath State Beach Park open.
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Ventura County will soon have a new professional orchestra: the Pacific Shores Philharmonic, performing at several venues.
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At a Jumpstart Networking Breakfast, Conejo Valley business leaders are urged to help provide work experience for students.
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Brown gets pro-development bills

■ Pace quickens as session nears end

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SACRAMENTO — Hoping to spur investment in California, lawmakers sent to Gov. Jerry Brown on Friday two bills that would streamline the approval process for \$100

million-plus developments that commit to high environmental standards, a change that supporters say could cut as much as three years off the timeline to bring a project to construction.

Another high-profile economic development measure, proposed by Brown, appeared to be dead, however, after failing to gain two-thirds support in the Senate.

The pro-development measures — one of which specifically

accommodates a proposed, \$1.2 billion football stadium in downtown Los Angeles — require that any legal challenges to the environmental impact reports on specific projects be taken straight to the state court of appeals, which would have to render its judgment in less than six months.

The expedited legal review would apply not only to the football stadium, but also to an unknown number of other large proj-

ects, which would have to apply to the governor's office in order to qualify for such treatment.

Those bills were among scores of measures sent to Brown on the fast-paced final day of the 2011 legislative session.

The pro-development bills received bipartisan support from lawmakers — and intense opposition from environmental

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Gerald Cushman stands in front of his home and looks at California oakworms and debris they created along North Dos Caminos Avenue near Telegraph Road in Ventura. “You can hear them at night when they eat,” Cushman said.

Worms invade neighborhood

■ Seasonal pests cover, ravage trees

By Anne Kallas
Special to The Star

Linda Dusky enjoys walking her dog in her midtown Ventura neighborhood, but the other day when she rounded the corner onto North Dos Caminos Avenue, she stopped.

“I saw all of these millions of worms hanging from threads from the trees. I couldn't walk there. I felt sorry for anybody who lives there. There is no way to avoid them,” said Dusky, who lives on nearby North Joanne Avenue. Concerned, she called the city and left a message about the infestation of California oakworm.

Shelly Navarro, urban forestry supervisor for the city, said she is aware of the problem. And although she commiserates with those affected, she said there isn't much the city can do. Spraying with toxic chemicals isn't called for because the oakworms, while nasty and dirty, don't tend to be lethal to trees, even though they can defoliate them and make a mess in the process.



A California oakworm hangs from a tree along North Dos Caminos Avenue near Telegraph Road in Ventura.

According to the Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program and the UC

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9/11 A DECADE LATER

Attacks likened to Pearl Harbor

■ 2 milestones were similar; effects differed

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WASHINGTON — Michaela Reaves usually gets the same answer when she asks her students to pick an event that shaped their lives or the lives of their families.

“It's always 9/11,” said Reaves, an American history professor at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

For a generation of young Americans, the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington are the defining moment in the nation's history, much in the same way the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor became a searing reference point for Americans of a certain age almost seven decades ago.

The two national tragedies are similar in a number of ways. A horrific, surprise attack on American soil. Thousands killed or wounded. A sudden outpouring of patriotism and national unity. An ensuing march into war.

Yet the comparisons are valid only up to a point, according to scholars, who say 9/11 and Pearl Harbor are vastly different in scope and impact.

“We like to think that history repeats itself,” said Edward O'Donnell, an associate history professor at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. “Mark Twain had a famous quote about history repeating itself. He said, ‘History doesn't repeat itself, but it rhymes.’”

“Understanding Pearl Harbor can inform our understanding of 9/11 and



provide a good point of comparison,” O'Donnell said, “but they are not repetitions of the same thing.”

Most Americans who were alive Dec. 7, 1941, probably can recall the exact time and place when they first heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor, just as Americans still talk about where they were on 9/11 when they learned terrorists had struck the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon.

“With Pearl Harbor, for a lot of Americans, there was suddenly this searing realization that Americans cannot stand apart from the world and its problems,” said Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius, director of the University of Tennessee's Center for the Study of War and Society.

“There are some similarities in the case of 9/11 as well,” Liulevicius said.

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Capps, Gallegly respond to Obama jobs plan

■ Is proposal a 'first step' or a 'hard sell'?

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Lois Capps sees a number of things she likes in President Barack Obama's \$447 billion jobs-creation package. Tax credits for compa-

nies that hire unemployed workers, lower payroll taxes for Americans, the creation of a new infrastructure bank to finance roads, bridges and other construction projects — all are ideas that Democrats and Republicans in Congress should be able to get behind, she said.

“I call it a first step we can build on,” said the Santa Barbara Democrat. Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Simi Valley, isn't so sure.

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Obama's focus on helping small businesses is a good thing, he said. But “the devil is always in the details,” Gallegly said. So far, lawmakers have seen no details, just the broad outlines of a plan that

Obama delivered Thursday night to a joint session of Congress.

“It wasn't a plan; it was a speech,” Gallegly said. “In fact, it was a very political speech.”

The White House said Friday it was working to get the legislation and details of Obama's economic proposals into lawmakers' hands early next week and that the president wants Congress to pass the package as soon as possible.

“There's no reason they can't act on it right away,” said White House Communications Director Dan Pfeiffer during a briefing with reporters. “There really isn't time to wait.”

Obama is hoping the economic package, which would include a combination of tax cuts and spending over the next year, will provide the boost needed to persuade businesses to

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