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Courts add to budget woes

Recent rulings have led to most controversial cuts in his latest budget proposal, Schwarzenegger says

By Marisa Lagos
CHRONICLE SACRAMENTO BUREAU

SACRAMENTO — Courts in recent years have crushed attempts by California to cut spending by billions of dollars and have forced the state to spend hundreds of millions

more than planned.

Designated cuts to health and human services that were rejected by federal courts alone have resulted in \$4.5 billion in lost savings over the past three years, according to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration.

Prison health care costs have doubled to more than \$1.9 billion since 2006, when a federal judge ordered a federal receiver to take control of prison health services.

"The judicial branch is now a full player in the budget because the decisions they are

making have an impact on what the governor and Legislature can or cannot do," said H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the Department of Finance. "The judiciary does not have to deal with the fiscal consequence of the rulings — they say you can't do a spending reduction, but we have to come up with another \$100 million in cuts somewhere else." This year, the Republican

governor is blaming the courts for some of the most controversial cuts contained in his budget proposal for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1. He says judges' mandates left him no option but to propose the wholesale elimination of programs, including welfare. The governor is also seeking relief from the nation's highest court. On May 13, Schwarzenegger said.

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GRADUATION



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Sokhom Mao, a former foster child, will graduate today from San Francisco State University.

No stopping these kids

Program helps parentless students navigate college

By Nanette Asimov
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

Sokhom Mao will do something today that few like him ever do: He'll graduate from college.

Little about Mao appears unusual, except maybe his waist-length black hair. He's 23, like many students who will walk the stage today at San Francisco State University. He majored in criminal justice, has applied for the usual summer internships and wants to become a politician.

What's rare about this graduating senior is that he was raised in a group home since age 12. His mother had died, leaving him in the care of abusive relatives. Just 2 percent of foster youth earn a bachelor's degree, research shows.

Mao is in that small club because of the Guardian Scholars, a program at San Francisco State that mimics, to the extent possible, the role of parents for students who have none.



Sokhom Mao tries on a graduation gift, a sweatshirt from the Guardian Scholars program. The program tries to fill the role that parents do for other students.

"Without it, I probably would honestly have given up and gotten a job somewhere," Mao said.

Guardian Scholars is one of a growing number of programs.

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BUSINESS

Auto plant deal better for Tesla than for Toyota

By David R. Baker
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

While this week's surprise deal between Tesla Motors and Toyota Motor Corp. will reopen Fremont's Nummi auto plant, their partnership will bear little resemblance to the Toyota-GM joint venture that built cars there for 25 years.

For starters, the relationship won't be a joint venture. The plant will be a Tesla plant, not a Tesla-Toyota plant. It probably won't be called Nummi. Tesla employees have already started referring to it as the "Tesla factory."

"It's a fairly different collaboration, and it should be, because we're a tiny company,"

said Elon Musk, Tesla's chief executive officer.

And for the next few years at least, the plant will employ far fewer people than worked at Nummi, more properly known as New United Motor Manufacturing Inc.

But the Tesla-Toyota relationship could be a boon to both companies, particularly Palo Alto's Tesla.

The 6-year-old company, which makes small quantities of luxury electric cars, gets a partner that knows how to build and sell on a global scale.

"You couldn't ask for a better mentor," Musk said.

Tesla also gains access to Toyota's well-developed supply chain.

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CAMPAIGN 2010 Proposition 14

Would open primary open Pandora's box?

By Wyatt Buchanan
CHRONICLE SACRAMENTO BUREAU

SACRAMENTO — Californians will decide on June 8 whether to fundamentally change how candidates are chosen during elections.

Proposition 14 would open up primary elections so that voters could choose any candidate regardless of their or the candidate's party affiliation. The top two vote-getters would advance to a general election.

That means two Democrats — or two Republicans — could face off in a general election.

Lt. Gov. Abel Maldonado, a moderate Republican, secured Prop. 14's placement on the ballot last year as part of the budget deal when he was a senator.

"I have been in Sacramento for 11 years and I've never seen my state Capitol so broken, so dysfunctional with so much chaos and the only thing I believe will fix it is Prop. 14."

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